

## NUC Expects More Innovative Programmes in 2024 -Ag. ES ...Lists Achievements

The Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, has renewed the expectations of the Commission about Nigerian Universities introducing more creative and innovative programmes peculiar to their localities in the coming years.

This followed the approval by the Federal Government of the commencement of the implementation of new curriculum christened “Core Curriculum Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS) in the country’s university education sector, effective from 2023/2024 academic session.

In the usual traditional New Year message that sets the pace for the Nigerian University System (NUS), Mr. Maiyaki, expressed profound appreciation to the President, Federal Republic of Nigeria, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu; GCFR, His Chief of Staff; the National Assembly; the Honourable Ministers of

Education; Federal Ministry of Education (FME) family; the Nigerian University System (NUS) as well as other

sector since he assumed office in the last seven months, including his novel signing of the Students Loan Bill into Law, which, he



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stakeholders in the education sector, for the various achievements recorded by the Commission in 2023.

He particularly acknowledged Mr. President for the succour he had brought to the education

said, would, no doubt, open up access to education to the less-privileged and other indigent students.

The Acting Executive Secretary also commended President Tinubu for rising to the occasion of

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excluding the tertiary institutions from the Integrated Personnel Payroll Information System (IPPIS) payment platform, that had interrupted the effective functioning of the NUS, especially on recruitment of academic staff as well as approval of the payment of four months withheld salaries of the unions.

He said the NUC, on its part, was fully committed to ensuring the full implementation of the activities contained in the new Roadmap for the Education Sector (2024-2027) as it pertained to the university education sub-sector by contributing its quota to achieve “the purpose-driven Renewed Hope Agenda of the President and the Ministers of Education.

On the strides recorded by the Commission, the Acting Executive Secretary revealed that significant progress had been made in the discharge of its mandates. One of such giant stride was the full-scale approval by the Federal Government and commencement of the implementation of the recently concluded CCMAS with effect from the 2023/2024 academic session. The implementation showed that the NUS had taken a major step in its match towards remaining globally competitive.

He also gave glory to God that the system was gradually returning to normalcy with more stable academic activities witnessed in the preceding year, and called on the university-based unions to explore other creative alternative means to ventilate their demands

against Government other than confrontations, noting that strikes had become old-



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The Honourable Minister of Education

fashioned, so as to avoid total collapse of the system.

While reviewing the activities of the Commission in the past year, Mr. Mayaki recalled that with the well-laid down Blueprint for the Revitalisation of University Education in Nigeria, regarded



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Acting Executive Secretary, NUC

as the 2018-2023 repositioning agenda of NUC, the university system had in the past seven years, witnessed series of reforms aimed at revitalising it.

In achieving the set goals, he said that the Commission had remained focused on reforming the system through curriculum reengineering, introduction of new programmes, unbundling of some programmes and undertaking routine accreditation exercise and resource verification visits, ensuring improvement in universities’ global ranking as well as research and innovation.

To ensure improvement in universities’ local and global rankings, a National University Ranking Advisory Committee (NURAC), under the chairmanship of Prof. Emeritus Peter A. Okebukola, was reconstituted in the out-gone year. Following the outcome of the 2021 ranking report, the Committee was composed to provide the required leadership for the sustenance of the exercise as well as sensitize stakeholders to stimulate a healthy competition among Nigerian universities.

While listing some other ongoing reforms in the university system, the Acting Executive Secretary reassured that the Commission would continue to bring more innovations in the development of university education in Nigeria to foster national development.

Under the curriculum reengineering project, the Commission, he said, had recorded improvement in the buy-in of the universities, following robust interactions with the Committee of Directors of Academic Planning of Nigerian Universities (CODAPNU),

resulting in some universities developing and implanting their own 30% local peculiarities, on which premise the CCMAS was conceived *abi ni tio*.



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The goal of the Commission as envisaged remained that the new curriculum of the NUS within a record time, would be rated among the best three in Africa, if not the best, in terms of its relevance to producing nationally and regionally-relevant graduates with high level human resources for delivering on Africa's Vision 2063 and addressing global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Stressing further, Mr. Maiyaki said, some of these creative programmes have begun to emerge in the universities, taking cognisance of such local peculiarities, with the massive application for resource verification visits by them in a bid to meet the global trend and other emerging areas in the system.

In its contribution to meet the National manpower need, some new programmes were introduced into the NUS and the Commission

has currently developed BMAS for some new undergraduate programmes in the NUS. Some of the programmes included: Artificial and Robotic Engineering, Software Engineering; Cyber Security; Information and Communication Technology; Forensic Science; Agricultural Extension and Community Development as well as Aeronautical and Astronautical Engineering.

Worth mentioning were the Commission's unbundling of Mass Communication undergraduate programme into seven separate namely: Journalism and Media Studies; Public Relations; Advertising; Broadcasting; Film and Multimedia studies; Information and media as well as Development Communication studies. There were high expectations that more innovations would be introduced in the academic delivery of these programmes in the coming years.

Similarly, Architecture which used to be in Environmental Sciences has been separated as a distinct discipline, while Allied Medical Sciences has also being introduced to meet the needs of emerging trends and changing world of knowledge.

Research remained one of the tripartite mandates of the University System and cardinal to national development. In order to promote cutting-edge research in the NUS, the Commission towards the end of

the year inaugurated a high-powered committee to reinvent Nigerian Universities Research and Development Fair (NURESDEF) which was renamed Nigerian Universities Research and Innovation Expo (NURIEX) and enlighten Universities in the country on what the Fair would become. He maintained that the essence was to rejuvenate the universities to reinvent themselves to avoid a replication of what beset the public primary and secondary schools.

To sanitise the system, the Commission inaugurated two other Committees namely- Committee on the Review of Submission on the Procedures, Criteria and Records of Professorial Promotion by some Non-Degree Awarding Institutions in Nigeria as well as the Committee on the



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Development of Guidelines for Mentoring New Universities to check the recklessness upon which some academics, who had become desperate to be addressed as Professors and also close the

door on the undue pressure mounted on private universities by their mentoring institutions.

In the area of collaboration and partnership, the Commission collaborated with the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) by organising a workshop for Directors of Research and Development in public universities in Nigeria, with the outcome leading to the federal government, through TETFund, increasing the seed fund for research from N3billion to N8.5 billion, for the conduct of ground-breaking research in medicine and other areas within the year, under review.

As part of efforts towards ameliorating and subsequently addressing the daunting issue of access to quality university education in Nigeria, the Commission had continued to encourage and professionally guide the expansion of the NUS through establishment of more universities.

The NUC under the current leadership of Mr. Maiyaki identified also as daunting the low carrying capacity of the existing universities as against the growing number of qualified candidates who annually sit for the entrance examination into university but could not gain admission as a result of limited available space.

In formulating its reform strategies towards repositioning the NUS, the Commission has been engaging in some activities including management retreats and through the constituted Strategy Advisory



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Committee (STRADVCOM), headed by former NUC Executive Secretary, Prof. Peter Okebukola, worked out a roadmap for revitalising the NUS.

The Committee, had besides, publishing the Blueprint on the Rapid Revitalisation of University Education (2019-2023); Directory of full professors in Nigerian



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University System, some monographs on different subjects in university education and Statistical Digest for Nigerian universities, also,

embarked upon a comprehensive rating of the quality of the academic staff on the professorial level which was considered the Zenith of academic quality.

The Blueprint covers some specific areas such as inadequacies in facilities for teaching, learning and research; deficits in teacher quality and quantity including quality of professors, Ranking of universities as well as governance.

Within the year 2023, the NUC approved and recommended to the Federal Ministry of Education (FME), the establishment of thirty-four additional private universities, making it an unprecedented landmark achievement in a single year.

Also, the Federal Government in an effort to guarantee more access, achieve balance and equity, had through the Federal Executive Council (FEC) in October 2023, approved the conversion of two out of the four Colleges of Education enlisted into full-fledged Universities of Education, namely: -Adeyemi Federal University of Education, Ondo , Ondo State, and Alvan Ikoku Federal University of Education, Owerri, Imo State.

In the area of Quality Assurance and ensuring standards in the NUS, the Commission has consistently and successfully conducted the routine programmes accreditation of old programmes and Resource verification for new programmes to ensure that the requisite manpower and material resources in the universities were in line

with laid down academic



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standards. Both exercises had now been structured towards standardisation of Nigerian universities for global competitiveness.

The first accreditation exercise to be conducted on the various programmes of the ten (10) pioneer Africa Centres of Excellence (ACEs), a World Bank-funded project, revealed impressive performances by the special Centres which earned them three million, eight hundred and twenty nine thousand (\$3,829,000) dollars grant from World Bank for their outstanding performances.



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Similar Resource Verification exercises were conducted on new ACE-Impact programmes and the Sustainable Procurement Environmental and Social Standards Enhancement (SPESSE) Project in the universities in the year under review.

Following the No objection approval granted to the Universities, most of the benefiting institutions had commenced implementation of the two project ACE-Impact for Development and the Sustainable Procurement Environmental and Social Standards Enhancement (SPESSE) Project, regarded as highly impact-driven projects within the higher education landscape in Nigeria.

During the year under review, the Commission also sustained its implementation of a new phase of quality assurance assessment visits to Open and Distance Learning (ODL) institutions; evaluation and monitoring of students support facilities and services in selected universities; supervision of advisory roles of parent universities to affiliate institutions; evaluating the quality of governance and management practices in Nigerian private universities as well as labour market industry survey visits.

To ensure professionalism in the NUS in line with global trend and best practices, the Commission recently released four major

documents aimed at promoting Trans-National Education (TNE) in Nigeria, with the increase in massification and internationalisation of university education namely: (i) Guidelines on Transnational Education in Nigeria (TNE); (ii) Guidelines for the Establishment of Private Open Universities in Nigeria (iii) Guidelines on e-Learning in Nigeria and (iv) Guidelines on the implementation of Open

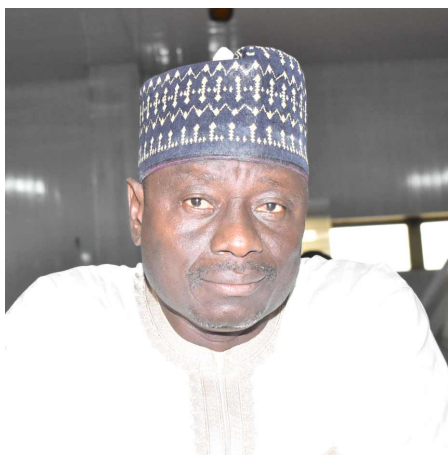


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Educational Resources (OER) in Nigerian Universities.

In the area of TNE implementation and taking cognisance of the Nigerian environment, the Acting Executive Secretary stated that the Commission was particularly promoting a six-model framework which included the Branch Campus Model; Franchise/Independent; Twinning/Articulation; Open and Distance Learning; Merger/Acquisition and Teaching Institutions Model.

The Commission in collaboration with the University of Sussex, United Kingdom, had been



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organising professional development courses for Nigerian faculty. The intensive training was aimed at improving the pedagogical knowledge, skills and competence of Nigerian academics, in line with contemporary competitive Higher education sector review.

The Commission has also in partnership with University of London (UoL), embarked on developing strategies towards expanding capacity on widening access to Open and Distance Learning (ODL) to meet the increasing demand for university education in Nigeria as well as assuring quality in ODL.

It had continued to promote the blended learning mode in the NUS, which now had increased to 25 degree awarding distance learning institutions (the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), four new private open universities; and 20 dual mode universities).

To also professionally reposition staff of the NUC, the management had continued to partner the Galilee International Management

Institute (GIMI), Israel, on a yearly basis to train the workforce on management principles on university governance to bring them at par on the cutting-edge knowledge required to administer the system.

The Commission also collaborated with World Bank Supervision Mission in Nigeria to kick-start the review of the SPESSE Projects, to ascertain the level of their performance to the Disbursement- Linked Indicators DLIs as well as provide them support and guide.

The Commission also recently convened an all Stakeholder Summit on Entrepreneurship Wealth Creation in Nigerian universities in partnership with the British Council (BC) which had reinforced the need for industry and university collaborations and linkages to deepen their partnerships in developing a draft National



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policy that would leverage on entrepreneurship education to promote entrepreneurial spirit of

the youths for self-reliance.

To mitigate against the upsurge in the proliferation of unapproved degree-awarding institutions, the reconstituted Committee on Degree Mills had been working against their proliferations, with a hope to fight and win the growing incidence that had continued to give unsavory image to the system.



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To enhance policy decision making, the Commission last year also constituted a National Advisory Committee on Technology Universities, to checkmate the incoherent manners through which these specialised universities had operated as well as to advise government on the need for technical inputs of experts so as to streamline their emerging process.

The Commission was also part of the support team for the proposed French Development Agency (AFD) workshop for Vice-chancellors and Directors of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Component of



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the Blueprint for the Rapid Revitalisation of University Education, which was organised in December, 2022, with the aim of ensuring ICT development in Nigerian Universities.

Other activities towards the promotion of research in the NUS included: the Nigerian Universities Distinguished Professor's Award (NUDPA), a reward system instituted by the Commission to identify and reward retired and serving Professors who have demonstrated outstanding academic leadership in inspiring colleagues and mentoring junior academics and students and Nigerian Universities Doctoral Thesis Awards Scheme (NUDTAS), aimed at encouraging academic excellence in Postgraduate research projects.

In its renewed determination to improve the standard of the NUS, the Commission had continued to encourage and support universities towards achieving quality and standards, which had led to global recognition of some Nigerian universities. The University of Ibadan (UI), University of Lagos

(UNILAG) and Covenant University Ota, were ranked among the top 1000 universities in the world. Specifically, The UI and UNILAG were placed at 401 to 500 margins, while Covenant University was between 601 and 800th place.

Within the African setting, both Covenant University and University of Ibadan were ranked 11th, and University of Lagos 25th respectively, in the 2022/2023 Times Higher Education (THE) report.

The recent outflux of Nigerian students to foreign countries for university education also came to the fore at the seminars on TNE organised to celebrate NUC@60, which in most cases, such qualifications were being obtained from unaccredited institutions remained a major challenge to the NUS.

The Commission, in performing its statutory regulatory functions



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of ensuring the orderly development of the NUS, has continued to ensure and maintain quality and standards in

university education. As the activities of the Commission have been progressively expanding in a bid to effectively meet the emerging trends in higher education, it has equally led to the phenomenal growth of the University System in Nigeria.

On the way forward, Mr. Maiyaki during the 2024 budget estimates presentation at the floor of the



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Joint session of the National Assembly Committee on Tertiary Education and TETFund canvassed for improved allocation to the NUC in view of its expanding role of quality assurance of a system that had witnessed phenomenal growth in number of universities to enable it effectively carry its mandate.

He also reassured stakeholders that the Commission would continue to leverage on statutory mandates to ensure orderly development of the university system in Nigeria and push for the NUS greater visibility globally.

# TETFUND Inaugurates N1bn Project at Bauchi State University

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) penultimate Friday ago unveiled a Central Library Complex at Bauchi State University, Gadau, with a staggering investment of N1 billion.

At the inauguration ceremony, the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Architect Sonny Echono expressed his satisfaction with the completion of the project, highlighting that its approval was secured under the umbrella of the Years 2017-2019 merged annual intervention.

Represented by the TETFund Director of Monitoring and Evaluation, Olajide Babatunde, Architect Echono underscored the university's long-standing partnership with the Agency, dating back to its enlistment as a beneficiary in 2012.

Over the years, TETFund had allocated a substantial N17.3 billion specifically for infrastructure-related interventions at the university. Architect Echono commended the efficient utilization of these funds, emphasizing that approximately 97% of the allocated funds had already been accessed and deployed judiciously to enhance the campus infrastructure.

The Executive Secretary assured that TETFund was committed to sustaining and improving its

interventions, fostering a conducive environment for government-owned tertiary institutions to undertake impactful projects, thereby enhancing their global



Architect Sonny Echono

Executive Secretary, TETFund

competitiveness.

Speaking in the same vein, a Member of the House Committee on TETFund, Hon. Aliyu Misau highlighted that additional initiatives were being taken by the agency to improve public universities, disclosing that the Fund had sponsored 100 lecturers for Ph.D. programmes in both foreign and local institutions at a cost of N955 million.

He added that 143 lecturers were supported in pursuing Master's Degrees, with a financial

commitment of N359 million.

In her remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of Bauchi State University, Professor Fatima Tahir, expressed gratitude for TETFund's unwavering support,

both financially and logistically.

She acknowledged the pivotal role played by the Fund in turning the dream of the Central Library Complex into reality, emphasizing the profound impact on the institution's future.

"In extending our deepest gratitude to the federal government of Nigeria and TETFUND, we recognize their commitment to education and their belief in the transformative power of knowledge," she said.

...As TETFund Disburses N400bn



### *to Tertiary Institutions in 2023*

In a related development, the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Fund (TETFund), Architect Sonny Echono, last Monday in Makurdi disclosed that over N400 billion have been disbursed to tertiary institutions across the country in the outgoing year.

Architect Echono, who spoke to newsmen during the TETFund Management Retreat, said that the amount represented the backlog of previous years that were not accessed and the ongoing year.

According to him, “As we speak, it is in two parts, the first part was 2023, the approved disbursement is in the neighbourhood of about N320 billion.

“I am also pleased to report that today, they have accessed more than that. The reason is because we have a backlog of allocation in previous years that some

institutions have not accessed but because we streamline the



Professor Fatima Tahir  
Vice-Chancellor, Bauchi State University

process and we also created an avenue to assist the institutions to access their backlog that number has grown.

“So, now we are in the neighbourhood of about N400 billion that we have disbursed to our institutions this year so far in excess of the budget because most of the outstanding allocations are now being

accessed.

“We are also removing little bottlenecks that are hampering the completion of these projects.”

Architect Echono added that while TETFund can not be extended to private institutions for now was due to the extant law of the country.

He said, “The only way we collaborate with private institutions currently is in the area of research because we know that research is universal and we know that knowledge is collaboration.

“So, we are encouraging them to participate and we actually sponsor people or private individuals who have ideas. Going forward, we are under authority if the law is amended and extended, we will have no exceptions.”

## **SSANU Urges FG to Pay withheld Salaries, Other Benefits**

**T**he Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), has tasked the Federal government to take immediate action to implement the approval of all the wage-related policy pronouncements it has made, to regain the trust of workers and Nigerians at large.

The Union stated that this would help redeem the government’s badly damaged image and reputation.

Rising from its 46th National Executive Council (NEC) meeting held recently in Minna, Niger State, SSANU listed payment of the recently approved four months withheld salaries, payment of clinical hazard allowance to health workers, implementation of the proposed wage increase, N35,000 wage award, and payment of minimum wage arrears owed some Federal universities.

This was contained in a

communique signed by its National President, Comrade Mohammed Ibrahim, where the Union said; “NEC in session appreciates the decision of the federal government to exempt all tertiary institutions from IPPIS.

While commending this decision, it, however, encourages the Federal Government to critically consult the Management of Universities and labour unions on a workable, reliable, seamless and acceptable approach in transitioning to the new regime in



Comrade Mohammed H. Ibrahim  
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order to capture the peculiarities of university workers.

“This is with a view to forestall the complicated problems that plagued the use of IPPIS.

NEC, therefore, urges the government to consider improving the old system with some latest features in the U3PS payment solution presented to it by the Joint

Action Committee (JAC) of SSANU and NASU.”

The Communique further said; “NEC in session acknowledged the approval by the government to pay the four months salaries of our members withheld as a result of the last industrial action embarked by the Union. NEC in session deliberated on the undue delay by the government in

paying the four months’ salaries and therefore urges the government to pay the money without further delay. This is to boost the already fading confidence of our members in government.”

It also said; “NEC in session commends the effort of the government on the implementation of medical allowance to health workers. It was, however, observed that the payment was haphazardly done. While some branches were paid, others were left out, especially research centres and institutes.

NEC, therefore, urges the government to integrate all deserving branches in the payment of this allowance and also pay arrears arising from the delayed implementation of the same. Moreso, state governments should equally adopt the same measures and pay their health workers the same deserving allowance.

“NEC in session recalls the



Some of the of SSANU officials at the conference

approval of the government to increase the salaries of university workers by 25% and 35%.

Though this proposal is a far cry from the salary increase demanded by SSANU, we regarded it as an award by the government and therefore expected that the award should have been implemented by now. NEC, therefore, demands the implementation of this wage increase, which had been captured in the budget before the end of 2023, pending the conclusion of the renegotiation with the government on the mutually acceptable salary wage.”

On the issue of the N35,000 wage award, SSANU said; “NEC recalls the approval of the federal government to pay a wage award of N35,000 to workers in its payroll effective from 1st September 2023. The one for the month of September 2023 was paid in the month of November 2023. NEC urges the federal government

to commence payment of the outstanding arrears of October and November 2023 forthwith. State governments are also seriously encouraged to take a cue from the federal government to endorse the payment of this wage award to their workers in order to ameliorate the harsh effects of the fuel subsidy removal.”

The union make case for the payment of minimum wage for some Federal universities. “NEC calls on the government to, as a matter of urgency, release funds for payment for those omitted in the under-listed universities: Federal University Otuoke, Bayelsa State; Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike, Abia State; Federal University, Dutsima, Katsina State; Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi, Bauchi State; Federal University,

Gashua, Yobe State; Federal University Kashere, Gombe State; University of Maiduguri, Borno State; Modibo Adamawa University, Yola, Adamawa State; University of Benin, Benin, Edo State; College of Medicine, of the University of Lagos, Idi-Araba, Lagos State; University of Calabar, Cross River State; University of Uyo, Akwa Ibom State; Federal University of Lafia, Nasarrawa State and Federal University, Lokoja, Kogi State.

“NEC in session also observed that some State Governments are yet to implement, not to talk of payment of the arrears of the last reviewed Minimum Wage.

It therefore, calls on all such State Governments to do the needful and bring workers in State universities up to the same pace with their counterparts in Federal universities.”



National President, SSANU , Comrade Ibrahim (6th left) pose for photograph with other delegates the conference



## DISCLAIMER:

### Unapproved Regional Office of AAU in the United States of America

The attention of the Association of African Universities (AAU), Accra, Ghana, has been drawn to a purported incorporated Association of African Universities-NA, (AAU- NA), by three individuals who have no authorization from the Association of African Universities to represent its interest in the United States of America.

The Association of African Universities (AAU) wishes to inform the public that the only organization approved to represent her in the United States of America, is the North America Office of the Association of African Universities (NAMO)

All our stakeholders are directed to note that the so-called 'Association of African Universities-NA'(AAU-NA), has been illegally incorporated without due authorization and do not represent the interests of the Association of African Universities. "NAMO" is not equivalent with "AAU-NA".

The Association of African Universities has not given any authorization to the said "AAU-NA" to solicit for funds, organize activities in the name of AAU, or represent its interests in the United States of America. Whoever is involving in whatever activity under that name of AAU-NA is doing so illegally and with no knowledge of the Association of African Universities and without the permission, or authority of the Association of African Universities.

Necessary legal actions are being initiated to terminate the illegal incorporation of the 'AAU-NA'. In addition, the Directors and the Board Members of the AAU-NA do not represent the interests of the Association of African Universities and no approval has been given to them to act on behalf of the Association of African Universities.

The Association of African Universities will continue to be committed to its Regional Offices program through its North America Office (NAMO) in North America, the North Africa Office (NARO) and the East Africa Regional Office (EARO)

Yours in the service of higher education in Africa

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### Press Release

#### SUSPENSION OF EVALUATION AND ACCREDITATION OF DEGREE CERTIFICATES FROM THE BENIN AND TOGO REPUBLICS.

The attention of the Federal Ministry of Education has been drawn to the commendable work of investigative journalism that led to the publication by the Daily Nigerian Newspaper dated 30<sup>th</sup> December 2023 titled "UNDERCOVER: How DAILY NIGERIAN reporter bagged Cotonou varsity degree in 6 weeks, participated in NYSC scheme". This was also carried in various social media.

2. This report lends credence to suspicions that some Nigerians deploy nefarious means and unconscionable methods to get a Degree with the end objective of getting graduate job opportunities for which they are not qualified.

3. The Federal Ministry of Education vehemently decries such acts and with effect from 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 is suspending evaluation and accreditation of degree certificates from Benin and Togo Republics pending the outcome of an investigation that would involve the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Nigeria and the two countries, the ministries responsible for Education in the two countries as well the Department of State Security Services (DSSS), and the National Youths Service Corps (NYSC). The Ministry therefore wish to call on the General Public to support its efforts, show understanding and provide useful information that will assist the Committee in finding lasting solutions in order to prevent further occurrence.

4. The Ministry has also commenced internal administrative processes to determine the culpability or otherwise of her staff for which applicable Public Service Rules would be applied.

5. The issue of degree mills institutions, i.e institutions that exist on paper or operate in clandestine manner outside the control of regulators is a global problem that all countries grapple with. FME has been contending with the problem including illegal institutions located abroad or at home preying on unsuspecting, innocent Nigerians and some desperate Nigerians who deliberately patronize such outlets. Periodically, warnings have been issued by the Ministry and NUC against the resort to such institutions and in some instances, reports made to security agencies to clamp down on the perpetrators. The ministry will continue to review its strategy to plug any loopholes, processes and procedures and deal decisively with any conniving officials.

6. The Ministry had always adopted the global standard for evaluation and accreditation of certificates of all forms which relies on receipt of the list of accredited courses and schools in all countries of the World.

7. The Ministry wishes to assure Nigerians and the general public that, it is already putting in place mechanisms to sanitise the education sector, including dissuading the quest for degree certificates (locally or from foreign countries) through a re-invigorated focus on inclusivity: reliance on all skill sets as directed by President Bola Ahmed Tinubu GCFR.

8. The Federal Ministry of Education is committed to collaborating with stakeholders, including civil society organizations, to consistently enhance the Nigerian education system and we value the public's understanding and patience as we strive to address these issues.

9. The Federal Ministry of Education wishes all Nigerians a happy new year. A year in which we would all work together to strengthen our education sector.

Signed

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## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

# Approved Open University and Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria

### Open Universities in Nigeria

List of approved Open Universities in Nigeria, Five Open Universities currently operating in the NUS are as follows:

1. The National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), which has 72 study/resource centres nationwide
2. Miva Open University, Abuja, FCT
3. Iconic Open University, Sokoto, Sokoto State
4. West Midland Open University, Ibadan, Oyo State
5. Al-Muhibbah Open University, Abuja, FCT

List of approved Distance Learning Centres in Nigeria, Twenty Universities in the NUS, currently have the approval of the National Universities Commission to operate distance learning centres as follows:

1. Distance Learning Centre, University of Ibadan.
2. University of Lagos, Distance Learning Institute.
3. University of Abuja, Centre for Distance Learning and Continuing Education.
4. University of Maiduguri, Centre for Distance Learning.
5. Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Centre for Distance Learning.
6. Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola, Centre for Distance Learning.
7. Ladoke Akintola University of Technology Open and Distance Learning Centre.
8. Distance learning Centre, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria.
9. Lagos State University Open and Distance Learning and Research Institute.
10. Joseph Ayo Babalola University Centre for Distance Learning.
11. University of Nigeria, Nsukka Centre for Distance and e-Learning.
12. Federal University of Technology Minna, Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning.
13. Babcock University Ilisan-Remo, Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning.
14. University of Ilorin, Centre for Open and Distance Learning.
15. Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti - Open and Distance Learning Centre.
16. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye, Open and Distance Learning Centre.
17. Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Porthacourt, Institute of Distance Education.
18. Usmanu Danfodio University Centre for Open and Distance Education (CODE), Sokoto
19. Enugu State University of Science and Technology Open and Distance Learning Centre, Agbani
20. University of Benin Centre for Distance Learning, Edo State

### Fourteen-Step Process for the Establishment of Private Universities in Nigeria

The National Universities Commission (NUC), wishes to announce to the general public, especially prospective promoters of private universities, the fourteen-step procedure for establishing private universities in Nigeria.

1. Application in writing stating the intent for the establishment of the university
2. Interview of prospective proprietors
3. Collection of application forms
4. Submission of application forms and relevant documents
5. Intensive review/analysis of documents by experts in relevant NUC departments
6. Revision of documents by proprietors, based on report of the Directorate of Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU).

7. Interactive meeting of DEPU with the proposed university
8. First site assessment visit
9. Finalisation of document
10. Second (final) site assessment visit
11. Security screening of proprietors and Board of Trustees
12. Approval by NUC Management
13. Approval by NUC Board
14. Approval by FEC

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Acting Executive Secretary, NUC  
Announcer



**LIST OF APPROVED UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA****FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES**

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	University of Ibadan, Ibadan	1948	20	Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi	1988	39	Federal University, Gusau, Zamfara	2013
2	University of Nigeria, Nsukka	1960	21	Joseph Sarwuan Tarka University, Makurdi, Benue State	1988	40	Federal University, Gashua, Yobe	2013
3	Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife	1962	22	Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	1988	41	Nigeria Maritime University Okerenkoko, Delta State	2018
4	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	1962	23	University of Uyo, Uyo	1991	42	Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna	2018
5	University of Lagos, Lagos	1962	24	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka	1992	43	Nigerian Army University, Biu	2018
6	University of Benin, Benin City	1970	25	Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike	1992	44	Federal University of Health Sciences, Otukpo, Benue State	2020
7	Bayero University, Kano	1975	26	National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos	2002	45	Federal University of Agriculture, Zuru, Kebbi State	2020
8	University of Calabar, Calabar	1975	27	Fed. Univ. of Petroleum Resources, Effurun	2007	46	Federal University of Technology, Babura, Jigawa State	2021
9	University of Ilorin, Ilorin	1975	28	Federal University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2011	47	Federal University of Technology Ikot Abasi, Akwa Ibom State	2021
10	University of Jos, Jos	1975	29	Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State	2011	48	Federal University of Health Sciences, Azare, Bauchi State	2021
11	University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri	1975	30	Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State	2011	49	Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila Orangun, Osun State	2021
12	Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto	1975	31	Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State	2011	50	King David Umahi University of Medical Sciences, Uburu, Ebonyi State	2022
13	University of Port-Harcourt, Port-Harcourt	1975	32	Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State	2011	51	Admiralty University, Ibusa, Delta State	2023
14	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	1980	33	Federal University, Dutse, Jigawa State	2011	52	Federal University of Transportation, Daura, Katsina State,	2023
15	Federal University of Technology, Akure	1981	34	Alex Ekwueme University, Ndufu Alike, Ebonyi State	2011			
16	Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola	1981	35	Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2011			
17	Federal University of Technology, Minna	1982	36	Federal University, Otuoke, Bayelsa	2011			
18	Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna	1985	37	The Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, Kano State	2012			
19	University of Abuja, Abuja	1988	38	Federal University, Birnin-Kebbi, Kebbi	2013			

**STATE UNIVERSITIES**

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt	1979	19	Adamawa State University, Mubi	2002	37	Maitama Sule University, Kano	2012
2	Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma	1980	20	Gombe State University, Gombe	2004	38	Technical University, Ibadan	2012
3	Abia State University, Uturu	1981	21	Kaduna State University, Kaduna	2004	39	Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa	2013
4	Enugu State University of Science & Tech, Enugu	1982	22	University of Cross River State, Calabar	2004	40	Ondo State University of Medical Sciences	2015
5	Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye	1982	23	Plateau State University, Bokkos	2005	41	Edo University, Iyamho	2016
6	Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti. (formerly University of Ado-Ekiti)	1982	24	Olusegun Agagu University of Science and Technology, Okitipupa, Ondo State.	2008	42	Kingsley Ozumba (K.O) Mbadiwe University, Imo State	2016
7	Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos	1983	25	Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State	2005	43	University of Africa, Toru-Orua	2016
8	Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso	1990	26	Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun	2005	44	Borno State University	2016
9	Imo State University, Owerri	1992	27	Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina	2006	45	Moshood Abiola University of Science and Technology, Abeokuta	2017
10	Benue State University, Makurdi	1992	28	Yobe State University Damaturu, Yobe State	2006	46	Gombe State University of Science and Technology, Kumo	2017
11	Delta State University, Abraka	1992	29	Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero	2006	47	Zamfara State University, Talata-Mafara	2018
12	Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba - Akoko	1999	30	Osun State University, Osogbo	2006	48	Bayelsa Medical University Yenagoa, Bayelsa State	2019
13	Kogi State University, Anyigba	1999	31	Taraba State University, Jalingo	2008	49	University of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Umuagwo, Imo State	2019
14	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000	32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009	50	Bamidele Olumulia University of Education Science and Technology, Ikeru - Ekiti State	2020
15	Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University, Uli	2000	33	Sokoto State University, Sokoto	2009	51	Confluence University of Science and Technology Osara, Kogi State	2020
16	Aliko Dangote University of Science & Technology, Wudil	2000	34	Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden	2010	52	University of Delta, Agbor, Delta State	2021
17	Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000	35	Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni	2010	53	University of Science and Technology, Ozoro, Delta State	2021
18	Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002	36	Bauchi State University, Gadau	2011	54	Dennis Osadebay University, Asaba, Delta State	2021
						55	Lagos University of Education, LASUED, Oto/Ijanikin, Lagos State	2022





56	Lagos University of Science and Technology, Ikorodu, Lagos State	2022	60	Emmanuel Alayande University of Education, Oyo, Oyo State	2022		
57	Shehu Shagari University of Education, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2022	61	Sa'adatu Rimi University of Education, Kumbotso, Kano, Kano State	2023		
58	State University of Medical and Applied Sciences, Igbo-Eno, Enugu State	2022	62	Kogi State University, Kabba, Kogi State	2023		
59	University of Ilesa, Osun State	2022	63	Niger State University of Education, Minna, Niger State	2023		

## PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
1	Babcock University, Ilishan-Remo, Ogun State	1999	33	Salem University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2007	66	Dominican University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
2	Madonna University, Okija, Anambra State	1999	34	Afe Babalola University Ado-Ekiti - Ekiti State	2007	67	Kola Daisi University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
3	Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State	1999	35	Godfrey Okoye University, Ugwuomu-Nike, Enugu State	2007	68	Legacy University, Okija, Anambra State	2016
4	Bowen University, Iwo, Osun State	2001	36	Nigerian-Turkish Nile University, FCT Abuja	2009	69	Spiritan University, Nneochi, Abia State	2017
5	Benson Idahosa University, Benin City, Edo State	2002	37	Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu - Osun State	2009	70	Precious Cornerstone, Ibadan, Oyo State	2017
6	Covenant University, Otta, Ogun State	2002	38	Paul University, Awka, Anambra State	2009	71	PAMO University of Medical Sciences, Port-Harcourt, Rivers State	2017
7	Pan-Atlantic University, Lekki-Express Way, Lagos State	2002	39	Rhema University, Obeama-Asa, Rivers State	2009	72	Atiba University, Oyo, Oyo State	2017
8	American University of Nigeria, Yola, Adamawa State	2003	40	Wellspring University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2009	73	Eko University of Medical Sciences, Ijanikin, Lagos	2017
9	Ajayi Crowther University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005	41	Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State	2011	74	Skyline University, Nigeria, Kano, Kano State	2018
10	Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Kwara State	2005	42	Baze University, FCT Abuja	2011	75	Greenfield University, Kasarami-Kaduna, Kaduna State	2019
11	Al-Qalam University, Katsina, Katsina State	2005	43	Landmark University Omu-Aran, Kwara State	2011	76	Dominion University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2019
12	Bells University of Technology, Otta, Ogun State	2005	44	Glorious Vision University (formerly Samuel Adegboyegea University), Ogwa, Edo State	2011	77	Trinity University, Laloko, Ogun State	2019
13	Bingham University, New-Karu, Nasarawa State	2005	45	Mcperson University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajebo, Ogun State	2012	78	Westland University, Iwo, Osun State	2019
14	Caritas University, Enugu, Enugu State	2005	46	Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State	2012	79	Topfaith University, Mkpatak, Akwa-Ibom State	2021
15	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005	47	Southwestern University Oku Owa, Ogun State	2012	80	Thomas Adewumi University, Oko-Irese, Kwara State	2021
16	Crescent University, Abeokuta, Ogun State	2005	48	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012	81	Maranatha University, Lekki, Lagos State	2021
17	Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005	49	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2012	82	Ave-Maria University, Piyanko, Nasarawa State	2021
18	Kwararafa University, Wukari, Taraba State	2005	50	Augustine University, Ilara, Lagos State	2015	83	AL-Istiqama University, Sumaila, Kano State	2021
19	Redeemer's University, Mowe, Ogun State	2005	51	Chrisland University, Owode, Ogun State	2015	84	Mudiame University, Irrua, Edo State	2021
20	Renaissance University, Enugu, Enugu State	2005	52	Christopher University, Mowe, Ogun State	2015	85	Havilla University, Nde-Ikom, Cross River State	2021
21	University of Mkar, Mkar, Benue State	2005	53	Hallmark University, Ijebu-Itele, Ogun State	2015	86	Claretian University of Nigeria, Nekede, Imo State	2021
22	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005	54	Kings University Ode-Omu, Osun State	2015	87	Karl-Kumm University, Vom, Plateau State	2021
23	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State	2006	55	Michael & Cecilia Ibru University, Owhode, Delta State	2015	88	Nok University, Kachia, Kaduna State	2021
24	Veritas University, Abuja, FCT	2006	56	Mountain Top University, Makogi/Oba, Ogun State	2015	89	James Hope University, Lekki, Lagos State	2021
25	Achievers University, Owo, Ondo State	2007	57	Ritman University, Ikot Ekpene, Akwalbom State	2015	90	Maryam Abacha American University of Nigeria, Kano, Kano State	2021
26	African University of Science & Technology, Abuja, FCT	2007	58	Summit University, Offa, Kwara State	2015	91	Capital City University, Kano, Kano State	2021
27	Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State	2007	59	Edwin Clark University, Kiagbodo, Delta State	2015	92	Ahman Pategi University, Patigi, Kwara State	2021
28	Fountain University, Oshogbo, Osun State	2007	60	Hezekiah University, Umudi, Imo State	2015	93	University of Offa, Offa, Kwara State	2021
29	Obong University Obong Ntak, Akwa Ibom State	2007	61	Anchor University Ayobo, Lagos State	2015	94	Mewar University, Masaka, Nasarawa State	2021
30	Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007	62	Arthur Jarvis University Akpabuyo, Cross River State	2016	95	Edusoko University, Bida, Niger State	2021
31	Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo State	2007	63	Clifford University, Owerinta, Abia State	2016	96	Philomath University, Kuje, Abuja	2021
32	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007	64	Coal City University Enugu, Enugu State	2016			
			65	Ojaja University Ilorin, Kwara State	2016			

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97	Khadija University, Majia, Jigawa State	2021	134	Shanahan University, Onitsha, Anambra State	2023			
98	ANAN University, Kwall, Plateau State	2021	135	The Duke Medical University Calabar, Cross River State	2023			
99	Pen Resource University, Gombe, Gombe State	2022	136	Mercy Medical University, Iwara, Iwo, Osun State	2023			
100	Al-Ansar University, Maiduguri, Borno State	2022	137	Cosmopolitan University, Abuja, FCT	2023			
101	Margaret Lawrence University, Galilee, Delta State	2022	138	Iconic Open University, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2023			
102	Khalifa Isiyaku Rabiu University, Gadon Kaya City Gate Kano, Kano State	2022	139	West Midland Open University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2023			
103	Sports University, Idumuje, Ugboko, Delta State	2022	140	Amaj University, Abuja, FCT	2023			
104	Baba-Ahmed University, Kano, Kano State, Kano, Kano State	2022	141	Prime University, Abuja, FCT	2023			
105	Saia University Of Medical Sciences And Technology, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2022	142	El-Amin University, Niger State	2023			
106	Nigerian British University, Asa, Abia State	2022	143	College of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Kaduna, Kaduna State	2023			
107	Peter University, Achina-Onneh, Anambra State	2022	144	Jewel University, Gombe, Gombe State	2023			
108	Newgate University, Minna, Niger State	2022	145	Nigerian University of Technology and Management, Apapa, Lagos State	2023			
109	European University of Nigeria, Duboyi, Abuja, FCT	2022	146	Al-Muhibbah Open University, Abuja, FCT	2023			
110	Northwest University, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2022	147	Al-Bayan University, Ankpa, Kogi State	2023			
111	Rayhaan University, Birnin Kebbi, Kebbi State	2023						
112	Muhammad Kamalud-Deen University, Ilorin, Kwara State	2023						
113	Sam Maris University, Supare, Ondo State	2023						
114	Aletheia University, Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State	2023						
115	Lux Mundi University, Umuahia, Abia State	2023						
116	Maduka University, Ekwegbe - Nsukka, Enugu State	2023						
117	Peaceland University, Enugu, Enugu State	2023						
118	Amadeus University, Amizi, Abia State	2023						
119	Vision University, Ikogbo, Ogun State	2023						
120	Azman University, Kano, Kano State	2023						
121	Huda University, Gusau, Zamfara State	2023						
122	Franco British International University, Kaduna, Kaduna State	2023						
123	Canadian University of Nigeria, Abuja, FCT	2023						
124	Miva Open University, Abuja, FCT	2023						
125	Gerar University of Medical Sciences, Imope-Ijebu, Ogun State	2023						
126	British Canadian University, Obudu, Cross River State	2023						
127	Hensard University, Toru-Orua, Bayelsa State	2023						
128	Phoenix University, Agwada, Nasarawa State	2023						
129	Wigwe University, Isiokpo, Rivers State	2023						
130	Hillside University of Science and Technology, Okemesi Ekiti, Ekiti State	2023						
131	University on the Niger, Umunya, Anambra State	2023						
132	Elrazi University of Medical Sciences, Kano, Kano State	2023						
133	Venite University Iloro - Ekiti, Ekiti State	2023						



# NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

## *PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT*

### List of Illegal Universities Closed Down by NUC

The National Universities Commission (NUC) wishes to announce to the general public, especially parents and prospective undergraduates, that the under-listed “Degree Mills” have not been licensed by the Federal Government and have, therefore, been closed down for violating the Education (National Minimum Standards etc.) Act CAP E3 Law of the Federation of Nigeria 2004. The “Universities” are:

- 1) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 2) Christians of Charity American University of Science & Technology, Nkpor, Anambra State or any of its other campuses
- 3) University of Industry, Yaba, Lagos or any of its other campuses
- 4) University of Applied Sciences & Management, Port Novo, Republic of Benin or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- 5) Blacksmith University, Awka or any of its other campuses
- 6) Volta University College, Ho, Volta Region, Ghana or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- 7) Royal University Izhia, P.O. Box 800, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State or any of its other campuses
- 8) Atlanta University, Anyigba, Kogi State or any of its other campuses
- 9) United Christian University, Macotis Campus, Imo State or any of its other campuses.
- 10) United Nigeria University College, Okija, Anambra State or any of its other campuses.
- 11) Samuel Ahmadu University, Makurdi, Benue State or any of its other campuses.
- 12) UNESCO University, Ndoni, Rivers State or any of its other campuses.
- 13) Saint Augustine’s University of Technology, Jos, Plateau State or any of its other campuses
- 14) The International University, Missouri, USA, Kano and Lagos Study Centres, or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 15) Collumbus University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 16) Tiu International University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 17) Pebbles University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 18) London External Studies UK operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 19) Pilgrims University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 20) Lobi Business School Makurdi, Benue State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 21) West African Christian University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 22) Bolta University College Aba or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 23) JBC Seminary Inc. (Wukari Jubilee University) Kaduna Illegal Campus
- 24) Westlan University, Esie, Kwara State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 25) St. Andrews University College, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 26) EC-Council University, USA, Ikeja Lagos Study Centre.
- 27) Atlas University, Ikot Udo Uko, Uyo Akwa Ibom State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 28) Concept College/Universities (London) Ilorin or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 29) Halifax Gateway University, Ikeja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 30) Kingdom of Christ University, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 31) Acada University, Akinlalu, Oyo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 32) Fifom University, Mbaise, Imo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 33) Houdegbe North American University campuses in Nigeria.
- 34) Atlantic Intercontinental University, Okija, Anambra State
- 35) Open International University, Akure
- 36) Middle Belt University (North Central University), Otukpo
- 37) Leadway University, Ughelli, Delta State

- 38) Metro University, Dutse/Bwari, Abuja
- 39) Southend University, Ngwuro Egeru (Afam) Ndoki, Rivers State
- 40) Olympic University, Nsukka, Enugu State
- 41) Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Abuja.
- 42) Temple University, Abuja
- 43) Irish University Business School London, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 44) National University of Technology, Lafia, Nasarawa State.
- 45) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, Mowe, Lagos - Ibadan Expressway and its Annex at 41, Ikorodu Road, Lagos.
- 46) University of Education, Winneba Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 47) Cape Coast University, Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 48) African University Cooperative Development (AUCD), Cotonou, Benin Republic, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 49) Pacific Western University, Denver, Colorado, Owerri Study Centre.
- 50) Evangel University of America & Chudick Management Academic, Lagos
- 51) Enugu State University of Science and Technology (Gboko Campus)
- 52) Career Light Resources Centre, Jos
- 53) University of West Africa, Kwali-Abuja, FCT
- 54) Coastal University, Iba-Oku, Akwa-Ibom State
- 55) Kaduna Business School, Kaduna
- 56) Royal University of Theology, Minna, Niger State
- 57) West African Union University, in Collaboration with International Professional College of Administration, Science and Technology Nigeria, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 58) Gospel Missionary Foundation (GMF), Theological University. 165 Iselo road, Cele bus stop, Egbe-Ikotun, Lagos.

In addition to the closure, the following Degree Mills are currently undergoing further investigations and/or ongoing court actions. The purpose of these actions is to prosecute the proprietors and recover illegal fees and charges on subscribers.

- 1) National University of Nigeria, Keffi, Nasarawa State
- 2) North Central University, Otukpo, Benue State
- 3) Christ Alive Christian Seminary and University, Enugu
- 4) Richmond Open University, Arochukwu, Abia State.
- 5) West Coast University, Umuahia.
- 6) Saint Clements University, Iyin Ekiti, Ekiti State
- 7) Volta University College, Aba, Abia State.
- 8) Illegal Satellite Campuses of Ambrose Alli University.
- 9) L.I.F.E Leadership University, Benin City, Edo State.

For the avoidance of doubt, anybody who patronises or obtains any certificate from any of these illegal institutions does so at his or her own risk. Certificates obtained from these sources will not be recognised for the purposes of NYSC, employment, and further studies.

The relevant Law enforcement agencies have also been informed for their further necessary action.

*\* This list of illegal institutions is not exhaustive.*

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# This Week's Birthdays



NAMES			DATE OF BIRTH
GABBRIEL	NWIBO	OGBA	01 January
SIMON	TERTSEGHA	IBU	01 January
HINDU	KABIR	UMAR	01 January
MOHAMMED	SENSI	ADEMU	01 January
S.	WILLIAMS	AUTA	01 January
MINASIGHA		BLUEJACK	02 January
MOHAMMED	AMIN	IDRIS	02 January
BARATUNDE	WILLIAMS	AFOLALU	02 January
SAMUEL	SULE	IKANI	04 January
HOPE	CHISOM	IGBOANUGO	05 January
ENE	GRACE	OBANDE	05 January
PETER	ABOH	ABOH	06 January
PAULINA		UMOLE	07 January

*Wishing You Many happy returns!*

*Best Wishes for the week*



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*Courtesy: Directorate of Human Resources*

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