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# **Minister Gives Update on Education Sector Activities**

he Honourable Minister of Education (HME), Professor Tahir Mamman, OON, SAN, has said that the Roadmap "Education for Renewed Hope Agenda: Roadmap for the Nigerian Education Sector (2024He stated this at the Ministerial Briefing held recently tagged "Short Time But Impressive Gains For Moving Education Forward," where he gave update on the activities of the Ministry under his watch. would be very visible to the Nigerian public.

According to him, the 2022/2023 Nigeria's Annual Education Conference, which was held from 11th to 12th September,2023



L-R: Representative of UNICEF Nigeria, Mr. Jutaru Sakomoto; Executive Secretary, Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council (NERDC), Prof. Muhammed Junaid The Honourable Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman; Honourable Minister of State for Education, Dr. Yusuf Summonu; Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education (FME), Mr, Andrew David Adejo; and FME Director, Education Planning & Statistics, Mrs O.J Anigbogu.

2027), underpinned the Ministerial Deliverables and represented a compact signed between the management of the Federal Ministry of Education (FME) and Mr. President for which his tenure would be held accountable. Professor Mamman noted that the Ministry had further distilled the implementation of the Ministerial deliverables to a more detailed implementation with turn-around strategies that would be measurable and capable of providing results that

provided an opportunity for knowledge and experience which was useful in developing the Roadmap.

He recalled that upon assumption of office, his team reviewed existing strategic plans of the



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Prof. Tahir Mamman Honourable Minister of Education

Ministry and inaugurated a Committee to develop the Roadmap in line with the aspirations of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, which was later subjected to Stakeholder review, adoption and approval for implementation by the National Council on Education at its 67th Session held on 14 and 15th December, 2023.

While harping on the disturbing scenario of out of school children, the HME highlighted that the President was committed to work towards returning 15million Out of School Children back to the classrooms by the year 2027.

He explained that a National Policy on Senior Secondary and Re-Entry Guidelines for Adolescent Girls who dropped out of school prematurely had also been developed and adopted by the National Council on Education.

These two policies, he stressed, would considerably advance the Ministry's interventions for returning more Nigerian Children back to School.

As a result, Professor Mamman stated that the administration had placed a high premium on foundational and basic education, strengthening integration of existing nonformal schools into formal education systems, scaling-up adult literacy and non-formal education interventions, increasing opportunities for girlchild education as well as forging partnerships with all tiers of government and development partners.

He further disclosed that the FME had began operationalizing the establishment of the National Commission for Almajiri and Out of School Children as well as approved a policy on Early Child Care Development



Dr. Yusuf Tanko Sununu Honourable Minister of State for Education

Education (ECCDE) and commenced engagement with State Governments on removing bottlenecks that negatively impacted on their ability to optimally utilise the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) funds.

The Minister also noted with pride that under the guidance of President Tinubu, the Ministry had held consultations with the Tertiary Institutions Based Unions and have began to build back trust as exemplified by the resolution of some of the pertinent issues in the sector.

He listed them to include: 35% increase in salaries of workers in the tertiary institutions; 4 months payment of salaries for the 8 months they were on strike in 2022; Removal from the Integrated Payment and Payroll Information System (IPPIS); and Granting autonomy for recruitment.

He said the Federal Ministry of Education would work with the Honourable Minister of Finance/ Coordinating Minister of the Economy and Office of the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation to ensure a seamless implementation of the issues.

The HME appreciated the uncommon understanding the unions have shown for the President Tinubu's administration and assured them that the issues would soon be implemented.

He informed the press that in line with the President's directive to stagger the establishment of already approved tertiary institutions, the Ministry have taken over the sites for establishment of the Federal College of Education Ilawe City. City State; While the blueprint against Social Vices Amongst



R-L: The Deputy Executive Secretary (DES), Academics, National Universities Commission (NUC), Dr Noel Biodun Saliu; Director, Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. John Mairafi Ahmadu and Technical Assistant to the Acting Executive Secretary, Dr. Abubakar Tanko at the Ministerial Press Briefing held at the Ministry's Conference Room.

Children and Youth have also been disseminated to reduce the occurrence of all forms of vices in the school system.

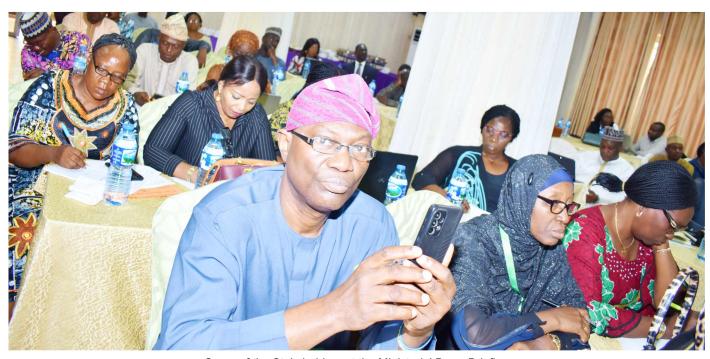
Also ongoing include the Master Trainers programmes of staff who were being trained on Safe Schools Implementation especially among Education Secretaries and Safe Schools Desk Officers and Capacity Building Workshop for Teachers on Education in Emergencies (EIE) Strategies were also conducted. There was also a Capacity Building Training/Workshop and Empowerment for Traditional Rulers on the Role of Traditional Rulers in ensuring Safety and Security of Senior Secondary School Environment.

On the area to leverage technology for education, Professor Mamman also said the Ministry had started deepening the application of Technology to the Education sector by opening up discussions with the Honourable Minister of Communications and Digital Economy and engaging MasterCard in exploring: innovative teaching materials, Integration of digital tools into technical education and developing a Digital Public Infrastructure for Education through data capture, analysis and information exchange which would be readily available.

Towards this end, the FME had also enhanced the capacity of its



R-L: The Registrar and Chief Executive Officer, Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede; with other Senior Management Officers in the Education Family, listening with rapt attention during the Ministerial Briefing.



Some of the Stakeholders at the Ministerial Press Briefing

Desk Officers on Geospatial Technology for Education Technologies [GIS & GPS] Application in governance and social development planning as well as improved the capacity of Informatics and Documentation Officers on Data Gathering, Collation, Editing and Video Coverage for effective reportage of programmes and activities in the Education Sector.

The Ministry had also completed the Full Business Case for establishing a National Education, Research and database (NERD) System, which would be developed through a Public Private Sector Partnership based on existing policies on ICT in the country, among other initiatives. At the Ministerial Press Briefing were the representatives of NUC, Deputy Executive Secretary (DES), Academics, Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu; the Director, Executive Secretary Office (DESO), Mr. John Mairafi Ahmadu and Technical Assistant to the Acting Executive Secretary, Dr. Abubakar Tanko.



Others at the Press Briefing

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# CODAPNU Commends NUC for CCMAS take-off in Varsities

he Committee of Directors of Academic Planning of Nigerian Universities (CODAPNU), penultimate Monday ago, rose from their 2023 Conference and Annual General of the Parameters in Line with Current Realities?" and "Orientation of New Directors of Academic Planning of Nigerian Universities." teaching, research excellence, societal impact, and stakeholders' /admirers' perception).

He reminded the universities that credit overload for students need to



L-R: Host and Acting Director, Academic Planning( DAP), NUC, Mr. Abubakar Muhammad Girei; the Deputy Executive Secretary (DES), Academics, NUC, Dr Noel Biodun Saliu; CODAPNU Excellence Award recipient and Deputy Vice-Chancellor Innovation and Research, National Open University of Nigeria NOUN, Prof. Godwin Akper; Representative of the Vice-Chancellor, NOUN, and DVC Academics, Prof. Chiedu Mafiana; Acting Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki; CODPANU Chair, Prof. Bolanle Aishat Akinwande and other Executive Members of the Academic Planners in Nigerian Universities

Meeting (AGM), with the commendation of the leadership of the National Universities Commission (NUC), led by the Acting Executive Secretary, Mr. Chris J.Maiyaki, for the smooth implementation of the new CCMAS.

The Conference held at the Model Study Centre, National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), Dutsen Alhaji Junction, Abuja – Nigeria, with the theme: "Strategic Planning for Sustainable Development in the Nigerian University System."

Other sub-thematic areas were: "Quality Assurance: A Panacea for Improved Universities Global Ranking", "NUC Accreditation and Resource Verification of Programmes: Any Need for Review In his goodwill message, the Acting Executive Secretary remarked that CCMAS was a thought in the right direction to place the Nigerian Universities in the global competitive market.

He said Nigeria graduates would be more relevant and compete globally. While the Research and collaboration components would impact on the needs of the society and ranking incorporated in the curriculum would take Nigerian university to excellence.

Mr. Miayaki explained that a 21st Century University had to be globally competitive, locally relevant by impacting live and livelihood (SDGs and African Agenda 2063), 21st Century/4IR compliant, entrepreneurial, and with other key indices (quality be avoided to give them space for critical thinking and learning reflection, stressing that three key factors that make a top class University were concentration of talents, abundant resources and favourable governance.

According to him, the Core Curriculum and Minimum Academic Standard (CCMAS), reinforced with Quality Assurance in the entire system, had the potential to change the narrative of the quality of the Nigerian graduates, vis-à-vis their quality and competence relative to the needs of the society.

He, therefore, called for synergy and shared determination of the Nigerian University System, Organized Private Sector and Government to take advantage of

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Mr. Maiyaki, assisted by Prof Akinwande presenting the CODAPNU Award of Excellence to the representative of the VC NOUN, Prof. Chiedu Mafiana.

the CCMAS to jointly create enabling structures (Innovation & Incubation Hubs, STI and Industrial Parks, et cetera) to harness the creativeness of Nigerian Youths.

In her welcome remarks at the Conference, which was the 17th edition of the Committee's gathering, the Chairperson of CODAPNU and DAP, Ladoke Akintola University of Technology (LAUTECH) Ogbomoso, Professor Bolanle Aishat Akinwande congratulated the NUC Management under the able leadership of the Acting Executive Secretary, Mr. Chris J.Maiyaki, for the smooth implementation of the new CCMAS.

She noted that CODAPNU had been challenged by this development, and, expressed the commitment of the Committee towards a seamless implementation of the curriculum across Nigerian Universities.

She reminded the gathering that the annual CODAPNU conference and training was designed with activities that give members opportunities to acquire requisite skills that were necessary for effective and efficient academic planning responsibilities.

According to her, it also provided opportunity for networking and exchange of information among staff from various universities with the benefit of learning from Sustainable Development in the Nigerian University System", and carefully chosen to keep all Directors of Academic Planning informed of the current demands of their roles in the office and to enable seamless discharge of their responsibilities.

She stated that the keynote address and other presentations centred on "Quality Assurance: A Panacea for Improved Universities Global Ranking", "NUC Accreditation and Resource Verification of Programmes: Any Need for Review of the Parameters in Line with Current Realities?" and "Orientation of New Directors of Academic Planning of Nigerian Universities."

The CODAPNU Chair expressed optimism that the carefully chosen topics would enhance the competencies of the DAPs and



Mr. Maiyaki, assisted by Prof Akinwande presenting the CODAPNU Award of Excellence to DVC Innovation and Research, (NOUN), Prof. Godwin Akper.

experience of one another.

Professor Akinwande said the 2023 Conference was tailored in line with the ideology of all the previous ones, with the theme, "Strategic Planning for also go a long way in ensuring that the universities measured up and competed very well with others in the discharge of their onerous responsibilities.

She also remarked that the Keynote

Speaker and other Speakers were chosen based on their expertise and knowledge of innovations and advances in the academic demands of the 21st century Universities, in order to do justice to the assignment. In the two days of the conference, all participants would learn a lot to enhance their competences and perform diligently, that could assist members to be more productive.

She commended the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund and Special Guest, Architect Sonny Echono; former Deputy Governor of Kano State and keynote Speaker, Professor Hafiz Abubakar; Guest Speakers, Deputy Executive Secretary (DES), Academics NUC, Dr. Noel Saliu; former Secretary-General, Committee of vice-chancellors (CVC). Professor Michael Faborode and immediate past Vice-Chancellor, Bayero University Kano (BUK), Professor Yahuza Bello, as well as the NUC Acting Director of Academic Planning,

Mallam Abubakar Muhammad Girei, for gracing the event.

She also commended the immediate Past Chairman of CODAPNU, Professor Yusuph Yahaya and his past excos for their commitments to the course of the Committee and for helping to ensure the success of the 2023 conference.

Professor Akinwande said CODAPNU united all Directors of Academic Planning of Nigerian Universities with a view to enhance effective and efficient academic planning functions in Nigerian Universities.

She highlighted some of its objectives to include: Promotion of academic excellence in teaching, research and community service activities of the University; Development and strengthening of the knowledge, skills and expertise of Academic Planners in Nigerian Universities; and Serving as liaison with and advising the National Universities Commission on all matters relating to Academic Planning in the University.

Delivering a keynote address titled "Strategic Planning for Sustainable Development in the Nigerian University System: An overview," Professor Hafiz Abubakar, advised that Universities must take precautionary measures like strengthening on-line teaching and learning so that any future pandemic as witnessed during COVID-19 would not obstruct university academic planning.

He submitted that Sustainable development in Nigerian universities demanded a comprehensive and integrated approach that involves all stakeholders.

He suggested regular reviews and adjustments to the strategic plan and to ensure its alignment with emerging trends, technological advancements, and changing



L-R: Dr Saliu; Mr. Girei; Ex-Offiio and immediate past President of CODAPNU, Prof Yahaya Amuda Yusuph Prof. Akper; Ag. Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki; Prof. Akinwande; with two other distinguished Professors after the opening ceremony.

needs, enabling universities to serve as role models for sustainable practices while nurturing future generations equipped to address global challenges.

In another presentation titled, Resource Verification of Programmes: Any Need for Review of Parametres in line with CCMAS, by Professor Yahuza Bello, he pointed out that it would take some years before programme accreditation could be conducted based on CCMAS.

As a result, he noted that it was pertinent for NUC to, as soon as possible, put in place a mechanism for revising the Manual with a view to identifying areas requiring changes.

He submitted that Resource Verification was more urgent as all new programmes to be introduced from now on were expected to use the CCMAS curriculum.

The Guest Speaker added that there was, therefore, an urgent need for decisions to be made concerning how proposed new programmes were to address the 30% local contribution, while any decision to be taken required wide publicity to guide the universities.

He argued that as the engine rooms and focal points of accreditation and resource verification exercises, Directors of Academic Planning should lead the way by assisting NUC in devising the way forward, describing the CODAPNU as a first step, towards actualising that success.

The DES Academics, Dr. Saliu, whose presentation dwelt on "Orientation of New Directors of Academic Planning of Nigerian Universities," said NUC had over the years relied on the strong relationship it had built over the years with the Directors of Academic Planning of Nigerian universities.

He acknowledged that the DAPs would continue to be relevant to the operations of NUC and in indeed of their respective universities. He informed the DAPs about NUC's expectations on them, stressing that their positive responses to these expectations would continue to make the difference in the Nigerian University System (NUS).

There was also presentation by the Former Secretary General (CVC), Professor Michael Faborode on "The CCMAS, Accreditation/Quality Assurance and Enhanced Global Ranking of Nigerian Universities."

A major highlight of the event was the conferment of award of excellence on distinguished academics that had contributed to the overall development of the NUS that included: Vice-Chancellor, NOUN, Professor Olufemi Peters, represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academics, Professor Chiedu Mafiana as well as the DVC Teaching, Innovation and Research of NOUN, Professor Godwin Akper.



L-R: Representatives of NUC, Dr. Saliu and Mr. Girei 7th and 12th (front row) with Excos of CODAPNU pose for photograph with participants after the CODAPNU Conference and Annual General Meeting

COMMUNIQUE OF THE 17TH CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF DIRECTORS OF ACADEMIC PLANNING OF NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES (CODAPNU) HELD ON 10TH - 13TH DECEMBER 2023 AT NATIONAL OPEN UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA (NOUN) MODEL STUDY CENTRE, ABUJA, NIGERIA

## **Theme:** Strategic Planning for Sustainable Development in the Nigerian University System

There are a total of 270 Universities in Nigeria, (61 Federal, 63 State and 146 Private Universities). The number is smaller than what obtains in countries with similar populations and good funding.

Universities have significant role and contribution to the overall sustainable development of a nation. There is need for development and implementation of a robust strategic plan to enable impactful contribution of universities to sustainable development requirements. The impactful contribution of universities to sustainable development requirements of universities to sustainable development and implementation of a robust strategic plan.

Universities must take precautionary measures like strengthening online teaching and learning so that any future pandemic will not obstruct university academic planning. These include but not limited to:

i. Use of radio and television stations as part of means of the delivery of teaching and learning especially where internet services could be an obstacle;

ii. Building capacity of

academic and allied staff in using technology in teaching and learning;

iii. Provision of online computer training for students, which should preferably start from the first year of study;

iv. Prioritizing e-teaching and e-learning in the strategic plan and ensuring implementation; and

v. Finding creative and innovative solutions to online teaching and learning.

Lack of sound strategic plan is the most critical of all the challenges that confront University education system in Nigeria. Way forward includes effective strategic planning towards the provision of effective leadership and quality teaching and learning, generation and utilization of adequate resources, fighting academic corruption and fraud, improvement of research output and impact, attraction of international students. rebranding Nigerian Universities, and provision of adequate infrastructural facilities.

Sustainable development in Nigerian universities demands a comprehensive and integrated

approach that involves all stakeholders. Regular reviews and adjustments of the strategic plan is important to ensure its alignment with emerging trends, technological advancements, and changing needs, enabling universities to serve as role models for sustainable practices while nurturing future generations equipped to address global challenges.

Directors of Academic Planning (DAPs), being the liaison between the National Universities Commission (NUC) and their universities, are very relevant to the operations of NUC. They need to continuously update the institutional data most especially for the purpose of annual collation of university statistics across the nation.

Development and update on 'Academic Brief' is important to be done by the University. It is important to continuously organize training workshop for Directorate of Academic Planning of Nigerian Universities.

According to the CCMAS, there should be an established mechanism to enable students to evaluate courses delivered to

them at the end of each semester. This should be an integral component of the course credit system to serve as an opportunity for feedback on the effectiveness of course delivery. Such evaluation should be undertaken by students at the end of each course. this may be one of the parameters to be used by panels for CCMAS-based accreditation.

Periodic 'Quality Assurance' of the university system is important to enable provision of graduates that can complete globally.

CCMAS is a thought in the right direction to place the Nigerian Universities in the global competitive market. Nigeria graduates will be relevant and compete globally. Research and collaboration components that impact on the needs of the society and ranking will take Nigerian university to excellence.

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There is need for synergy and shared determination of the Nigerian University System, Organized Private Sector and Government to take advantage of the CCMAS to jointly create enabling structures (Innovation & Incubation Hubs, STI and Industrial Parks, et cetera) to harness the creativeness of Nigerian Youths.

Impact of CCMAS in programme accreditation is to be felt in about five years for programmes with Full Accreditation status and in about three to four years for newly established programmes. There is an urgent need for decisions to be made concerning how proposed new programmes are to address the 30% local contribution.

Effects of CCMAS on accreditation is mostly on four main parameters of accreditation which are: i. Academic matters (especially curriculum, course evaluation and student's course assessment. and evaluation of student's skills); ii. Staffing; iii. Physical facilities; and iv. Library

resources. 'Manual of Accreditation' developed by NUC in 1989 and revised in 1999, 2012, and 2020 respectively needs to be revised in relation to CCMAS and with reintroduction of preaccreditation training of Panel Chairmen.

It is important that DAPs are involved in resource verification and accreditation exercises as an opportunity to garner experience. However, such involvement must not clash with when same DAPs are having simultaneous exercise in their universities.

NUC needs to address the issue of multiple programme accreditation by professional Councils based on the huge financial implication on Universities.

### Conclusion:

The Conference underscored the significance of strategic planning, sustainability, and quality assurance in Nigerian universities. The recommendations are poised to address challenges and enhance the effective implementation of CCMAS, reflecting a commitment to the continuous improvement of the Nigerian University System.

# NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION, ABUJA



## RE: ABOUT 100 FAKE PROFESSORS JUST UNCOVERED IN NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES – NUC A REBUTTAL

The attention of the National Universities Commission (NUC) has been drawn to news items, circulating on the social media, some national dailies and television stations, to the effect that the Commission has just "discovered over 100 fake Professors in Nigerian Universities". The NUC wishes to deny these media reports categorically and unequivocally. They are fake, untrue and a figment of the imagination of the author(s), all happening at an unsuitable time, when the nation is awaiting the outcome of the investigation into the fake certificate saga from universities in some neighbouring countries. The Commission therefore finds this development as unfair to all stakeholders.

Specifically, the fake news items have been circulating in two forms – (i) as a link to a 2019 online news item; and (ii) as a separate list of names of the alleged fake Professors in various Nigerian Universities, which was not the case. We consider these unfounded publications as ill-conceived and a ploy by unscrupulous persons to create in plausible a tone, disquiet, panic and provoking outcries at both the national and international levels.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Commission can confirm that it initiated in 2019 a laudable project, with the intent of compiling and publishing a list of full Professors in the Nigerian Universities System (NUS) through the use of an online portal to collate the requisite data. During the exercise, the NUC found anomalies, such as Associate Professors being listed as full Professors. It is essential to also state clearly that the Commission as a responsible Federal Government Agency, does not engage in half-baked exercises capable of tarnishing the image of Nigeria and the NUS. That was why the Commission deemed it necessary to share the collated data with the Nigerian Universities for the purpose of authentication by the competent authourities as to who qualifies to be a full professor. Based on the verified data, the Commission then in a landmark accomplishment, first published the list of full Professors who participated in the exercise in 2019. It was understood that this

would be succeeded by a continuous process of updating the list of full Professors. It is important to state at this point that all the issues pertaining to the 2019 verification of full Professors in Nigerian Universities were concluded in 2019. Since then, the Commission has entrenched a more reliable system of generating the list of full Professors in the NUS. The Commission is also conscious of the fact that some of the academics not captured in the 2019 exercise may now have matured and progressed to become full Professors; this being the reason why it continuously updates the list of full Professors in the NUS.

The National Universities Commission questions the rationale behind recycling this stale 2019 news of an activity it initiated, conducted and laid to rest in the same year. The purpose and objective of resurrecting in 2024 (more than 4 years later) this-no-longer-fresh news, is clearly intended to generate unnecessary controversy at an unsuitable time, whilst lacing it with a false list of fake Professors.

The National Universities Commission owes it a solemn duty to protect and guard the integrity of the many hardworking and committed academics in the NUS, who have earned national and international respect and recognition. Therefore, the Commission has been saddled with the vital and strategic responsibility by its enabling laws, to uphold the sanctity of quality in all aspects of our University Education delivery.

The Commission wishes to use this medium to advise Government officials at all levels, members of the NUS, the international community, and the public, to please disregard these items of fake and stale news which have long been laid to rest in 2019. All information concerning the role of the NUC in the regulation of the NUS can be found on our official website www.nuc.edu.ng. Further enquiries can also be made via the Commission's official email address: info@nuc.edu.ng

Please be assured of our highest considerations, at all times and best wishes for a much more fulfilling and prosperous 2024.

Signed.

Chris J. Maiyaki Acting Executive Secretary National Universities Commission



## FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

## Federal Secretariat, Phase III, Abuja

## 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 Mrs. Augustina Obilor-Duru Acting Director, Press and Public Relations 2<sup>nd</sup> January, 2023 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2024





# 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 rele
- Submission of application forms and relevant documents
  Intensive review/analysis of documents by experts in relevant

- Intensive review/analysis of documents by experts in relevant NUC departments
   Provision of documents by proprietors, based on propert of the
- 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
- Finalisation of document
  Second (final) site assessment
- Second (final) site assessment visit
  Security screening of proprietors and Be
- Security screening of proprietors and Board of Trustees
  Approval by NUC Management
- Approval by NUC Management
  Approval by NUC Board
- 14. Approval by FEC

### Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki

Acting Executive Secretary, NUC Announcer

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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 AwolowoUniversity, Ile-Ife	1962	22	Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	1988	41	Nigeria Maritine 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,	2011	47	Federal University of Technology Ikot Abasi, Akwa Ibom State	2021
10	University of Jos, Jos	1975	29	Kogi State Federal University, Lafia,	2011	48	Federal University of Health Sciences, Azare, Bauchi State	2021
11	University of Maiduguri,	1975	30	Nasarawa State Federal University, Kashere,	2011	49	Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila Orangun, Osun State	2021
12	Maiduguri Usmanu Danfodiyo University,	1975		Gombe State Federal University, Wukari,		50	King David Umahi University of Medical Sciences, Uburu, Ebonyi State	2022
13	Sokoto University of Port-Harcourt,	1975	31	Taraba State Federal University, Dutsin-Ma	2011	51	Admiralty University, Ibusa, Delta State	2023
	Port-Harcourt	1975	32	Katsina State	2011	52	Federal University of Transportation.	2022
14	Federal University of Tech- nology, Owerri	1980	33	Federal University, Dutse, Jigawa State	2011	52	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**

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S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N		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
	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,	1992	28	Yobe State University Damaturu, Yobe State	2006	46	Gombe State University of Science and Technology, Kumo	2017
11	Makurdi Delta State University,	1992	29	Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero	2006	47	Zamfara State University, Talata-Mafara	2018
12	Abraka Adekunle Ajasin University,	1999	30	Osun State University, Osogbo	2006	48	Bayelsa Medical University Yenagoa, Bayelsa State	2019
	Akungba - Akoko Kogi State University,	1999	31	Taraba State University,	2008	49	University of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Umuagwo, Imo State	2019
	Anyigba Niger-Delta University,		32	Jalingo Kwara State University,	2008	50	Bamidele Olumulia University of Education Science and Technology, Ikere - Ekiti State	2020
14	Yenagoa Chukwuemeka Odumegwu	2000	_	Ilorin Sokoto State University,		51	Confluence University of Science and Technology Osara, Kogi State	2020
15	Ojukwu University, Uli	2000	33	Sokoto	2009	52	University of Delta, Agbor, Delta State	2021
16	Aliko Dangote University of Science & Technology, Wudil	2000	34	Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden	2010	53	University of Science and Technology, Ozoro, Delta State	2021
17	Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000	35	Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni	2010	54	Dennis Osadebay University, Asaba, Delta State	2021
	Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002	36	Bauchi State University, Gadau	2011	55	Lagos University of Education, LASUED, Oto/Ijanikin, Lagos State	2022

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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	Otta, Ogun State	2005	44	Glorious Vision University (formerly Samuel Adegboyega University), Ogwa, Edo State	2011	77	Trinity University, Laloko, Ogun State	2019
13	Nasarawa State	2005	45	Mcpherson University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajebo, Ogun State	2012	78	Westland University, Iwo,	2019
14	Caritas University, Enugu, Enugu State	2005	46	Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State	2012	79	Osun State Topfaith University, Mkpatak,	2021
15	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005	47	Southwestern University Oku Owa, Ogun State	2012	80	Akwa-Ibom State Thomas Adewumi University,	2021
16	Crescent University, Abeokuta, Ogun State	2005	48	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012	81	Oko-Irese, Kwara State Maranatha University, Lekki,	2021
17	Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005	49	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2012	82	Lagos State Ave-Maria University, Piyanko,	2021
18	Kwararafa University, Wukari, Taraba State	2005	50	Augustine University, Ilara, Lagos State	2015	83	Nasarawa State AL-Istiqama University,	2021
19	Redeemer's University, Mowe, Ogun State	2005	51	Chrisland University, Owode, Ogun State	2015	84	Sumaila, Kano State Mudiame University, Irrua,	2021
20	Renaissance University, Enugu Enugu State	2005	52	Christopher University, Mowe, Ogun State	2015	85	Edo State Havilla University, Nde-Ikom,	2021
21	University of Mkar, Mkar, Benue State	2005	53	Hallmark University, Ijebu- Itele, Ogun State	2015	86	Cross River State Claretian University of Nigeria,	2021
22	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005	54	Kings University Ode-Omu, Osun State	2015	87	Nekede, Imo State Karl-Kumm University, Vom,	
23	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State	2006	55	Michael & Cecilia Ibru University, Owhode, Delta State	2015		Plateau State Nok University, Kachia,	2021
24	Veritas University, Abuja, FCT	2006	56	Mountain Top University, Makogi/Oba, Ogun State	2015	88	Kaduna State James Hope University,	2021
25	Achievers University, Owo, Ondo State	2007	57	Ritman University, Ikot Ekpene, AkwaIbom State	2015	89	Lekki, Lagos State Maryam Abacha American University	2021
26	African University of Science & Technology, Abuja, FCT	2007	58	Summit University, Offa, Kwara State Edwin Clark University,	2015	90	of Nigeria, Kano, Kano State	2021
27	Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State	2007	59	Kiagbodo, Delta State Hezekiah University, Umudi,	2015	91	Capital City University, Kano, Kano State	2021
28	Fountain University, Oshogbo, Osun State	2007	60	Imo State Anchor University Ayobo,	2015	92	Ahman Pategi University, Patigi, Kwara State	2021
29	Obong University Obong Ntak.	2007	61	Lagos State Arthur Jarvis University Akpabuyo,	2015	93	University of Offa, Offa, Kwara State	2021
30	Akwa Ibom State Tansian University, Umunya,	2007	62 63	Cross River State Clifford University,	2016	94	Mewar University, Masaka, Nasarawa State	2021
31	Wesley University of Science	2007	63 64	Owerrinta, Abia State Coal City University Enugu,	2016	95	Edusoko University, Bida, Niger State	2021
32	& Technology, Ondo State Western Delta University,	2007	64 65	Enugu State Ojaja University	2016 2016	96	Philomath University, Kuje, Abuja	2021
52	Oghara,Delta State	2007	05	Ilorin, Kwara State	2010			

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5/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.	S/N	INSTITUTIONS	Year Est.
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,	2022	138	Iconic Open University, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2023	−		
	Khalifa Isiyaku Rabiu University, Gadon \Kaya City Gate Kano, Kano State	2022	139	West Midland Open University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2023	╟─		
	Sports University, Idumuje, Ugboko, Delta State	2022	140	Amaj University,	2023	╟─		
	Baba-Ahmed University, Kano, Kano State, Kano, Kano State	2022	141	Prime University, Abuja, FCT	2023	−		
	Saisa University Of Medical Sciences And Technology, Sokoto, Sokoto State	2022	!├──	El-Amin University, Niger State	2023	╟─		
	Nigerian British University, Asa, Abia State	2022		College of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Kaduna, Kaduna State	2023			
106	Peter University, Achina-Onneh,	2022		Jewel University,	2023			──
109	Anambra State Newgate University, Minna, Niger State	2022		Gombe, Gombe State Nigerian University of Technology	2022			
	Niger State European University of Nigeria, Duboyi, Abuja, FCT	2022	<u>145</u>	Al-Muhibbah Open University.	2023			──
	Northwest University, Sokoto,	2022		Abuja, FCT Al-Bayan University,	2023			──
	Sokoto State Rayhaan University, Birnin Kebbi, Kebbi State		147	Ankpa, Kogi State	2020			
111 112	Muhammad Kamalud-Deen University, Ilorin, Kwara State	2023 2023						<u> </u>
113	Sam Maris University,	2023						<u> </u>
114	Supare, Ondo State Aletheia University,	2023						
115	Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State Lux Mundi University,	2023						
115	Umuahia, Abia State Maduka University,Ekwegbe -	2023						
_	Nsukka, Enugu State Peaceland University,	2023						
117	Enugu, Enugu State Amadeus University,							
	Amizi, Abia State Vision University,	2023						
119	Ikogbo, Ogun State Azman University,	2023						
120	Kano, Kano State Huda University,	2023						
121	Gusau, Zamfara State Franco British International	2023	-					
122	University, Kaduna, Kaduna State Canadian University of	2023						
123	Nigeria, Abuja, FCT	2023						<u> </u>
124	Miva Open University, Abuja, FCT	2023						
125	Gerar University of Medical Sciences, Imope-Ijebu, Ogun State	2023						<u> </u>
126	British Canadian University, Obudu, Cross River State	2023						
127	Hensard University, Toru-Orua, Bayelsa State	2023						
128	Phoenix University, Agwada, Nasarawa State	2023						<u> </u>
129	Wigwe University Isiokpo, Rivers State	2023						<u> </u>
130	Hillside University of Science and Technology, Okemesi Ekiti, Ekiti State	2023						
131	University on the Niger	2023						
132	Elrazi University of Medical	2023						
133	Sciences, Kano, Kano State Venite UniversityIloro - Ekiti, Ekiti State	2023						

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## NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT List of Illegal Universities Closed Down by NUC

he 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.
- Christians of Charity American University of Science & 2) Technology, Nkpor, Anambra State or any of its other campuses University of Industry, Yaba, Lagos or any of its other campuses 3)
- University of Applied Sciences & Management, Port Novo, 4) Republic of Benin or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- Blacksmith University, Awka or any of its other campuses 5)
- 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
- Tiu International University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria 16)
- 17)Pebbles University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria'
- London External Studies UK operating anywhere in Nigeria. 18)
- 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.
- St. Andrews University College, Abuja or any of its campuses in 25) Nigeria.
- 26) EC-Council University, USA, Ikeja Lagos Study Centre.
- Atlas University, Ikot Udoso Uko, Uyo Akwa Ibom State or any 27)
- 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
- Acada University, Akinlalu, Oyo State or any of its campuses in 31) 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
- Middle Belt University (North Central University), Otukpo 36)
- 37) Leadway University, Ughelli, Delta State

- Metro University, Dutse/Bwari, Abuja 38)
- Southend University, Ngwuro Egeru (Afam) Ndoki, Rivers State 39) Olympic University, Nsukka, Enugu State
- 40) 41)
  - Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Abuia.
- 42) Temple University, Abuja
- Irish University Business School London, operating anywhere in 43) Nigeria.
- 44) National University of Technology, Lafia, Nasarawa State.
- University of Accountancy and Management Studies, Mowe, 45) Lagos - Ibadan Expressway and its Annex at 41, Ikorodu Road, Lagos.
- University of Education, Winneba Ghana, operating anywhere in 46) 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
- Kaduna Business School, Kaduna 55)
- 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.

- National University of Nigeria, Keffi, Nasarawa State
- North Central University, Otukpo, Benue State
- Christ Alive Christian Seminary and University, Enugu
- 4) Richmond Open University, Arochukwu, Abia State.
- West Coast University, Umuahia. 5)
- Saint Clements University, Iyin Ekiti, Ekiti State 6)
- Volta University College, Aba, Abia State. 7) 8)
  - Illegal Satellite Campuses of Ambrose Alli University.
  - 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.

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