

“FG to Equip Tertiary Institutions This Year” – Prof. Mamman

The Honourable Minister for Education (HME), Professor Tahir Mamman, OON, SAN, last Thursday, assured stakeholders that the Federal Government would embark on

He gave the assurance at a high-level stakeholders’ engagement with Vice-Chancellors of Federal Universities and Directors/Chief Executives of Inter-University Centres (IUCs), held at the Idris

from the Integrated Personnel Payroll Information System (IPPIS).

It was also meant to update them following his press briefing at the



L-R: The Deputy Executive Secretary (DES), Academics, National Universities Commission (NUC), Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu; National President, Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Prof. Emmanuel Osedeke; National President, National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT), Hon. Comrade Ibeji Nwokoma; Special Assistant to the Honourable Minister of Education, Hajiya Rukayat Gurin; Acting Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki; the Honourable Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman; and the Acting Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education (FME), Alh. Zubairu Abdullahi

NEEDS assessment exercise in all tertiary education institutions in Nigeria.

Abdulqadir Auditorium, National Universities Commission (NUC), in Abuja.

retreat on Ministerial deliverables held on the 21st of December, 2023 in Abuja.

The essence would be to ensure Nigerian universities in particular were properly and fully equipped to guarantee quality university education in the country.

The meeting was convened in order to hold discussions on key operational issues following the Federal Executive Council’s (FEC) decision to exempt Federal Universities and IUCs

Professor Mamman expressed his gratitude to the President for yielding to the complaints made by academics in the University system to provide funds for the revitalization of public tertiary

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Prof. Tahir Mamman
Honourable Minister of Education

institutions for a more robust and modern university system.

He said it was a stitch in time which would restore the confidence citizens had in the country's tertiary institutions, stressing that part of the policy of the government for this year was to invest in equipment and technical training in the country's tertiary institutions.

This, he said, would be done through TETFUND after needs assessment had been done and every institution's needs have been identified.

The Minister, therefore, called on institutions to sacrifice from their Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) and ensure equipments installed were maintained and that trained personnel to man the equipment were available.

He commended the government for agreeing to device a more suitable mode of payment for tertiary institutions due to their peculiarities.

Professor Mamman directed the NUC to streamline the convocation calendars of universities to avoid clashes in the dates. He said the coordinated action would enable stakeholders fully attend the convocations and participate fully in the activities lined up for the events.

Mr. Minister said the government was poised to weed out all those illegal degree mills that were bringing bad name to the country. To make concrete the government commitment, a committee was inaugurated with a clear terms of reference to guide the committee in their operations.

As part of its mandate, the committee was requested to liaise with Abuja Geographic Information System (AGIS) and related offices across the states to



Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu
Deputy Executive Secretary (DES), Academics, NUC

certify the genuineness of lands occupied by suspected degree mills to preserve the quality of Nigerian degree certificates and also facilitate the process of

prosecuting those found flouting the laws of the country.

He, however, called on everyone present, to join in the fight and collaborate with the Committee by providing it with any useful



Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki
Acting Executive Secretary, NUC

information which would ensure the miscreants were not given any opportunity to thrive.

Professor Mamman also informed stakeholders that part of the mandate of this administration in respect to education would be to reposition the education system of this nation. He, therefore, said a committee was duly constituted to thoroughly look at the accreditation activities of the NUC for improvement and further strengthen the quality assurance mechanisms used for those monitoring exercises.

He said it was imperative to step in because some citizens take establishment of universities as a prestigious venture rather than a selfless contribution to the growth of quality education, resulting in



Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas
Alternate Chairman, CVC / Vice-Chancellor,
Bayero University Kano (BUK)

the existence of numerous sub-standard universities and adding to the burden of the Commission regulating them.

The HME said a comprehensive audit would be carried out on all



Comrade Mohammed. H. Ibrahim
National President, SSANU

universities in the country and those found to be performing below standard would be advised to improve exponentially or close shop.

He declared that aspects concerning manpower, funding of programmes, research and infrastructure were among those areas universities must not be found lagging.

He decried that the quality of graduates produced by some tertiary institutions did not depict the standard of first-class degrees issued to them which was embarrassing to the nation.

The Minister clearly stated that it was high time the number of honorary degrees awarded by Universities were curtailed and should only be given to deserving and accomplished personalities.

Earlier, in his welcome address, the Acting Executive Secretary, NUC, Ambassador Chris J. Maiyaki, informed the meeting that the overall objective of the high-level stakeholders' meeting was to examine the implications of the exemption of the Universities and IUCs from the IPPIS and propose an appropriate alternative financial system to the payment platform.

He noted that the discussion would focus on how to ensure a smooth transition from the IPPIS and consequently make well-informed recommendations that would assuage the fears of all stakeholders.

According to him, this year's agenda touched on transparency and accountability deficit, inconsiderate bloating of accounts, abuse of IGR by Universities and diverse allegations of corruption and unsupported arguments for drafting universities into the IPPIS.

While welcoming the participants, Mr. Maiyaki reiterated that pertinent questions

and issues should be the focus of the deliberations on the way forward to ensure an easy transition of Universities from IPPIS to a new payment mode.

He suggested that the past must be carefully reviewed to ensure there were no hangovers or challenges



Prof. Emmanuel Victor Osodeke
National President, ASUU

that would be carried forward. He said there was need to consider the present challenges the government was facing and make appropriate recommendations to help the government, while also



Hon. Comrade Ibeji Nwokoma
National President, NAAT

projecting into the future to ensure certain bottlenecks was carefully avoided.



Hon Makolo Hassan
National President, NASU

The Acting Executive Secretary called on participants to dissect those strong allegations against universities that made the government insist payment through the IPPIS was the solution despite the fact that universities had peculiarities that did not permit them to be seamlessly absorbed into the IPPIS platform for payment.



Prof. Yakubu Ochefu
Secretary-General, Committee of Vice-Chancellors (CVC)

He asked rhetorically how those allegations and challenges should be adequately addressed as the movement into Post-IPPIS era commenced, especially the likely challenges that may arise from the Universities and IUCs while migrating into a new era.

What structural and post-structural changes would be required by universities and the Centres while migrating, not forgetting that IPPIS had its advantages which should be adopted and streamlined to birth a newer and more agreeable payment method.

He urged them to use the stakeholders platform to deliberate and come up with a very strong position paper that would serve as a reference for the government in matters of education and also dissuade those in authority from forcing non-viable policies on the sector.

He expressed confidence that the harvests from the deliberations would serve as the bedrock to chart a new course towards providing a more vibrant, focused and functional university system.

He reiterated the commitment of the NUC to ensuring the orderly development of university education in Nigeria through strengthening its quality assurance mechanisms and adopting global best practices at all times.

He commended the administration of President Ahmed Bola Tinubu for finding the pleas of Universities worthy of consideration and affirmed that it was an indication of an education friendly government that desired to see astounding growth in the quality of education given to the Nigerian citizens.

In his briefing, the Deputy Executive Secretary (Academics), Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu gave a run-down on issues related to a Post-IPPIS era and its implications.



Comrade Issa Abdulraheem
Rep. of National President and Assistant National Secretary, CONUA

He identified some of the challenges of IPPIS as difficulties in accommodating the peculiarities of the University System, data discrepancies and irregularities, inadequate ICT infrastructure reported by some universities, the challenge of centralization vis-à-vis autonomy and delayed payments.



Dr Femi Yeye
Deputy Director, Asset Management, DFA, NUC

The DES said, the implications of reverting to status-quo ante included granting universities direct access to and control over



Cross Section of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities at the Stakeholders Engagement meeting at the NUC Auditorium, Abuja

their payroll which would enhance their autonomy in accordance with their enabling act, while universities would be directly accountable for their financial decisions which could lead to improved financial discipline.

He added that with the availability of personnel funds at their immediate disposal, university management could engage the services of qualified manpower, according to their needs in a timely fashion, however there should be a need to apply great caution to avoid abuses.

Dr. Saliu however, indicated that the way forward after the implementation include, to revive the University System Annual Review Meeting (USARM), foster open communication and collaboration between university administrators, academic staff, non-academic staff and relevant government agencies.

Other solutions included the need for the immediate reconstitution of University Governing Councils and lastly, the exemption of Federal

Universities and IUCs from IPPIS should exude a greater scrutiny of their financial records which would naturally call for a higher degree of probity and transparency.

The Deputy Director, Asset Management of the NUC, Dr. Olufemi Yeye took stakeholders through on the Government Integrated Financial Management Information System (GIFMIS), due to the re-domiciliation of funds for Universities and IUCs.

He said following the movement from IPPIS, Universities and IUCs would now access their funds in the same manner capital and overhead funds were accessed through the GIFMIS platform.

He explained that, for a seamless migration of payroll to the GIFMIS platform and efficient payment of salary, there must be pre-registration of all employees on the university payroll on the GIFMIS platform, salary and applicable allowances should be

prepared monthly using any reliable existing payroll package, ahead of uploading to the employee payables, appropriate bursary staff should be designated to perform the initiator, reviewer, first approver and final approver roles on the employee payables module.

He further explained that employee payables and purchase invoices (for third party payments) in respect of salary could only be initiated and finalized upon the receipt of personnel cost-warrant for the month and once an employee payables and purchase invoices were finalized, at the cash management stage, the bank accounts of staff and that of other third payments would be credited accordingly.

The meeting took position papers by the Committee of Vice Chancellors of Federal Universities (CVCNU), Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) and Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), Non-Academic Staff of Educational and



Some of the representatives of the University-based Unions at the meeting

Associated Institutions (NASU) and National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT).

There were intensive deliberations on matters affecting the Nigerian University System (NUS) with very rich contributions harvested from the discussions.

Meanwhile a Communique was being expected from the meeting which would cover areas of extensive discussions such as the Federal Government recently approved Compressed Natural Gas

(CNG) Project funding for electricity power supply scheme to address the need of the NUS; Inter-Ministerial Committee on Degree Racketeering; Equipment Provision in Tertiary Institutions; Withheld Salaries Resulting from 2022 Strike Action; Brain Drain/Japa Syndrome and the Streamlining of Convocation Ceremonies in Federal Universities.

Present at the stakeholders meeting were the Chairman, Committee of Vice-Chancellors

of Nigerian Universities, Secretary General, Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities, Vice-Chancellors of Federal Universities, Directors-General of Inter-University Centres, Leadership of University-Based Unions, Director Universities, Federal Ministry of Education, Directors and Acting Directors of the National Universities Commission.



Some of the NUC Directors and other Senior Management Staff at the meeting

FG Inaugurates Inter-Ministerial Committee on Degree Racketeering

The Federal Government has inaugurated an eight-man inter-ministerial committee to investigate the activities of private universities established in the last 15 years.

Professor Mamman also vowed that all workers who had acquired fake certificates from both local and foreign institutions, as would be unravelled by the panel, would be sacked and made to

would help identify some of the private universities in the country who after getting licences decided to operate outside the law. He reiterated that any private university found wanting in that regard



The Honourable Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman, flanked by the Honourable Minister of State for Education, Dr. Yusuf T. Sununu, inaugurating the Committee on Fake Degree Allegations.

The committee, headed by Professor Jibrin D. Amin as chairman, had been mandated to probe degree certificate racketeering by both foreign and local universities in Nigeria.

The Honourable Minister of Education (HME), Professor Tahir Mamman, SAN, who inaugurated the inter-ministerial committee on degree mills in the country last Tuesday in Abuja, said this would help sanitise the system and protect the integrity of educational qualifications in Nigeria.

face the wrath of the law.

Recall that the issue of ‘degree mills’ once again came to the fore following an investigative report by an undercover journalist, Umar Audu, with an online newspaper, detailing how he obtained a degree within six weeks and even proceeded to embark on the mandatory one-year national service under the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) scheme.

He noted that the committee

would be brought to face the consequences of their actions.

“The next step will be if the committee can uncover those institutions and those who participated because I won’t say they are victims or graduates; we will chase them out of the system because they are not qualified to work in the system, and we will make them face the wrath of the law,” he said.

The Minister said the assignment was a very serious one and tasked members of the



Prof. Tahir Mamman
Honourable Minister of Education

committee to do their job diligently without fear of anyone, saying the ministry was solidly behind them. He added that the exercise was not to witch-hunt anyone.

The committee has as Chairman Professor Jibrin D. Amin, who also currently serve as Chairman, Board of Trustees, Committee of Vice Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (CVCNU).

In the committee included Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki; representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Amb. Lazarus Ikpasaba and that of the Office of the National Security Adviser (NSA), Mr Abel Olanrewaju.

Others were representatives of the Office of the National Security Adviser, Mr. Omeh Nwokpoku; Federal Ministry

of Youths, Amina Lugga as well as the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Mrs Doom Iyortyom and a representative from the Federal Ministry of Justice.

According to the terms of reference read to the members of the inter-ministerial committee, Professor Mamman urged them to look into the activities of illegal universities and examine the veracity of the allegations of degree certificate racketeering within both foreign and local private universities in Nigeria.

They were also mandated to “Review the role of any MDA or its officials (including identifying such officials) in the facilitation of the recognition and procurement of the fake certificate in question.

“Review existing policies and procedures related to accreditation and certification to identify weaknesses contributing to the issue; examine the rules, procedures, and processes for recognition and accreditation of foreign universities and programmes by the Federal Ministry of Education.

“Establish if unapproved foreign institutions (Degree

Mills) exist or not in Nigeria in whatever form, with their identities and locations if any;

“Make appropriate recommendations for review of any rules, procedures, and processes to prevent re-occurrence and sanctions for identified erring officials;

“Make other recommendations that will strengthen the system of recognitions, accreditations, and quality assurance of degrees in Nigeria.



Dr. Yusuf T. Sununu,
Honourable Minister of State for Education

“Examine the extant rules, procedures, and processes for granting provisional licences to new universities by the National Universities Commission.

“Examine the procedures and processes for periodic accreditation of programmes in the universities by the NUC and examine their effectiveness in quality assurance of the programmes; without prejudice



Prof. Jibrin D. Amin
Chairman of the Committee on Fake Degree Allegations

to the periodic accreditation exercise of the NUC, examine whether or not private universities established in the last 15 years have in place prescribed facilities, an appropriate management structure, adequate funding of programmes, and requisite staff (nature of staff: full-time, contract, adjunct, visiting, other

types).”

He noted that it was a good thing that Nigerians travelled all over the world seeking foreign qualifications, noting, however, that the certification must be of quality and meet global standards.

He added that to address the challenge of access in Nigeria, the Federal Government has, since 2009, approved over 146 private universities in addition to federal and state universities to cater for the teeming population seeking university education.

“This is a very big number that will help provide access to our teeming citizens who want to have university education, apart from polytechnics, colleges of education, and

other tertiary institutions,” he said.

Responding on behalf of the committee, the Chairman, Professor Jibril D Amin,



Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki
Acting Executive Secretary, NUC

assured the Federal Government and Nigerians of a good job within the stipulated time.



Prof. Mamman 3rd left; Dr. Sununu and Mr. Maiyaki 2nd and 1st left, respectively; Chairman of the Committee, Prof. Amin with other members, pose for photograph after the inauguration at the Minister’s Conference Room.

Nigeria Launches TNE Policy @ Going Global Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland

The Biennial Going Global Conference, held in the United Kingdom (UK) took place in the city of Edinburgh, Scotland, from Monday 20 November to Wednesday 23 November, 2023,

provided opportunities for leaders in international education to connect, share knowledge and build a global network of senior leaders and policy influencers in order to shape the future of further and

In his remarks during the TNE launch, the Nigerian Honourable Minister of Education thanked his UK counterpart for the opportunity to interact and launch the new guidelines.



L-R: The Acting Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki; Acting Director-General, Higher Education, Research and Technology, Indonesia, Prof. Ir. Nizam; Vice-Minister, Ministry of Education and Training in Vietnam, Dr Son Hoang Minh; Minister of Higher Education, Egypt, Dr. Mohammed Ayman Ashour; Vice-Chancellor International Teaching and Learning, Prof. Mary Stiasny; British Council Director of Education, Madeleine Ansell and Prof. of Higher Education, University of Oxford, UK

with one of the high points being the launch of the recently-consummated NUC Guidelines on Transnational Education (TNE) by the Nigerian Honourable Minister of Education, Professor Tahir Mamman and his British counterpart, Secretary of State for Education, Ms Gillian Keegan.

The 2023 Conference has as its theme: Towards Sustainable, Scalable and Equitable Partnerships in Tertiary Education, with nearly 450 leaders of Tertiary Education, business and governments from about 85 countries as participants.

The Going Global Conference

higher education across the world.

The Going Global was a conference for leaders in international education for them to debate the future of further and higher education and had since its inception in 2004, being considered a highly regarded Knowledge Festival, organised by the British Council.

This historic event was witnessed by notable stakeholders drawn from both the British and Nigerian sides of the Higher Education Community.

He informed the gathering that he had the honour of being one of the beneficiaries of quality British Education when he undertook his masters and doctoral studies in the UK.

He further informed the audience that upon assumption of duty as a Minister, he found an educational system in dire need of work at both the basic and lower levels.

The meeting noted that the new Nigerian Administration under President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, pursuant to his renewed hope Agenda, had devised a monitoring mechanism whereby Ministers were given mandates to

be delivered and fulfilled within a time frame during which effective implementation could be measured on a periodic basis.

The Minister enthused that TNE remained a very key and veritable tool for expanding access and

government including the area of skills, vocational and technical education, which took a cue from the well acclaimed British Apprenticeship system.

He expressed his excitement to hear about the progress made by

Ms Keegan informed the Nigerian Team that the British have over the years built a system where employers and Educational system were not only working together but are constantly moving organically, as the need arises.

She offered to engage with Nigeria and share at the official level, any relevant information on the best practices and the many lessons learnt in bringing UK education, relevant organisations and employers in a close working relationship.

The UK Education Champion who doubles as the former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Exeter and President of UK Universities International, Sir Professor Steve Smith, stated that he had been to Nigeria three times in the past two years in pursuit of mutually beneficial partnerships between the two countries.

He informed the meeting that what had characterised the relationship, was a fast growing and deepening relationship in the realm of TNE.

Professor Smith paid tribute to the Ag. Executive Secretary, NUC and the Country Director of the British Council for driving an incredible and seamless process which had culminated in the finalisation of the TNE guidelines.

He pointed out that it took Nigeria only 18 months as against India's 18 years to agree and produce the TNE Guidelines.



Honourable Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman with the British Secretary of State for Education, Ms. Gillian Keegan, during the launch of the TNE Policy of Nigeria at the Conference.

broadening equity in Higher Education, given the huge gap between supply and demand.

He noted that Nigerians constituted one of the highest immigrant communities with hunger for education, reasoning that the advent of the new TNE guidelines, signalled a formalised framework for the presence and quality regulation as well as delivery of cross border education beyond the well known long standing individualised collaborations that have existed between Nigerian and British Universities.

The Minister used the opportunity of the launch to share some of the key priorities of the Nigerian

the British government and that Nigeria stood to learn and harvest the best practices in such a manner that Innovative Enterprises Institutes could be empowered and resourced to benefit from transferability and mobility opportunities.

In her response, the UK Secretary of State for Education, Ms Gillian Keegan congratulated Nigeria and the Honourable Minister of Education for consummating the TNE guidelines.

She stated that British partners would ensure that there was a strong offer of quality British Education to Nigerians at a lower cost.



Members of the Nigerian delegation 1st left, Special Assistant to HME, Dr. Rukkayat Gurin; Honourable Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman, Acting Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki during a round-table discussion at the Going Global Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland.

local and social needs and contextualise the curricula rather than adopting a one-sized fits all approach.

Professor of Higher Education at the University of Oxford, UK, Simon Marginson, warned against a belief that there was one path to modernisation that all must follow - the western path - and that western countries and their education have nothing to learn from non-western culture and education. He said this was no basis for global partnerships going forward. "It is so difficult and so vital that we finally break with this inherited belief in our own superiority,"

In a panel discussion where the British Council's TNE strategy was discussed, four key actions over the next two years were highlighted. These are: contributing to better data and insight on UK TNE; creating an enabling environment for TNE in other countries and promoting the

quality of UK TNE internationally; influencing the removal of barriers to TNE; and supporting TNE to contribute to the transformation of local education systems, and to the Sustainable Development Goals.

In the session, a panel of distinguished guests was asked to comment on the British Council's new TNE strategy, and to outline the relevant educational developments in their country that presented challenges and opportunities.

In his position paper at the TNE discussion points, the Ag. Executive Secretary, NUC, Nigeria, Mr. Maiyaki, expressed how 'in Nigeria, the advent of TNE summarises game-changing opportunities, the dawn of a new era where we hope we will continue to give the full meaning and purpose of the university enterprise.'

He added that TNE had potential to help bridge the huge gap between supply and demand for Higher Education (HE) in Nigeria, but it needed political will behind it and a willingness to evaluate its effectiveness.

The NUC Scribe explained the six models of the TNE to include: the twinning and articulation model, Branch campus, Open & Distance Learning, Franchise, Acquisitions & Merger as well as Teaching institutions model.

To achieve the concept of TNE, the NUC as part of its statutory functions, had been able to licence four new private open and distance learning universities to complement the National Open University.

It had approved distance learning and e-learning centres of 20 Nigerian universities, while the Commission had also facilitated and strengthened the development of institutional and professional

The UK Champion recalled leading a group of UK Universities who visited and found a lot of appetite for quality and affordable British education to be offered on Nigerian soil, thereby obviating the need and mitigating brain drain.

He reiterated that all these accomplishments have continued to symbolise long standing, mutually benefiting and excellent ties between Nigeria and the United Kingdom.

He then congratulated all stakeholders and the Honourable Minister of Education in particular for witnessing the Launch of the TNE Guidelines as one of the deliverables of his administration since his assumption of office, as Minister of the Federal Republic.

At the event, there were plenary sessions held over a three-day period. At the opening plenary session, the British Council's Chief Executive, Mr. Scott McDonald noted that creative and effective partnerships were the key to making and unlocking and making progress on many of the issues faced within TNE.

While acknowledging the difficulties involved in establishing successful partnerships, he believed that it could be done. "If we get it right and we get many of these partnerships over the line then all universities should have multiple partnerships with global counterparts and that will widen access to international tertiary education, particularly for under-represented groups, and reduce

brain drain."

The Keynote Speaker and UK's Education Secretary, Gillian Keegan, said she believed education had gone through three ages and is now at the "fourth age" of education and research driven by international collaborations.



Acting Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki with the British Council Nigeria Official, Mr. Chikodi Onyemerela.

"If you are better connected you learn and react more quickly and pull ahead in the global race," she said. International mobility can be expensive and out of reach for many students and we need to think hard about what more can be done to make mobility more sustainable and equitable.

In her address to delegates, President of Universities UK, Professor Dame Sally Mapstone, highlighted the extent to which 'transnational education is a huge amplifier and asset to the UK. In 2020 revenue from education-related exports and transnational education

amounted to a substantial £25.6 billion.

According to her, "it is of course essential that transnational education partnerships are developed in a strategic and sustainable way in line with institutional capabilities and values.

When this is achieved these partnerships can genuinely widen access to higher education and support mutual learning thus making a positive contribution both to the UK and the host country or partner."

Professor of Health and Medicine, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, Olanike Adeyemo, in her speech to delegates, said 'a crucial element of partnerships is that they have to be symbiotic.

There has to be reciprocity and that has to be put in place as you are brokering a partnership'. She outlined the need to have higher education resources that meet the

capacity in the NUS for sustainable optimisation and deployment of e-teaching opportunities in Nigerian universities.

He disclosed that the NUC since 2017 had collaborated with the University of Sussex to provide a professional development course across a wide range of HE teaching and learning tools such as pedagogic approaches to teaching large groups and creating inclusive

for its staff in contemporary approaches to academic planning and quality assurance, teaching, learning and research in higher education.

In addition to this, the NUC works collaboratively with universities, governments, and relevant stakeholders worldwide to gather feedback and insights to ensure that its quality assurance measures align with

sustainability through scale”.

Vice-Minister, Ministry of Education and Training in Vietnam, Dr Son Hoang Minh, outlined plans for a digital HE system that will allow students to take courses from universities in different parts of the world.

Minister of Higher Education in Egypt, Dr. Mohamed Ayman Ashour, explained how TNE



Prof. Mamman (middle), signing a document, while Ms. Keegan and Mr. Maiyaki, watch on.

teaching environments for diverse students.

On ensuring financial, institutional and Programmatic sustainability of the TNE Policy, the Acting Executive Secretary informed the audience that NUC had helped the NUS to achieve these targets through its Virtual Institute for Capacity Building in Higher Education (VICBHE).

According to him, the Commission had explored the platform regularly to hold capacity building courses and workshops

the evolving needs of TNE.

During the panel, Pro Vice-Chancellor International, Teaching and Learning, at the University of London, Professor Mary Stiasny, OBE, explained how TNE was helping to continue a very long tradition of widening access to Higher Education (HE) at her institution.

She, however, urged that there must be no compromise on quality, as this was “the vital component to drive equity and

applied to a new HE strategy launched in his country, at both a national and regional level.

The Acting Director General of Higher Education, Research and Technology in Indonesia, Professor Ir. Nizam, spoke of a “big bang transformation” designed to open up new opportunities for students through “flexible and meaningful learning”.

Other presentations were made by Executive Director of the Institute for the Future of Education at the Tecnologico de Monterrey,

Mexico, Dr. Michael Fung, among others, which was chaired by UK Government international Education Champion, Professor Sir Steve Smith, , while representatives from the UK, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Peru and Malaysia considered ways to encourage better career progression for women in STEM subjects.

A major highlight of the forum was the opportunity given to Young students in Africa, who spoke in a video about the mismatch between the traditional education curricula and the interests of today's youth, for example, in the creative industries and entrepreneurship. Because of that, students were making the wrong choice of what to study and were left struggling to change careers later.

In her closing address, the British Council's Director of Education, Maddalaine Ansell, said it had

been 'truly wonderful' to have the opportunity to meet face-to-face and spend time with experts from across the world talking about pressing issues. Adding that 'technology is a wonderful thing and it helped us during the Covid pandemic but people are still wired to best engage in person.'

Overall, the 2023 Going Global was very successful and there were lessons to be learned in building education systems that were focused on quality, which could not be achieved outside a living curriculum and delivery methods that were student centered.

Curriculum review and re-engineering could only become meaningful when it involved all sectors of education; thus, making the resultant transformation all

encompassing.

It was highlighted that inclusion in education systems must continue to be given high priority to make citizens irrespective of status, social affiliation, or physical state useful to themselves and the larger society.

The focus on partnerships as engendered in the principle of TNE in Going Global 2023 was quite beneficial.

Contrary to partnerships that were unidirectional, higher education institutions involved in TNE were also to ensure that mutual benefits are derived from their collaborative engagements.

The launch of the Nigeria TNE guidelines was commendable as it would ensure the regulation of partnerships with the global community in addition to



Prof Mamman 3rd left, Ms Keegan and Mr. Maiyaki, 4th and 5th left; President, UK Universities International, Sir Prof. Steve Smith (2nd left) pose for photograph with other members of the British Council, organisers of the Going Global Conference.

protecting participating Nigerian citizens from exploitation and sub-standard education.

With the unveiling of the intention to hold Going Global conference in 2024 in Sub-Saharan Africa, Nigerian participants were of the opinion that it was high time Nigeria signified its intention to host the event.

As highlighted by the team, the necessary consultations towards achieving this desire should begin in earnest as there were immeasurable benefits derivable in hosting the Going Global conference.

Among the dignitaries at the event were Nigerian representatives led by the Honourable Minister of Education, Professor Tahir Mamman, OON,SAN; others were the Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki; Executive Secretary, Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) ;Arc. Sonny Echono, Vice-Chancellor, National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), Professor Femi Peters; Vice-Chancellor, University of Lagos (UNILAG),Professor Folasade

Ogunsola; Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Ikot Abasi, Professor Leo Daniel and Executive Secretary, National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE), Professor Paul Okwelle.

Also in the delegation were the Deputy Executive Secretary (Academics), NUC, Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu; Special Assistant to Honourable Minister of Education, Dr. Rukayyatu Gurin and Director Universities, Federal Ministry of Education (FME), Hajia Rakiya Ilyasu.

NUC Appoints Two New Heads for DHR, DA

Following the recent retirement of two Directors and vacuum created in the positions of the Directorates of Human Resource (DHR) and Accreditation (DA), the duo of Mrs. Victoria C. Omorodion and Engr. Abraham Lucas Chundusu have been appointed to oversee affairs of the affected Directorates, respectively, in order to provide stable leadership in the system.

The appointments followed their recommendations by the Management Committee chaired by the Acting Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki.

Their separate letters of appointment signed by the Acting Executive Secretary, Mr. Maiyaki dated 8th December, 2023 for Mrs. Omorodion and 4th January, 2024 for Engr. Chundus reads inter alia, “The appointment is in recognition of your performance, loyalty, commitment to duty and high sense of responsibility.

“While congratulating them on their appointments, the letter further read: “the Commission look forward to your continued, efficient and dedicated service in the collective effort at moving the Nigerian University System forward.”

In the letter of assignment, Mrs. Omorodion was to oversee the DHR, while Engr. Chundusu was assigned to take charge of the Directorate of Accreditation (DA).

The release signed by the Acting Executive Secretary, Mr. Maiyaki, declared that the posting of Mrs Omorodion takes effect from 8th December, 2023 and that of Engr. Chundunsu from 5th of January, 2024.

... Profile of Mrs. Omorodion

Mrs Victoria Chidimma Omorodion graduated from Federal Polytechnic Bauchi with a Higher National Diploma (HND) Secretarial Administration in 1991 and later obtained a Post-graduate Diploma, Business Administration in 2002 and Masters in Public Administration in 2008 from the University of Abuja, respectively.

She joined the services of the National Universities Commission in December 1993 as Principal Secretarial Assistant (PSA II), where she traversed the then Office of Director of Personnel Management; Director, Office of the Executive Secretary and the then Finance and Administration Departments, where she gained vast experience.

Due to her tenacity to improve herself, she applied for a conversion on 24th October, 2002 from the Secretarial Cadre to Executive Cadre after obtaining requisite additional qualifications. She was subsequently redeployed to the Department of Management Services where her responsibilities included coordination of discipline and grievances activities in the Division created for such in the Commission.

In the course of service and due to her quest for personal development, she got another conversion from Executive Cadre

to Administrative Cadre effective from 1st January, 2010.

Following her dedication and loyalty to the course of her assignments and the experience



Mrs Victoria Chidimma Omorodion
Acting Head, Directorate of Human Resources

garnered, she rose steadily and was promoted to the post of a Deputy Director on 1st January, 2016, and was posted to the Office of the Director, Executive Secretary's Office as the Head of Corporate Services from 2016 to 2017.

While in the Directorate of Human Resource, she served under the Head of Division, Staff Welfare and Labour Relations, where she was saddled with coordination of activities and issues pertaining to staff welfare and labour related

matters, among her achievements included the drafting of the Commission's scheme of service, until her new appointment to oversee, Human Resource Directorate on the 8th of December, 2023, following the

retirement of the substantive Director from services of the Commission.

Mrs. Omorodion has attended several leadership courses that helped to shape and propel her into this new role including Total Quality Management, Acculturation and Sustenance of Effective Strategy, among others. She hails from Imo State and was born on 27th August, 1966 and blessed with children.

... Profile of Engineer Chundusu

Engineer Chundusu, received his primary education in 1980 from Township Primary School, Jos, Plateau State, and holds a B.Sc degree in Chemical Engineering from the prestigious Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria, in 1991 and an M.Sc degree in Networks and Performance Engineering from the University of Bradford, United Kingdom, in 2011.

He joined the services of the National Universities Commission in March, 1994 as Research Officer II, in the then Department of Research and Postgraduate Development, where he was designated to analyse research grant utilisation by Federal Universities, collation and classification of research submissions from universities, production of research delivery directory, processing of supplementation for expatriate staff, among others.

He also served as Research Officer for Monitoring of research projects in Nigerian universities and rose through the ranks to become Assistant Chief Research Officer in May 2006, where he was involved in analysing data on Student Tracking in Nigerian Federal Universities and developing database for approved programmes in Nigerian universities.

In the course of his services in the Commission, Engineer Chundusu also had the privilege of working in the then Department of Academic Standards (DAS), Department of Academic Planning (DAP) and Directorate of Accreditation (DA).

When he became Assistant Chief, he was reposted to DAS and was re-designated as Assistant Chief Academic Standards Officer, where he coordinated the University System Annual Review Meetings (USARM)

as well as preparation and dissemination of statistical information on demand by the Commission and other end users.

He rose to Deputy Director in 2013 and was posted to the Directorate of Accreditation (DA) as Head of

Management at NCEMA, Ibadan in 1999; Project Formulation and Implementation, Bauchi in 2003; International Seminar on "Education for Science and Technology, Jerusalem, Israel in 2007 and International Executive Training on Total Project Management GIMPA



Engr. Abraham Lucas Chundusu
Acting Head, Accreditation

Affiliate Accreditation Division until his appointment to Oversee the Directorate of Accreditation on the 4th of January, 2024.

He has held so many ad-hoc positions in the course of his public service career in NUC, including Member, NUC/ World Bank Science, Technology Education Post-Basic (STEP-B) Programme, 2009-2012, and Member NUC Monday Bulletin Editorial Committee between 2010 and 2011, among others.

The new Head of Accreditation, had also attended several workshops, seminars, conferences and short courses within and outside Nigeria. These include: Workshops on Project

Accra, Ghana in 2008; Education USA Programme on Industry-Private Sector Linkages and Innovation: Energy Sector Partnerships, Denver, USA in 2015; and Conference on Policy and Practice in Open and Distance Learning' NUC/University of London, NUC, Abuja in 2018.

Engineer Chundusu, Born at Barkin Ladi, Plateau State is currently a Certified Member of the Council for the Registration of Engineering (COREN) since 2015 and Member, Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE).

Monday Bulletin wishes the new Appointees success in their new assignments.

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 authorities 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 30th 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 2nd 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
2nd January, 2023



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

Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki
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	53	African Aviation and Aerospace University, Abuja, FCT	2023
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) Mbadiewe 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, Ogbomosho	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	Moshodo 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, Umagwo, Imo State	2019
14	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000	32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009	50	Bamidele Olumulia University of Education Science and Technology, Ikere - 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			

PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

S/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	North-Eastern University (Formerly Pen Resource), 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						



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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 Udozo 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.**

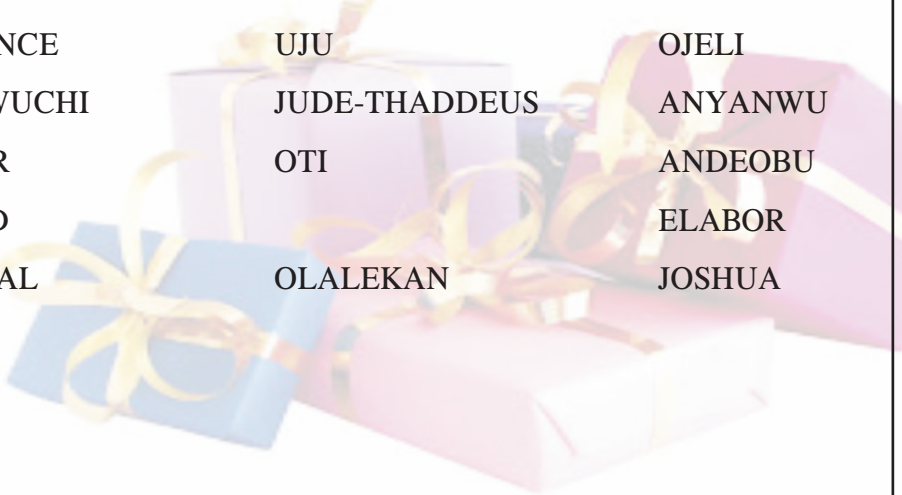
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This Week's Birthdays



NAMES			DATE OF BIRTH
SAMUEL	SARDAUNA	ADEJOH	15 January
ABUBAKAR		DANLAMI	15 January
MANIFAH	ALIYU	GALADANCHI	16 January
FLORENCE	UJU	OJELI	17 January
ONYEWUCHI	JUDE-THADDEUS	ANYANWU	18 January
VICTOR	OTI	ANDEOBU	20 January
AHMED		ELABOR	20 January
MICHEAL	OLALEKAN	JOSHUA	20 January



Wishing You Many happy returns!
Best Wishes for the week



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