

President Tinubu Restates Strategic Role of Varsities to Nation's Development @UNILAG 54th Convocation

The Commander-in-Chief, Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and Visitor to the University of Lagos (UNILAG), President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, last week,

He said this in his speech during the institution's 54th convocation ceremony, held from 17th to 18th January, 2024, at the J.F. Ade - Ajayi Auditorium of the University, where he said

coming years given the trajectory of the University's dedication and exploits in the areas of research accolades in the last couple of years.



L-R: Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics and Research), University of Lagos, Prof. Bola Oboh; Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development Service) (UNILAG) Prof Ayodele Atsenuwa; Minister of Education, Professor Tahir Mamman (SAN); Chancellor of the University and Shehu of Borno Dr Abubakar El-Kanemi; Overall Best Ph.D Thesis award for the year. Aminat Olawunmi IGE (Ph.D in Mathematics) Vice-Chancellor, (UNILAG) Professor Folasade Ogunsola; Executive Secretary National Universities Commission Mr. Chris Maiayaki; Secretary to the State Government, (SSG) Lagos State. Barr. Bimbola Salu-Hundeyin;

reminded the University community that it had a vital role to play towards contributing to building the nation's economy by consistently producing quality graduates that would proffer solutions to the much needed economic challenges of the country as well as remain globally competitive.

universities were central to the attainment of all government policies and developmental efforts.

He also expressed optimism that the quantum of graduates that would become more job creators was even more reassuring in the

The President, who was represented by the Honourable Minister of Education, Professor Tahir Mamman, SAN, OON who gave kudos to the institution for using its World Bank supported grant, to develop useful herbal medicine research products and for the quantum of international

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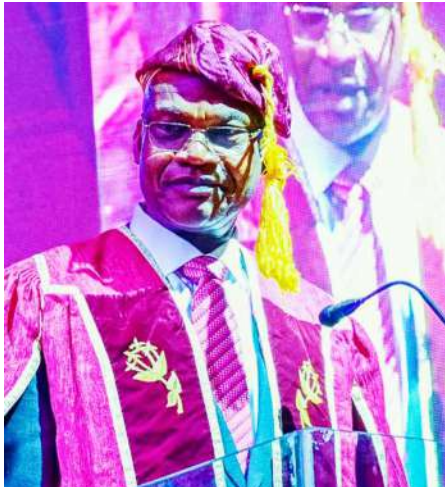
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Prof. Tahir Mamman
The Honourable Minister of Education

students numbering about 30 which it attracted, making it an unprecedented achievement in the journey of internationalization of education in the Nigerian University System (NUS).

He particularly noted with pride that one of the giant strides recorded by the University in the area of research was its advancement of Herbal Medicine through the World Bank supported grant through the African Centre of Excellence for Drug Research, Herbal Medicine Development and Regulatory Science (ACEDHERS), and production of 31 M.sc Degrees all purely international students by a

team led by the centre Director, Dr Bola Ademilua.

The Visitor stressed that on its part, government would continue to encourage the universities by ensuring that it meet all obligations.

The Federal Government, he said, had shown this commitment to revitalising the nation's economy by taking some tough decisions such as the removal of the fuel subsidy in order to rescue the country from becoming a failed economy and re-channelling the funds to critical infrastructure such as the education sector.

The government he said, was fully aware of its impact on the people especially members of the academia who had paid huge sacrifice and urged everyone to bear the burden once and for all for the better progress of the country.

He said one of the immediate measures introduced by the government of President Tinubu to ameliorate its impact on the

economy was the signing of the students loan scheme which was meant to afford indigent ones opportunity to access loans to pursue their educational programmes.

According to him, no other Administration had paid more attention to the funding of



Prof. Folasade Ogunsola
Vice-Chancellor, UNILAG

education like the present administration as exemplified in the last seven months, promising that his government would not rest on its oars.

He said that government shall continue to push for engagement with the relevant stakeholders to



L-R: Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development Service) (UNILAG) Prof Ayodele Atsenuwa; Minister of Education, Professor Tahir Mamman (SAN); Chancellor of the University and Shehu of Borno Dr Abubakar El-Kanemi; Professor Toyin Falola; Professor Attahiru Jega; Professor Phyllis Kanki, three of them with their honorary degrees, Vice-Chancellor University of Lagos (UNILAG) Professor Folasade Ogunsola; during the 54th Convocation Ceremonies of (UNILAG).



L-R: Vice-Chancellor, (UNILAG) Professor Folasade Ogunsola; presenting Certificate to PhD in English (Language). Alu Azuma Osu and The Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, Mr. Chris J. Maiayaki.

ensure that Nigeria navigate this tough debate of how to sustainably fund the universities to deliver the expected results.

He mentioned that the institution was very dear to him, because, just like the city, where it was situated, it served as the nation's pride and melting pot of different cultures, languages and knowledge.

He used the forum to congratulate particularly the Chancellor of the University, His Eminence Alhaji (Dr.) Abubakar Umar Garbai El-Kanemi, CFR, the Shehu of Borno

for his steadfastness; the Pro-Chancellor, Senator Dr. Lanre Tejuoso, for piloting the affairs of the University with such maturity; and, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Folashade Ogunshola, who just began her tenure.

He also acknowledged and applauded the distinguished personalities who were been awarded honorary degrees, three men and a woman, Professor Toyin Falola, OON; the Jacob and Frances Sanger Mossiker, Chair at the University of Texas at

Austin; Professor Phyllis Kanki, DVM, a professor of Immunology at the Harvard Chan School of Public Health in Boston and Professor Attahiru Muhammed Jega, OFR a Professor of Political Science at Bayero University, Kano.

He described the new Vice-Chancellor and the first female in UNILAG as someone that by every standard had experienced an incredible start and had in the process made the nation proud by providing a focused leadership to the university community.



L-R: Immediate Vice-Chancellor University of Lagos Professor Oluwatoyin Ogundipe; The General Overseer of the Citadel Global Community Church, Pastor Tunde Bakare and one of the Award recipient, Prof Toyin Falola.



L-R: PHD Graduands in English (Literature), Ositadinma Nkeiruka Lemoha; Helen Kokei Bassey and PHD Chemistry Education, Osuji Patience Nkem.

The President noted with pride how Professor Ogunsola had consolidated on improving the academic and research landscape of UNILAG and the unprecedented increase in research grants that the University had attracted under her leadership and expressed hope that the university would continue to improve on its generation of Internally Generated Revenue (IGR), with its location in the cosmopolitan city of Lagos.

He applauded the University Senate as well as the academic and non-academic staff for working tirelessly to produce these creative minds as graduates, that would soon join others, in the continuous quest to build a solid economic foundation for the nation, stating that their contributions in generating knowledge and disseminating same to develop manpower could hardly be overemphasised.

While felicitating with graduating students, he assured that as they make way outside the walls of the Ivory Tower, that his administration was committed to engaging the youths in various innovative ways,

where they could harness their skills through many funding opportunities the government had provided. He challenged them to realise that the nation had invested in their education and it was now time for them to be useful to their fatherland.

He said: “I am certain that you have solutions to some of the numerous challenges that face us as a nation, and I want to see your ingenuity at work.”

He felicitated with everyone who were honoured by the University describing them as been deservedly honoured, and congratulated the entire University of Lagos community, for yet another successful Convocation Ceremonies.

In her Convocation address, the Vice Chancellor of the institution, Professor Folasade Ogunsola, disclosed that David Akanmu, from the Faculty of Engineering, had emerged the overall best graduating student, with a perfect score of 5.00 CGPA.

According to her, Ibrahim Quadri

of the Faculty of Management Sciences, with a CGPA of 4.94, emerged the best graduating student in Humanities.

Giving a breakdown of statistics of the overall graduating students, Professor Ogunsola noted that 10,578 of them would receive first degrees, while 6,886 others, would be honoured with the postgraduate degrees.

She further explained that of the 340 that were honoured with the first class degree, a total of 97 of them were from Management Sciences, with 57 from the Faculty of Science, adding that 47 others were from the Faculty of Engineering.

The Vice-Chancellor said there were 39 distinctions from the Faculties of Pharmacy, Basic Medical Sciences and Clinical Sciences, “Of the total number of distinctions posted, 24 of them were from the Faculty of Pharmacy.

“Furthermore, from the total number of graduating students, a total of 3,374, were conferred with



A cross section of the graduating Faculty of Arts Students

the Second Class upper degrees, while 4,547 others were admitted in the Second Class lower division.

“We have 1,832 others that graduated in the 3rd Class division, 188 with Pass and 250 others with unclassified degrees from the Faculties of Pharmacy, Basic and Clinical Sciences,” she stated.

Speaking further, Professor Ogunsola noted that in the postgraduate category, a total of 465 would be awarded postgraduate diplomas, 6,266 with Masters, out of which 377 posted distinctions.

“Most exciting is that 31 of the Master’s degree graduates are international students, all with MSc degrees, who were supported by World Bank grant through the African Centre of Excellence for Drug Research, Herbal Medicine Development and Regulatory Science (ACEDHERS).

“The centre Director, Dr Bola Ademilua, together with her team, worked extremely hard, to achieve this.

“This is the first time we will have such a harvest of international students at one convocation in the history of this university and this further reiterates and validates the aggressive internationalisation drive of this administration and previous administrations.

“This year too, 155 graduands will be awarded the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) degree in various disciplines. The overall best Ph.D. Thesis award for this year, which is also the best PhD in the Sciences, goes to Aminat Olawunmi Ige, with a Ph.D. in Mathematics.

“The best Ph.D in the Humanities goes to Issa Akanji Afedokun, with a Ph.D. in Private and Property Law,” she said.

According to her, the university of Lagos Business School will be graduating its first set of students as an autonomous school for the first time this year.

The Vice-Chancellor noted that in repositioning the business school to be more globally

competitive, management had unbundled it from the School of Postgraduate Studies.

“So, it now has its own recognised certificate. A total of 62 students will be graduating from the Business School this year and the overall best graduating student is Abiola Oluyemisi Itakpe, with a CGPA of 4.84. She obtained the Master of Business Administration.

“Let me seize this opportunity to thank members of Senate, staff and all stakeholders for their commitment and loyalty to UNILAG despite the challenges of last year.

“The University recorded many significant wins despite our challenges, especially successes in the quality and quantum of research and grants, improved collaborations and partnerships with other universities and industry within and outside Nigeria, as well as exchange programmes for staff and students,” she stated.

Professor Ogunsola said that no fewer than four visually challenged

students were among the graduands.

She stated that in pursuance of the 'Future Ready Agenda' of the institution, management had made firm strides in growing its finances, infrastructure, reputation and manpower, adding that 2023 was one of consolidation, seed sowing and growth.

The degree comprised of Postgraduate Diplomas (PGD), Masters of Arts (MA), Masters of Science (M.Sc), Masters of Business Administration (MBA), Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) and Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) was conferred on 6,886 deserving students from the School of Postgraduate (SPGS) and the University of Lagos Business School (ULBS).

The Vice Chancellor stressed that the University of Lagos Business School (LUBS) was graduating its first set of students as an autonomous school, adding that in repositioning the school to be globally competitive, it was unbundled from the School of Postgraduate Studies.

The school she noted now has its own recognised certificate and has been fully admitted as a member of the Association of Advanced Collegiate School of Business (AACSB), USA, the largest global network of leaders in business education.

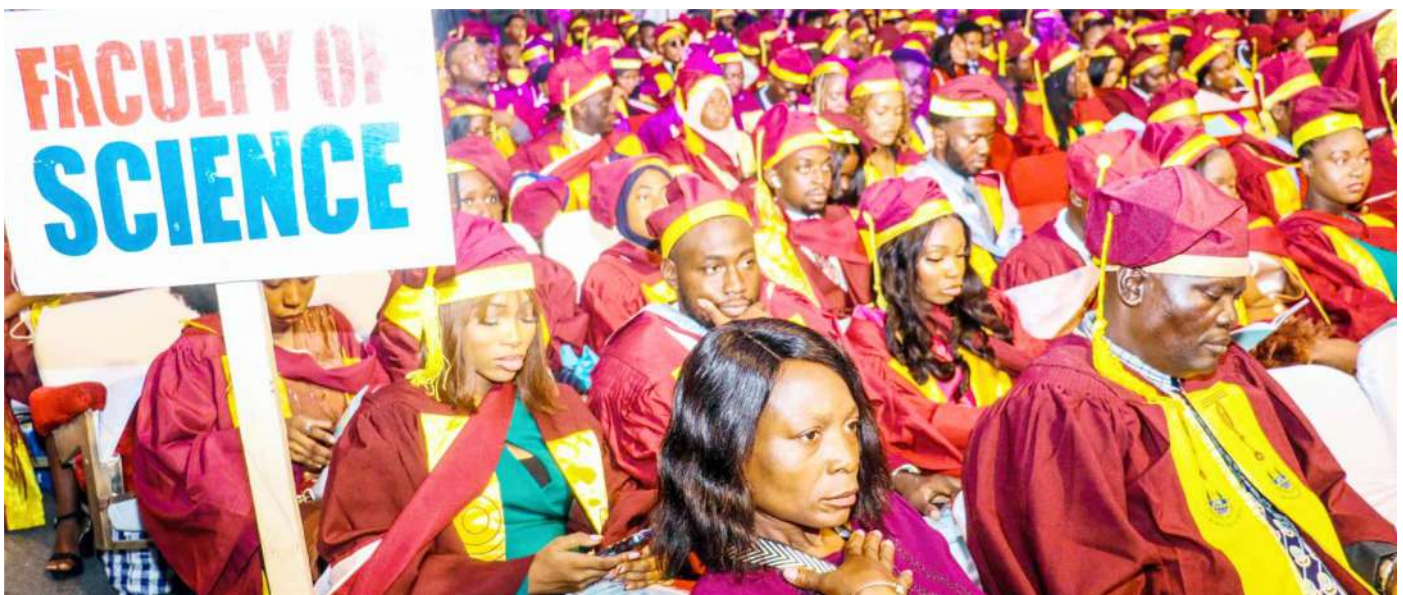
The VC also stated that the University has conferred Honorary Doctorate Degrees on some deserving personalities who had distinguished themselves by significantly contributing to scholarship and societal development in various fields.

"This year, we are awarding honorary degrees to three distinguished persons, two men and a woman. Professor Toyin Falola, OON, the Jacob and Frances Sanger Mossiker Chair at the University of Texas at Austin; Professor Phyllis Kanki, DVM, a professor of Immunology at the Harvard Chan School of Public Health in Boston and Professor Attahiru Muhammed Jega, OFR a professor of Political Science at Bayero University, Kano'.

She maintained that her administration would continue to oil the wheels of progress and ensure that the University take its proper place amongst top universities in the world.

The Convocation was attended by Honourable Minister of Education (HME), Professor Tahir Mamman, OON, SAN, accompanied by the Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC) Abuja, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki.

Also, present at the convocation ceremony included top Government functionaries, captains of industries and oil magnates, Senators and members of the House of Reps, Royal Fathers, Lagos State House of assembly members, the university's staff and students, parents, friends, well-wishers and the graduands.



A cross section of the graduating Faculty of Science Students



FG Redeploys Mrs. Walson-Jack as Permanent Secretary, FME

President Bola Tinubu has named Mrs. Didi Esther Walson-Jack, OON, mni, as the Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Education (FME), following the retirement of the substantive Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, Mr. David Andrew Adejo, upon reaching the mandatory age from the Civil Service.

An esteemed alumna of the Federal Government Girls' College, Benin City and the Federal Government College in Ilorin, Mrs. Walson-Jack is among the first individuals educated at Nigeria's Unity Schools to achieve this high-ranking position within the Federal Ministry of Education (FME).

She holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Lagos and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1987. She is married to Hon. Nimi Walson-Jack, a former General Secretary of the Nigerian Bar Association and Nigeria's leading Civic Educator. They have two children, both of whom became lawyers.

First appointed as a Permanent Secretary in 2017 by then-

President Buhari, Mrs. Walson-Jack has demonstrated exceptional leadership and commitment in various capacities, including her roles as Permanent Secretary in the

the country's education ministers to elevate the standards and policies of Nigeria's education system and deliver on President Tinubu's education agenda.



Mrs. Didi Esther Walson-Jack
New Permanent Secretary, FME

Service Welfare Office of the Office of the Head Of Service of the Civil Service of the Federation, Ministry of Niger Delta Affairs, and the Federal Ministries of Power, Water Resources, and Sanitation.

In her new capacity, Mrs. Walson-Jack is expected to leverage her extensive experience and dedication to excellence in working with

Her appointment came at a time when the sector faced challenges and was viewed as a crucial stride toward achieving gender balance in the realm of Nigerian politics. It also exemplified President Tinubu's commitment to fostering a governance structure of inclusiveness and competence.

No Society Develops without Humanity –Prof. Abubakar

A University Don and Professor of English & Literary Studies, Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria, Tanimu Namamu Abubakar, has said that no society would develop anywhere in the world without developing the humanity.

intellectual landmark of any institution's development and in commemorating its own 60 years of eventful existence, ABU had taken the bold step towards not only carrying out a reflection and jubilation but more profoundly a self-reassessment.

resuscitation had been amply documented in several piece including: A History of Ahmadu Bello University (1962-1987 (1989) and Ahmadu Bello University At 50 (1962-2012 (2012)).

Also its debilitating crises and



L-R: The Guest Speaker, Prof. Tanimu N. Abubakar; DVC (Acad), Prof. Raymond B. Bako; Rep. of the VC, Prof. Kabir Bala and DVC (Admin), Prof. Ahmed D. Ibrahim; Chairman and former ES, NUC, Prof. Abubakar A. Rasheed; Registrar, Alh. Rabiu Samaila; Ag. University Librarian, Abdulhamid L. Gambo and Ag. Director DPA and Rep. of the ES, NUC, Alh. Haruna L. Ajo

He made this assertion while delivering a Public Lecture entitled 60 Years of the Contributions of the Arts to National Development in Nigeria.

The Public Lecture, which held on 17th January, 2024, at the University Assembly Hall, Main Campus, was organised as part of the ABU's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations to highlight and buttress its roles and contributions to the growth and development of Nigeria.

Professor Abubakar said that the Diamond Jubilee remained a major

He noted that it was vital to ABU because the last 60 years had not only been marked by monumental successes and triumphant moments, problems and shortcomings, but also the necessity to build the capacity with which to overcome the enormous challenges ahead as well as tap into the enticing opportunities in the micro and macro contexts of the University's operations.

The Don stated that ABU's existence, contributions, standing, travails, setbacks and

resuscitation between 1995 and 2000 was captured in some Memos like From Crisis to Resurgence: Rehabilitation and Reconstruction in ABU (1995-1998) (1989), Five Years of Mahdi Administration in Ahmadu Bello University (1999-2004) (2004) and in several Manuals, Annual Reports and Bulletins.

He asserted that there was a deeply heuristic intent in the Diamond Jubilee Celebration since in both conceptual and practical terms, its mirthfulness evokes the 'historicization' or the 'self-projection' that combined



Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni
Former ES, NUC and Chairman of the Occasion

ABU's past and present experiences with dynamic road-mapping for greater relevance, sharper visibility, attractiveness and viability that could locate and nurture the Institution in an advantageous position within the competitive socio-economic and epistemic contexts of its existence.

He added that such perception could have motivated ABU's current Vice Chancellor, Professor Kabiru Bala, to state in his Message at the launching of the University's revitalized Endowment Fund that "inspired to remain relevant in the 21st Century, Ahmadu Bello University is pioneering a model of problem-solving learning and research approach that encourages students to think out of the box and relate to real happenings and challenges in our immediate environment.

"We are committed to unlocking the potential of our students as leaders, change-makers, and future leaders in Nigeria and beyond. As we continue to become an integral part of Nigeria, we focus on changing lives through

excellence in research and teaching," he said.

Professor Abubakar recalled that since the last 30 years at least, there had been pivotal evolutionary events that significantly affected ABU's earlier 'inviolability' as the 'natural University of choice', including the expansion of tertiary education at the Federal, State and Private levels and the resultant proliferation of Universities, Colleges of Education, Polytechnics and Inter-University Centers all of which had been primarily concerned with degree or degree-related programmes.

He observed that there were constrictions created by declining national economy and the consequent underfunding of tertiary education which also constrained the capacity of



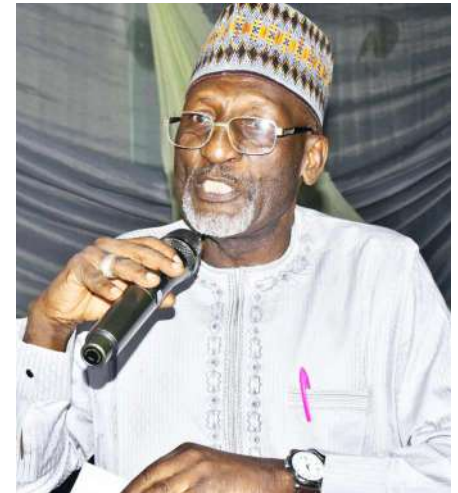
Prof. Ahmed D. Ibrahim
Representative of the VC and DVC (Admin), ABU, Zaria

Universities to operate optimally.

He noted that these and other pressures exerted by globalization compelled

Nigerian Universities to undertake different kinds of reforms, in order to secure a respectable place in the emerging national, continental and global world of knowledge production, in terms of their attractiveness, visibility and prestige.

At the heart of its eventful



Prof. Tanimu Namamu Abubakar
The Guest Lecturer, Dept. of English and Literary
Studies, ABU, Zaria

evolutionary path, he said, ABU's prestige and popularity were propelled by, inter alia, the dynamism of the unique blend of the scholarly orientations of the Humanities and the Social Sciences in terms of cross fertilization of insights, methodologies, multidisciplinary scholarship and pedagogies.

This unique synchrony, he added, was achieved through such interdisciplinary discourses as the Bala-Oyebcaire-Eme Awa debate over the responsibility of Political Science, the political obligation towards the State and the appropriate methodology for epistemic enquiry in the Human Sciences.



A cross section of participants at the Silver Jubilee Lecture

He said that the original five papers of this disquisition were published in Nigerian Journal of Political Science, Vol' I No 2 in 1980, and the Bala-Bangura debate over the causes of Nigeria's Economic Crises whose six papers were published in Studies In Politics And Society, issue 2 in 1984.

Professor Abubakar opined that it was impossible to untangle the different threads that made FASS's intellectual fabric and thus isolated the Arts from the Social Sciences in broad epistemic terms, adding that this interface was also organic due its circumscription by the necessity to counter the permeation of Western thought at the heart of which was the universalization of the Humanities or the Grand Narratives of Philosophy, Literature, History, Linguistics and Anthropology as the core epistemologies of modernity and the modernization process.

The Guest Lecturer described Humanities as the Grand

Narratives of Modernity and a conflation of disciplinary fields, the Humanities or Studia Humanitatis encompassed Music, Philosophy, Anthropology, Religious Studies, Literature and History, adding that they emerged in Europe in the 19th Century, in order to address the gap between the triumphant novelty of the Age of Reason with the supportive material progress of the industrial revolution, and the recurrence of fear, uncertainty, angst, and suspicion over the contradictory conditions of advancement and loss that the poet, Thomas Carlyle, cited in Thomas Carlyle, Critical and Miscellaneous Essays, (Volume V, 1969: 24) described as "wrestling with deadly chaos".

Professor Abubakar explained that the intensity of the entropy that Carlyle evoked was circumscribed by the ironic rupture between technological advancement and its empirical procedures, vibrant

intellectuality and cultural distortion evident in agnosticism or the decline of religious belief and the reliance on science and technology to solve the problems facing humanity.

In essence, he said, the Humanities emerged in opposition to scientific dogmatism, and in this sense, it had been marked by their human-centeredness and concern with human action, identity and relationships on the premise that since vital dimensions of human experience were not open to reason and rational calculations, the Humanities were better suited to explore them, as well as cultivate and nurture enlightened cultural identity anchored by secularism, rationalism and philosophic humanism.

He explained further that Humanists from Erasmus to phenomenological existentialists, such as Jean-Paul Sartre had argued that human beings have special attributes that made their



underlined by the desire for a brand of ‘nationalist modernization’ as explicitly articulated by its second Vice Chancellor, Professor Ishaya Audu in his Foreword to the Speech of Dr. Junaidu, Wazirin Sokoto, during the conferment of an Honorary Doctor of Letters on him in 1971 “it is fair to say that modern university growth owes much to the Western development generally.

Universities as institutions were moribund in every country by the end of the 18th century... But once the industrial revolution got underway, it was quickly realised that those institutions ... were available within which the complex knowledge and skills for the new technology could be imparted and deepened”.

historical situations, social structures and mimetic artifacts not amenable to objective and reductive analyses.

The ethical and epistemic dimensions of this view was in turn derived from the conviction that human beings could achieve happiness and fulfill their aspirations through their rationality, creativity, will, freedom and action.

As the Grand Narratives of man’s self-rediscovery, the Humanities thus encode the notions that human beings were unique, ontologically higher than the rest of nature and were also inherently good but their precarious existence could be improved upon through education because as unique entities, human beings and their ideas, actions and relationships are central in sustaining the natural order of things.

On Universities, the Modernization Process, State-Enterprise and National Development, Professor

Abuabakar said that the evolution of tertiary education in the Third World in general was part of a ‘Postcolonial Developmentalist Agenda’ designed to transform and integrate newly independent societies into modern nation states within the fold of the



The Rep. of the VC and DVC (Admin), Prof. Ahmed D. Ibrahim presenting an Award to the Chairman of the Silver Jubilee Guest Lecturer, Prof. Tanimu Namamu Abuabakar

imperialist, capitalist and industrialized World Order ushered in by colonialism.

He noted that the establishment of ABU was unambiguously

He explained that in spite of their new ‘utilitarian technological character’, the Universities blended the Sciences with the Humanities and, as Professor Audu asserted, “alongside the

practically oriented disciplines, disciplines that deepened either directly on the pure pursuit of knowledge or that deal with the domain of the sacred” have been incorporated into what may be called “the university tradition”.

It was in this context that ABU created an extensive space for the Humanities in order to “act as our conscience in emphasizing African traditions and to help us work out how these traditions-literary, oral, artistic and others can not only survive but flourish in the modern world”, he submitted.

While Unmasking the Colonial Education Agenda, the guest lecturer asserted that the eminence of the Humanities and the Social Sciences in ABU could be traced to the emergence of an epistemic convulsion or reconstructive scholarship driven by the agitation for ‘relevant curriculum’ and ‘Nigerianization’ in mid 1970s

within the University’s Academia and Administration.

He added that the curriculum review that ensued as contained in Professor Smith’s ‘Secret Memorandum’ on the reformation of the department and teaching of History and the Faculty Development Committee Report, was unique in the sense that it located the Humanities within the continental epistemic reformation for authenticity, relevance and functionality.

In this regard, he said Professor Smith stated in items 1 and 18 of his Memorandum that extensive curriculum review was required to redirect teaching, learning and research in ABU, the purpose of which “must be something more specific” than the “accumulation of knowledge for its own sake”; “its achievement must have some

discernible value for the student” not as private individual but “a member of society in which he may be expected to occupy “a position of leadership”.

He said that Smith also suggested that the new curricular should enable the scrutiny of disruptive Western intellectual and cultural values “which stand at the present time counterpoised to those of the Third World”.

Professor Abubakar stated that the curriculum review in ABU produced an Afrocentric scholarship that explicated as well as confronted the avariciousness of a strong, unified post-civil war State presided over by a coalition of comprador civilian-military ruling class with significant ‘national outlook and spread’ and massive funds from the oil boom.

Paradoxically, he said, this thriving political space was not



Some Section of the attendees at the Silver Jubilee lecture

replicated at the economic level because of the stagnation occasioned by import-substitution policies, “contractocracy”, and reckless consumerism that pushed the economy into crisis and within a decade, forced the Federal Government to take Jumbo Loans and introduced austerity measures.

He explained that the task of deconstructing the neo-colonial character of the Nigerian State was spear-headed by the host of insights, methodologies, procedures and pedagogies of the Humanities and the Social Sciences, especially in such fields of study as History, Political Science, Sociology, Economics, English and Literary Studies.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the occasion and former Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, said

that Arts was being attacked by people and professionals as portrayed as a discipline without future, to the extent that some believed that the nation did not need the Art for its growth and development.

He said that many leading British universities were closing some Arts departments for lack of patronage, stressing that it was unfortunate that some parents and guardians of students also shared the same sentiment by seeing Arts as a worthless enterprise.

He said that many people had become champions in different phases of life endeavors courtesy of Arts both locally and internationally and that they were making significant positive impact in people lives and by ruling the world through their expertise garnered from Arts.

Professor Rasheed acknowledged the expertise of the guest lecturer, whom, he said, had spent over 42 years of meritorious service to the Arts and Humanity, calling on the upcoming professionals to strive and work assiduously to revamp the image of Arts and Humanity to become more attractive and more patronized for national development.

The event was well attended by members of the ABU Management, including the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Kabiru Bala, represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academics, professionals and academia within and outside the ABU, including the NUC Acting Director, Public Affairs, Alh. HarunaLawalAJo, among others.



R-L: Chairman and former ES, NUC, Prof. Rasheed (6th right front row); Rep. of the VC and DVC (Admin), ABU, Zaria, Prof. Ibrahim; Guest Lecturer and former Dean, Students, ABU, Zaria, Prof. Abubakar and Rep. of the ES, and Ag. Director, DPA, NUC, Alh. Ajo as well as other special dignitaries

NELF Team Visits NUC

The establishment of the Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELF), by the President and Commander –in –Chief-of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, was a step in the right direction and signalled hope that young Nigerians whose parent could not afford to pay their fees at university level would henceforth do so with ease, the Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Chris J. Maiyaki, has said.

He stated this recently when the pioneer NELF Executive Secretary, Mr. Akin Sawyer, paid a courtesy visit to the Commission to seek collaboration in order to ensure a smooth take-off of the Fund.

While receiving the NELF delegation, Mr. Maiyaki stated that the NUC was the arrow-head and regulatory body for all universities in Nigeria and was saddled with the responsibility to ensure the orderly development of universities in the country, provide guidelines for their operations, accredit degree programmes run in all degree awarding institutions and grant approval for the take-off of new academic programmes, amongst others.

He noted that every government establishment like the NELF had its own gestation period, citing the case of the NUC which started as

an Advisory body in the Cabinet Office in 1962, and later transited into a full-fledged Commission in 1974 and initially, regulating the activities of only six public universities.



The Acting Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, welcoming the Executive Secretary, Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELF), Mr. Akin Sawyer, to the Commission

According to him, most people who bagged their first degree in Nigeria before 1962 at the University College Ibadan, were awarded the certificate of University of London and not until 1962 that the University College, Ibadan was up-graded to a University to meet the aspirations of the growing numbers of Nigerians seeking university education and the need to train man-power to fill vacant positions in the public service.

The Acting Executive Secretary

explained that the increasing demand for university education made the Federal Government grant approval for the establishment of more universities in the regions, besides the University of Ibadan

(UI) in Nigeria between 1960 and 1962.

He listed them to include: University of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN) (1960); Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria; Obafermi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife; University of Lagos (UNILAG) and later University of Benin (UNIBEN) in 1970, established to meet the aspiration of the mid-western region.

He informed the team that these six universities remained what



The meeting of the Acting Executive Secretary, NUC and his management team with the Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELF) delegation in session.

was now referred today as the First Generation universities.

Mr Maiyaki also recalled that as the demand for university education continued to increase in the country, seven more universities were established in 1975 which cut across the regions namely; the University of Port-Harcourt (UNIPORT), University of Ilorin (UNILORIN), University of Jos (UNIJOS), Usmanu Danfodio University, Sokoto (UDUS), University of Maiduguri (UNIMAID), University of Calabar (UNICAL), and Bayero University, Kano (BUK).

He stressed that, from 12 universities in 1975, the Commission now regulated about 270 universities, 52 Federal, 63 States, and 147 Private Universities, respectively.

The Acting Executive Secretary assured that the NUC was ready to be a strategic partner of the NELF

by providing useful, relevant and reliable data on the Nigerian University System (NUS), to ensure a successful delivery of its mandate of providing timely and efficient education loans to less-privileged Nigerian students.

He added that such scholarship schemes were not strange to the NUC as the Commission had in the past initiated and implemented the Presidential Special Scholarship for Innovation and Development (PRESSID), with over 100 First Class graduates in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), from Nigerian universities were selected annually and sent to the best top 20 universities in the world for their second degree.

The scheme, he noted, was sponsored by the then Federal Government under Goodluck Jonathan administration way back in 2011, but was not

sustained by successive Administration.

He, therefore, stressed that the NELF was a laudable initiative that must be allowed to exist infinitely, as the Nigeria Education System was long overdue for such education scheme that would bridge the gap between the privileged and less-privileged in the society.

He called on the leadership of the Fund to work with all relevant stakeholders to develop eligibility criteria, unit cost per student, as well as per programme in order to develop a sound strategic plan for the implementation of its programme.

In his response, the Executive Secretary, NELF, Mr. Akin Sawyer, affirmed that upon assuming office in December, 2023, his team had identified the NUC as one of its strategic partners with the capacity to provide adequate, reliable,

relevant and useful information and data to aid the smooth take-off of the Fund.

He stated that the President Bola Ahmed Tinubu-led government had set up the loan fund to support indigent Nigerians in their higher education pursuit, while they pay back in instalments, two years, after completing their National Youth Service Corp (NYSC) programme.

Mr Sawyer added that the loan would be paid directly to the institutions where the applicant's admission was domiciled to avoid diversion, while repayment of 10 per cent of the loan would also be done by the employer of any beneficiary at source.

He further said that repayment would be made as flexible as possible as the Fund was not willing to criminalise beneficiaries who defaulted.

The NELF Executive Secretary noted that the sources of NELF

funding included; one per cent of all profits accruing to the Federal Government from oil and other minerals; one per cent of taxes, levies and duties accruing from the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS), Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS), Nigerian Custom Service (NCS); Education Bonds and Education Endowment Fund schemes.

He stated that the Education Loan would also be funded through donations, gifts, endowment and revenue accruing from any other source. The NELF Scribe noted that all students seeking higher education in any public institution of higher learning in Nigeria had equal rights to access the loan without any discrimination arising from gender, religion, tribe, position or disability of any kind.

He lamented that despite government effort at subsidising public higher

education in the Country, developed countries continue to benefit from the services of professionals trained in Nigeria through brain-drain, thereby depleting the number of professionals who would have contributed to nation building but had to seek better economic opportunities abroad.

He noted that Government must look for ways to curb or reduce the migration of trained professionals or ensure those benefiting countries were made to invest in the higher education system.

He promised to make formal request to the NUC on areas of collaborations and partnerships, as the Fund intends to work with all critical stakeholders in order to achieve its mandate.

In the NELF delegation were the Senior Adviser, Mr. Sadiq Ribadu; NELF Consultant, Mr. Daniel Kure and Project Manager, Mr. Iyal Mustapha.



A cross section of the NUC Management team, listening with keen interest during at the meeting



Other Deputy Directors of NUC at the meeting

Present at the event was the NUC Deputy Executive Secretary (Academics), Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu, Acting Directors of Public Affairs (DPA), Alh. Haruna Lawal Ajo; Finance and Account (DFA), Mrs. Hauwa Amos; Human Resources (DHR), Mrs. Victoria Chidimma Omorudion; (DA) Accreditation, Engr.

Abraham Lucas Chundusu; as well as representatives of NUC Directors of Inspection and Monitoring (DIM), Mrs. Alisabatu Balogun, Skills Development and Entrepreneurship (DSDE), Mr. Obinna Nwachukwu, Research, Innovation and Information Technology (DRIIT), Dr. Bashir Dauda; Executive

Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. Bakari B. Adewale, Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU), Barr. Samuel. S. Adejo, Academic Planning (DAP), Dr. Esther Mmeka, and Students (DoS), Mrs. Titilayo Akinrata.



Mr. Maiyaki 10th from left, Dr. Saliu 11th left and Mr Sawyer 9th left, with other members of the Visiting NELF delegation and some NUC Management staff .

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

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97	Khadija University, Majia, Jigawa State	2021	134	Shanahan University, Onitsha, Anambra State	2023			
98	ANAN University, Kwall, Plateau State	2021	135	The Duke Medical University Calabar, Cross River State	2023			
99	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 Udo Uko, Uyo Akwa Ibom State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 28) Concept College/Universities (London) Ilorin or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 29) Halifax Gateway University, Ikeja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 30) Kingdom of Christ University, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 31) Acada University, Akinlalu, Oyo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 32) Fifom University, Mbaise, Imo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 33) Houdegbe North American University campuses in Nigeria.
- 34) Atlantic Intercontinental University, Okija, Anambra State
- 35) Open International University, Akure
- 36) Middle Belt University (North Central University), Otukpo
- 37) Leadway University, Ughelli, Delta State

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

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

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

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

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

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

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This Week's Birthdays



NAMES			DATE OF BIRTH
MORAKINYO		OMOLANWA	22 January
DOROTHY	WACHORI	BAGU	22 January
VALENTINE	NNAMDI	NKESHITA	23 January
JAFAR	MOHAMMED	KUKAWA	23 January
BLESSING	NNEKA	EDOMA	26 January
SAMUEL	ADEKUNLE	ASABI	26 January
ANTHONY		IKENORO	26 January
CAROLINE	N.	ADEKOYA	27 January
SOLOMON	OBAKA	OCHALA	28 January
ONYEKA	AZUKA	NDOH-ALEX	28 January

Wishing You Many happy returns!

Best Wishes for the week



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