

## NUC Issues Provisional License to Two New Private Varsities

The National Universities Commission (NUC) last Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024, presented provisional licenses to 2 new private universities, following

Abdulkadir Auditorium, the Minister for Education, Professor Tahir Mamman, OON, SAN, commended their perseverance through NUC's grueling processes to earn the

continued partnership between the Government and the private sector which had widened access to quality education in the Nigerian University System (NUS).



R-L: Former ES, NUC, Prof. Julius A. Okojie; OON, Ag. ES, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki; the Honourable Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman, OON, SAN; with the founders of African School of Economics; Lighthouse University and the Senior Special Assistant to the Minister of Education, Dr. Ruqayyatu A. Gurin on the high table during the presentation of license to the new private universities

their approval by the Federal Executive Council (FEC). The newly licensed private universities were: Lighthouse University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State and African School of Economics, FCT, Abuja.

Congratulating their Proprietors at the event which took place at the Commission's Idris

cherished approval by meeting the set criteria from among several other applicants.

He charged them to ensure the use of the highest standards in their operation through the adoption of best practices in order to achieve excellence in their programmes. He expressed his delight at the

Professor Mamman assured that since the Government was aware that education held the key to the population growth envisaged, would always be ready to welcome partnership with the private sector, especially in the area of university education.

He said as long as the access gap to university education and its

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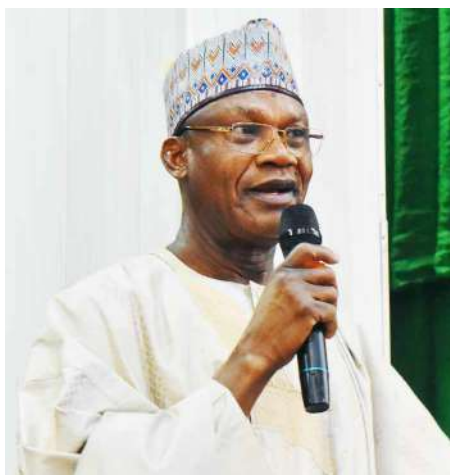
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Prof. Tahir Mamman, OON, SAN  
The Honourable Minister of Education

attendant enrollment of students in excess of the standard carrying capacity of the NUS persisted, government would not relent in welcoming proposals for the establishment of private universities by credible groups and organizations.

He explained further that approval for the establishment of private universities would only be granted to those promoters who fulfilled the prescribed criteria, while government would remain resolute to ensuring that the proprietors followed through their commitment to abide by the laid down standards and requirements. He also noted that the brand-new universities brought the number of private universities to 149 and the total universities in Nigeria to 272.

He added that the provisional license approved for the new universities to operate was intended to create room for effective mentoring and qualitative growth within the first three years of their operations. He disclosed that the newly

approved universities would be affiliated to older generation universities for academic and administrative mentoring to be moderated by NUC.

According to him, it was part of NUC's initiative for early warning signals to detect compromises in quality so that corrective and remedial measures to redress such situations would be promptly applied.

He mentioned that substantive licenses would be issued to well-managed institutions among them after the three-year probationary period, following their satisfactory performance and growth, within guidelines stipulated by the Commission.

The mentoring institutions were to offer assistance to the new Universities in the areas of: Availability of human and



Prof. Julius A. Okojie, OON  
Former Executive Secretary, NUC

material resources for commencement of any academic programme; Implementation of Carrying

Capacity; Assistance in Staff Development; Moderation of Student Examination and Results; General Quality Assurance activities; Moderation of Admission and External Examination Moderation, among others.

He charged them to brace themselves to tackling the challenges of operating a

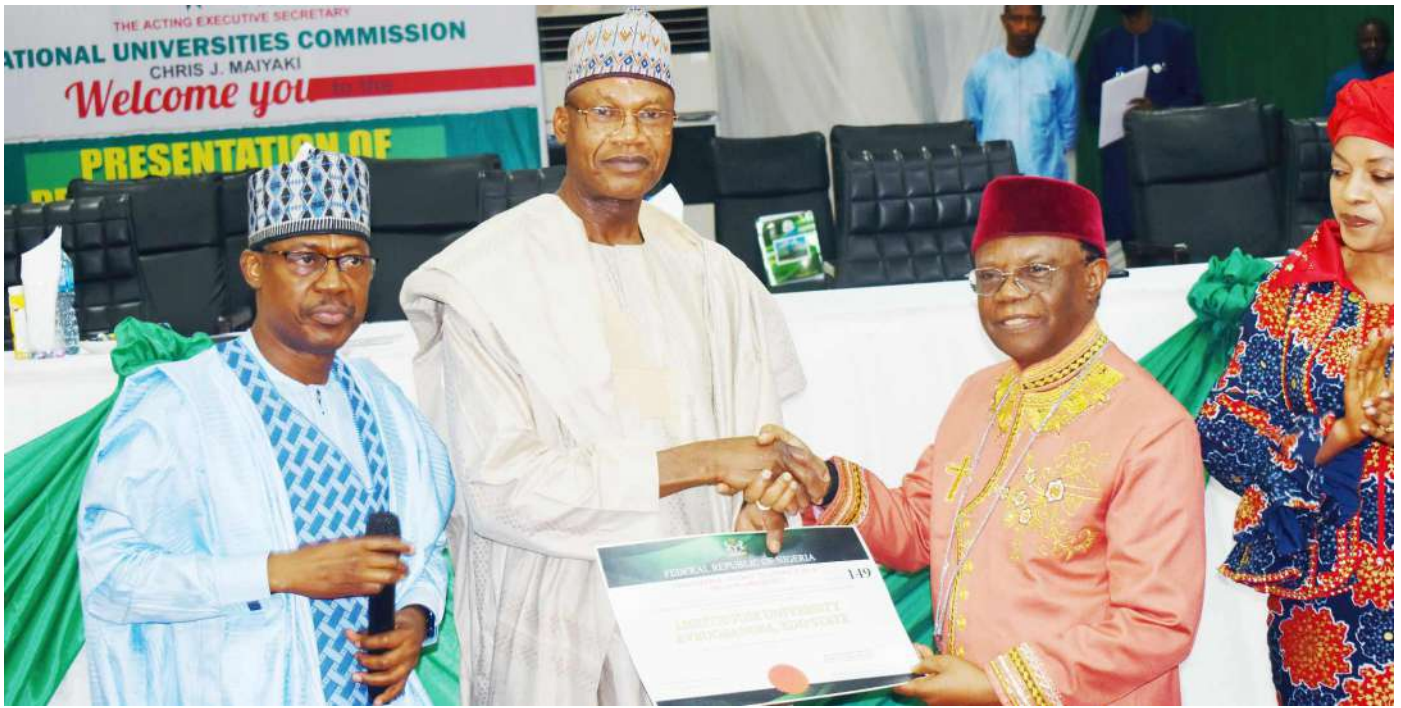


Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki  
Ag. Executive Secretary, NUC

university in accordance with laid down guidelines with much emphasis on ensuring that all admissions were conducted through the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB).

He advised that upon commencement of academic activities, funding should be sustained towards improving infrastructure, equipment for teaching and learning, as well as human resources up to a level that would earn the University accreditation by NUC and other professional bodies.

He charged them to maintain a conducive campus environment



Provisional License being presented by the HME, Prof Tahir Mamman to the proprietor of Lighthouse University, while the Ag. ES watches

that would enable students cultivate critical life skills and the core values of honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, confidence, responsibility, perseverance, courtesy and sound judgment.

He reiterated Government's commitment towards the strengthening of NUC's quality

assurance operations to ensure that while access to university education improved by way of increasing enrolment, quality and relevance to national needs were not compromised. He commended NUC's doggedness as the sole regulatory agency of university education, at sanitizing the system and its bold approach to

its mandate of quality assurance.

In his welcome address, the Acting Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, expressed delight at their emergence and highlighted that the process of establishing private universities started since 1999 and had evolved greatly since then. He said that NUC's



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Some of the dignitaries at the ceremony

stringent 14-step selection process was a well-articulated set of criteria and procedures developed by the Commission, over the years, to meet its commitment to, continually, deepen quality and widen access to university education.

Mr. Maiyaki added that this

process was guided by the Commission's firm belief in the pivotal role of quality education in the overall development of any nation and the need for more placements for the teeming youth who were desirous of that university education which was anchored on genuine partnership and

cooperation with the private sector.

He said that it was generally believed that deliberate and result-oriented investment in quality education was a prerequisite for the production of the human capital required to drive sustainable socio-



Some members of the NUC Management at the event



Some NUC staff present at the event

economic and cultural development.

He added that NUC's continued partnership with the private sector had showcased the pivotal role of quality education in the overall development of the nation and stressed the need for deliberate and result-oriented investment in quality higher education as a prerequisite to the production of the required human capital with the capacity to drive a sustainable socio-cultural and economic development of the country.

He decried the challenge of access to quality education even with 272 universities in existence and blamed it on the high demand for degrees from an increasing number of secondary school graduates and even graduates of polytechnics and colleges of education.

Mr. Maiyaki commended the proprietors on their success despite the stringent process

involved as well as the material and mental resources they had been expended in actualizing their dreams.

He said they were now critical stakeholders and partners with NUC who had played a very significant role in bridging the gap created by the growing demand for university education in the country by their investment.

He attested that private universities brought certain uniqueness to the Nigerian University landscape which was encouraged by the innovative posture of some of them. He added that the Federal Ministry of Education (FME), through the NUC had embarked on the radical re-engineering of curricula in Nigerian universities to meet global standards and international best practices towards preparing Nigerian graduates for relevance in the Fourth Industrial Revolution

(4IR) world economy with the skills needed for the future.

The Executive Secretary disclosed that the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS) had been revised to Core Curriculum and Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS), through collaboration between NUC and programme experts based in the universities and industry stakeholders. He added that the CCMAS which was unveiled to the public on 5th December, 2022, provided 70% of what should be taught along with the expected outcomes, while the Universities were to provide 30%, based on their individual contextual peculiarities and characteristics.

He stressed that the establishment of more private universities under the strict supervision of the NUC had been an important antidote to the proliferation of illegal universities or degree mills across the country. The illegal

universities had remained a major source of worry and embarrassment to the nation and a menace to quality university education delivery.

He charged the proprietors to acquaint themselves with the code of governance for private universities in Nigeria which was aimed at enhancing their administrative success and sustainability.

He added that the code had been further reviewed to give some latitude to the proprietors on the issue of appointment of principal officers, stressing that the document outlines the approved governance structure within a private university and also contained penalty for breach of the code.

He urged the proprietors to also put in mind that the venture of

establishing a private university was a journey of passion and not for profit.

He therefore, encouraged proprietors to ensure that quality was not compromised and not solely for profit motives as any operation outside the provisions of NUC guidelines would attract appropriate sanctions and if found out during the probationary period, a withdrawal of the provisional license would be applied.

He reminded them that NUC was always ready to lend its support and guidance whenever there was doubt and warned that only the listed academic programmes at the time of the take-off should be mounted and universities should inform the Commission for resource verification visits.

He said, in line with the Commission's practice, mentoring institutions had been approved for the new private universities with clear terms of reference to both the mentor and the mentee. NUC would moderate the mentoring relationship to ensure that the relationship was as it should be.

At the event were the Director Tertiary Education, Federal Ministry of Education and the senior Special Assistant to the Hon. Minister of Education, Dr. Ruqayya A. Gurin, most of the Directors of NUC, as well as staff of the commission.

Also, the proprietors of the two newly established universities and their well-wishers, among others.



The HME, Prof. Mamman (6th right); the Ag. ES, NUC, Mr. Maiyaki (4th left) and the former ES, NUC, Prof. Okojie (3rd right) in a group photograph with the proprietors of the two new private universities and their well wishers

## Ag. ES Delivers Igbo-Eno Inaugural Founder's Day Lecture

The Ag. Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, last week Friday, delivered the Egbo-Eno Inaugural Founder's Day Lecture titled "The Role of An Administrator in A Changing University Environment" at the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences, Igbo-Eno, Enugu State.

The Ag. Executive Secretary highlighted the correlation between higher education and the development of nations, citing examples from the Western world and Asian Tigers.

He emphasised the importance of constant reflection in evaluating the past, present, and future of Nigeria's higher education landscape, asserting that effective administration and governance were crucial for the success of any institution, especially in the dynamic higher education environment shaped by technological advancements, demographic shifts, and evolving pedagogical paradigms.

Mr. Maiyaki highlighted the role of Nigerian university administrators as guardians of institutional vision and mission, noting that beyond conventional administrative duties, university administrators were responsible for programme management, student services, resource stewardship, advocating for faculty, overseeing infrastructure development, and fostering community engagement.

He also highlighted the pivotal role of the NUC in regulating and promoting university education in Nigeria, since its inception in 1962.

The Ag. ES focused on the evolution of medical education in Nigeria, from the pre-1948 era



The Ag. Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, delivering his lecture at the Igbo-Eno Inaugural Founder's Day Lecture

when aspiring medical professionals studied abroad to the establishment of the University College Ibadan and subsequent growth of medical schools.

He added that the trajectory followed the Commission's role and achievements, including the establishment of specialised medical universities in recent years.

He noted that despite the significant increase in the number of medical schools, from 5 in 1967 to an impressive 76, comprising 32 Federal, 25 State and 19 Private institutions, in

2024, challenges persisted, including difficulty in achieving the World Health Organisation's recommended doctor-patient ratio, and brain drain as medical professionals sought better opportunities abroad.

Mr. Maiyaki detailed the

transformational efforts of the NUC to improve medical education in Nigeria, such as the comprehensive review of academic programmes leading to the Core Curriculum Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS) and guidelines for postgraduate programmes in clinical sciences.

He highlighted the NUC's initiatives in open and distance learning, cross-border education, and quality assurance, through programme accreditation.

The NUC Scribe called for collaborative efforts to foster innovation, increase access to medical education, address brain

drain, and monitor the implementation of key initiatives.

He emphasised the importance of adapting curricula to global standards, increasing access through streamlined admission processes and innovative approaches, and addressing brain drain through retention strategies and international collaboration.

Citing the Triple Helix Model, the Acting Executive Secretary called for a stronger stakeholder engagement and interdependence among academia, industry, and government, as a path to revitalising university education.

He also highlighted the importance of effective crisis management strategies, strategic planning, and consistent leadership, noting that the overall aim was to propel institutions towards a future of excellence, equity, and global competitiveness in higher education, through collaboration, innovation, and partnerships.

The Founder's Day Inaugural lecture at the State University of



Professor James C. Ogbonna  
Vice-Chancellor, State University of Medical and Applied Sciences, Igbo-Eno, Enugu State

Medical and Applied Sciences (SUMAS), Igbo-Eno, Enugu State, highlighted the intricate relationship between politics, education, and regional development. The event served as a reminder of the University's commitment to academic excellence, societal impact, and the advancement of education and healthcare in the region.

The event marked a significant milestone in the history of the Institution, bringing together dignitaries, academics, and community leaders to celebrate its establishment and role in

developing the educational landscape of Nigeria.

Earlier in his opening remarks, the Chairman of the occasion, HRH Igwe Ambassador Lawrence Agubuzu, Chairman, South-East Traditional Rulers' Council, gave an insight into the historical trajectory of the University's geographical location, while emphasising the political, economic, social, and educational progress that had shaped the area.

He extolled the establishment of the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences (SUMAS), which he credited to the wisdom, vision and swift execution of the former Governor, albeit at the tail end of his tenure as the Executive Governor of Enugu State. He also applauded the incumbent Governor, His Excellency, Dr. Peter Ndubisi Mbah, for his unwavering support for the vision of his predecessor, to ensure its continuous growth and development.

The Chairman underscored the importance of political decisions in



Th Ag. ES, NUC, (4th right) in a group photograph with the representative of the Governor of Enugu State and other dignitaries at the Inaugural Lecture





The Ag. Es, NUC, Mr. C.J Maiyaki, (2nd left front row) on the high table during the Inaugural Lecture last weekend

shaping educational institutions and called on present-day political leaders to be mindful of the demographic and security dangers associated with the lack of development in certain areas of the society.

He, expressed hope that the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences would take its place, among other universities, as a reminder of the intricate relationship between politics, education, and regional development.

In his address, the Executive Governor of Enugu State, Dr. Peter Mbah, represented by the Secretary to the State Government, Professor Chidiebere Onyia, emphasised the historic nature of the event given the meticulous planning and funding invested to make it a success.

He extolled the strategic vision of the Founder, which was driven by the global demand for education in medical and applied sciences, emphasising the commitment to

values such as consistency, integrity, and teamwork of Governor Peter Mbah's administration, for the continued support of the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences (SUMAS), and dedication to education, in general, evidenced by the allocation of 30% of the State budget to the education sector.

Professor Onyia acknowledged the crucial role played by traditional leaders, the university's management team, faculty, and staff, assuring them of continued state government's support at all time.

In a brief remark, the Founder, His Excellency, Rt. Hon. Ifeanyi Uguanyi, represented by Professor Malachy Okweze, expressed a deep sense of privilege and honour to be part of the inaugural Founder's Day Lecture celebrations.

He further expressed gratitude to the Acting Executive Secretary of the National Universities

Commission for gracing the occasion with his presence albeit his busy schedule, noting that the Founder's Day lecture, delivered by the ES as the first lecturer, was a valuable contribution to the university's development.

Hon. Uguanyi delved into the challenges faced by candidates seeking admission into existing public universities, leading to the establishment of a specialized institution, in the State.

The founder recounted the efforts invested in creating a university, focused on professional disciplines, expressing satisfaction with the support received from the incumbent Governor. He applauded the commitment of the Governor to provide necessary resources for the sustenance of the institution.

The Founder extended heartfelt appreciation to the Pro-Chancellor, Chairman of the Governing Council, Vice Chancellor, principal officers, staff, and students of SUMAS for

their roles in the university's development as well as the Chairman of the Project Evaluation Committee for his continued dedication and the Local Organising Committee, for their efforts which led to the success of the ceremony.

In his remarks, the Pro-Chancellor, Monsignor Professor Obiora Francis Ike stated that the purpose of the gathering was to commemorate and celebrate the principles of science, wisdom, knowledge, virtue, and life, aptly captured in the University motto, "*Scientia Ad Utiliter Vivendum*" (Science in the service of life).

Professor Ike described the pivotal role of a Pro-Chancellor, as representing, at the highest levels, the intentions of the university's founder, saying that for SUMAS, this responsibility translated into a steadfast dedication to serving life through its educational and scientific endeavours.

He was pleased to note the presence of Vice-Chancellors from sister universities in Enugu State, as an indication that collaboration transcended competition. He echoed the sentiment that, as academic institutions, they stood to achieve shared goals and triumphs when united.

Welcoming guests to the Inaugural Founder's Day ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor James C. Ogbonna, highlighted the significance of the State University of Medical and Applied Sciences (SMUAS), Igbo-Eno, Enugu State in addressing healthcare shortages and improving health outcomes in the region.

Professor Ogbonna accorded due recognition to the former governor, Rt. Hon. Ifeanyi Ugwuanyi, under whose visionary leadership the University was established, to bridge healthcare delivery gaps

and improve health outcomes in the region.

He provided a comprehensive historical overview, detailing the university's journey from conceptualization to the completion of various infrastructure projects, including the establishment of six faculty buildings, classrooms, laboratories, offices, and a state-of-the-art ICT building with solar power supply.

He added that the construction of the teaching hospital, now nearing completion, underscored the commitment to delivering comprehensive medical services.

The Vice-Chancellor highlighted the institution's dedication to technological advancements, emphasising ICT integration in teaching, research, and administration; the commitment to ensuring strong internet access for both students and staff, along with the implementation of advanced



The Ag. ES, NUC, Mr. C.J Maiyaki (4th right) in a group photograph with the representative of the Governor of Enugu State, the Pro-Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor as well as other invited personalities after the Igbo-Eno Founder's Inaugural Lecture last weekend

medical technologies, which positioned SUMAS as a beacon of excellence in knowledge and service.

Professor Ogbonna speech underscored the commitment of the institution to providing quality education in medical and health services, acknowledging the challenges faced by students seeking admission to such

programmes.

He expressed gratitude to the collective efforts of faculty, staff, and students, towards fostering a culture of service and academic excellence.

He pledged that SUMAS would aspire to become a hub of knowledge and service, contributing significantly to the

advancement of education and healthcare in the country.

The event featured distinguished guests, friends, and well-wishers of the University, including Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, the Acting Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission, as the Guest Lecturer.



The Ag. ES, NUC (7th right front row) in a large group photograph with other dignitaries, management and staff of the University after the Inaugural Lecture

## Ag. ES Receives New Bingham University VC

The Ag. Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Mayaki, last week, received the Bingham University delegation to the NUC Secretariat, led by the Pro-Chancellor of the University, Professor Andrew Haruna, accompanied by the newly-appointed Vice-Chancellor, Professor Haruna kuje Ayuba.

Welcoming the delegation, Mr. Mayaki said NUC was proud to be associated with the Pro-Chancellor, Professor Andrew Haruna, who superintended over the peaceful selection process of the Vice-Chancellor of the University, noting that the process always came with rancour and acrimony from internal and external communities.

The Ag. ES said Bingham University was the first private university in the North Central established in 2005 as a faith based university, saying that the Commission was proud of its evolution and rapid development, with about 7000 students and a Teaching Hospital in Jos, which he described as a centre for excellence.



The Ag. ES, NUC, Mr. C.J Maiyaki in a handshake with the VC, Bingham University, Prof. Haruna kuje Ayuba

Mr. Mayaki recalled that at a time in the history of the University, there were Governance issues that ravaged the Institution but with the timely intervention of the former NUC Executive Secretary, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, FNAL, who was able to convince the BOT and Management of the University for resolution, it was followed by a visitation panel which came up with an outcome statement that eventually paved the way for a new

governance outlook for the University.

The NUC Scribe urged the delegation to sustain the momentum, describing the University as a cosmopolitan University with huge potentials which should be harnessed maximally. He said NUC could only encourage Bingham University to consolidate on the gains achieved so far and continue to run the University

with the efficiency it required.

He said Bingham as a privately owned university could not afford to waste resources, saying that the operating cost were not getting any leaner with the instability in the exchange rate. He said the resources of the university should be properly managed because its reputation was at stake.

Mr. Mayaki charged the University to maintain a constant rapport with NUC as the regulatory agency and home of universities. He urged the Vice-Chancellor to tap from the technical and wealth of experience of the Commission, while wishing him a purposeful tenure and resounding success.

In his address, the Pro-Chancellor, Professor Andrew Haruna appreciated the Ag. Executive Secretary for receiving the delegation physically, despite his tight schedules. He said this was the first time since the establishment of Bingham University that a smooth transition took place, with an advert



The Ag. ES, NUC, stressing a point during the meeting while members of the management and the visitors were attentive



L-R: The Deputy ES, Academics, Dr. N.B Saliu; Directors, DEPU, Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnadi; DESO, Mr. John Mairafi Ahmadu and Ag. Director, DPA, Alh. Haruna Lawal Ajo

placement, saying that the Committee went through the entire process where 52 Professors applied and at the end of the exercise, not a single petition was recorded, under his watch.

He also appreciated the ES for sending the Ag. Director, Public Affairs to represent the commission at the council noting Alh. Ajo's remarkable contribution.

Professor Haruna said this could not have happened without the experience he gathered at the NUC as a Visiting Professor. He thanked the immediate Vice-Chancellor, for being transparent and for not interfering in the selection process that led to the appointment of the new Vice-Chancellor.

In his remarks, the new Vice-

Chancellor, Professor Haruna kuje Ayuba appreciated the Executive Secretary for his prompt response to the courtesy call, his commitment to quality education and commitment to sustain the gains achieved in the area of expanding access to quality education. He said his interaction with NUC had spanned over 20 years, having served as HOD at the University of Maiduguri and



The Ag. ES, NUC (7th right) in a group photograph with the visitors and members of the NUC Management

Nassarawa State University, alongside being a Deputy Vice-Chancellor, among others.

He said the purpose of coming to the NUC was to formally present him by the Pro-Chancellor as the fifth substantive Vice-Chancellor, saying that he would not start anything without coming to the NUC as the regulatory body of the Universities in Nigeria.

Professor Ayuba said, with all the key issues the Executive Secretary had mentioned, he would ensure that his administration sustained the core values of the NUC, he thanked

the NUC for all the previous support.

The Ag. Executive Secretary, in his response, said interaction of this nature was very important as it would add value to the University, noting with dismay that there were some universities who did not bother to come to the Commission until they were in trouble. He added that to see a university come to NUC not for any request but just to fraternize was so heart-warming and showed the direction the University was heading.

He urged the Vice-Chancellor to join hands with Professor Andrew Haruna for proper guidance on how best the University should be managed.

In his vote of thanks, the Director, DESO, Mr. John Ahmadu Mairafi, while thanking the God Almighty for the opportunity of the visit, he prayed the relationship would be sustained and appreciated the ES for obliging the visit after a short notice.

## AI Technology Set to Revolutionise Education Sector

The Chief Executive Officer of Daimlas Artificial Intelligence (AI) Ecosystem Builders, Joseph Wehbe, paid a

During the meeting with the Executive Secretary, Joseph Wehbe made a powerful power point presentation on AI,

to affect every field of study in the United States (US) and even some universities in Saudi Arabia had bought into the AI idea.” He



The Ag. ES, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki in a Chart with the CEO of Daimlas Artificial Intelligence (AI) Ecosystem Builders, Joseph Wehbe

courtesy call to the Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris Maiyaki, last week, in his office.

stressing that AI was beginning to revolutionize the way people learnt, the way they worked, the way they bought things and the way they moved. “AI is beginning

explained.

Joseph Wehbe stated that the introduction AI in computer, robotics, agricultural research and



The CEO, Joseph Wehbe making a powerpoint presentation to the ES and his Management team during the visit to NUC

oil and gas was where the world was currently moving into for development, the focus was on moving the organization and customers forward, leveraging on AI technology to its full potential.

He said that at Daimler, the application of AI technology in products and services was not only revolutionizing the customer experience, but it was also revolutionizing the way the personnel worked.

He explained that AI was creating

efficiencies internally across the entire value chain, and radically shifting the usual processes and procedures in the best way possible, emphasising that AI was mostly training with hands on tools for better efficiency and that it could be used to train a computer to do what a man could do.

He believed that “as we keep exploring the vast potential that AI has to offer, we will realize more and more that the opportunities are limitless. To

provide solutions to people’s needs will continue to be at the heart of how AI technology is applied moving forward.”

Responding, the Executive Secretary welcomed the Daimler Artificial Intelligence CEO to NUC and thanked him for a wonderful presentation, saying that AI resonated for future and it would rejuvenate higher education in Nigeria. He said that, moreover, it was now compelling to put a national policy statement on AI in Nigeria.



Some members of the NUC Management team at the presentation/visit

He expressed hope that Nigeria was getting there gradually, saying AI was a new technology the Nigerian University System could not afford to ignore.

He added that at a meeting he attended in Europe, AI technology was used and that “we cannot continue to live in the past.” He, therefore, charged the Director of Research, Innovation and Information Technology to work hand in hand with Joseph Wehbe, to explore and do a review of the presentation as NUC would take it one by one to really understand the dynamics by breaking it down for a better understanding.

The Executive Secretary advocated for immediate, medium and long term planning for sustainability and capacity building to get the universities to key into the training, to ensure inclusiveness in the Nigerian University System (NUS).

Directors present at the meetings included Mrs. Constance Goddy-Nnadi; Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU) and Mr. John Mairafi; Executive Secretary office (DESO). Others included Ag. Directors; Mal. Faruk Mohammed Lawal, Research, Innovation and

Information Communication Technology (DRIIT); Mal. Ashafa Ladan, Skills Development and Entrepreneurship (DSDE); Mal. Haruna Lawal Ajo, Public Affairs (DPA); Mal. Abubakar Girei, Academic Planning (DAP); Mrs. Hauwa Amos, Finance and Accounts (DFA); Ms. Rita Okonjo, Students (DOS); Mrs. Balogun, Representing Director of Inspection and Monitoring (DIM), Mrs. Lydia Imorua.

Others are: Joshua Atah, ACE Coordinator, Professor Itodo, Vice-Chancellor Joseph Sarwuan Tarka University (JSTU), Makurdi and Tanko, Head of Special Duties.



The Ag. ES, NUC, Mr. Maiyaki (9th left) in a group photograph with the visitors and members of the NUC Management after the meeting

## UniAbuja Lecturers Win N3bn Research Grants - VC

The Vice-Chancellor of University of Abuja (UniAbuja), Professor Abdul-Rasheed Na'allah, has revealed that some lecturers of the University have won over N3 billion grants in 2023, following their applications to donor

agencies for research grants. Professor Na'allah made this known in Abuja during the award ceremony for researchers and authors, held at the main campus of the University. According to him, the 2023 grant of over N3

billion was a significant improvement compared to the N1 billion won in 2022.

The Vice-Chancellor urged those leading in research in the Institution to share their experiences with others, in order





Professor Abdul-Rasheed Na'allah  
The Vice-Chancellor, UniAbuja

achievable and we have achieved it. “We have made over N3 billion in research grants this year; we are making a mark and we are determined as a university that whatever it will take, we must move forward,” he said.

Professor Na'allah called on scholars to think of how to solve the problems in the nation, such as insecurity and leadership among others, through their research works.

He said the University was taking the lead in resolving the problem of leadership, adding that it would soon establish a youth leadership clinic.

He said the clinic would help to train young people and prepare them to take over the leadership of Nigeria.

The Vice-Chancellor assured the researchers that the



Professor Obiageli Eunice Nnodu  
Director, Centre for Sponsored Projects, UniAbuja

University would not disappoint them as they continued to put the Institution on the map, through the research grant.

He advised authors to ensure that originality was their main focus, adding that they should be innovative and create new words in their works.

Under the researchers' cadre, seven persons won gold, two silver and 45 bronze while in the authors cadre, eight persons won gold, nine silver and 27 bronze.

Director, UniAbuja Centre for Sponsored Projects (CSP), Professor Obiageli Nnodu, earlier said the centre was introduced in 2020 by the Vice-Chancellor.

Professor Nnodu, while appreciating the Vice-Chancellor, said that the centre which started small had grown into something big. She said the researchers' category was bringing extra income, adding that researchers income was adding significantly to the revenue of the University.

One of the Awardees, Dr. Dike Orji, on behalf of other awardees, appreciated the Vice-Chancellor and the University for their support to all scholars and researchers. He said the recipients would continue to put in their best to see that the University grew in terms of research.

The ceremony was attended by invited guests, management and staff of the university

# 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](http://www.nuc.edu.ng). Further enquiries can also be made via the Commission's official email address: [info@nuc.edu.ng](mailto:info@nuc.edu.ng)

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

Signed.

Chris J. Maiyaki  
Acting Executive Secretary  
National Universities Commission



## FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Federal Secretariat, Phase III, Abuja

### Press Release

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signed

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



## 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	AbdulKadir Kure University, 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	2009	67	Kola Daisi University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2016
3	Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State	1999	35	Godfrey Okoye University, Ugwuomu-Nike, Enugu State	2009	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 Adegboyege 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, Oke-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, Ondo State	2007	63	Clifford University, Owerinta, Abia State	2016	96	Philomath University, Kuje, Abuja	2021
32	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007	64	Coal City University Enugu, Enugu State	2016			
			65	Ojaja University Ilorin, Kwara State	2016			



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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						



# NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

## **PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

### List of Illegal Universities Closed Down by NUC

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

- 1) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 2) Christians of Charity American University of Science & Technology, Nkpor, Anambra State or any of its other campuses
- 3) University of Industry, Yaba, Lagos or any of its other campuses
- 4) University of Applied Sciences & Management, Port Novo, Republic of Benin or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- 5) Blacksmith University, Awka or any of its other campuses
- 6) Volta University College, Ho, Volta Region, Ghana or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- 7) Royal University Izhia, P.O. Box 800, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State or any of its other campuses
- 8) Atlanta University, Anyigba, Kogi State or any of its other campuses
- 9) United Christian University, Macotis Campus, Imo State or any of its other campuses.
- 10) United Nigeria University College, Okija, Anambra State or any of its other campuses.
- 11) Samuel Ahmadu University, Makurdi, Benue State or any of its other campuses.
- 12) UNESCO University, Ndoni, Rivers State or any of its other campuses.
- 13) Saint Augustine’s University of Technology, Jos, Plateau State or any of its other campuses
- 14) The International University, Missouri, USA, Kano and Lagos Study Centres, or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 15) Collumbus University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 16) Tiu International University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 17) Pebbles University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 18) London External Studies UK operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 19) Pilgrims University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 20) Lobi Business School Makurdi, Benue State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 21) West African Christian University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 22) Bolta University College Aba or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 23) JBC Seminary Inc. (Wukari Jubilee University) Kaduna Illegal Campus
- 24) Westlan University, Esie, Kwara State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 25) St. Andrews University College, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 26) EC-Council University, USA, Ikeja Lagos Study Centre.
- 27) Atlas University, Ikot Udo Uko, Uyo Akwa Ibom State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 28) Concept College/Universities (London) Ilorin or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 29) Halifax Gateway University, Ikeja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 30) Kingdom of Christ University, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 31) Acada University, Akinlalu, Oyo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 32) Fifom University, Mbaize, 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
ARINZECHUKWU	FRITZ	IGBO	26 February
ABDULKAREEM	GIWA	SULEIMAN	26 February
EHIZOKHALE	MATTHEW	ESENE	27 February
ANITA	NKIRUKA	EGEKWU	27 February
OMOYE	RITA	IKHELOA	28 February
GAMBO		MALLAM	28 February
VIRGINIA	OGOCHUKWU	NWEKE	28 February
OYINKOLAWA	ADESOLA	ARIYO	01 March
OLUFEMI		YEYE	02 March
ACHEPA	EBU	EIGEGE	02 March
ESTHER	IMUENTINYAN	MMEKA	03 March
MAIMUNAT	OLAYINKA	LAMIDI	03 March
MERCY	EJENGOMA	NWOKE	03 March
FOLORUNSO	OLADOSU	ARIYO	03 March
GRACE	IKPEMI	CHUKWUMA-URUAKPA	03 March
AYOMIDE	DORCAS	AJAYI	03 March
NAZEEF	HADITH	BALA	03 March

*Wishing You Many happy returns!*

*Best Wishes for the week*



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DO YOUR BIT TO MOVE THE COMMISSION TO GREATER HEIGHTS

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