

## BAT Charges Ministers to Ensure Research Outcomes Guide Govt. Policy Formulation

**P**resident Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, has directed relevant Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDA) of the Federal Government to ensure that the outcomes of research in science and technology be used to enrich policies that impact the real sector.

The President gave the directive when the President of the Nigerian Academy of Science (NAS) and the fellow of the Academy paid him a courtesy visit at the State House in Abuja last week Thursday.

President Tinubu emphasized that his administration was advancing an all-encompassing approach to leveraging the capacity of Nigerians to innovate and create solutions from all spheres of human initiative across the public and private sectors, including farming, manufacturing,

information technology, and the academia.

Special Adviser to the

what we do today.

I am fully committed to the comprehensive integration of



His Excellency Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR  
President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria

President on Media and Publicity, Chief Ajuri Ngelale, quoted the President Tinubu as saying: “The pathway to unlocking the potential of our national contribution to the global economy of tomorrow lies in

research, and the outcomes of research with the process of policy formulation and implementation in all fields of national endeavour,” President Tinubu told leaders of the Nigerian Academy of Science (NAS).

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During his investiture as the Grand Patron of Science by the Academy, the President said the pace of change around the world, reflected in some national and global challenges, requires more reliance on research for solutions and actionable data, especially in health and education.

“The Minister of Education, the Coordinating Minister of Health and Social Welfare, and the Minister of Budget and Economic Planning are here.

All the relevant ministries should sit up and ensure that science research guides process development in relevant areas of advantage. We must not fail to

utilize research outcomes in the process of enriching our policies,” the President said.

In her remarks, the President of the Nigerian Academy of Science, Professor Ekanem Braide, said a national research fund should be established as the country moves towards a knowledge-driven economy.

“Mr. President, we thank you for your support for a national research fund and we believe that this will go a long way in resolving our challenges and indeed, we can make quicker progress if we take advantage of the inputs of all Nigerians from the business community, the academia,

and the public sector,” Professor Braide said.

Listing some of the interventions and achievements of the Academy in improving the lives of Nigerians, Professor Braide further advised that the nation’s 265 universities, 84 Polytechnics, and 205 Colleges of Education be upscaled in science research infrastructure and funding.

The President acknowledged the historic feat of Professor Ekanem Braide in emerging as the first female President of the Nigerian Academy of Science since its establishment in 1977.



President Tinubu receiving his investiture Plaque as the Grand Patron of Science from the President National Academy of Science, Prof. Comfort Ekanem Braide; at the State House, Abuja



## Nigeria Hosts 9th Edition of WACREN Conference

The Federal Government of Nigeria, last week Thursday, hosted the 9th edition of the meeting of stakeholders in the West and Central Africa Research and

Professor Tahir said in Nigeria's quest for national and regional development as well as global competitiveness, its Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) must

of ideas, to share best practices and forge partnerships that would move the continent's education system to a higher level.



L-R: Minister for Higher Education in Sierra Leone, Dr. Haja Ramatulaiwurrie; Board Member of WACREN, Pieire Claver Bakaraba; Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, Mrs Didi Esther Walsen-Jack; Honourable Minister of Education, Prof. Tahir Mamman, SAN, OON and Deputy Executive Secretary (Academics), NUC, Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu

Education Network (WACREN), with the theme “Charting the Course: Forging Future-Ready Higher Education and Research communities,” at the Abuja Continental Hotel Abuja.

Declaring the meeting open, the Honourable Minister of Education (HME), Professor Tahir Mamman, SAN, OON, restated the need for collective commitment and collaboration within the African region in order to advance education and research activities as education remained the bedrock of every modern society.

harness the power of research and education to propel the African continent forward. He added that the growth and development of the continent depended largely on our research output.

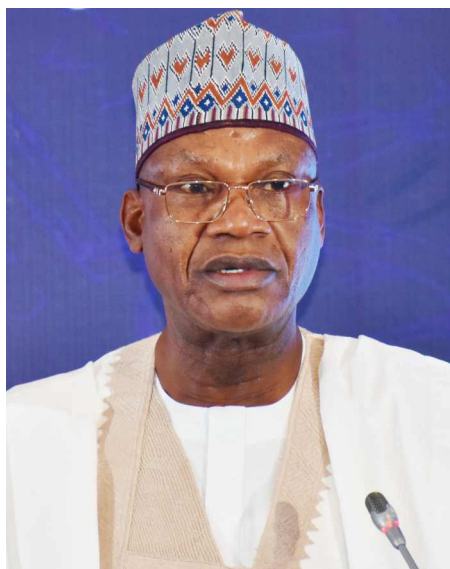
He stressed, whether in the field of healthcare, technology, agriculture, engineering or governance, the solution to Africa's most pressing issues lay in the innovative minds and scholarly endeavours of its research and educators.

According to him, the conference provided a unique opportunity for the exchange

He said in line with the renewed hope agenda of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, the Federal Ministry of Education (FME) under his leadership, had developed a roadmap to transform the educational sector.

Earlier, in his welcome remarks, the Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, said the theme chosen for this year's WACREN Conference could not be more timely or relevant than now.

This he said, was more so in an era defined by political and



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

economic advancement in Society and complex global challenges where the role of higher educational research had become more appreciated.



Dr. Boubakar Barry  
Chief Executive Officer, WACREN

The Acting Executive Secretary, represented by the Deputy Executive Secretary, (DES), Academics, Dr. Noel Biodun Saliu, said as representatives of Academic institutions, research organizations,

telecommunications and service providers from across the globe, everyone of them shared the responsibility to ensure that African higher institutions were equipped to meet the demands of the future.

He said this required WACREN to be proactive, innovative and prompt in thinking so as to devise the right approach to teaching, learning and research.

The Acting Executive stressed that the theme of the conference underscored the importance of interdisciplinary collaborations and the need to cultivate a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship among the students.

He said in the coming years, the stakeholders would continue to engage in thought provoking discussions, share best practices and explore innovative solution that tackled challenges of their immediate communities.

He said the Nigerian University System (NUS) would thrive more by leveraging the infrastructure which NgREN provided as it would help to continue to reposition the nation's universities to remain globally competitive.

He used the forum to extend his sincere gratitude to the sponsors and partners of the conference.

In his speech, the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of WACREN, Dr. Boubakar



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

Barry, said with the test brought about by COVID-19 and being fortified by the challenges posed by its rippling effects across the continent, RENs and the higher



Pieire Claver Bakaraba  
Board Member, WACREN





NUC Coordinator, Special Projects, Dr. Joshua Atah, (at the background) with a cross section of participants at the 9th Conference of West and Central African Research Education Network (WACREN) at the Abuja Continental Hotel, Abuja

education fraternity need to draw lessons from that past so as to define a sustainable future.

He reiterated that the conference was unique as it served as the forum for all stakeholders in the ecosystem to chart the course of a common future with a common resolve.

In his words, “we are hoping for a highly interactive string of events where various stakeholders will deliberate on matters of community interests for the development of research and education on our side of the world.”

Dr. Barry further stated that as critical stakeholders in advancing digital connectivity and fostering collaboration across Nigeria’s research and educational landscape, NgREN was proud to have spearheaded initiatives that empowered academic and scientific communities in Nigerian



A cross section of other Stakeholders' at the WACREN Conference





Others listening with rapt attention at the WACREN Conference

Universities System.

According to him, this initiatives were undertaken through innovation, partnership and commitment to excellence, noting that NgREN would continue to shape the future of

education and research in Nigeria.

Major highlight of the Conference include some Keynote speeches from the Minister for Higher Education in Sierra Leone, Dr. Haja

Ramatulaiwurie and former Executive Secretary of NUC and Chairman Council, National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN) Professor Peter A.Okebukola, OFR.



The Board and Management of WACREN with all the Participants in a group photograph, shortly after the 9th Edition of the Conference hosted by Nigeria in Abuja

## FG Commends UNIPORT For Embracing Tripple Helix Model

The President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Federal Republic of Nigeria and Visitor to the University of Port Harcourt (UNIPORT), His Excellency, President Bola Ahmed Bola Tinubu, GCFR, has commended the Institution for living the ideals of a 21st century university, by following the Tripple Helix Model propounded by Mark Spinoglio, which involved a series of collaborations among the academia, industry and government to foster economic and social development.

President Tinubu, who was ably represented by the Acting Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki, gave the commendation recently at the occasion of the University's 34<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremony held at its Convocation Arena.

At the ceremony, the University of Port Harcourt turned out 13,816 graduates out of whom 105 bagged First Class Honours.

The President acknowledged the contributions of the University to national development, particularly in addressing environmental challenges in the Niger Delta region.

He commended the university's partnerships with industries and corporate donors. He noted such investments like the Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) which has set aside over N3 billion (about 6 million US dollars) for strengthening the Institution's LNG Research Centre.

He announced government support for research projects and urged university stakeholders to address issues such as compensation for host communities and industrial harmony.



Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki

Representative of the Visitor to the University and Acting ES, NUC

The President went on to congratulate the University on the bountiful yields of its effort to the industry, which included investments by the Nigeria Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Research Centre.

The Acting ES stated that the Federal Government had resolved to push the frontiers of learning through various levels of education in the country, the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) and the NEEDS Assessment Programmes of the Federal Government.

Through the initiatives, the President said the government had been monitoring and

encouraging the various universities to update their equipment and facilities in response to the needs of the Nigerian society and the needs of the contemporary world.

He urged the new graduates to always keep hope in spite of the downturn in the economy of our nation.

The President implored them to think out of the box in search of viable knowledge and skills through, discipline and education in order to create a niche for themselves towards moving our nation forward.

He also encouraged the graduates to keep an open mind and remain hopeful of a bright future.

His Excellency, Sir Siminalayi Fubara, GSSRS, the Executive Governor of Rivers State, who was also present at the Convocation



Ceremony, reminded the graduates that the knowledge and skills they have gained during their stay at University of Port Harcourt would serve as a spring board for their future endeavours and contributions to the progress of Rivers State and the country at large.



Prof. Georgewill Owunari  
Vice-Chancellor, UNIPORT, delivering his Convocation Address

The Governor, represented by the Deputy Governor, Her Excellency, Ngozi Nma Odu, commended the leadership of the University under its present Vice-Chancellor,

Professor Owunari Georgewill, who had raised the bar tremendously high, by winning academic laurels, accolades and global recognitions.

He also commended the Vice-Chancellor for his scholarly distinctions and robust achievements.

The Rivers State Government promised to continuously prioritize education as the policy thrust of the administration, to partner and collaborate with the university to place it in a part that people will be envious of it.

The Governor concluded his address by assuring the University of Port Harcourt that the government of the state was desirous to create an enabling environment that would remain a preferred destination to achieve quality education in the country.

Also, speaking at the



Her Excellency, Ngozi Nma Odu  
Rep. of Governor and Deputy Governor, Rivers State

Convocation, the Honourable Speaker of the Federal House of Representatives, Rt. Hon. Dr. Abbas Tajudeen called on the Nigerian graduates to venture into the world with a determination to excel.

The speaker, who was ably represented by Member Representing Port Harcourt Constituency II, Fed. House of Representatives, Barr. Blessing Chigeru Amadi, emphasized the



L-R: The Vice-Chancellor, University of Port Harcourt, Prof. Georgewill Owunari; the representative of the President and Acting ES, NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki and the Deputy Governor, Rivers State, Her Excellency, Ngozi Nma Odu





L-R: Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Georgewill Owunari; the Guest Lecturer and Chief of Staff, Gen Christopher Musa and former Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Joseph Ajenka

importance of upholding the virtues acquired from their studies and urged them to venture into the world with a determination to excel.

“As someone who has dedicated years to working within the University, this moment is deeply humbling. Witnessing the culmination of hard work and dedication among the graduating class reinforces the significance of

these ceremonies.” – Barr. Blessing Chigeru Amadi said.

She also congratulated the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Owunari Georgewill and the Class of 2024 for their achievements mark not only personal milestones but also contributions to the broader community.

In his address, the Vice-

Chancellor said the University had grown to become a renowned centre of learning, contributing significantly to the intellectual, social, and economic advancement of the nation.

He said the Convocation was to confer honour on men and women who have attained achievements in higher education who were now prepared to proffer solutions to the



L-R: Representative of the Speaker, Federal House of Rep. and member Rep. Port Harcourt II, Federal Constituency Barr. Blessing Chigeru Amadi; two Hounorary Award Recipients and the VC, Prof. Georgewill Owunari (extreme right)





The VC, Prof. Owunari congratulating the best graduating student, Mr. Osisi O. Solomon

myriads of problems plaguing the world.

The trailblazer and the man steering the ship of the University of Port Harcourt, Professor Owunari A. Georgewill, the Vice-Chancellor, stated that the gathering of the 34th Convocation Ceremony of the University was more than just a ceremony of academic achievement but a sacred moment, heralding the

triumph of cognitive endeavours.

Earlier, while delivering the convocation lecture titled: "National Security in Contemporary Security Environment: Entrenching Whole of Society Approach," on Friday 23rd February, 2024, the Chief of Defence Staff (CDS), General Christopher Musa OFR, ardently called on all stakeholders

in the national security architecture to adopt the whole-of-society approach to solving the current security challenges in the country.

According to the CDS, "a whole-of-society approach to problem solving entails both formal and informal institution pursuing a generalized agreement across societies about policy objectives and how these can be achieved. It encompasses civil societies, working jointly with public and private sectors to arrive at a common solution to complex problems."

He therefore pointed out that applying this method has become necessary to seriously address the security challenges in the country especially because "Nigeria is not insulated from the generic factors and catalogue of threats to security internationally."

Again, not only have non-state actors enjoyed more visibility in shaping the security landscape, global trends indicate increasing



A cross section of the University's Principal Officers and dignitaries at the convocation ground



complexity, ambiguity, volatility and uncertainty in the security environment.”

While identifying some of the major threats to national security, the CDS said crude oil theft and pipeline vandalism, illegal refining activities and environmental degradation in Niger Delta as well as impacts on global climate change has greatly endangered security in Nigeria.

Also, he said illegal unreported fishing activities and attack on national cyberspace has affected Nigeria National Security as well.

General Musa equally asserted that illiteracy, unemployment, population explosion, porous borders and uncontrolled migration, poor governance and weak laws are the bane of internal threat to security in Nigeria.

He added that " Security is much as the teacher's business as it is for students, parents, traders and other

individuals across all societal strata.

He warned against putting effective security squarely on the shoulder of the uniformed men alone, as he seeks for reconsideration.

Further to the foregoing, the CDS stated that, "globally, the security of lives and property is the foremost responsibility of the government ". He added that a nation's security encompasses a combination of military and non-military activities to eliminate threats to a nation's core values.

He therefore maintained that the Armed Forces of Nigeria's national security imperative was established to protect Nigeria and Nigerians from attack and other external dangers.

Seeking for a way forward to addressing the lingering security gaps, the CDS called for a

national reorientation, addressing complaints of oppression and unjust treatment to groups and individuals, maintenance of justice, fairness and equity as well as bridging the noticeable gap in governance amongst other things.

He also stressed the need for a good working relationship among stakeholders in national security architecture as a means to solving our security problems.

Present at the convocation ceremony include top Government functionaries, Captains of Industry and Oil Magnates, Senators and members of the House of Reps, Royal Fathers, Rivers State Governor and members of the State House of Assembly members, the university's staff and students, parents, friends and well-wishers as well as the graduands.



Some of the graduating students at the 34th Convocation Ceremony



## INTER-MINISTERIAL INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE ON DEGREE CERTIFICATE MILLS

**Federal Ministry of Education  
Federal Secretariat, Phase 3,  
Abuja.**

**11<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**

### CALL FOR MEMORANDA FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Following the recent publication of allegations of certificate racketeering involving some foreign institutions, especially in Cotonou, Benin Republic and other countries, the Federal Ministry of Education has constituted an Inter-Ministerial Committee to investigate the allegations with a view to providing lasting solutions to the problem. The Committee was inaugurated by the Honourable Minister of Education on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2024 with the following Terms of Reference:

- I. Examine the veracity of the allegations of degree certificate racketeering within both foreign and local private universities in Nigeria;
- ii. Review the role of any MDA or its officials (including identifying such officials) in the facilitation of the recognition and procurement of the fake certificate in question;
- iii. Review existing policies and procedures related to accreditation and certification to identify weaknesses contributing to the issue;
- iv. Examine the rules, procedures and processes for recognition and accreditation of foreign universities and programmes by the Federal Ministry of Education;
- v. Establish if unapproved foreign institutions (Degree Mills) exist or not in Nigeria in whatever form with their identities and locations if any;
- vi. Make appropriate recommendations for review of any rules, procedures, and processes to prevent re-occurrence and sanctions for identified erring officials;
- vii. Make other recommendations that will strengthen the system of recognition, accreditations and quality assurance of degrees in Nigeria;
- viii. Examine the extant rules, procedures and processes for granting provisional licenses to new universities by the National Universities Commission (NUC);
- ix. Examine the procedures and processes for periodic accreditation of programmes in the universities by NUC and examine their effectiveness in quality assurance of the programmes;
- x. Without prejudice to the periodic accreditation exercise of the NUC, examine whether or not Private Universities established in the last 15 years have in place prescribed facilities, appropriate management structure, adequate funding of programmes, requisite staff (nature of staff – full-time, contract, adjunct, visiting, other types).

2. Memoranda from the general public are, therefore, solicited to provide information to the Committee to help it make appropriate recommendations to address the menace in line with its Terms of Reference and any other information that will be useful to the Committee. Submission should be forwarded in soft copy to the Committee's email: [fakecertcommittee@education.gov.ng](mailto:fakecertcommittee@education.gov.ng) not later than 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2024.

3. Thank you.

Prof. J.D. Amin  
Committee Chairman



# 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
21. Igbinedion University, Okado Centre for Distance Learning
22. Federal University Akure, Open and Distance Learning Centre
23. Mountain Top University Centre For Open Distance and e-Learning
24. University of Port-Harcourt Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning
25. University of Calabar Open and Distance Learning Centre
26. Covenant University Ota, Centre for Distance e-Learning

### 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, Bui  | 2018      |
| 6   | University of Benin, Benin City              | 1970      | 25  | Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike     | 1992      | 44  | Federal University of Health Sciences, Otuopko, 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      |     |  |           |

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| S/N | INSTITUTIONS  | Year Est. | S/N | INSTITUTIONS   | Year Est. | S/N | INSTITUTIONS  | Year Est. |
|-----|---|-----------|-----|--|-----------|-----|---|-----------|
| 1   | Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt        | 1979      | 19  | Adamawa State University, Mubi   | 2002      | 37  | Maitama Sule University, Kano   | 2012      |
| 2   | Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma                                       | 1980      | 20  | Gombe State University, Gombe  | 2004      | 38  | Technical University, Ibadan  | 2012      |
| 3   | Abia State University, Uturu  | 1981      | 21  | Kaduna State University, Kaduna  | 2004      | 39  | Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa   | 2013      |
| 4   | Enugu State University of Science & Tech, Enugu                       | 1982      | 22  | University of Cross River State, Calabar                                   | 2004      | 40  | Ondo State University of Medical Sciences   | 2015      |
| 5   | Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye                                | 1982      | 23  | Plateau State University, Bokkos   | 2005      | 41  | Edo University, Iyamho  | 2016      |
| 6   | Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti. (formerly University of Ado-Ekiti) | 1982      | 24  | Olusegun Agagu University of Science and Technology, Okitipupa, Ondo State | 2008      | 42  | Kingsley Ozumba (K.O) Mbadiwe University, Imo State                                   | 2016      |
| 7   | Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos                                    | 1983      | 25  | Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State                           | 2005      | 43  | University of Africa, Toru-Orua   | 2016      |
| 8   | Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, 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  | Moshood Abiola University of Science and Technology, Abeokuta                         | 2017      |
| 10  | Benue State University, Makurdi                                       | 1992      | 28  | Yobe State University Damaturu, Yobe State                                 | 2006      | 46  | Gombe State University of Science and Technology, Kumo                                | 2017      |
| 11  | Delta State University, Abraka  | 1992      | 29  | Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero                   | 2006      | 47  | Zamfara State University, Talata-Mafara   | 2018      |
| 12  | Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba - Akoko                           | 1999      | 30  | Osun State University, Osogbo  | 2006      | 48  | Bayelsa Medical University Yenagoa, Bayelsa State                                     | 2019      |
| 13  | Kogi State University, Anyigba  | 1999      | 31  | Taraba State University, Jalingo   | 2008      | 49  | University of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Umuagwo, Imo State              | 2019      |
| 14  | Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa                                       | 2000      | 32  | Kwara State University, Ilorin   | 2009      | 50  | Bamidele Olumulia University of Education Science and Technology, 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      |





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

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| 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 Adegboyega 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  | Eduoko 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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| 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 Rabi 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

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

- 1) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 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) Columbus University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 16) Tiu International University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 17) Pebbles University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 18) London External Studies UK operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 19) Pilgrims University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 20) Lobi Business School Makurdi, Benue State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 21) West African Christian University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 22) Bolta University College Aba or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 23) JBC Seminary Inc. (Wukari Jubilee University) Kaduna Illegal Campus
- 24) Westlan University, Esie, Kwara State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 25) St. Andrews University College, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 26) EC-Council University, USA, Ikeja Lagos Study Centre.
- 27) Atlas University, Ikot Udozo Uko, Oyo 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) Cotonou 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, Arochuku, 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 |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| JOHN      | OLUBUKOLA | JAYEOLA   | 19 March      |
| HADIZA    | CHEDO     | DANLAMI   | 19 March      |
| RITA      | NNEKA     | OKONJO    | 20 March      |
| IHINOLEN  | KIKELEMO  | ALUFOHAI  | 20 March      |
| HADIA     | GANA      | MAINA     | 20 March      |
| ZAKARAYAH | IMAM      | AHMED     | 20 March      |
| STEVE     |           | ODEGAH    | 21 March      |
| LIVINUS   | ODIO      | IREKPITA  | 22 March      |
| JOSEPH    | NTE       | BISONG    | 23 March      |
| NURUDDEEN |           | MUSA-UMAR | 23 March      |
| CHINWEOGO | CHIOMA    | TUKURA    | 23 March      |
| AWUA      | WASHIMA   | YAAYA     | 23 March      |
| MARIA     | I         | AIDEYONBA | 23 March      |
| ANTHONY   | ANTHONY   | ONYEMA    | 23 March      |

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