



Prof. Ribadu Receives Trinity Varsity Management



Pastor Olatunji expressed optimism that with the Executive Secretary's phenomenal track records, he will lead the NUS to an enviable heights despite the current challenges facing it.

He also acknowledged the contributions of Professor Ribadu to the development of university education in several capacities over the years, remarking that it was the basis for the Trinity Management's excitement about his appointment.

The Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission, Prof. Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN, the Pro-Chancellor, Trinity University, Yaba, Lagos State, Pastor Samuel Olatunji, accompanied by other members of Management of the University paid a courtesy call on the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN, to congratulate him on his new role. In his brief remarks, the Pro-Chancellor told the Executive Secretary that they came to congratulate and identify with him as the new leader of the Nigerian University System (NUS). He stated that education remained the basis for human and community development, commending the NUC for its support and guidance during

Trinity University's formative year. He explained that the Commission was supportive when the University applied for its provisional license by ensuring that they navigated the waters successfully.

He noted that the university had enjoyed very good rapport with the NUC and expressed confidence that the relationship would continue, pledging that the Trinity Management would



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The Pro-Chancellor of Trinity University, Pastor Samuel Olatunji

support the new Executive Secretary and the NUC to achieve its mandate and mission.

Lending his voice, the Vice-Chancellor of the university, Professor C.O Kolawole said private operators in the tertiary education sector had contributed significantly to the development of education in Nigeria to the tune of several billions of naira.

He lamented that other sectors like agriculture, industry and the shipping business have intervention funds but in the education sector where there is similar interventions, it is not enjoyed by private operators at the tertiary level.

The Vice-Chancellor informed the Executive Secretary that the university intentionally came into the university education sector because it had a lot of experience, stressing that the Management was not canvassing for free funds but ones which can be repaid with low interest rates than collecting loans from commercial banks whose interest rates are as high as 40%.

He further said that they are soliciting for the help of the

Executive Secretary to use his good office to appeal to the Federal Government for Special Intervention Funds for private universities repayable with low interest to enhance the capacity of the universities to deliver on their mandate.

In his response, the Executive Secretary of the NUC, Professor Ribadu appreciated the university for their kind words and for finding time to felicitate with him on his appointment.

He acknowledged that the university has graduated two sets

of students which means they are on the right footing and advised them to do more in terms of advocacy in order to attract more students even if it means reducing their tuition fees.

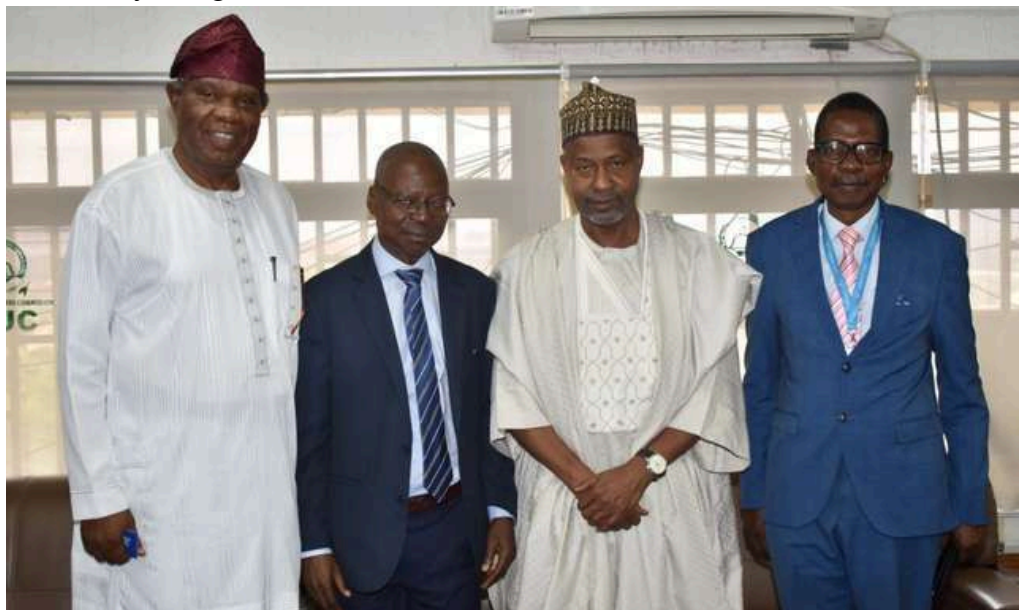
He urged them to see the floating of a university not as a money making venture but a legacy project.

While commending the University for running very important courses, he pointed out that it is strategically located in Lagos with an international airport which is accessible to foreign students.

The Executive Secretary argued that there should be a collective advocacy by all private universities in the country for Special Intervention Funds for them with low interest rates to enhance their performance and capacity to contribute to the development of tertiary education in the country.

He assured the University of NUC's willingness to assist and intervene on any issue and thanked the delegation for the visit.

In the Pro-Chancellor's delegation was also a Council member, Dr.



The Executive Secretary of NUC, Prof. Abdullahi Y. Ribadu and the Pro-Chancellor with Management Staff of Trinity University



The Executive Secretary of NUC, Prof. Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN in a Group Photograph with Members of Trinity University Management

Olufemi Oyinsam.

At the meeting were the NUC Deputy Executive Secretary (DES), Administration, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki; Acting Directors of: Research, Innovations and Information

Technology (DRIIT), Mal. Farouk Lawal; Skills Development and Entrepreneurship (DSDE), Mal. Ashafa Ladan ; Academic Planning (DAP), Mal. Abubakar Girei, as well as NUC's representative on the Board of the University, Mr. Curriculum

Studies, Dr. Esther Meka; Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. Jubril Momoh and Public Affairs (DPA), Mrs. Franca Chukwuonwo as well as NUC's representative on the Board of the University, Mr. Livinus Bisong.

AULNU Delegation Pays Courtesy Visit to ES

A four-man delegation led by the Chairperson of the Association of University Librarians of Nigerian Universities (AULNU) and Librarian of the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), Abuja, Dr. Angela E. Okpara on Wednesday 26th February, 2025, visited Professor Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN, to congratulate him on his recent and well-deserved appointment as the 9th Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC).

In her brief remarks, the Chairperson informed the Executive Secretary that the main essence of the visit as representatives of the larger Executives was first to felicitate

with him as the new der of the Nigerian University System (NUS).

She further stated that they also came to request the NUC boss to use his good office to prevail on

Vice-Chancellors of all universities across the country to ensure that Librarians attend Governing Council meetings in order for them to keep abreast of developments in the system.



The Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission, Prof. Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN



The ES of NUC, Prof. Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN (middle) and Some of the AULNU Delegation

Harping on the main functions of AULNU, Dr. Okpara explained that it was a forum meant for discussing matters and formulating policies relating to University Libraries in Nigeria and advising University managers on information services and library requirements.

Receiving the team, the Executive Secretary of NUC, Professor Ribadu appreciated the Association for finding time to come to felicitate with him on his appointment.

Directors of Works and Physical Planning Nigerian Varsities Visits NUC

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN, last Wednesday, 25th February, 2025, received in audience Executives of the Committee of Directors of Works and Physical Planning of Nigerian Universities, which came to join other well-wishers to congratulate with him on his new role.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the

While acknowledging that Librarians are coordinating body for library activities, he agreed that they are also playing very critical role in the NUS, noting that their importance is very much expressed in the teaching and learning process and would remain focal and the fulcrum of Nigerian universities.

He assured them that NUC is willing and ready to cooperate with bodies such as theirs to improve the University echo system.

Committee and Director of Works and Physical Planning, University of Ilorin, Engineer Rahaman K. Amoo, informed the Executive Secretary that besides coming to felicitate with him on his well-deserved appointment, they had come to renew their partnerships and commitment to building a stable university system during his tenure.

He said the Committee was aware of the pedigree of the new Executive

On the request for the Commission to back up its advocacy for inclusion of all its members as attendees to Governing Council meetings in Nigerian universities, he promised to convey an advisory letter to Vice-Chancellors on the need for them to be integral part of the process.

In the AULNU delegation were the Librarians of: Prime University, Abuja, Mal. Abdulsalami Rilwanu; Veritas University, Abuja, Dr. Danjuma Onu and Librarian, Bingham University, Karu, Nasarrawa State, Dr. Joshua Magoi.

At the meeting were the NUC Acting Directors of: Research, Innovations and Information Technology (DRIIT), Mal. Farouk Lawal; Inspection and Monitoring (DIM), Mrs. Lydia Imoroa; Academic Planning, (DAP), Mal. Abubakar Girei, represented by Deputy Director, Curriculum Studies, Dr. Esther Meka; Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. Jubril Momoh and Public Affairs (DPA), Mrs. Franca Chukwuonwo.



The ES of NUC, Prof. Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN Secretary having served as Vice-Chancellor in two separate universities and also being a Visiting



The ES of NUC, Prof. Abdullahi Y. Ribadu, FCVSN Receiving Souvenir from Chairman of the Committee of Works and Director of Works and Physical Planning, University of Ilorin, Engineer Rahaman K. Amoo

Professor in NUC before his eventual appointment which the team said gives him a leverage to serve the Nigerian University System (NUS) creditably at this time.

In his response, the Executive Secretary, Professor Ribadu remarked that Works and Physical Planning is the lifeline of the University System, being responsible for utility provisions including water and electricity both key and essential for survival of students on the campus.

He reminded them to maintain their status and important place and to continue to work closely with their Vice-Chancellors since the issue of Infrastructure and Physical Planning of universities rests squarely on them.

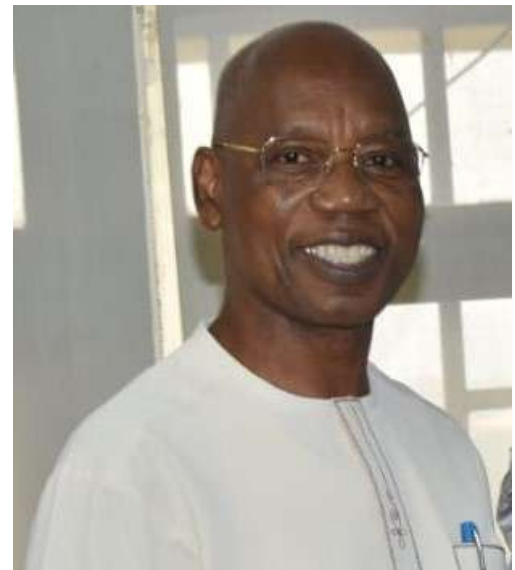
He thanked the Committee for taking out time from their on-going programme to visit him.

In the Committee of Works and Physical Planning of Nigerian Universities delegation were the Director of: University of Ilorin (UNILORIN), Quantity Surveyor

Toyin A. Jimoh; Nnamdi Azikiwe University (NAU), Awka, Engr. Raphael Okeke; Federal University of Health Sciences, Dutse, Quantity Surveyor Ogbonna Ndubuisi, Acting Directors of: University of Abuja, A. E Ripiye and Federal University of Technology (FUT) Minna, Aishatu Mohammed Mal. Abdulsalami Rilwanu; Veritas University, Abuja, Dr. Danjuma Onu and Librarian, Bingham University, Karu, Nasarrawa State, Dr. Joshua

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The Chairman of Committee of Directors of Works of Nigerian Universities, Engineer Rahaman K. Amoo



The Executive Secretary of NUC, Prof. Abdullahi Ribadu, FCVSN in a Group Photograph with the Directors of Works Committee Delegation

ES Assures A.M John Associates of NUC's Continuous Patronage



The Executive Secretary of NUC Prof. Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN, has assured the Principal Consultant and Property Manager of the Commission's facility located in the high-brow area of Ikoyi, Lagos State, Mr. Aigbe M. John Associates Estate Surveyors and Valuers that the Commission would maintain close partnership with it following the expertise the company brought into the management of the building. He gave this indication last Wednesday, 25th February, 2025, when he received in audience the Principal Partner, A.M John Associates, Mr Aigbe John, who came to felicitate and to familiarise with him as the new Executive Secretary. He recognised that NUC was not new to A.M John Associates, having been in the business relationship since 2010 and that under the agreement the property was refurbished and currently yielding dividends to the government.

Professor Ribadu, who acknowledged the effort of the facility agent to regular remittance based on the contractual agreement, recounted that the money realised does not belong to NUC but to the Federal Government which is paid into the Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF). He promised the Property Manager of NUC's continuous

partnership and called on the Consultant not to hesitate to bring up any other area of collaboration he deemed necessary.

Earlier, in his remarks, Mr Aigbe John said he had been in the business relationship for 14 years with the NUC and that it remained a very smooth one because he brought his expertise to bear when he took over the property's management.

He informed Professor Ribadu that his visit was aimed at congratulating him on his emergence as the new Executive Secretary and strengthening the existing relationship.

He used the forum to invite the NUC boss to undertake a tour of the facility to see things for himself as he had done well to deploy 80 per cent of the building into profitable venture.

The Principal Consultant was accompanied to the visit by a former Deputy Director in the NUC, Dr. Osayande Osamudiamen.



The Deputy Executive Secretary Admin of the NUC, Mr. Chris J. Maiyaki

ES Receives Karl Kuum Delegation



The Executive Secretary of NUC, Prof. Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN

The Executive Secretary, Professor Ribadu on his well-deserved appointment as the Head of the Commission (NUC),

Professor Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN, last Wednesday 26th February, 2025, received a delegation from Karl Kuum University, Vom, Plateau State, led by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Audu Nanven Gambo, in his office. Briefing the Executive Secretary on the mission of the delegation, Professor Gambo said that they came on a congratulatory visit to

He stated that the visit would have taken place last December shortly after the Executive Secretary's appointment but was delayed by the death of its Pro-Chancellor, Professor Ochapa Onazi. The Vice-Chancellor expressed confidence in the ability of the Executive Secretary to expand the frontiers of the Nigerian University System (NUS) considering his

wealth of experience and leadership skills.

He used the forum to appreciate the NUC Management for its significant support to the establishment of the University in April 2021 and for the guidance extended to the University during its formative years.

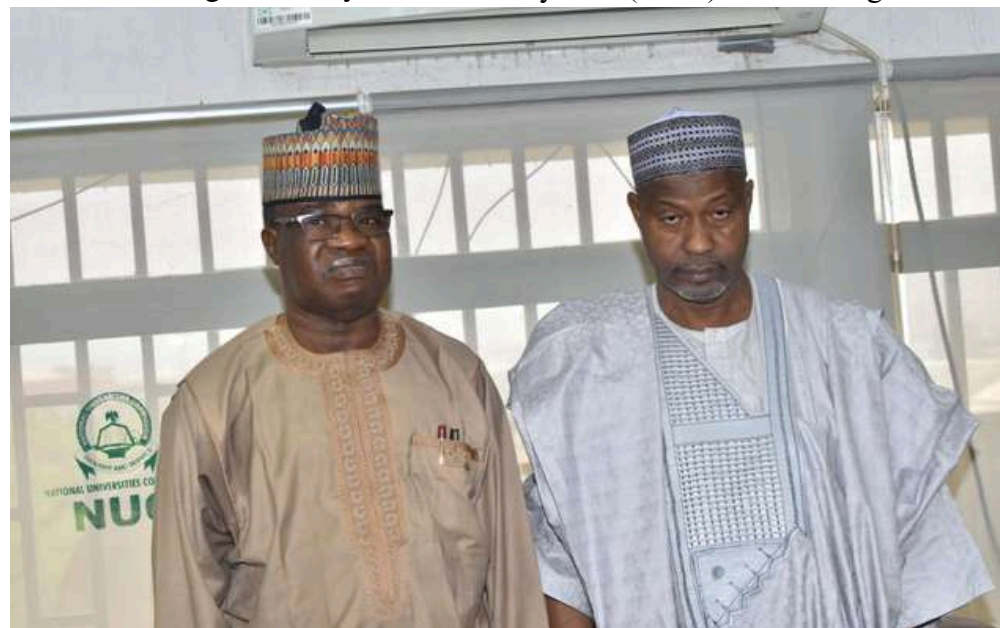
He reminded the Executive Secretary that though the University got its licence as early as July 2022, academic activities could not begin due to some hiccups with the host community which has now been laid to rest.

Professor Gambo also told the Executive Secretary that due to that delay, the University currently has two sets of students 100 and 200 levels running the Core Curriculum Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS) and the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS), respectively at these levels.

Responding, the Executive Secretary commiserated with the University over the death of its Pro-Chancellor, Professor Ochapa Onazi, noting that some universities could not survive or gain stability after similar incidences.

He remarked that pioneering a new University, especially faith-based one, is a daunting task and that the foundation laid now would determine the future of the Institution and called for responsible governance from the management.

While wishing the Vice-Chancellor well on his job, he urged them to ensure that students are attracted to



The Executive Secretary of NUC, Prof. Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN (right) and the Vice-Chancellor of Karl Kuum University Vom, Professor Audu Nanven Gambo



The Vice-Chancellor of Karl Kuom University Vom, Professor Audu Nanven Gambo

the young University to keep it afloat considering huge expenses to be paid on staff salaries and emoluments as well as utility charges.

He assured that NUC would do everything possible within the ambit of the law to assist the University to achieve its set goals and objectives.

Others in the delegation included the Registrar, Mr. Benjamin Davou Dachomo; Registrar, Mr. Promise Sattong Sokyos and Bursar, Dr. Mrs. Lydia Endaben Lakan. At the meeting were the NUC Acting Directors of: Research, Innovations and Information Technology (DRIIT), Mal. Farouk Lawal; Inspection and Monitoring (DIM), Mrs. Lydia Imoroa; Academic Planning, (DAP), Mal. Abubakar Girei, represented by Deputy Director, Curriculum Studies, Dr. Esther Meka; Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. Jubril Momoh and Public Affairs (DPA), Mrs. Franca Chukwuonwo.



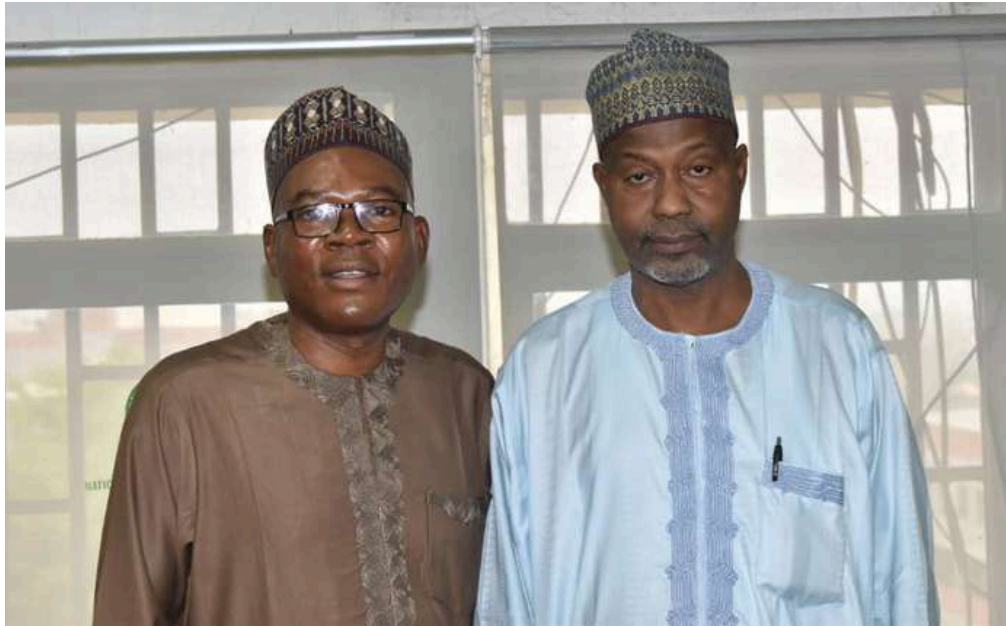
The ES of NUC, Prof. Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN in a Group Photograph with Members of Karl Kuom University Delegations and Members of NUC Management

...Mgt. of Magareth Lawrence University

In a related issue, the Vice-Chancellor of Magareth Lawrence University, Galilee, Delta State, Professor Ernest B. Ezabigie, led other top officials of the Institution to a courtesy call on the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor

Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN, to also congratulate him on his new assignment. He expressed the willingness of the University to work under the tutelage and leadership of Professor Ribadu whom he described as a shining light in the Nigerian University System (NUS).

He used the forum to inform the Executive Secretary that the rationale behind establishing a College of Medicine and Faculty of Law in Abuja was because both were flagship programmes which students were not able to register for at the Permanent Site in Galilee, Delta State, due to the



The ES of NUC, Prof. Abdullahi Ribadu Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN and the Vice Chancellor of Margaret Lawrence University Delegation, Professor Ernest B. Ezabigie

peculiar security challenge inherent partner with him to uplifting the in the University's location. NUS.

Responding, Professor Ribadu He pledged to do his best to assist thanked them for the visit and for the young University in order to reiterating their willingness to achieve its set goals and objectives.

In the Vice-Chancellors delegation were: the Provost, College of Medicine, Professor Abubakar Idris Suleiman; Head of Department, Anatomy, Dr. Abigail Abraham and Representative of the Registrar and Deputy Registrar, Barr. Onuche Samson.

At the meeting were the NUC Acting Directors of: Research, Innovations and Information Technology (DRIIT), Mal. Farouk Lawal; Students (DoS), Ms. Rita Nneka Okonjo; Accreditation, (DA), Engr. Abraham Chundusu, Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. Jubril Momoh and Representative of Public Affairs (DPA), Mr. Okoronkwo Ogbonnaya.



The ES of NUC, Prof. Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN in a Group Photograph with the Vice-chancellor and Members of Margaret Lawrence University Delegation

Prof. Mlanga Introduces New CODAPNU ExcCos to ES

The newly-elected Chairman of the Committee of Directors of Academic Planning of Nigerian Universities (CODAPNU), Professor Sunday Mlanga on Thursday 27th February, 2025, paid a visit to the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor

Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN, accompanied by two other officers, to intimate him about the change in leadership of the Academic Planners. In his remarks, Professor Mlanga appreciated the NUC family for the tremendous support it had extended to CODPANU in the last

couple of years and for the smooth relationship that exist between both parties.

He commended the Executive Secretary for taking special interest in the affairs of the Committee and for his active involvement at its last Conference held in January which he attended personally with a



The Executive Secretary of NUC, Prof. Abdullahi Ribadu Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN

retinue of other Management staff and making also valuable contributions during their deliberations.

He informed Professor Ribadu that upon inauguration, the new executives had come up with some new initiatives to rejig the activities of the Committee by not concentrating only on the Annual Meetings by reason of the enormous expectations from Academic Planners in the Nigerian University System (NUS).

He said part of this is the intention to hold a Workshop in June 2025, hence the decision to come and brief its first family, the NUC, before commencing the intinery of the activity.

The CODAPNU Chairman reiterated his appeal for the support of the Commission in the forthcoming programme which has the theme: “Enhancing Academic Excellence and Graduate Employability: Strengthening the Implementation of CCMAS for Sustainable Youth Development”.

He also used the forum to request

the NUC to assist it with a letter of “No Objection” as required by the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) to enable CODAPNU get registered as an entrusted entity.

In his response, the Executive Secretary recounted that CODAPNU was among the first few entities that came calling as soon as he resumed duties, while his maiden official outing was also at their Conference.

He appreciated the new leadership for coming up with innovative

ideas that will improve and impact the NUS and called on them to continue in the direction they have started.

On the request for a letter, he assured them that NUC will do everything necessary to assist them with it and also pledged his continuous support to the Committee.

In the CODAPNU delegation were: the Director of Academic Planning, Prince Abubakar Audu University, Ayingba, Kogi State, Professor Abayomi Ajayi and the Personal Assistant to the Chairman, Mr. Michael N. Angyee.

At the meeting werethe NUC Acting Directors of: Research, Innovations and Information Technology (DRIIT), Mal. Farouk Lawal; Students (DoS), Ms. Rita Nneka Okonjo; Accreditation, (DA), Engr. Abraham Chundusu, Executive Secretary’s Office (DESO), Mr. Jubril Momoh and Representative of Public Affairs (DPA), Mr. Okoronkwo Ogbonnaya.



The ES of NUC Prof. Abdullahi Y. Ribadu and the Newly-Elected Chairman of CODAPNU of Professor Sunday Mlanga

PHOTO GALLARIES







THE PRESIDENCY THE GOVERNING BOARD NIGERIAN NATIONAL MERIT AWARD

CALL FOR NOMINATION/APPLICATION FOR YEAR 2025

The Governing Board of the Nigerian National Merit Award is currently soliciting nominations or applications for the award of the Nigerian National Order of Merit (NNOM) for 2025. The deadline for nomination is **31st March, 2025**. Nominations are valid only for the year of nomination. However, candidates who have been previously nominated should state clearly additional work(s) done since they were last nominated or the new grounds for re-consideration of their nomination.

ABOUT NNMA

NNMA is a value driven agency of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. It was established by Act 53 of 1979 as amended by Act 96 of 1992 (CAP 122 LFN, 2004). The Mission statement for NNMA reads: "Committed to stimulating and rewarding, academic and professional excellence for national development of Nigeria".

THE NNOM AWARD

- i. The Nigerian National Order of Merit (NNOM) is an "Order of Dignity" and distinct from the National Honours. It was instituted to accord proper and due recognition for outstanding intellectual and academic attainments and contributions to the general development of Nigeria. The President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria is required by law (NNMA Act Section 8) to confer the NNOM Award annually, on the recipient(s), on the first Thursday in the month of December. The objective of the Award is to stimulate and reward excellence in Science, Engineering/Technology, Medicine, Humanities, Arts & Culture and other fields of human endeavor.
- ii. **A recipient of NNOM Award is entitled to:**
 - a. use the designation Nigeria National Order of Merit (NNOM) after his/her name;
 - b. receive a Cash Prize, a Certificate and a Medal;
 - c. such other privileges as are enjoyed by recipients of high levels of national awards and honours.

ELIGIBILITY

- i. The Award is open to all citizens of Nigeria at home and abroad.
- ii Any Nigerian citizen of outstanding merit can be nominated by one or more Nigerian citizens. Any person may by himself/herself, where not sponsored by another person, apply to the Board for this purpose. Where two or more Nigerians are collaborating on any deserving undertaking, they can be similarly nominated for a joint Award.

NOMINATION/APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- i. Nominations shall be made strictly on the prescribed Nomination/Application Form, and in the format therein. Sponsors should provide brief information on themselves. The Nomination/Application Form may either be collected at the NNMA secretariat or downloaded from the NNMA website, www.nnma.gov.ng. The form as advertised is also valid.
- ii. Only one nomination/application may be submitted on the prescribed application form.
- iii. In private consultation with the nominee, the nomination/application form shall be accompanied by:
 - a. The *curriculum vitae* of each candidate.
 - b. A statement, preferably by the candidate, of between 250 – 500 words, specifying/defining and clearly illustrating in concrete terms, NOT generalities, what the candidate considers his/her unique and meritorious contribution to knowledge in his/her field of endeavor/specialization to merit consideration for the NNOM award.
 - c. A list of not more than ten publications cited in the candidate's curriculum vitae which in the nominee's consideration, buttresses his/her claim to uniqueness and merit. Copies of the ten publications must be submitted with the application.
 - d. 3 portrait photographs of the candidate.
- iv. All nominations and supporting documents, including copies of the ten publications submitted to buttress the nominee's claim to uniqueness and merit, must reach the Secretary of the Nigerian National Merit Award on or before the stipulated deadline. Any nomination or application including the specified requirements arriving later than the deadline will not be considered.
- v. All supporting documents, including the nomination form should be sent in three (3) copies.
- vi. Candidates with incomplete documents shall not be considered.
- vii. Neither the Governing Board nor any of its Specialized Committees of Assessors shall entertain or enter into any correspondence with candidates or their sponsors regarding the processing of, or decision on any Nomination.
- viii. The Nomination/Application Form and supporting documents shall be addressed, sealed and delivered on or before 31st March, 2025 to:

The Ag. Secretary,
 The Presidency,
 Nigerian National Merit Award,
 Merit House, No.22, Aguiyi Ironsi Street,
 3rd Floor, Maitama, Abuja.
 E-mail:nnmaabuja@gmail.com
 website:www.nnma.gov.ng

SELECTION/CONSIDERATION

- (i) Selection will be made from the wide range of contemporary works which are innovative, creative, essentially Nigerian in content and of national and international distinction; such works should emphasize the uniqueness of the achievements to humanity generally and Nigerian society in particular.
- (ii) The achievements may constitute a specific break-through in any field or may be of a cumulative nature; and
- (iii) The Award emphasizes distinct merit and upright morality, as this is the highest Merit Award in the Country.
- (iv) Nominators must not make public the names of nominees.
- (v) **Kindly note that any candidate that is found to lobby for the award shall be disqualified.**
- (vi) In order to preserve and enhance the credibility of the Award, the submissions of the prospective recipients are usually subjected to rigorous assessment by experts, known as Specialized Committee of Assessors in the following four core areas:-
 - Science
 - Medicine
 - Engineering/Technology
 - Humanities, Arts and Culture and other fields of human endeavour.
- (vii) When and where necessary, External Assessors are usually engaged from the national or international academic community.

ANNOUNCEMENT/INVESTITURE

- (i) Successful candidates will be notified about the outcomes of the process between October and November 2025 to be followed by an official public announcement latest two weeks from the date of Investiture.
- (ii) The Investiture of NNOM Awardee (s) is personally conducted by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- (iii) The Investiture holds back-to-back with the Annual Forum of Laureates of the Nigerian National Order of Merit.

NOMINATION /APPLICATION FORMAT

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| 3. CONTACTS: <input type="radio"/> Postal Address <input type="radio"/> Phone <input type="radio"/> E-mail | | | |
| 4. FIELD OF ENDEAVOUR: | | | |
| 5. DETAILS OF BASIS/GROUNDS FOR NOMINATION: A statement, preferably by the candidate, of between 250 – 500 words, specifying/defining and clearly illustrating in concrete terms, NOT generalities, what the candidate considers his/her unique and meritorious contribution to knowledge in his/her field of endeavor/specialization to merit consideration for the NNOM award. List below the statement not more than ten publications cited in the candidate's curriculum vitae, which he/she considers to buttress his/her claim to uniqueness and merit. N/B: Use additional papers if necessary | | | |
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| 8. HAVE YOU APPLIED BEFORE? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="radio"/> If yes, indicate all the years of previous applications. | | | |
| 9. Candidates who have been previously nominated should state new grounds or additional works done since last nomination. | | | |
| 10. Signature of Nominee/Applicant | Date: | | |

(SIGNED)
 ACTING SECRETARY, NNMA.

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PRESS RELEASE

MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA

The National Universities Commission is a parastatal under the Federal Ministry of Education charged with the orderly development of University Education in Nigeria. By virtue of the provisions of the Education (National Minimum Standards and Establishment of Institutions) Act, CAP E3, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, the Commission is empowered to provide guidelines for the establishment of private universities in Nigeria.

In exercise of its mandates, the Commission has since 1999 recommended and the Federal Government has approved the establishment of 149 private universities in Nigeria to date.

The Commission, in its efforts at repositioning Private Universities in Nigeria to better meet the needs of the citizenry and for better co-ordination of the development of the Private University Education sub-sector of the Nigerian University System (NUS), has identified the need to review the guidelines for the establishment of private universities. This is to ensure that newly established private universities are positioned to meet the challenges of the 21st Century.

Pursuant to the above and in line with the **directive** of the Honourable Minister of Education, the National Universities Commission hereby informs Promoters of proposed Private Universities in particular and the general public as follows:


1. The Commission hereby suspends further processing of:
 - a. All inactive applications including those of private open universities (i.e. those that have not made progress on their applications or made submissions to the Commission for upwards of two years), and
 - b. Applications at the stage of submission of Letters of Intent only;
2. The Fee for purchase of Application Forms for the Establishment of a Private University is hereby reviewed from One Million (₦1,000,000.00) Naira to (Five Million (₦5,000,000.00) Naira;

3. The Processing Fee for Application for the Establishment of a Private University is hereby reviewed from Five Million (₦5,000,000.00) Naira to Twenty-Five Million (₦25,000,000.00) Naira;
4. The NUC will convey the reviewed Processing Fee of Twenty-Five Million (₦25,000,000.00) Naira to applicants that have purchased Application Forms only. They are also expected to effect payments within a period of thirty (30) **working days** or risk forfeiture of their pending applications;
5. The Commission hereby imposes a ***Moratorium for a period of one year with effect from Monday, 10th February, 2025*** on:
 - a. Inactive applications for the establishment of new private universities to enable the Commission to conduct a comprehensive review of such pending applications with a view to determining their viability;
 - b. Applications on Step 1 of the 14-Step Procedure (i.e. those that have submitted Letters of Intent only), and
 - c. Acceptance of fresh applications for the establishment of private universities, including private open universities;
6. The Commission is in the process of reviewing other aspects of the Guidelines for the Establishment of Private Universities in Nigeria to ensure that the proposed Universities, when licensed, are positioned to meet the challenges of the 21st Century. Details of the review would be communicated to Stakeholders in due course.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Commission will continue to process pending active applications and make appropriate recommendations to the Federal Executive Council for approval.

For further enquiries, Stakeholders and members of the public are advised to contact:

The Ag. Director,
Directorate for the Establishment of Private Universities (DEPU),
National Universities Commission, 26, Aguiyi Ironsi Street, Maitama. Abuja on:
info@nuc.edu.ng and depu@nuc.edu.ng
0803 614 5399


10.2.25
Professor Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu
Executive Secretary



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

CLARIFICATION ON THE NOMENCLATURE CHANGE AND UPGRADED PROGRAMMES FROM BACHELORS DEGREE TO DOCTOR (Bachelors Degree with clinical sessions) STATUS

The National Universities Commission, cognizant of the need to keep abreast with global perspectives on programmes and course delivery in the university education space, had carried out a nomenclature change and upgraded Programmes from Bachelors Degree to Doctor (Bachelors Degree with clinical sessions) Status in the Nigerian Universities.

This quest to upgrade the status of some medical related programmes from Bachelors Degree to Doctor (Bachelors Degree with clinical sessions) was borne out of the desire to incorporate more clinical/ practical sessions, provide sufficient coverage of foundation courses, improve on clinical skills and cover all specialty areas.

The trend was also to align with global best practice applicable in the training of professionals in these medical related programmes. Furthermore, the certificates obtained from Nigerian University System can be at par with those obtained in similar programmes from other climes. This will ensure global competitiveness of Nigerian graduates in terms of Certificates evaluation, employability and further studies.

Programmes with Upgraded Status:

Below are the list of the programmes upgraded from Bachelors Degree to Doctor Status (Bachelors Degree with clinical sessions), which are found in the NUC's Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS) and Core Curriculum Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS).

1. Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm D)
2. Doctor of Physiotherapy (DPT)
3. Optometry (O.D Doctor of Optometry).

Duration of the Programme:

Consequently, the duration of the above programmes were increased from five to six years to accommodate the additional courses and clinicals incorporated into the curriculum.

Conclusion:

The general public and all stakeholders are hereby informed that the Doctor of Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) programmes does not exist in the NUC's BMAS or CCMAS and thus was not captured as an upgraded programme.

Consequently, MLSD is not an approved programme in the offering in Nigerian universities.

Signed
Management





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February 7, 2025

Professor Abdullahi Y. Ribadu
Executive Secretary
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26 Aguiyi Ironsi Street
Maitama, Abuja.

Dear Prof,

CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION (NUC).

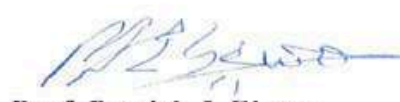
It is with great excitement that we, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, Governing Council, Management, staff and students of Topfaith University, Mkpatak, write to warmly congratulate you on your well-deserved appointment as the Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC). This is truly another golden feather that has adorned your noble career cap in the higher education landscape of Nigeria. We recognize that you have worked tirelessly to get to this point, and we are overwhelmed with joy that you have been rewarded for your hard work, diligence, integrity, and accomplishments. *CONGRATULATIONS!*

You are indeed a great fit for this job. Your discipline, humility, knowledge, skills, experience, and indeed your very essence, have given us great hope that your tenure as the new Executive Secretary at the National Universities Commission (NUC) will make a difference and create a lasting impact.

Your past devotion to duty, dedication and ability to stimulate and innovate will continue to serve you well as you move into the shore of this new endeavour. With the commencement of your term in office, we prayerfully look forward to the consolidation of all your laudable achievements recorded so far for the emergence of a novel, stronger, and more productive Nigerian University System.

Once again, congratulations! We wish you God's protection.


Dr. Emmanuel T. Abraham
Chairman, Board of Trustees.


Prof. Patrick J. Ebewo
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NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

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All Federal Universities

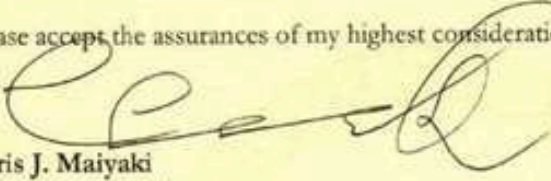
RE: END OF TENURE OF SOME VICE-CHANCELLORS OF FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES

I write, further to previous communication Ref. No. NUC/ES/138/Vol. 65/88 and dated 27 May 2024, to convey the directive of the Federal Ministry of Education, vide its letter Ref. No. FME/TE/CU/130/T6/458 and dated 28 May 2024 (copy attached), to the effect that Vice-Chancellors of Federal Universities, who are rounding up their tenures, are to nominate, through the recommendation of their Senates, Deputy Vice-Chancellors that will oversee the Offices of the Vice-Chancellors, in a temporary capacity.

The Governing Councils, after their inauguration, will appoint Acting Vice-Chancellors for a period not less than 6 months, during which they will commence the process of appointing substantive Vice-Chancellors.

This Circular takes pre-eminence over our earlier communication on the same subject.

Please accept the assurances of my highest considerations, always.


Chris J. Maiyaki
Acting Executive Secretary



FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

7th Floor, Federal Secretariat Complex, Phase III, Shehu Shagari Way,
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FME/TE/CU/130/T6/458

28th May, 2024

The Executive Secretary,
National Universities Commission,
Maitama,
Abuja,

END OF TENURE OF SOME VICE-CHANCELLORS OF FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES

Please refer to the above subject.

2. I am directed to inform you to kindly disseminate the following information to all the Vice-Chancellors whose tenure will be completed soon:
 - i. to nominate through the recommendation of the Senate a Deputy Vice-Chancellor that will oversee office of the Vice-Chancellor in a temporary capacity,
 - ii. the Governing Council after inauguration would appoint an Acting Vice-Chancellor for a period not less than 6 months during which the Council will commence the process of appointing a substantive Vice-Chancellor.
3. Please, accept the assurances of my warm regards and consideration.

Mrs. R.G. Ilyasu
Director University Education
For: Honourable Minister



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION, ABUJA

PUBLIC NOTICE

A REBUTTAL ON KADUNA BUSINESS SCHOOL ENLISTED AS DEGREE MILL IN NUC MONDAY BULLETIN

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that investigations by the National Universities Commission (NUC), have revealed that the Kaduna Business School does not operate a degree mill. Accordingly, the name of the Kaduna Business School (before now, enlisted as number 55 in the list of degree mills in Monday Bulletin) has been removed from the list of Illegal Universities operating in Nigeria.

Prof. Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN
Executive Secretary.



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION, ABUJA

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

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

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

For the avoidance of doubt, the Commission can confirm that it initiated in 2019 a laudable project, with the intent of compiling and publishing a list of full Professors in the Nigerian Universities System (NUS) through the use of an online portal to collate the requisite data. During the exercise, the NUC found anomalies, such as Associate Professors being listed as full Professors. It is essential to also state clearly that the Commission as a responsible Federal Government Agency, does not engage in half-baked exercises capable of tarnishing the image of Nigeria and the NUS. That was why the Commission deemed it necessary to share the collated data with the Nigerian Universities for the purpose of authentication by the competent authorities as to who qualifies to be a full professor. Based on the verified data, the Commission then in a landmark accomplishment, first published the list of full Professors who participated in the exercise in 2019. It was understood that this would be succeeded by a continuous process of updating the list of full Professors. It is important to state at this point that all the issues pertaining to the 2019 verification of full Professors in Nigerian Universities were concluded in 2019. Since then, the Commission has entrenched a more reliable system of generating the list of full Professors in the NUS. The Commission is also conscious of the fact that some of the academics not captured in the 2019 exercise may now have matured and progressed to become full Professors; this being the reason why it continuously updates the list of full Professors in the NUS.

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

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

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

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

Signed.

Prof. Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN
Executive Secretary
National Universities Commission



FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

Federal Secretariat, Phase III, Abuja

Press Release

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signed

Mrs. Augustina Obilor-Duru
Acting Director, Press and Public Relations
2nd January, 2023



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

Approved Open University and Distant Learning Centres in Nigerian

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-six 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
27. Delta State University Abraka Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning
28. Nasarawa State University, Keffi Centre for Open Distance and e-Learning
29. Nile University of Nigeria Centre for Distance 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

Prof. Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN
Executive Secretary, NUC
Announcer



LIST OF APPROVED UNIVERSITIES IN NIGERIA

APPROVED FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES

| S/No. | INSTITUTIONS | YEAR EST. | S/No. | INSTITUTIONS | YEAR EST. | S/No. | INSTITUTIONS | YEAR EST. |
|-------|---|-----------|-------|---|-----------|-------|--|-----------|
| 1. | University of Ibadan, Ibadan | 1948 | 34. | Alex Ekwueme University, Ndufu Alike, Ebonyi State | 2011 | 67. | Federal University of Allied Health Sciences, Enugu | 2024 |
| 2. | University of Nigeria, Nsukka | 1960 | 35. | Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State | 2011 | 68. | Federal University of Environment and Technology, Tai Town, Ogoniland, Rivers State | 2025 |
| 3. | Obafemi Awolowo Ile-Ife | 1962 | 36. | Federal University, Otuoke, Bayelsa | 2011 | 69. | Federal University of Applied Sciences, Kachia, Kaduna State (formerly Nok University, Kachia) | 2025 |
| 4. | Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria | 1962 | 37. | The Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, Kano State | 2012 | | | |
| 5. | University of Lagos, Lagos | 1962 | 38. | Federal University, Birnin-Kebbi, Kebbi | 2013 | | | |
| 6. | University of Benin, Benin City | 1970 | 39. | Federal University, Gusau, Zamfara | 2013 | | | |
| 7. | Bayero University, Kano | 1975 | 40. | Federal University, Gashua, Yobe | 2013 | | | |
| 8. | University of Calabar, Calabar | 1975 | 41. | Nigeria Maritime University Okereenkoko, Delta State | 2018 | | | |
| 9. | University of Ilorin, Ilorin | 1975 | 42. | Air Force Institute of Technology, Kaduna | 2018 | | | |
| 10. | University of Jos, Jos | 1975 | 43. | Nigerian Army University, Biu | 2018 | | | |
| 11. | University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri | 1975 | 44. | Federal University of Health Sciences, Otukpo, Benue State | 2020 | | | |
| 12. | Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto | 1975 | 45. | Federal University of Agriculture, Zuru, Kebbi State | 2020 | | | |
| 13. | University of Port-Harcourt, Port-Harcourt | 1975 | 46. | Federal University of Technology, Babura, Jigawa State | 2021 | | | |
| 14. | Federal University of Technology, Owerri | 1980 | 47. | Federal University of Technology Ikot Abasi, Akwa Ibom State | 2021 | | | |
| 15. | Federal University of Technology, Akure | 1981 | 48. | Federal University of Health Sciences, Azare, Bauchi State | 2021 | | | |
| 16. | Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola | 1981 | 49. | Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila Orangun, Osun State | 2021 | | | |
| 17. | Federal University of Technology, Minna | 1982 | 50. | King David Umahi University of Medical Sciences, Uburu, Ebonyi State | 2022 | | | |
| 18. | Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna | 1985 | 51. | Admiralty University, Ibusa, Delta State | 2023 | | | |
| 19. | University of Abuja, Abuja | 1988 | 52. | Federal University of Transportation, Daura, Katsina State, | 2023 | | | |
| 20. | Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi | 1988 | 53. | African Aviation and Aerospace University, Abuja, FCT | 2023 | | | |
| 21. | Joseph Sarwuan Tarka University, Makurdi, Benue State | 1988 | 54. | National University of Science and Technology, Abuja, FCT | 2023 | | | |
| 22. | Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta | 1988 | 55. | Federal University of Agriculture Bassam-Biri, Bayelsa | 2023 | | | |
| 23. | University of Uyo, Uyo | 1991 | 56. | Federal University of Health Sciences, Kwale, Delta state | 2023 | | | |
| 24. | Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka | 1992 | 57. | Federal University of Health Sciences, Katsina | 2023 | | | |
| 25. | Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike | 1992 | 58. | Federal University of Agriculture, Mubi | 2023 | | | |
| 26. | National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos | 2002 | 59. | Federal University of Education, Zaria, Kaduna State | 2023 | | | |
| 27. | Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun | 2007 | 60. | Alvan Ikoku Federal University of Education, Owerri, Imo State | 2023 | | | |
| 28. | Federal University, Lokoja, Kogi State | 2011 | 61. | Federal University of Medicine and Medical Sciences, Abeokuta, Ogun State | 2023 | | | |
| 29. | Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State | 2011 | 62. | Federal University of Education, Kano, Kano State | 2023 | | | |
| 30. | Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State | 2011 | 63. | Adeyemi University of Education, Onko State | 2023 | | | |
| 31. | Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State | 2011 | 64. | Federal University of Education, Pankshin, Plateau State | 2023 | | | |
| 32. | Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State | 2011 | 65. | Federal University of Education, Kontagora, Niger State | 2023 | | | |
| 33. | Federal University, Dutse, Jigawa State | 2011 | 66. | University of Maritime Studies, Oron, Akwa Ibom State | 2024 | | | |

CATEGORIES OF THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES

- Conventional Universities:
- Specialised Universities:
- Military Universities:

APPROVED STATE UNIVERSITIES

| S/No. | INSTITUTIONS | YEAR EST. | S/No. | INSTITUTIONS | YEAR EST. | S/No. | INSTITUTIONS | YEAR EST. |
|-------|--|-----------|-------|---|-----------|-------|---|-----------|
| 1. | Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt | 1979 | 32. | Kwara State University, Ilorin | 2009 | 63. | AbdulKadir Kure University, Minna, Niger State | 2023 |
| 2. | Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma | 1980 | 33. | Sokoto State University, Sokoto | 2009 | 64. | Kwara State University of Education, Ilorin, Kwara State | 2024 |
| 3. | Abia State University, Uturu | 1981 | 34. | Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden | 2010 | 66. | Adulsalam Abubakar University of Agriculture and Climate Action, Mokwa, Niger State | 2024 |
| 4. | Enugu State University of Science & Tech, Enugu | 1982 | 35. | Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuoluneni | 2010 | 66. | Ebonyi State University of ICT, Science and Technology, Oferekepe, Ebonyi State | 2025 |
| 5. | Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye | 1982 | 36. | Bauchi State University, Gadau | 2011 | | | |
| 6. | Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti. (formerly University of Ado-Ekiti) | 1982 | 37. | Maitama Sule University, Kano | 2012 | | | |
| 7. | Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos | 1983 | 38. | Technical University, Ibadan | 2012 | | | |
| 8. | Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomosho | 1990 | 39. | Sule Lamido University, Kafin Hausa | 2013 | | | |
| 9. | Imo State University, Owerri | 1992 | 40. | Ondo State University of Medical Sciences | 2015 | | | |
| 10. | Benue State University, Makurdi | 1992 | 41. | Edo University, Iyamho | 2016 | | | |
| 11. | Delta State University, Abraka | 1992 | 42. | Kingsley Ozumba (K.O) Mbadiwe University, Imo State | 2016 | | | |
| 12. | Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba - Akoko | 1999 | 43. | University of Africa, Toru-Orua | 2016 | | | |
| 13. | Kogi State University, Anyigba | 1999 | 44. | Borno State University | 2016 | | | |
| 14. | Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa | 2000 | 45. | Moshood Abiola University of Science and Technology, Abeokuta | 2017 | | | |
| 15. | Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu University, Uli | 2000 | 46. | Gombe State University of Science and Technology, Kumo | 2017 | | | |
| 16. | Aliko Dangote University of Science & Technology, Wudil | 2000 | 47. | Zamfara State University, Talata-Mafara | 2018 | | | |
| 17. | Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki | 2000 | 48. | Bayelsa Medical University Yenagoa, Bayelsa State | 2019 | | | |
| 18. | Nasarawa State University, Keffi | 2002 | 49. | University of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Unuagwo, Imo State | 2019 | | | |
| 19. | Adamawa State University, Mubi | 2002 | 50. | Bamidele Olumulia University of Education Science and Technology, Ikere - Ekiti State | 2020 | | | |
| 20. | Gombe State University, Gombe | 2004 | 51. | Confluence University of Science and Technology Osara, Kogi State | 2020 | | | |
| 21. | Kaduna State University, Kaduna | 2004 | 52. | University of Delta, Agbor, Delta State | 2021 | | | |
| 22. | Cross River University of Technology, Calabar | 2004 | 53. | University of Science and Technology, Ozoro, Delta State | 2021 | | | |
| 23. | Plateau State University, Bokkos | 2005 | 54. | Dennis Osadebay University, Asaba, Delta State | 2021 | | | |
| 24. | Olusegun Agagu University of Science and Technology, Okitipupa, Ondo State | 2008 | 55. | Lagos University of Education, LASUED, Oto/Ijanikin, Lagos State | 2022 | | | |
| 25. | Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State | 2005 | 56. | Lagos University of Science and Technology, Ikorodu, Lagos State | 2022 | | | |
| 26. | Tai Solann University of Education, Ijagan | 2005 | 57. | Shehu Shagari University of Education, Sokoto, Sokoto State | 2022 | | | |
| 27. | Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina | 2006 | 58. | State University of Medical and Applied Sciences, Igbo-Ero, Enugu State | 2022 | | | |
| 28. | Yobe State University Damaturu, Yobe State | 2006 | 59. | University of Ilesa, Osun State | 2022 | | | |
| 29. | Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero | 2006 | 60. | Emmanuel Alayande University of Education, Oyo, Oyo State | 2022 | | | |
| 30. | Osun State University, Osogbo | 2006 | 61. | Sa'adatu Rimi University of Education, Kumbotso, Kano, Kano State | 2023 | | | |
| 31. | Taraba State University, Jalingo | 2008 | 62. | Kogi State University, Kabba, Kogi State | 2023 | | | |

APPROVED PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

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| 1 | Babcock University, Ilishan-Remo, Ogun State | 1999 | 34 | Afe Babalola University Ado-Ekiti - Ekiti State | 2009 | 67 | Kola Daisi University, Ibadan, Oyo State | 2016 |
| 2 | Madonna University, Okija, Anambra State | 1999 | 35 | Godfrey Okoye University, Ugwuomu-Nike, Enugu State | 2009 | 68 | Legacy University, Okija, Anambra State | 2016 |
| 3 | Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State | 1999 | 36 | Nigerian-Turkish Nile University, FCT Abuja | 2009 | 69 | Spintan University, Nneochi, Abia State | 2017 |
| 4 | Bowen University, Iwo, Ogun State | 2001 | 37 | Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu - Osun State | 2009 | 70 | Precious Cornerstone, Ibadan, Oyo State | 2017 |
| 5 | Benson Idahosa University, Benin City, Edo State | 2002 | 38 | Paul University, Awka, Anambra State | 2009 | 71 | PAMO University of Medical Sciences, Port-Harcourt, Rivers State | 2017 |
| 6 | Covenant University, Otta, Ogun State | 2002 | 39 | Rhema University, Obeama-Asa, Rivers State | 2009 | 72 | Atiba University, Oyo, Oyo State | 2017 |
| 7 | Pan-Atlantic University, Lekki-Express Way, Lagos State | 2002 | 40 | Wellspring University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State | 2009 | 73 | Eko University of Medical Sciences, Ijanikin, Lagos | 2017 |
| 8 | American University of Nigeria, Yola, Adamawa State | 2003 | 41 | Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State | 2011 | 74 | Skyline University, Nigeria, Kano, Kano State | 2018 |
| 9 | Ajayi Crowther University, Ibadan, Oyo State | 2005 | 42 | Baze University, FCT Abuja | 2011 | 75 | Greenfield University, Kasarami-Kaduna, Kaduna State | 2019 |
| 10 | Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Kwara State | 2005 | 43 | Landmark University Omu-Aran, Kwara State | 2011 | 76 | Dominion University, Ibadan, Oyo State | 2019 |
| 11 | Al-Qalam University, Katsina, Katsina State | 2005 | 44 | Glorious Vision University (formerly Samuel Adegboyega University), Ogwa, Edo State | 2011 | 77 | Trinity University, Laloko, Ogun State | 2019 |
| 12 | Bells University of Technology, Otta, Ogun State | 2005 | 45 | Mpherson University, Senki Sotayo, Ajebo, State | 2012 | 78 | Westland University, Iwo, Osun State | 2019 |
| 13 | Bingham University, New-Karu, Nasarawa State | 2005 | 46 | Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State | 2012 | 79 | Topfaith University, Mkpatak, Akwa-Ibom State | 2021 |
| 14 | Caritas University, Enugu, Enugu State | 2005 | 47 | Southwestern University Oku Owa, Ogun State | 2012 | 80 | Thomas Adewumi University, Oko-Irese, Kwara State | 2021 |
| 15 | Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State | 2005 | 48 | Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State | 2012 | 81 | Maranatha University, Lekki, Lagos State | 2021 |
| 16 | Crescent University, Abeokuta, Ogun State | 2005 | 49 | Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State | 2012 | 82 | Ave-Maria University, Priyanko, Nasarawa State | 2021 |
| 17 | Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State | 2005 | 50 | Augustine University, Ilara, Lagos State | 2015 | 83 | AL-Istiqama University, Sumaila, Kano State | 2021 |
| 18 | Kwararafa University, Wukari, Taraba State | 2005 | 51 | Chrisland University, Owode, Ogun State | 2015 | 84 | Mudiame University, Irrua, Edo State | 2021 |
| 19 | Redeemer's University, Mowe, Ogun State | 2005 | 52 | Christopher University, Mowe, Ogun State | 2015 | 85 | Havilla University, Nde-Ikom, Cross River State | 2021 |
| 20 | Renaissance University, Enugu, Enugu State | 2005 | 53 | Hallmark University, Ijebu-Itete, Ogun State | 2015 | 86 | Claretian University of Nigeria, Nekede, Imo State | 2021 |
| 21 | University of Mkar, Mkar, Benue State | 2005 | 54 | Kings University Ode-Omu, Osun State | 2015 | 87 | Karl-Kunnu University, Vom, Plateau State | 2021 |
| 22 | Novena University, Ogume, Delta State | 2005 | 55 | Michael & Cecilia Ibru University, Owhode, Delta State | 2015 | 88 | James Hope University, Lekki, Lagos State | 2021 |
| 23 | Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State | 2006 | 56 | Mountain Top University, Makogi /Oba, Ogun State | 2015 | 89 | Maryam Abacha American University of Nigeria, Kano, Kano State | 2021 |
| 24 | Veritas University, Abuja, FCT | 2006 | 57 | Ritman University, Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State | 2015 | 90 | Capital City University, Kano, Kano State | 2021 |
| 25 | Achievers University, Owo, Ondo State | 2007 | 58 | Sunnit University, Offa, Kwara State | 2015 | 91 | Ahman Pategi University, Patigi, Kwara State | 2021 |
| 26 | African University of Science & Technology, Abuja, FCT | 2007 | 59 | Edwin Clerk University, Kiagbodo, Delta State | 2015 | 92 | University of Offa, Offa, Kwara State | 2021 |
| 27 | Caleb University, Imota, Lagos State | 2007 | 60 | Hezekiah University, Unudi, Imo State | 2015 | 93 | Mewar University, Masaka, Nasarawa State | 2021 |
| 28 | Fountain University, Oshogbo, Osun State | 2007 | 61 | Anchor University, Ayobo, Lagos State | 2016 | 94 | Edusoko University, Bida, Niger State | 2021 |
| 29 | Obong University Obong Ntak, Akwa Ibom State | 2007 | 62 | Arthur Jarvis University, Akpabuyo, Cross River State | 2016 | 95 | Philomath University, Kuje, Abuja | 2021 |
| 30 | Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State | 2007 | 63 | Clifford University, Owerri, Abia State | 2016 | 96 | Khadija University, Majia, Jigawa State | 2021 |
| 31 | Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo State | 2007 | 64 | Coal City University, Enugu, Enugu State | 2016 | 97 | ANAN University, Kwall, Plateau State | 2021 |
| 32 | Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State | 2007 | 65 | Crown-Hill University, Eiyenkorin, Kwara State | 2016 | 98 | Pen Resource University, Gombe, Gombe State | 2022 |
| 33 | Salem University, Lokoja, Kogi State | 2007 | 66 | Dominican University, Ibadan, Oyo State | 2016 | 99 | Al-Ansar University, Maiduguri, Borno State | 2022 |

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| 100 | Margaret Lawrence University, Calilee, Delta State | 2022 | 133 | Shanahan University, Onitsha, Anambra State | 2023 | | | |
| 101 | Khalifa Isiyaku Rabiu University, Gadon / Kaya City Gate Kano, Kano State | 2022 | 134 | The Duke Medical University Calabar, Cross River State | 2023 | | | |
| 102 | Sports University, Idumuje, Ugboko, Delta State | 2022 | 135 | Mercy Medical University, Iwara, Iwo, Osun State | 2023 | | | |
| 103 | Baba-Ahmed University, Kano, Kano State, | 2022 | 136 | Cosmopolitan University, Abuja, FCT | 2023 | | | |
| 104 | Saisa University Of Medical Sciences And Technology, Sokoto, Sokoto State | 2022 | 137 | Iconic Open University, Sokoto, Sokoto State | 2023 | | | |
| 105 | Nigerian British University, Asa, Abia State | 2022 | 138 | West Midland Open University, Ibadan, Oyo State | 2023 | | | |
| 106 | Peter University, Achina-Onneh, Anambra State | 2022 | 139 | Amaj University, Abuja, FCT | 2023 | | | |
| 107 | Newgate University, Minna, Niger State | 2022 | 140 | Prime University, Abuja, FCT | 2023 | | | |
| 108 | European University of Nigeria, Duboyi, Abuja, FCT | 2022 | 141 | El-Amin University, Niger State | 2023 | | | |
| 109 | Northwest University, Sokoto, Sokoto State | 2022 | 142 | College of Petroleum and Energy Studies, Kaduna, Kaduna State | 2023 | | | |
| 110 | Rayhaan University, Birnin Kebbi, Kebbi State | 2023 | 143 | Jewel University, Gombe, Gombe State | 2023 | | | |
| 111 | Muhammad Kamalud-Deen University, Ilorin, Kwara State | 2023 | 144 | Nigerian University of Technology and Management, Apapa, Lagos State | 2023 | | | |
| 112 | Sam Maris University,Supare, Ondo State | 2023 | 145 | Al-Muhibbah Open University, Abuja, FCT | 2023 | | | |
| 113 | Aletheia University,Ago-Iwoye, Ogun State | 2023 | 146 | Al-Bayan University, Ankpa, Kogi State | 2023 | | | |
| 114 | Lux Mundi University,Unuahia, Abia State | 2023 | 147 | Lighthouse University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State | 2024 | | | |
| 115 | Maduka University,Ekivegbe -Nsukka, Enugu State | 2023 | 148 | African School of Economics, FCT, Abuja | 2024 | | | |
| 116 | Peaceland University,Enugu, Enugu State | 2023 | | | | | | |
| 117 | Amadeus University, Amizi, Abia State | 2023 | | | | | | |
| 118 | Vision University, Ikogbo, Ogun State | 2023 | | | | | | |
| 119 | Azman University, Kano, Kano State | 2023 | | | | | | |
| 120 | Huda University,Gusau, Zamfara State | 2023 | | | | | | |
| 121 | Franco British International University, Kaduna, Kaduna State | 2023 | | | | | | |
| 122 | Canadian University of Nigeria, Abuja, FCT | 2023 | | | | | | |
| 123 | Miva Open University, Abuja, FCT | 2023 | | | | | | |
| 124 | Gerar University of Medical Sciences, Imope-Ijebu, Ogun State | 2023 | | | | | | |
| 125 | British Canadian University, Obudu, Cross River State | 2023 | | | | | | |
| 126 | Hensard University, Toru-Orua, Bayelsa State | 2023 | | | | | | |
| 127 | Phoenix University, Agwada, Nasarawa State | 2023 | | | | | | |
| 128 | Wigwe University, Isiokepo, Rivers State | 2023 | | | | | | |
| 129 | Hillside University of Science and Technology, Okemesi Ekiti, Ekiti State | 2023 | | | | | | |
| 130 | University on the Niger, Umunya, Anambra State | 2023 | | | | | | |
| 131 | Elrazi University of Medical Sciences, Kano, Kano State | 2023 | | | | | | |
| 132 | Verite University Iloro -Ekiti, Ekiti State | 2023 | | | | | | |

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