

Spanish Embassy Delegation Visits NUC



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

A three-man delegation from the Embassy of Spain, led by the Charge D' Affairs of the mission, Ms. Maria Hugain Velasco, on Monday, 17th March, 2025, paid a courtesy visit to the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), with the aim to renew the long standing relationship with the NUC as enshrined in the bilateral relations between Nigeria and Spain.

In her brief remarks, the Charge D' Affairs informed the Executive Secretary that they also came to congratulate him on his recent appointment describing it as a well-deserved honour to the new Boss of NUC, stressing that they bring a message of renewed interest in the

collaborations that had existed since 2008 with the Commission.

While giving a detailed account of the collaboration, she disclosed that the Embassy had been carrying out lectureship and teaching of Spanish

Language in some select Universities, including the maiden teaching class with University of Abuja that lasted for two years and the subsequent movement into the University of Lagos.

According to her, the teaching of the course at UNILAG had progressed with the inculcation of Spanish Language into the University's European Language Curriculum as an elective course.

Ms. Velasco mentioned other areas of significant strides by the Spanish Embassy to include: Offering of Grant to African Women Scientists, Scholarships and Research Grants which is on-going.

She also used the forum to



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The ES of NUC, Prof. Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN in a Group Photograph with the Spanish Embassy Delegation request for the Executive Secretary's approval for them to use the NUC Auditorium in the month of May for their anticipated music concert show.

In his response, Professor Ribadu expressed delight on the team's visit and for congratulating him on his appointment as the new Executive Secretary.

He commended the Embassy for the years of impact in the Nigerian University System (NUS), especially on the lectureship and teaching of Spanish Language at University of Abuja and University of Lagos, two cities he said has a population of Nigerians that can embrace and deepen the understanding of Spanish Language and culture.

The Executive Secretary also acknowledged the various roles the Embassy had played in empowering women scientists in the country, the offering of scholarships and research grants to many university academics.

During the interactive session, Professor Ribadu assured the delegation of his commitment and

support in furthering the existing collaboration because of its crucial role in enhancing the quality and scope of higher education in Nigeria.

He also requested the team to do a formal letter for the use of the Auditorium for the music concert and promised that once received, it would be treated with utmost despatch it requires.

In the Embassy's delegation were: the Consulate First Secretary, Ms. Juan Orege Mentein and Cultural Adviser, Mr. Eva Banta.

At the meeting were: the NUC

Acting Directors of: Academic Planning (DAP), Mal. Abubakar Girei; Accreditation (DA), Engr. Abraham Chundusu; Finance and Accounts (DFA), Mrs. Hauwa Amos; Open, Distance and e-Learning (DODel), Dr. Funmilayo Morebise; the Cordinator, Special Projects, Dr. Joshua Atah; Representatives of Acting Directors of Research, Innovations and Information Technology (DRIIT), Mrs. Mercy Nwoke and Public Affairs (DPA), Mr. Akin Akinlabi.



The Charge D' Affairs of the mission and Leader of the Spanish Embassy Delegation to NUC, Ms. Maria Hugain Velasco



The Executive Secretary of NUC, Prof. Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN (middle), the Leader of the Spanish Embassy Delegation, Ms. Maria Hugain Velasco (left), and a Member of Spanish Delegation (right)



The Executive Secretary of NUC, Prof. Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN in a Group Photograph with the Spanish Embassy Delegation and Some NUC Staff

ACE-Impact and SPESSE Projects Team Appraise Prog. Implementation Level

The 5th Joint Meeting of the African Centres of Excellence (ACE- Impact)

National Project Performance Review Committee (NPPRC) and Sustainable Procurement, Environmental and Social Standards Enhancement (SPESSE) Project Performance Review Committee (PPRC), took place virtually on Tuesday, 18 March 2025, to appraise the level of the programme implementation.

Welcoming participants to the biannual meeting, the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN, said the online forum was meant to assess the performance on two projects which are of top priority namely: the Second Africa Higher Education Centres of Excellence for Development Impact (ACE Impact) Project and the Sustainable Procurement, Environmental and Social Standards Enhancement (SPESSE) Project.

He reminded the stakeholders that



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the review meeting was the last for project closure approaches, the ACE Impact, considering that everyone concerned must intensify the project closure is in a few months, noting that though new to the project family, he was aware of the challenges in the 10 years course of the project implementation.

Professor Ribadu commended the resilience and commitment of all the critical stakeholders, which, he alluded were responsible for the many successes recorded on ACE Impact and, indeed, SPESSE.

He advised that as the ACE Impact

approaches, everyone concerned must intensify efforts to sustain the innovations under the project beyond the expiration of funds from the Bank. According to him, these innovations include international programme and institutional accreditation, international student enrolment and foreign faculty engagement, among others, while the ACEs need to intensify efforts at forging and sustaining strategic partnerships within and outside the region for better sustainability.



The Ag. Director and Coordinator of Special Project Directorate, Dr. Joshua Atah

The Executive Secretary recalled that last year, the NUC and the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) signed a memorandum of understanding with the High Council for Evaluation of Research and Higher Education (Hcéres) for the accreditation of programmes of the ACE Impact and TETFund Centres of Excellence.

He said the intention was to leverage on the collaboration and explore the possibility of TETFund supporting the ACEs after project closure, but, however, urged the

Centres to continue to leverage their networks to source potential donors both within and outside the region.

He recounted that NUC took the initiative to write to all Vice-Chancellors of ACE Impact host institutions, stating that no alterations should be made to the existing project team even as conversations are ongoing for a successor project for ACE Impact.

While noting that there is certainty that it will be a higher education project, it is unclear if the project will be a continuation of ACE, he

said in order not to hamper the ACEs' chances at competing in the new project, the project team, once again, reiterated that the existing project composition and structure should be maintained until there is more clarity on the matter.

On SPESSE, Professor Ribadu highlighted that despite several commencement delays and implementation challenges, as of February 2025, the project had achieved a disbursement rate of USD 60.6 million out of the current project portfolio of USD 76 million.

This includes funds disbursed as Project Preparatory Advance (PPA), Technical Assistance (TA) and the Centres' earnings from meeting the Performance-Based Contracts (PBCs).

He also recounted that few weeks ago, a delegation from the World Bank, led by the SPESSE Task Team Lead, Mr Ishtiak Siddique visited him during which discussions centred around scaling up the SPESSE Project and additional financing.

He informed the participants that these discussions were only possible because SPESSE had been given an overall 'satisfactory' rating by the World Bank and commended the efforts of the entire SPESSE team on the achievement.

Despite the achievements, he lamented that on some other indices such as Financial Management and Procurement matters, the project is still being rated moderately satisfactorily.

He told the participants that the



The Deputy Director and Head of SPESSE Projects, Mr. Peter Tobrise

virtual meeting will be used to identify the underlying challenges and ensure that the ratings on these two critical components are upgraded to ensure that conversations regarding additional financing for the project continue unhindered.

The Executive Secretary also noted that the funds to scale up SPESSE will be drawn from cancelled funds from other projects which will not expend their funds before the end of the IDA cycle in June 2025, while the World Bank has also assured it will not affect the project's chances of securing more funds or a new project in the new IDA cycle.

He acknowledged that this was made possible by the results achieved so far and the potential SPESSE has shown, stating that the Project team remained committed to sustaining these achievements and urged all stakeholders not to relent in their commitment to its success.

According to him, once the portal is successfully deployed, the implementing agencies can begin to earn their Disbursement-Linked Indicators (DLIs).

He further stated that last week, the Independent Third-Party Verifier (ITPV), Binomial Optimus

Limited, in collaboration with the NUC-PIU concluded the verification exercise for all six SPESSEs for results submitted for July to December 2024.

He informed participants that the verification for NUC and the Implementing Agencies (IAs) will be conducted in due course, highlighting that once all necessary processes are successfully completed, the SPESSEs, NUC and IAs will qualify for another round of earnings.

He recalled that plans were made and suspended for various activities due to the changes in the Ministers of Education, which included the high-level visits to the ACE Impact and SPESSE Centres of Excellence and the ACE@10 celebrations, but noted that discussions have recommenced regarding both activities and that dates will be communicated to all stakeholders once a decision has been made.

He also stated that the project team will hold a roundtable with the Association of African Universities (AAU) on the ACE Impact Project during which the project status and key next steps for Nigeria will be discussed.

He used the forum to thank the Ministries of Education, Finance, Women Affairs, Environment, as

well as the World Bank and the French Development Agency (AFD) for their support in making the two projects a success.

He also commended the project teams in the various institutions and the Implementing Agencies for their resilience and commitment as well as the pivotal role of the NUC-PIU in ensuring the achievement of project objectives.

The meeting also reviewed the progress made so far by the Six centres of Excellence, with each centre leaders addressing their various partnerships with some private organizations, Public and government agencies, universities both in Nigeria and outside Nigeria, Non Governmental Agencies and other firms.

The Stakeholders that participated at the meeting included; Vice Chancellors, ACE Impact Task Team Leaders, SPESSE Task Team Leaders, representative of the French Development Agency (AFD), Director-General Bureau of Public Procurement, Permanent Secretaries of the Federal Ministries of Environment and Women Affairs & Social Development, Centre Leaders and Deputy Centre leaders of the ACE Impact and SPESSE projects.

APCOM Meets ES on Phd/Fellowship Feud

A delegation from the Association of Provosts of Colleges of Medicine (APCOM) led by its Chairman, Professor Sulyman Alabi, on Wednesday, 19th March, 2025, paid a courtesy visit to the Executive Secretary, National

Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN, with the purpose of finding solution to the imbroglio facing the academics in the medical colleges on the acquisition of PhDs and fellowships.

While briefing the Executive

Secretary, Professor Alabi said they also came to congratulate him on his well-deserved appointment as the new leader of the Nigerian University System (NUS).

He noted that Professor Ribadu had been a two-time Vice-Chancellor and that with his wealth of



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

experience there was no doubt in his ability to perform on the job. On the imbroglio, he informed the Executive Secretary that as a body, they align with the submissions of the National Postgraduate Medical Colleges of Nigeria currently before the Commission for consideration. He said the reason was hinged on the provided solution enabling a level playing ground for the aspirations of medical clinic lecturers as applicable to other colleagues in the NUS.

The APCOM Chairman called for the recruitment of more medical personnel with improved welfare packages to midwife the government’s directive on 100% increase quota for Medicine, Dentistry and Allied Health programmes, explaining that it would stem the ‘JAPA’ Syndrome to Europe, Saudi Arabia and North America.

He pledged the readiness of APCOM to partner with NUC in the areas of curriculum development, accreditation of

medical programmes and application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) as it relates to medical sciences when needed.

He said APCOM is also willing to go into research collaboration and partnerships with other International agencies under the guidance of the NUC.

In his remarks, Professor Ribadu acknowledged the existence of PhD programmes running in the various Colleges of Medicine.

On the admission quotas, he agreed on the need to increase the quotas

but said what was needed was the improvement of the facilities so as to accommodate the increase which, he noted, the government is working on it.

He said NUC had been advising the Federal Government rather than establishing more schools, the facilities and infrastructure of the existing ones should be improved upon, which is presently on the table.

Dwelling on collaborations and partnership with international partners, Professor Ribadu said NUC will avail them such opportunities if there is any and advised them to make nominations for research collaborations.



The Chairman of APCOM, Prof. Sulyman Alabi

He said with innovations and medical practices always evolving,

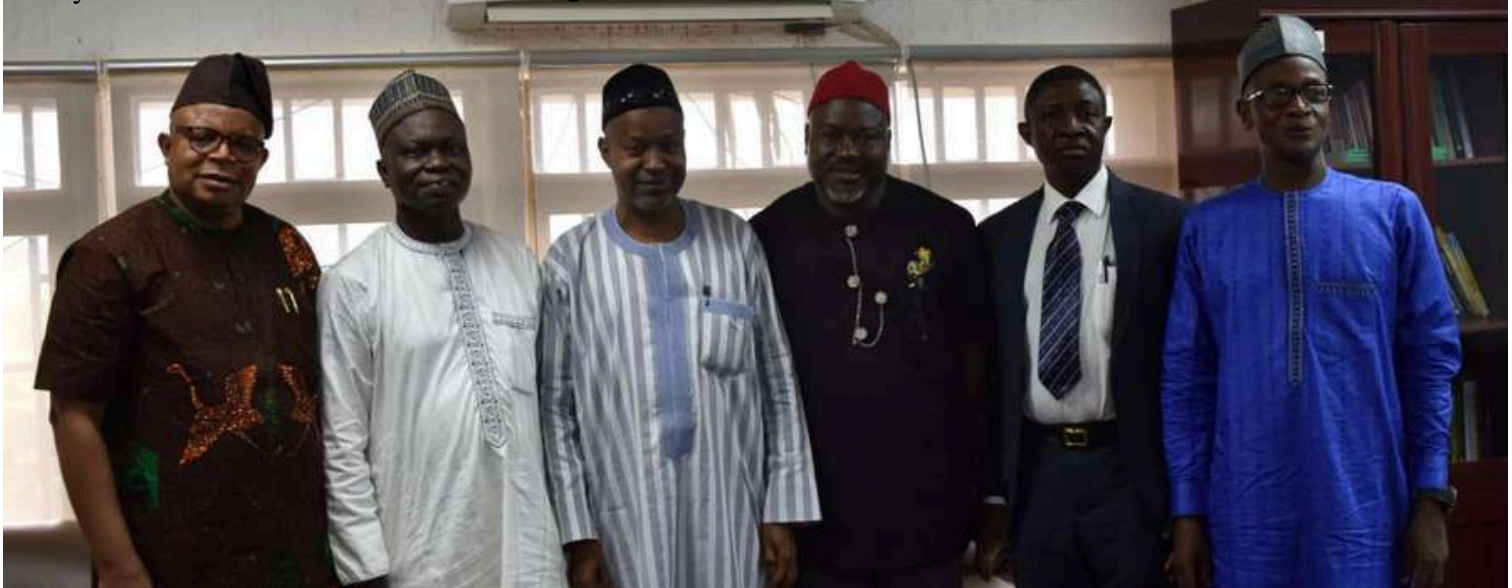


The ES of NUC, Prof. Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu FCSVN and the (APCOM) Chairman, Prof. Sulyman Alabi

there is the need to visit all medical schools and colleges to see the level of their progress in those directions. He pledged the support and willingness of the NUC to collaborate and our doors are always open to contributions and suggestions to improve the Colleges of medicine in the country.

In the APCOM delegation were: Vice-Chairman, Professor Tubonye Harry; Secretary-General, Professor Titus Ibekwe; Ex-officio 1, Professor Chituru Orluwene; Ex-officio 11, Professor Sule Saidu; as well as Provost, Veritas University Medical College, Abuja, Professor Titus O Chukwuanokwu. At the meeting were the NUC Acting Directors of Research,

Innovations and Information Technology (DRIIT), Mal. Farouk Mohammed Lawan; Students (DoS), Ms. Rita Nneka Okonjo; Academic Planning (DAP), Mal. Abubakar Girei; Public Affairs (DPA), Mrs. Franca Elochi Chukwuonwo and Executive Secretary's Office (DESO), Mr. Jubril Momoh.



The Executive Secretary of NUC, Prof. Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN in a Group Photograph with APCOM Delegation

ES Receives MD SKILL-G Nig. Limited

The Managing Director, Skill-G Nigeria limited, Mr. Gregory Ibe Jnr. on Wednesday, 19th March, 2025, visited the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor

Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN, to congratulate him on his recent appointment as the new Boss of the Commission.

The Managing Director of SKILL-G, who is the son of the Proprietor, Gregory University, Uturu, Professor Gregory Ibe, said he came with a delegation to felicitate with the Executive Secretary and to intimate him about their activities in the educational sector.

He informed Professor Ribadu that SKILL "G" had been providing cutting-edge innovations, equipment's and facilities in the Engineering faculties of the Nigerian University System (NUS) as well as organizing Training on



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



The ES of NUC, Prof. Abdullahi Y. Ribadu, FCVSN (right), and the MD of SKILL-G, Mr. Gregory Ibe Jnr (left)

Capacity building.

The Company, he said, has also helped researchers transform ideas to inventions and eventual commercialisation through patents. Mr Ibe Jnr. said Skill-G had been playing a major role in the education sector including in the last Universities Research fair organized by the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TeTfund), while Gregory University Uturu on its part, would be graduating the third set of medical doctors blazing the trail among the list of private universities contributing to medical education in the country.

Elaborating on the efforts of the company, a member of the delegation, Mr. Samson Chijioke said Skill-G in 2008, reached out to one school each in the six geopolitical zones while in 2015, it supplied equipment to 73 universities and in 2023 supplied similar equipment to another set of 73 universities in collaboration with the TETfund.

He boasted that Skill-G has a well-established feedback mechanism in

place which helps it to continue to innovate.

He said a meeting was held recently with all Rectors and anchored by the Director-General of National Board for Technical Education (NTBE), which centred not just on the provision of equipment in preparation of the schools for accreditation purposes, but also for the advancement of learning.

Mr.Chijioke stressed that their scorecard show they have trained 365 technologist, 945 lecturers in the use of various set of equipments, in addition to training

over 500 lecturers out of which 9 lecturers were given patent rights for their ideas.

He said the organization usually make calls for proposal and choose the best ideas from a prototype of their research and innovation, stressing that they currently have 51 lecturers working with the TETfund to transmit those ideas.

He said the organization would be delighted if the Executive Secretary could pay a visit to their office along the Airport Road to see the investment made on facilities and human development.



The MD of SKILL-G, Mr. Gregory Ibe Jnr

In his response, Professor Ribadu expressed his delight at the activities of Skill-G, which covers



The ES of NUC, Prof. Abdullahi Yusuf Ribadu, FCVSN in a Round Table Meeting with the SKILL-G Delegation



The ES of NUC, Prof. Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN (middle), the MD of SKILL-G Mr. Gregory Ibe Jnr (left) and a Member of SKILL-G Delegation (right)

aspects of equipment supplies and training of lecturers. He said he had been in the research committee of the TETFund and now as the Executive Secretary of NUC, a part of the Board, remarking that under his watch, the

Commission will be ready to collaborate and support any initiative that brings Innovations to the Nigerian University System (NUS). He pointed out that the problems in the NUS would need a collective

effort to translate them into research results to solve the nation's challenges.

He encouraged the organization to continue doing their goodworks and advised them to reach out to the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (AVCNU) to get them acquainted with their activities.

In the delegation include the Deputy General Manager, Mr. Deji Ige.

At the meeting were the NUC Acting Directors of Students (DoS), Ms. Rita Nneka Okonjo; Academic Planning (DAP), Mal. Abubakar Girei; Public Affairs (DPA), Mrs. Franca Elochi Chukwuonwo and Representative of Research, Innovations and Information Technology (DRIIT), Mrs Mercy Nwoke.



The Executive Secretary of NUC, Prof. Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN, in a Group Photograph with the SKILL-G delegation

NUC Organises Workshop to Incorporate 12 Omitted Progs. in CCMAS

The National Universities Commission (NUC) last week Monday 17th March, 2025, began a Workshop for the development of Core Curriculum and Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS) for 12 new programmes that were either outstanding or

omitted during the earlier review of the curriculum in the Nigerian University System (NUS). As expected, upon the conclusion of the exercise, the programmes will be incorporated in the CCMAS for the various disciplines where they belonged to, in the Nigerian

Universities. Declaring the workshop open, the Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN, reminded participants that the Commission has the powers to lay down minimum standards for all



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

Universities and other degree awarding institutions in the country as well as the accreditation of their degrees and other academic awards, which is vested on it by Section 10 (1) of the Education (National Minimum Standards and Establishment of Institutions) Act, Cap. E3, Laws of the Federation, 2004 (formerly Act No. 16 of 1985 as amended).

He stated that the exercise is being carried out because the Commission had received a number of requests for the development of new curriculum from universities and professional bodies after it had embarked on a comprehensive curriculum review exercise that lasted for over two years.

Professor Ribadu noted that the submissions were analysed to ascertain their viability and marketability as academic programmes and eventually 12 programmes in all were selected which includes:

- i. Artificial Intelligence
- ii. Classical Christian Education
- iii. Community Health Science

- iv. Cooperative Economics and Management Studies
- v. Doctor of Medical Laboratory Science
- vi. Geomatics Engineering
- vii. Intelligence and Security Studies
- vi. Parasitology and Entomology
- ix. Sports Management
- x. Telecommunication Science
- xi. Water Sanitation and Hygiene, and
- xii. Islamic Economics and Finance.

The Executive Secretary pointed out that the landscape of education

and knowledge is rapidly evolving, demanding a curriculum that not only imparts knowledge but also cultivates critical thinking, adaptability, and innovation, which requires that Nigerian students are equipped with the 21st century skills, employability skills and self-reliance needed to thrive in a dynamic world.

He urged the reviewers to bring in valuable insights and their expertise as experienced resource persons and subject experts in order to draw a befitting curriculum for the new programmes bearing in mind the nation's desire for local content/uniqueness in tandem with global best practices.



The Ag. Director of Academic Planning, Mal. Abubakar Girei

The NUC scribe advised them to make useful suggestions that would



The Executive Secretary of NUC, Prof. Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu, FCVSN and the Ag. DAP, Mal. Abubakar Girei



The Side View of the CCMAS Drafting Panelists

strengthen any weak areas that they might identify other than criticising it as being bad.

He informed the distinguished panelists that NUC acknowledge and appreciate their efforts, sacrifices and services over the years, especially when called on National assignment of this nature, tasking them to continue to give their best as always while pledging that the Commission would not at any time take such commitment for granted.

In his welcome remarks, the Acting Director, Academic Planning (DAP), NUC, under whose purview the review exercise was conducted, Mal. Abubakar Girei told participants that the objectives is to improve the quality of university Education, enhance advancement of knowledge and ensure the improvement of Nigeria’s students competitiveness in the global space.

He explained that each panel is

assigned with 2 NUC Representatives for proper guidance, especially on academic planning matters, while Resource persons were carefully selected based on their expertise in their areas of specialization.

Mal. Girei further stated that the resource persons were sampled from the 6 geopolitical zones and stand as representatives for the various programmes in the country as it is practically impossible to assemble all the Professors in NUS

for the curriculum development exercise.

He disclosed that the final draft curriculum (70%) produced during the exercise will be subjected to further review before approval by the NUC Mgt. and the Federal Executive Council (FEC), while 30% is allotted to the universities to be developed as in the previous exercises.

In his response on behalf of the 12 panels, Professor Amadi Agbu thanked the Executive Secretary for the warm reception received since their arrival and assured him that



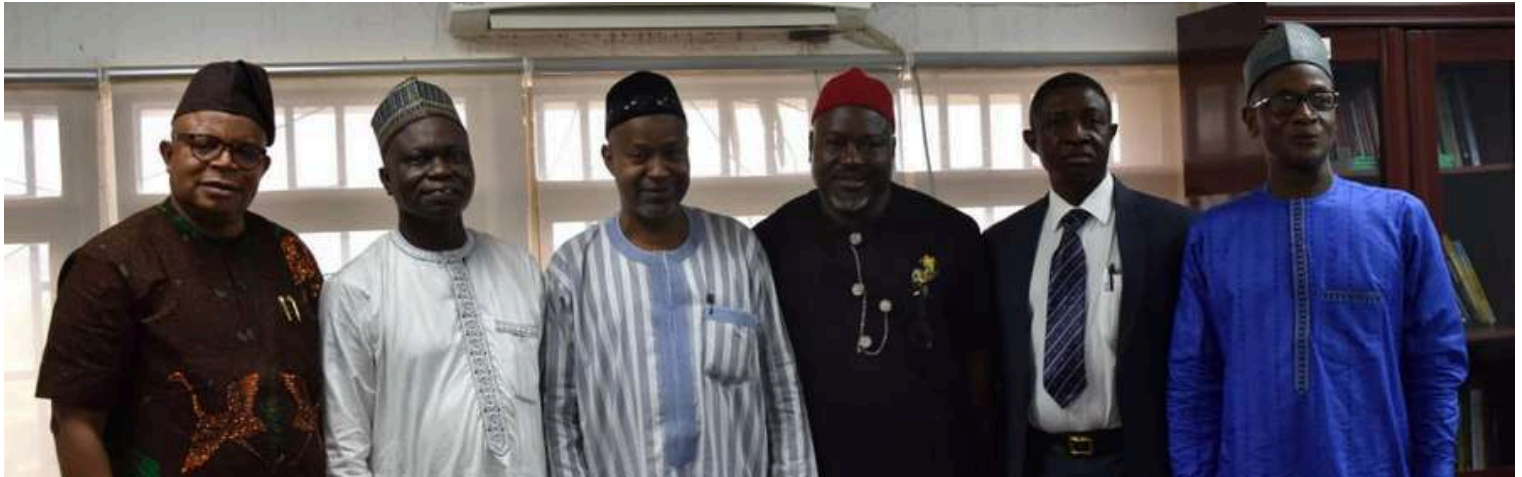
The Deputy Director, Curriculum Development in the Directorate of Academic Planning (DAP), Dr Esther Meka they would do their best to make the exercise rewarding for the NUS.



The Executive Secretary of NUC, Prof. Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu in a Group Photograph with Members of the CCMAS Drafting Panels and Some NUC Staff

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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2. CITIZENSHIP:			
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:

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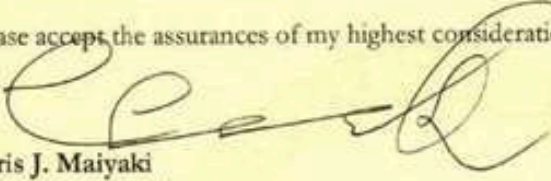
RE: END OF TENURE OF SOME VICE-CHANCELLORS OF FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES

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

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 Universities and Distant Learning Centres in Nigerian Universities

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, Rumuolumeni	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.	Bomo 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, Boko	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			

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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

APPROVED PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES

S/No.	INSTITUTIONS	YEAR EST.	S/No.	INSTITUTIONS	YEAR EST.	S/No.	INSTITUTIONS	YEAR EST.
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, Isiokpo, 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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