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## Minister Inspects NUC's NgREN Facility



Mrs. Omobola Johnson and Prof. Julius Okojie

The Minister of Communication Technology, Mrs. Omobola Johnson, on Thursday, 19 December, 2013, inspected the Network Management Centre/Secretariat of the Nigerian Research and Education Network (NgREN) at the National Universities Commission (NUC). The facility was made up of a monitoring, Data, Power and the Video-conferencing rooms. Speaking with newsmen after the tour, the Minister described the project as an exciting development that would change the

face of research in Nigeria and enable the universities to collaborate more effectively.

Mrs. Johnson urged that the plan for the accommodation of more universities on the Network should be followed, as detailed in the work plan. She canvassed that, a portion of the N1.3 trillion meant for the funding of the public universities under the Needs Assessment Report be channeled into the Network, in view of its benefits to the NUS.

Earlier, NUC Deputy Director and Head, ICT Projects, Dr. Joshua Atah, informed the Minister that the Network currently had the capacity to accommodate 27 universities and also linked the Committee of Vice-Chancellors (CVC) Secretariat and NUC. According to him, the NgREN facility enabled resource-sharing among member-universities in Nigeria and also provided a platform for Nigerian universities to connect with their counterparts in other parts of the world in research



Mrs. Johnson being briefed on the workings of the NgREN by Dr. Atah, right.

activities, through smart classrooms, seminars, presentations, etc.

Dr. Atah emphasised that the Network had the capacity to make the classroom borderless, as students in Nigeria could receive lectures from any location, thereby overcoming the challenges of large and overcrowded classrooms in the NUS.

The Head of ICT Projects stated that the platform was deployed to the universities, using optic fibres leased from telecommunications outfits in Nigeria, for activities such as video-conferencing and data sharing, saying that what was left was to plan around the Network and schedule timetables for the various member-institutions. He told the Minister

that, to take the Network to the expected level, there was the need to acquire leased capacity on the submarine cable to enable the network to be connected to Europe. This would enable the network to acquire cheaper bandwidth for distribution to all universities, in addition to facilitating resource-sharing with other countries.

There was a demonstration of the use of the Network, by some member-institutions, including the Federal University of Technology Akure, University of Ibadan, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife and the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, which shared their experiences on the benefits and prospects of the NgREN.

In a vote of thanks, the Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Julius A. Okojie, thanked the Minister for finding time to inspect the facility and for the support her Ministry had given to the project. He gave the assurance that the Network would promote the quality of research and learning in the NUS.

At the inspection were the Deputy Executive Secretary, Mr. Akinbode Agbaoye, Director, Physical Planning and Development, Arc. Bola Balogun as well as the Acting Director ICT, Engr. Kayode Odedina.



The NgREN secretariat





The video conferencing screen



The Power back-up facility



Mrs. Johnson with Prof. Okojie and some members of the NUC Management.

## FG Inaugurates Implementation Committee on Needs Assessment Report *...As Minister Raises Two Sub-Committees*

The Federal Government of Nigeria, on Tuesday, 17 December, 2013, inaugurated the Implementation Monitoring Committee (IMC) on the Needs Assessment Report of public universities. Inaugurating the Committee, the Secretary to the Government of the Federation (SGF), Senator Anyim Pius Anyim, *GCON*, said that the event was in response to the promise of President Goodluck Jonathan, *GCFR*, to implement the report of the Needs Assessment, which identified infrastructural decay in the system. He added that the exercise was to demonstrate the willingness of the Federal Government to implement the White Paper of the Report, to meet

the expectations of all stakeholders.

The members of the Committee are the Supervising Minister of Education, Barr. Nyesom Wike (Chairman), Executive Secretaries of NUC and TETFund, Representatives of the SGF, Committee of Vice-Chancellors (CVC), Committee of Pro-Chancellors, Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT), Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), Non-Academic Staff Union of Education and Associated Institutions (NASU) and the Director, Tertiary Education, Federal Ministry of Education, Hajia Hindatu Umar Ab-

dullahi (Secretary).

Speaking at the inaugural meeting of the Committee, held at the NUC Secretariat, Barr. Wike informed newsmen that the IMC had the mandate to go round the universities to monitor the implementation of allocated funds, based on their submissions on prioritised projects. He noted that the Committee was set up, as part of the resolutions of the stakeholders, to ensure that funds were used for the purposes they were meant to serve in the universities.

Barr. Wike emphasised that the IMC was not meant to award contracts or



Barr. Wike and Dr. Nwaobiala

implement projects in the universities, but that it was to monitor the projects, to ensure that effective results were achieved with the use of allocated funds. He announced the formation of the Allocation and Logistics Sub-Committees, which were to work out details of how the IMC would discharge its functions. He gave the Sub-Committees two days to submit their reports, saying that another meeting would be held on Thursday, 19 December, 2013.

In the Allocation Sub-Committee were the Technical Consultant on IMC, Professor Mahmood Yakubu (Chairman), Acting Executive Secretary, TETFund, Mr. Na'Iya Aliyu; Vice-Chancellor, University of Ibadan, Professor Isaac Adewole; representative of NUC, Dr. Suleiman Ramon-Yusuf; Representatives of CPC, ASUU, SSANU. The Director, Tertiary Education, would serve as Secretary. The Logistics sub-committee is to be chaired by the Direc-

tor, Tertiary Education, while other members include the Vice-Chancellor, Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Professor Abubakar Abdul Rasheed as well as Representatives of the Ministry of Finance, TETFund, NAAT, NASU and the Committee of Pro-Chancellors.

At the event were the Permanent Secretary, FME, Dr. MacJohn Nwaobiala, and the Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Julius A. Okojie.



Prof. Okojie and Okoko





R-L: Hajia Abdullahi, representatives of the Ministry of Finance and Mr. Na' Iya



L-R: Profs. Mahmood Yakubu, Isaac Adewole, Abubakar Rasheed, Julius Okojie and Dr. Suleiman Ramon-Yusuf



R-L: Representatives of NASU, SSANU and NAAT

# Gerontology Scholars Set For Field Work at UNT

The National Universities Commission (NUC), in collaboration with the Dave Omokaro Foundation (DOF), has concluded arrangements for selected Nigerian scholars on training in Gerontology, to commence a six-month research at the University of North Texas (UNT), Denton, USA, in January, 2014. The practical work is part of the requirements for the Specialist in Ageing Certificate in Applied Gerontology.

It would be recalled that 24 scholars, drawn from 11 selected Nigerian universities and the NUC, began training in Gerontology, in July, 2013, to become specialists in the care of the aged.

Briefing the scholars during an interactive session, on Tuesday, 17 December, 2013, NUC Director, Academic Standards, Professor Lawal Alhassan Bichi, who represented the Executive Secretary, disclosed that the NUC had already developed a curriculum for postgraduate programme in Gerontology in the Nigerian University System (NUS). He stated that, although in traditional Nigerian society, care for the aged was considered a cultural norm, influence of foreign lifestyles and other factors were responsible for the modification of such values, which had led to the development of Gerontology, to address the plight of the ageing and the aged.

Professor Bichi pointed out that the scholars were experts, who were expected to, not only apply their specialisation in the field of



Prof. Julius Okojie  
Executive Secretary, NUC

Gerontology, but also to help to nurture the aged, through graceful ageing and exit. He informed the scholars that whatever knowledge they acquired would make an impact on the society and that as pace setters, they should develop community-based programmes.

The Director reminded them that they were ambassadors of the NUS and therefore, should resist the temptation to stay behind after the training. He added that the NUC was optimistic that they would excel in their studies, as they were expected to be the baseline for the introduction of Gerontology in the NUS. He said that the NUC had never commenced a programme that it could not sustain and therefore, would not disappoint the scholars. He further explained that the Commission had, in some instances, intervened in cases of sponsorship by other relevant agencies, to enable scholars to complete their programmes.

The Director, Student Support Ser-

vices, Mr. Ibrahim Dan'Iya, said that the NUC had been an integral stakeholder in the project and was in partnership with DOF, from conception to the commencement of the training of the scholars as specialists in Gerontology.

The Director, Finance and Accounts, Mr. Sam Onazi, said that the Commission had committed the sum of N86 million to the project from planning to training, adding that arrangements had been concluded for all financial implications of the training. Although the NUC might not be able to meet all the needs of the scholars, he encouraged them to contact the Commission in the case of any challenge encountered during the training. He gave the assurance that the NUC was committed to ensuring the success of the programme and called on the scholars to be mindful of the bond with the Commission.

Giving the progress report, NUC Visiting Scholar on Capacity Building on Ageing Studies and Executive Director, DOF, Dr.



Prof. Lawal Alhassan Bichi  
Director, Academic Standards





L-R; Mr. Onazi, Mr. Dan'Iya, Dr. Omokaro, Offong Sunday Edem (one of the scholars from UniUyo) and Dr. Adeniran

Emem Omokaro, said that the project was a success story, which could be ascribed to the invaluable support and contribution of the NUC Management as well as the remarkable commitment and passion of the Executive Secretary for the development of Gerontology in the NUS. She noted that it was one thing to develop a curriculum, and another to stimulate the society, especially the NUS, on the programme. This, she said, had led to a series of sensitisation

workshops on Gerontology and Geriatrics, being organised by the NUC, in conjunction with DOF, for the NUS. Dr. Omokaro further assured the scholars that the NUC would meet all its obligations to the training, adding that a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) had been signed between the Commission and UNT that would guarantee the completion of the training. She expressed delight that DOF was given the opportunity to be a part of such a laudable

pioneering project in the NUS.

Responding on behalf of the scholars, Dr. Mohammed Mustapha Namadi of Bayero University, Kano, expressed appreciation to the NUC and DOF for the opportunity to be pioneer specialists in Gerontology studies in the NUS. He gave the assurance that they would put in their best to reciprocate the gesture, by contributing to the development of Gerontology and enhancing better quality of life for the aged.



Some of the Gerontology and Geriatrics scholars



# Godfrey Okoye University Holds Maiden Convocation

Godfrey Okoye University, Enugu, on 1 December, 2013, commenced a week-long programme of activities to celebrate its maiden convocation. The event began with a concelebrated mass by the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Rev. Fr.(Prof.) Christian Anieke, who prayed for a successful convocation ceremony.

Delivering the convocation lecture on the topic “Eating from the Forbidden Tree: Legitimising the Urge to Know”, Professor Hermann Josef Real of West Falische Wilhelms University, Muenster, Germany, stated that humans, by nature, were transgressive and this transgressive nature encompassed biological aggressiveness, emotional violence, morality and intellectual inquisitiveness. He said that the desire to know “why and how” by man was judged to be an appetite that was not only innate and universal, but also a singular passion, which distinguished man from beasts.



Prof. Akaneren Essien

Professor Real explained that curiosity was not just the driving force behind all scientific and scholarly endeavours, but that man naturally desired, crave and yearned for knowledge. Referring to St. Augustine, he said that anybody wishing to be redeemed on the Day of Judgment has to be concerned first and foremost about his spiritual education, rather than the secrets of heaven. He main-

tained that, with modern fascination with discovery and innovation- since Satan excited our first parents’ minds with more desire to know, making them aspire to be “equal with God”- the human race should have been aware that trying to figure things out may lead to blindness and that the desire to understand may result in destroying, not only what we seek to comprehend, but also ourselves.

Speaking on the topic “Godfrey Okoye University: Traversing the Boundaries of Dream and Reality”, the Vice-Chancellor expressed pleasure at seeing the first fruits of four years of uninterrupted academic sowing and toiling. He pointed out that the mission of the University, which was “to impart quality education, aimed at inculcating in students, strong personality that would ensure the promotion of religious, cultural and epistemological dialogue” had been the University’s guide on its journey to shape the world.



The Proprietor, Bishop Callistus Onaga, and Chairman, BoT, Prof. Ikechukwu Chidobem



Prof. Christian Anieke  
VC, Godfrey Okoye University





Some international guests at the convocation

The Vice-Chancellor maintained that the religious dialogue, which encouraged students to worship God in their own ways and languages, resulted in the University being one of the safest in Nigeria, emphasising that cultism did not exist in the University. He gave an overview of some of the innovations and successes which the Institution had recorded within its four years of existence.

On the challenges of the University, Professor Anieke said that the road, which led to the main campus of the Institution at Ugwuomu Nike, Enugu, had been the Institution's major problem. He, therefore, pleaded with the State Government to assist in providing the much-needed road, so as to make the move to the permanent site possible by 2014.

Congratulating the pioneer graduates, the Vice-Chancellor expressed confidence that they would add value to the socio-political, cultural and epistemic life in Nigeria. He further urged them to keep the ball rolling and never forget their alma mater.

The Chairman, Board of Trus-

tees (BoT), Professor Ikechukwu Chidobem, remarked that the obligations of a university was to produce high-calibre manpower, worthy in character and learning, which, he said, Godfrey Okoye University was poised to achieve. He expressed gratitude to all those who had given the University notable and appreciable support.

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Julius A. Okojie, who was represented by Professor Akaneren Essien, lauded the University for its delivery of academic excellence and encouraged it to continue to focus on its vision and mission, as it strived to raise academically sound and morally balanced students.

The Proprietor of the University, Most Rev. Dr. Callistus Onaga, thanked guests and assured them that the University would remain committed to integral education for human development and a better society.

Honorary degrees were awarded to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Hon. Aminu Waziri Tambuwal, the Emeritus Bishop of Enugu Diocese, His Lordship,

Most Rev. (Dr.) Anthony Gbuiji, and the Former Special Adviser to Mr. President on Petroleum Matters, Dr. Emmanuel Egbogah.

Dignitaries at the event included the former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, Austria, Mr. Wilhelm Molterer and the Mayor of Mitterkirchen, Austria, Engr. Anton Aichinger; a delegation of the former Rector, Vice Rector and two Professors from the University College of Education, Linz, Austria (a partner university), and another delegation comprising the former Provost and current Chair of Natural Sciences, the Dean of Postgraduate School and an Associate Professor from Bowie State University, Bowie, Maryland, USA (another partner university).

Also present were some Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian universities.

Other activities at the Convocation included a creativity day and a cultural day, where students showcased the diverse cultures of Nigeria as a way of promoting cultural dialogue and showing their different creative abilities.

The Convocation witnessed the



A cross section of graduands

award of Bachelors' degrees to 100 young men and women,

among whom were: Stanley Nnodim of Business Management, Mi-

chael Okoro of Biotechnology and Amanda Okolie of Biochemistry, who bagged First Class Honours.

## ES Commends Auchi Poly on Academic Excellence

The Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Julius A. Okojie, OON, has commended The Auchi Polytechnic for its commitment to ensuring and maintaining high academic standards, since its establishment. He made the remarks on Friday, 6 December, 2013, at the 21st Convocation Lecture of the Polytechnic, held at the Institution's Tony Anenih Auditorium.

Professor Okojie, who was represented by Professor Ehi Oshio, advised the Polytechnic to remain focused in its determination to attain academic excellence, as it had made a name among the best. He further said that the choice of the topic for the Lecture, "Climate Change and Biodiversity: Implication for National Development", was timely, as it was a global concern that required proactive measures.



Prof. Ehi Oshio, (NUC Rep.), right, and Dr. Phillipa Idagho, Rector, Auchi Polytechnic

Delivering the lecture, Professor Medina Kadiri of the University of Benin, pointed out that Climate Change was a global phenomenon that needed both individual and collective commitment to checkmate its devastating effects on the ecosystem and quality of human life. She explained that Climate Change, according to the Unit-

ed Nations Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), was "a change of climate, which is attributed directly, or indirectly, to human activity that alters the composition of the global atmosphere and which is in addition to natural climate variability observed over comparable time periods."





Prof. Medina Kadiri  
Guest Lecturer

Professor Kadiri attributed the causes of Climate Change to natural and anthropogenic (human) activities, stating that human causes had increased over the past decades, especially with the increase in industrialisation, which had equally resulted in unprecedented large scale use of fossil fuels such as oil, coal and natural gas as well as massive waste generation that emitted large quantity of dangerous pollutants in the atmosphere that destroyed the ozone layer, thereby leading to global warming. According to the university don, other activities, such as deforestation, bush burning, overgrazing, bush clearing for agriculture, modern transportation and incineration of waste products that were made with fossil fuels, such as plastics and synthetic textiles, also contributed to climate change.

Explaining the impact of climate change on Nigeria, Professor Kadiri pointed out that empirical evidence had shown that Nigerian temperatures had kept rising and rainfall had decreased since 1901. Similarly, recent study by the Department for International Development (DfID), predicted a possible rise in sea level in 1990 up to 0.3m by 2020, 1m by 2050



A cross section of guests and staff

and a rise in temperature up to 3.2°C by 2050. According to the study, it was postulated that sea level rise of 1m could result in the loss of 75% of the Niger Delta, while in terms of economy, the study predicted that Nigeria could lose between 6% and 30% by 2050. Climate Change, according to the guest lecturer, posed a serious threat to sustainable development.

Professor Kadiri noted that there was documented impact of climate change in Nigeria, which included declining rainfall in already desert-prone areas in Northern Nigeria, causing desert encroachment, haphazard length of dry and rainy seasons (extended or shortened), excessive flooding in most parts of the country, destruction of fisheries in coastal communities by rising waters, mudslide in the North, Lake Chad receding and drying up and Bar Beach flooding.

According to Professor Kadiri, the challenges of addressing climate change in Nigeria included poor funding to control the occurrence, paucity of data and information, little or no coordination among relevant institutions/agencies and limited private sector participation and investment in climate change issues among oth-

ers. She, therefore, called for adaptations, through activities and measures that would be geared towards making adjustments in natural or human systems in response to climate change. These, she said, could be in the form of education, use of technology, awareness and sensitisation campaigns, skills acquisition and infrastructure, access to resources and management capabilities.

As a way forward, Professor Kadiri proffered ways to control the progressive global warming as climate change was a major threat to economic and social development. She advocated for an integrated national programme on Renewable Energy and Go-Green initiatives, as reflective campaigns. She also called on the Government to make stringent laws on gas emissions and strong enforcement of Polluter Pay Principle (emission taxes), Encourage Green House (gas emission agents) reporting and registration of such as being done in advanced countries and also called for improvement in insurance policy for those likely to be affected by climate change, especially farmers and others in the agricultural sector.

At the event were Rectors of



other polytechnics, representatives of the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE), members of the academic community and royal fathers.

## IMAGES FROM THE NUC @ 50 + 1 DINNER



Prof. Okojie presenting the plaque to Prof. Otonti Nduka...



...Prof. Akinlawon Mabogunje...



...Prof. Umaru Gomwalk...



...Prof. Ochapa Onazi...



...Prof. Cyril Onwumechili...



...Prof. Awele Maduemezia...



...Mrs. Mary Ellen Chijioko, on behalf of her husband, Prof. Mark Okoro Chijioko



Prof. Daniel Saror and wife, displaying his plaque



**SOME IMAGES FROM THE NUC LONG SERVICE AWARD**



Prof. Lawal Alhassan Bichi, speaking on behalf of Directors



Mrs. Hansatu Abechi, right, and Mrs. H. Abdulrahman



Prof. Okojie presenting a plaque to Musa Zamuna



Dr. Modupe Adeniran receiving on behalf of Dr. R. Gurin



Mr. Hamza Abdullahi, speaking on behalf of the Director, DMSS



Mrs. Edith Achugamonye receiving her plaque from the Executive Secretary



**SOME IMAGES FROM THE REGIONAL CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE 8TH GLOBAL CONFERENCE IN NAIROBI, KENYA**



Deputy Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Akinbode Agbaoye (fourth from left) and Executive Secretary of Kenya's Commission for University Education, (CUE) Prof. Some, with the NUC delegation and some members of the CUE, during the delegation's visit to the CUE



Maasai Dance Troupe of Kenyatta University





# NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

## RE: MORATORIUM ON PART-TIME PROGRAMMES

1. It would be recalled that the NUC, vide a publication in the print media, including the Guardian and Sun Newspapers of Monday, 19 March, 2012, placed a moratorium on admission into part-time programmes in Nigerian universities. The publication requested the universities to fully disclose all Part-time programmes, with respect to enrolment and staffing profile, within four weeks of the publication, and to conduct in-house staff and student audit.
2. As a follow-up, the Commission convened a meeting with Registrars and Directors of Academic Planning of Nigerian universities on 15 November, 2012, to which the universities were requested to bring detailed information on their Part-time programmes. The meeting deliberated on the constant violation of extant rules and operational guidelines, by universities, with a view to ensuring that quality was not compromised in the operation of such programmes.
3. The Commission, vide a letter dated 14 January, 2013, also sent a reminder to the universities requesting those that were yet to provide information on their Part-time and Sandwich programmes as well as Affiliation arrangements, to do so on or before 15 February, 2013.
4. Based on the submissions received, the following universities indicated that they currently run Part-time programmes:

### **Federal Universities running Part-time programmes:**

- Federal University of Technology, Owerri
- Michael Okpara University, Umudike
- Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola
- Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka
- University of Abuja
- University of Agriculture, Makurdi
- University of Benin
- University of Calabar
- University of Lagos
- University of Port Harcourt

- University of Uyo
- Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto
- Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta

### **Federal Universities running Sandwich programmes:**

- Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria
- University of Ilorin, Ilorin
- Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi

### **State Universities running Part-time programmes:**

- Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma
- Delta State University, Abraka
- Enugu State University of Science & Technology, Enugu
- Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Port Harcourt
- Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso
- Lagos State University, Ojo
- Niger Delta University, Amasoma, Bayelsa State
- Anambra State University, Uli, Anambra State
- Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki
- Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijebu-Ode
- Cross River University of Technology, Calabar
- Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti
- Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye
- Imo State University, Owerri

### **State Universities running Sandwich programmes:**

- Nasarawa State University, Keffi
- Benue State University, Makurdi
- Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko
- Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Port-Harcourt

### **Private Universities:**

- Achievers University, Owo
- Benson Idahosa University, Benin City
- Igbinedion University, Okada, Edo State

- Lead City University, Ibadan
- Tansian University, Umunya
- Wesley University of Science and Technology, Ondo
- Caleb University, Lagos
- Crescent University, Abeokuta

5. Conversely, the following universities have also indicated that they do not run Part-time programmes:

**a) Federal Universities•**

Federal University of Petroleum Resources, Effurun

- Federal University, Dutse
- University of Maiduguri

**b) State Universities**

- Kogi State University, Anyigba
- Kwara State University, Malete
- Kaduna State University, Kaduna

**c) Private Universities**

- Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo
- Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin
- Bells University of Technology, Ota
- Bowen University, Iwo
- Caritas University, Amorji-Nike, Enugu
- Landmark University, Omu-Aran
- Madonna University, Okija
- Obong University, Obong Ntak
- Paul University, Awka
- Rhema University, Obeama-Asa
- University of Mkar, Mkar
- Crawford University, Igbesa
- Baze University, Abuja
- Nigerian Turkish Nile University, Abuja.
- Redeemer's University, Mowe

6. For the avoidance of doubt, only the universities listed under (4) above are recognised as running Part-time programmes and are eligible to apply for approval on programme by programme basis. All other universities that run Part-time programmes do so illegally and are therefore **HEREBY CLOSED DOWN PERMANENTLY**. Students enrolled in such unapproved Part-time programmes do so at their own risk.

## GUIDELINES ON PART-TIME AND SANDWICH PROGRAMMES IN NIGERIAN UNIVERSITIES

Below are guidelines for conducting Part-time and Sandwich programmes in Nigerian universities, which universities currently operating Part-time programmes are expected to comply with on programme by programme basis.

Consequently, universities still interested in running Part-time programmes are advised to forward fresh applications to the NUC on programme by programme basis.

This is, however, subject to the readiness of the university to comply with the following extant guidelines on part-time programmes:

1. The admission and graduation requirements, Staffing, Library and physical facilities requirements must be in line with the Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS) for the various full-time academic programmes;
2. For a programme to be eligible to run on part-time basis, the approved full-time equivalent must be available in the university, must have earned full accreditation and must be run within approved campuses;
3. The enrolment into part-time programmes must not exceed 20% of total students' population in the programme;
4. The minimum duration of the part-time programmes must be 150% of the approved duration of the Full-Time equivalent;
5. Approval shall not be granted for part-time programmes in Environmental Sciences, Engineering/Technology, Law, Medicine/Medical Sciences, Pharmacy/Pharmaceutical Sciences, Dentistry; and Veterinary Science;
6. All admissions into part-time programmes must be through the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB). Part-time programmes must be run within approved campuses of universities where the human and material resources for the teaching of the programmes are domiciled, i.e. on the main campus of the university;
7. Part-time programmes shall be subjected to the NUC accreditation assessment upon maturity of the programme;
8. For any programme to be eligible for part-time mode, it must have produced two (2) sets of graduates and satisfied the Resource Verification Requirements.
9. Commencement of a part-time programme **MUST** be subject to NUC's approval. Approval of commencement of all part-time programmes must be obtained.

The National Universities Commission shall not hesitate to apply appropriate sanctions on any university which violates any of the stipulated Guidelines on Part-Time and Sandwich Programmes.

*Signed*  
**Management**



# List of Approved Universities in Nigeria

## FEDERAL

S/N	Institutions	Year Est.
1	University of Ibadan, Ibadan	1948
2	University of Nigeria, Nsukka	1960
3	Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife	1962
4	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	1962
5	University of Lagos, Lagos	1962
6	University of Benin, Benin City	1970
7	Bayero University, Kano	1975
8	University of Calabar, Calabar	1975
9	University of Ilorin, Ilorin	1975
10	University of Jos, Jos	1975
11	University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri	1975
12	Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto	1975
13	University of Port-Harcourt, Port-Harcourt	1975
14	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	1980
15	Federal University of Technology, Akure	1981
16	Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola	1981
17	Federal University of Technology, Minna	1982
18	Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna	1985
19	University of Abuja, Abuja	1988
20	Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi	1988
21	University of Agriculture, Makurdi	1988
22	Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	1988
23	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka	1992

## STATE

S/N	Institutions	Year Est.
1	Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Port Harcourt	1979
2	Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma	1980
3	Abia State University, Uturu	1981
4	Enugu State University of Science & Tech, Enugu	1982
5	Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye	1982
6	Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti. (formerly University of Ado-Ekiti)	1982
7	Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos	1983
8	Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomosho	1990
9	Imo State University, Owerri	1992
10	Benue State University, Makurdi	1992
11	Delta State University, Abraka	1992
12	Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko	1999
13	Kogi State University, Anyigba	1999
14	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000
15	Anambra State University, Uli	2000
16	Kano University of Science & Technology, Wudil	2000
17	Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000
18	Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002
19	Adamawa State University, Mubi	2002

## PRIVATE

S/N	Institutions	Year Est.
1	Babcock University, Ilishan Remo	1999
2	Madonna University, Okija	1999
3	Igbinedion University, Okada	1999
4	Bowen University, Iwo	2001
5	Covenant University, Ota	2002
6	Pan-Atlantic University, Lagos	2002
7	Benson Idahosa University, Benin City	2002
8	American University of Nigeria, Yola	2003
9	Redeemers University, Mowe, Ogun State	2005
10	Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo	2005
11	Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin	2005
12	Caritas University, Amorji-Nke, Enugu	2005
13	CETEP City University, Lagos	2005
14	Bingham University, Auta-Balefi, Karu, Nasarawa State	2005
15	Katsina University, Katsina	2005
16	Renaissance University, Enugu	2005
17	Bells University of Technology, Ota, Ogun State	2005
18	Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005
19	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005
20	Kwararafa University, Wukari (formerly Wukari Jubilee University)	2005
21	Crescent University, Abeokuta	2005
22	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005
23	University of Mkar, Mkar	2005
24	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji Osun State	2006
25	Caleb University, Lagos	2007

## FEDERAL

S/N	Institutions	Year Est.
24	University of Uyo, Uyo	1991
25	Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike	1992
26	National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos	2002
27	Fed. Univ. of Petroleum Resources, Effurun	2007
28	Federal University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2011
29	Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State	2011
30	Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State	2011
31	Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State	2011
32	Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State	2011
33	Federal University, Dutse, Jigawa State	2011
34	Federal University, Ndufu-Alike, Ebonyi State	2011
35	Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2011
36	Federal University, Otuoke, Bayelsa	2011
37	The Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, Kano State	2012
38	Federal University, Birnin-Kebbi, Kebbi	2013
39	Federal University, Gusau, Zamfara	2013
40	Federal University, Gashua, Yobe	2013

## STATE

S/N	Institutions	Year Est.
20	Gombe State University, Gombe	2004
21	Kaduna State University, Kaduna	2004
22	Cross River University of Technology, Calabar	2004
23	Plateau State University, Bokkos	2005
24	Ondo State University of Technology, Okiti Pupa.	2008
25	Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State	2005
26	Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun	2005
27	Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina	2006
28	Bukar Abba Ibrahim University, Damaturu Yobe State	2006
29	Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero	2006
30	Osun State University, Osogbo	2006
31	Taraba State University, Jalingo	2008
32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009
33	Sokoto State University, Sokoto	2009
34	Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden	2010
35	Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni	2010
36	Bauchi State University, Gadau	2011
37	Northwest University, Kano	2012
38	The Technical University, Ibadan.	2012
39	Jigawa State University, Kafin Hausa	2013

## PRIVATE

S/N	Institutions	Year Est.
26	Fountain University, Osogbo	2007
27	Obong University, Obong Ntak	2007
28	Salem University, Lokoja	2007
29	Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007
30	Veritas University, Abuja	2007
31	Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo	2007
32	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007
33	The Achievers University, Owo	2007
34	African University of Science & Technology, Abuja	2007
35	Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2009
36	Godfrey Okoye University, Ugwuomu-Nike, Enugu State	2009
37	Nigerian Turkish Nile University, Abuja	2009
38	Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu, Osun State	2009
39	Paul University, Awka, Anambra State	2009
40	Rhema University, Obeama-Asa, Rivers State	2009
41	Wellspring University, Evbuobanosa, Edo State	2009
42	Adeleke University, Ede, Osun State	2011
43	Baze University, Abuja	2011
44	Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Kwara State	2011
45	Samuel Adegboyega University, Ogwa, Edo State	2011
46	Elizade University, Ilara-Mokin, Ondo State	2012
47	Evangel University, Akaeze, Ebonyi State	2012
48	Gregory University, Uturu, Abia State	2012
49	McPherson University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajebo, Ogun State	2012
50	Southwestern University, Okun Owa, Ogun State	2012





# NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

## List of Universities with Approved Postgraduate Programmes

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has observed with great concern that some Nigerian universities are running unapproved postgraduate programmes, leading to the award of Masters and PhD degrees. The Commission has also observed that some Parastatals and Institutes are awarding these same Postgraduate degrees, either on their own or through unapproved affiliations with Nigerian and foreign Universities. Such practices are not only unethical, but also antithetical to time-tested quality assurance best practices. The qualifications/awards resulting therefrom are not recognized. The Commission hereby notifies the general public that only the following universities have approval to offer postgraduate programmes at the Masters' and Ph.D levels in Nigeria, as of 30th July, 2012:

### FEDERAL UNIVERSITIES:

1. Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi
2. Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria
3. Bayero University, Kano
4. Federal University of Technology, Akure
5. Federal University of Technology, Minna
6. Federal University of Technology, Owerri
7. Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike
8. Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola
9. National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos.
10. Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna
11. Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka
12. Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife
13. University of Abuja, Gwagwalada
14. University of Agriculture, Abeokuta
15. University of Agriculture, Makurdi
16. University of Benin, Benin City
17. University of Calabar, Calabar
18. University of Ibadan, Ibadan
19. University of Ilorin, Ilorin
20. University of Jos, Jos
21. University of Lagos, Akoka
22. University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri
23. University of Nigeria, Nsukka
24. University of Port Harcourt, Port Harcourt
25. University of Uyo, Uyo
26. Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto

### STATE UNIVERSITIES:

1. Abia State University, Uturu
2. Adamawa State University, Mubi
3. Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko
4. Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma

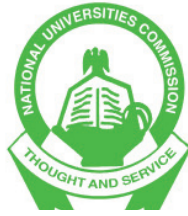
5. Anambra State University, Uli
6. Benue State University, Makurdi
7. Cross River University of Technology, Calabar
8. Delta State University, Abraka
9. Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki
10. Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti
11. Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu
12. Imo State University, Owerri
13. Kogi State University, Anyigba
14. Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso
15. Lagos State University, Ojo.
16. Nasarawa State University, Keffi
17. Niger-Delta University, Wilberforce Island
18. Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye
19. Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt
20. Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina
21. Gombe State University, Gombe

### PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES:

1. African University of Science and Technology, Abuja
2. American University of Nigeria, Yola
3. Babcock University, Ilishan-Remo
4. Benson Idahosa University, Benin City
5. Bowen University, Iwo
6. Covenant University, Ota
7. Igbinedion University, Okada
8. Pan-African University, Lekki
9. Redeemer's University, Mowe, Ogun State
10. Caleb University, Lagos
11. Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji, Osun State

Employers of labour, educational institutions and other stakeholders are to note that only certificates issued by these universities, for their approved programmes, are valid for employment, further studies and other purposes. When in doubt about the status of any programme or certificate, the National Universities Commission should be contacted through [webmaster@nuc.edu.ng](mailto:webmaster@nuc.edu.ng) and the following telephone numbers: 08027455412, 07054407741, 08067787753, 07039254081 and 07082024412 (FAX). Further information can also be obtained from the Commission's website: [www.nuc.edu.ng](http://www.nuc.edu.ng)

*Signed*  
**MANAGEMENT**



# NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

### List of Illegal Degree Awarding Institutions (Degree Mills) Operating in Nigeria\*

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

- 1) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 2) Christians of Charity American University of Science & Technology, Nkpor, Anambra State or any of its other campuses
- 3) University of Industry, Yaba, Lagos or any of its other campuses
- 4) University of Applied Sciences & Management, Port Novo, Republic of Benin or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- 5) Blacksmith University, Awka or any of its other campuses
- 6) Volta University College, Ho, Volta Region, Ghana or any of its other campuses in Nigeria
- 7) Royal University Izhia, P.O. Box 800, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State or any of its other campuses
- 8) Atlanta University, Anyigba, Kogi State or any of its other campuses
- 9) Sunday Adokpela University, Otada Adoka, Otukpo, Benue State or any of its other campuses.
- 10) United Christian University, Macotis Campus, Imo State or any of its other campuses.
- 11) United Nigeria University College, Okija, Anambra State or any of its other campuses.
- 12) Samuel Ahmadu University, Makurdi, Benue State or any of its other campuses.
- 13) UNESCO University, Ndoni, Rivers State or any of its other campuses.
- 14) Saint Augustine's University of Technology, Jos, Plateau State or any of its other campuses
- 15) The International University, Missouri, USA, Kano and Lagos Study Centres, or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 16) Collumbus University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 17) Tiu International University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 18) Pebbles University, UK operating anywhere in Nigeria
- 19) London External Studies UK operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 20) Pilgrims University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 21) Lobi Business School Makurdi, Benue State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 22) West African Christian University operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 23) Bolta University College, Aba or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 24) JBC Seminary Inc. (Wukari Jubilee University) Kaduna Illegal Campus
- 25) Westlan University, Esie, Kwara State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 26) St. Andrews University College, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 27) EC-Council University, USA, Ikeja Lagos Study Centre.
- 28) Atlas University, Ikot Udoso Uko, Uyo Akwa Ibom State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 29) Concept College/Universities (London) Ilorin or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 30) Halifax Gateway University, Ikeja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 31) Kingdom of Christ University, Abuja or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 32) Acada University, Akinlalu, Oyo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria.
- 33) Fifom University, Mbaise, Imo State or any of its campuses in Nigeria
- 34) Houdegbe North American University campuses in Nigeria.
- 35) Atlantic Intercontinental University, Okija, Anambra State
- 36) Open International University, Akure
- 37) Middle Belt University (North Central University), Otukpo
- 38) Leadway University, Ughelli, Delta State
- 39) Metro University, Dutse/Bwari, Abuja
- 40) Southend University, Ngwuro Egeru (Afam) Ndoki, Rivers State
- 41) Olympic University, Nsukka, Enugu State
- 42) Federal College of Complementary and Alternative Medicine, Abuja.
- 43) Temple University, Abuja
- 44) Irish University Business School London, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 45) National University of Technology, Lafia, Nasarawa State.
- 46) University of Accountancy and Management Studies, Mowe, Lagos - Ibadan Expressway and its Annex at 41, Ikorodu Road, Lagos.
- 47) University of Education, Winneba Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 48) Cape Coast University, Ghana, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 49) African University Cooperative Development (AUCD), Cotonou, Benin Republic, operating anywhere in Nigeria.
- 50) Pacific Western University, Denver, Colorado, Owerri Study Centre.
- 51) Evangel University of America & Chudick Management Academic, Lagos
- 52) Enugu State University of Science and Technology (Gboko Campus)
- 53) career Light Resources Centre, Jos
- 54) University of West Africa, Kwali-Abuja, FCT
- 55) Coastal University, Iba-Oku, Akwa-Ibom State

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

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

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

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

\* This list of illegal institutions is not exhaustive.

**PROFESSOR JULIUS A. OKOJIE**  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY,  
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## “VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY”

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- (a) *African Independent Television (AIT)*  
- 4:30 - 5.00 pm
- (b) *Nigerian Television Authority (NTA)*  
on Mondays -1.30-2.00pm

## This Week's Birthdays

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DEPT
Miss. Garba C.S.	23 December	DIM
Mr. Ahmadu John Mairafi	23 December	DMSS
Mr. Olaniyan Felix Olawole	24 December	DAS
Mr. Jaiyeola O.E.	24 December	Lagos Liaison Office
Mr. Lapai Umar Ndaman	24 December	DSSS
Mr. Jayeola Olorunfemi Emmanuel	24 December	DIM
Mr. Tyolumun Abi	24 December	DSSS
Mr. Agaba B.A.	24 December	DAS
Mr. Ibrahim A.	24 December	DAS
Dr. Saliu Biodun Noel	25 December	DIM
Mr. Dianabasi Emmanuel Mfon	25 December	DESO
Mr. Ewoigbe Sunday	25 December	DMSS
Dr. (Mrs) Gurin Rukayyatu Abdulkareem	27 December	DRI
Mr. Nwabua Christopher Nonyalim	27 December	DESO
Miss Nwafor L.N.	27 December	DESO
Mrs. Amanam Ruth Ekpenyong	28 December	DIM
Mr. Ali Bukar Ahmed	28 December	DMSS
Mr. Ogbaje U.E	28 December	DES
Miss Sani S.A.	28 December	DAS
Mr. Sini Z.K.	28 December	DFA

*Wishing you many happy returns!  
Best wishes for the week.*

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Courtesy: Antycorruption and Transparency Division

## Christmas Greetings

On behalf of the Executive Secretary and Management, Monday Bulletin rejoices with the NUC Family and our esteemed readers on the occasion of the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. May the blessings of the season bring peace, joy and development to our country.

Once again, Merry Christmas.