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BUK Graduates 14, 626, Commissions New Projects

No fewer than 14, 626 students of the Bayero University, Kano (BUK), graduated at the 30th convocation ceremony of the institution, held on Saturday, 22 June, 2013. A breakdown of the graduands showed that 54 of them graduated with First Class.

There were 107 PhDs, 2, 534 Master's degrees, 1, 911 Postgraduate diplomas, 7, 144 Bachelor's degrees and 2, 930 diplomas. One of the graduands, who bagged a PhD in Special Education, was Dr. Jibril Isah Diso, a visually-impaired lecturer in the Department of Special Education.

The Visitor, President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan *GCFR*, who was represented by the Honourable Minister of Education, Professor Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufa'i, *OON*, commiserated with the Governing Council, Management, staff and students of the University on the unfortunate attack of Sunday 29 April, 2012, in which about 15 lives were lost. He said the sad event was not only a threat to BUK, but an affront to scholarship and the entire education system.

President Jonathan recalled that soon after the attack, he requested the Minister of Education and Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Julius A. Okojie, *OON*, to visit and condole with the University on behalf of the Federal Government. He expressed happiness that BUK emerged from the attack stronger and more determined and that the attack had in fact galvanised it into a united force, focused on academic accomplishment. He added that the tenacity, courage and determination that the University had shown in adversity were really inspiring.



Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, GCFR
President, Federal Republic of Nigeria



Prof. Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufa'i
Honourable Minister of Education

The Visitor commended the graduating students for their hard work and accomplishments, while charging those still in school to seek the good of the University at all times and live in peace and harmony.

The President disclosed that the Federal Executive Council had not only approved the recommendations of the Technical Committee of the Needs Assessment exercise for special allocations to public universities, the National Economic Council had also approved the recommendation and that the Federal Executive Council would soon approve the implementation guidelines.

Chairman of the Governing Council, Alhaji Ahmadu Adamu Mu'azu, *CON*, thanked the Central Bank of Nigeria for the Centre of Excellence, Alhaji Aliko Dangote for the Business School and Entrepreneurship Centre, all under construction; General T.Y. Danjuma for a complex for the Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology, Sheik Isyaku Rabi'u for the Centre for Quranic Studies, Kano State Government for a complex of classrooms and offices at the Institute of Continuing Education (ICE), Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) for various intervention projects and the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation for its support and partnership over the years.

He expressed the new Governing Council's determination to leave BUK better than it met it by providing proper policy direction and also source support in whatever form that will sustain and improve upon the achievements of the university.

Earlier in his address, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, *MFR*, disclosed that in recognition of the University's maturity as a serious institution, all sub-degree programmes have been phased out with effect from the next academic session. ICE, which currently handles the sub-degree programmes is to be restructured to handle only part-time and open and distance learning



Prof. Julius A Okojie
Executive Secretary, NUC.

(ODL) degree programmes strictly in line with the guidelines and approval of the NUC.



Alhaji Ahmadu Adamu Mu'azu
Pro-Chancellor, BUK

Chancellor added that ICE and the Institute for Islamic Banking and Finance had started to justify the reasons for their establishment.

The centres that are expected to take off within the next three months or as soon as the structures to house them are completed, furnished and equipped are the Centre for Quranic Studies, Centre for Social and Economic Research, Centre for Advanced Medical Research, and the Centre for Renewable Energy Research.

BUK, he said, had come a long way from its humble beginnings in 1964 when it commenced a degree programme with 10 students of Arabic and Islamic Studies. Today, there are almost 30, 000 students pursuing undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in the Faculties of Medicine, Dentistry, Natural and Physical Sciences, Studies, Law, Social and Management Sciences, Education as well as Computer Sciences and Information Technology.

To the graduands, he said, “As worthy alumni of this university, you are expected to maintain close association with it and be the personification of its core values.”

Professor Rasheed said the University had successfully established a number of research centres and institutes to boost cutting-edge research in various areas. The Centre for Dryland Agriculture, Centre for African Entrepreneurship Research and Training, Centre for Biotechnology Research and the reinvented Centre for Information Technology have commenced activities in full. These he said, were in addition to the well-known activities of the Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Research and Training and the Centre for the Study of Nigerian Languages. The Vice



Prof. Abubakar Rasheed
Vice Chancellor, BUK



A cross section of graduands



L-R: Hon Suleiman Fagge, Professors Ahmed Rufa'i and Julius Okojie



L-R: Dr. Dipo Fasina, Representative of the National Open University of Nigeria, Prof Julius Okojie and Dr. Nasiru Fagge

The Vice Chancellor paid tribute to past Vice Chancellors, the Emir of Kano, the State Governor, Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), NUC and several individuals for various support to the university. He noted that, in response to last year's attack, NUC released a sum of N30 million to the University to improve its security by fencing all the unfenced areas of the New Campus.

The ceremony was preceded by the commissioning of some completed projects by Professor Okojie. These included the Social and Management Science Theatre, Faculty of Science Twin Lecture Theatre and the Faculty of Dentistry Complex.

The Executive Secretary commended the University for the prudent management of resources for the projects, describing the structures as state-of-art and functional.



L-R: Professors Rasheed, Okojie, Rufa'i and Alhaji Mu'azu with Prof. Abbas (back row)



Alh. Mahmud Ado Bayero
Dan Darman Kano



Alh. Haruna Doguwa
Commissioner for Higher Education, Kano State



Prof. Okojie flanked by the VC, Prof. Rasheed, left, and the Director, Tertiary Education, FME Hajia Abdulahi, right, commissioning one of the projects



Faculty of Science Twin Lecture Theatre



Faculty of Dentistry Building

FG Approves 180 Cut-off for Varsities, 150 for Others

The Honourable Minister of Education, Professor Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufa'i, OON, has announced the Federal Government's approval of 180 as the minimum score for admission into Nigerian Universities and 150 for Polytechnics, Monotechnics and Colleges of Education (COEs) for the 2013/2014 academic session. She pronounced this on Tuesday, 18 June, 2013, at the *Fourth Combined Policy Committee Meeting on Admissions into Degree, National Diploma, National Innovation Diploma (NID) and Nigeria Certificate in Education*, held at the National Universities Commission (NUC) Secretariat, Abuja.

Professor Rufa'i commended the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) for the prompt release of the 2013 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) results and for organising a successful Computer-Based Test (CBT), an optional and innovative online examination of candidates. She explained that, Government had to reduce the cut-off mark for Polytechnics and other Diploma-awarding institutions, as a way of encouraging students to enroll in the institutions.

The Minister said, to ensure the expansion of access in the tertiary education sub-sector, Government had also, in the last one year, invested heavily in the rehabilitation of facilities in universities, polytechnics and COEs, with the injection of about N25 billion in the institutions. With the investment, she added that the



Barr. Ezenwo Nyesom Wike
Minister of State for Education



Prof. Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufa'i
Honourable Minister of Education

Ministry expected that the combined carrying capacity of the tertiary institutions would increase from the present 469, 000 to 700,000, this year.

Professor Rufa'i called on stakeholders to continue to work hard for the development of the education sector, urging them to ensure that they followed stipulated guidelines in the admission of candidates in the ratio of 60:40 for Science and Arts as well as 70:30 for Technology and the NID non-technology programmes. She implored parents to encourage their children/wards to take advantage of the Federal Government's

emphasis on Vocational Teacher Education and Training (TVET), by enrolling in the NID non-technology programmes. According to her, this would enhance the capacities of those with vocational skills to contribute to the development of the country. She observed that some tertiary institutions failed to adhere to the admission deadline prescribed at the 2012 Policy Committee Meeting, warning that this year's process should be strictly adhered to.

In his remarks, the Honourable Minister of State for Education, Barr. Ezenwo Nyesom Wike, noted that JAMB had considerably improved on its conduct of examinations for tertiary institutions in the past three years. He noted that the introduction of the CBT was a clarion call for the tertiary institutions to improve on the use of ICT in their institutions. He urged them to invest massively in the CBT, in view of the challenges of access to ICT facilities and power-related issues, in the country, before gradually phasing out the paper/pencil mode.

In a goodwill message, the Chairman, Senate Committee on Education, Senator Uche Chukwumerije, congratulated JAMB for the innovative steps taken to move tertiary education to greater heights. He also commended the Ministers of Education for their support to examination bodies in Nigeria, adding that



Chairman, Senate Committee on Education, Sen. Uche Chukwumerije, with his House of Representatives Counterpart, Hon. Aminu Suleiman Fagge

education was the driver of any country's development, which Nigeria could not compromise. He called for the deployment of ICT to meet global standards, calling on the Government to lend funding support to the Board's CBT initiative, so as to reach every part of the society. He observed that the initial investment required in the ICT-enabled examination might appear huge, but that when compared to the manpower and other support services which would no longer be needed, the CBT model was the better option.

In a similar vein, the Chairman, House Committee on Education, Hon. Aminu Suleiman Fagge, said the JAMB Policy Committee Meeting was an interaction between the tertiary institutions and the Legislature/Executive which, he noted, signified the level of conviviality existing between both arms of Government, especially in the education sector. He described education as the bedrock of human development.

Hon. Fagge noted that a lot of abnormalities and abuse were associated with Nigeria's education system for which JAMB faced its own level of criticisms from stakeholders,



Prof. Julius A. Okojie
Executive Secretary, NUC

stressing that, in spite of public disenchantment, the Board remained the sole authority that organised examinations for the purpose of admitting students into tertiary institutions. He disclosed that the House of Representatives was in the process of convoking an Education Summit in July, this year, with the idea of enabling stakeholders to develop a new education agenda for the country. He expressed the commitment of the National Assembly, through proper legislations, to ensure that education met the expectation of every Nigerian.

provided appropriate skills that led to national development. He expressed hope that the event would go a long way in fostering a healthy relationship between the Board and tertiary institutions. He reminded stakeholders of the agreement of a deadline of 31 October, 2013, for admissions into tertiary institutions, for the 2013/2014 academic session, urging the institutions to make their submissions on or before the closing date.

Professor Ojerinde reminded the Institutions of the mandatory guidelines in admission, pegging criteria for merit at 45 percent, catchment area, 35 and Educationally Less Developed States (ELDS) 20 percent, for Federal Government-owned institutions. For state-owned institutions, merit was pegged at 40 percent, catchment area, 40 and ELDS 40 percent.

Welcoming participants, the Registrar, JAMB, Professor 'Dibu Ojerinde, said that the meeting was important because education



Prof. 'Dibu Ojerinde
Registrar, JAMB



(R-L) Dr. Mas'ud Kazaure, Prof. Mohammed Junaid and Hon. Aminu Suleiman Fagge

Meanwhile, the statistical data presented by the Registrar showed that approximately 1.8million candidates applied for the 2013/2014 examination as, against about 1.5million in the 2012/2013 session. For the 2013/2014 examinations, while a total of 1, 540, 179 candidates had their results released, the results of the 36,000 who wrote the CBT were yet to be made public and others, representing 13.1 percent, were withheld.

The Paper Pencil Test PPT and Dual-Based Testing (DBT) were held in 3, 500 centres both in Nigeria and six foreign countries, namely, Cameroon, Benin Republic, Ghana, South Africa, Egypt and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. According to him, CBT was held in 50 terminals in Nigeria and three foreign countries.

On the CBT innovations, Professor Ojerinde noted that its reliability in rooting out malpractices was evidenced by the outcome of the testing. He emphasised that while the other two still allowed a total of 13, 806 candidates to get involved in malpractices, none was observed in the computer-based system. Other advantages, he said, included the fact that the Board uploaded questions, from its Headquarters, to all the 50 terminals where the examination was conducted, without cost of transportation and security challenges and candidates got their results instantly.

When compared to last year, there was a slight shift in the 2013 UTME top 10 most subscribed universities with the University of Benin, which was third in 2012, being the first this year. Others in the top 10 list included the University of Ilorin, University of Lagos, Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka; Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife; Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Imo State University, University of Ibadan and the University of Nigeria, Nsukka.

Present at the event were the Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Julius. A. Okojie, Executive Secretary, NCCE, Professor Mohammed Junaid; Executive Secretary, NBTE, Dr. Mas'ud Kazaure and the FME Director, Tertiary Education, Mrs. Hindatu Umar Abdullahi.



A cross section of participants at the meeting in Abuja

FG Donates N50m to Gregory Varsity

...as Varsity Honours Onwuliri

The President, Dr. Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, *GCFR*, on Thursday, 20 June, 2013, announced a donation of N50 million for the development of Gregory University, Uturu (GUU), Abia State. The President made the donation at the commissioning of the ultra-modern Laboratory Building of the University, in honour of the erstwhile Chairman of the National Universities Commission (NUC)'s Standing Committee on Private Universities (SCOPU), Professor Celestine Onwuliri.



Professors Ruqayyatu Rufa'i (*right*) and Viola Onwuliri, during the commissioning in Uturu

Represented by the Honourable Minister of Education (HME), Professor Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufa'i, *oon*, the President described late Professor Onwuliri as a distinguished academic and

a man who, indeed, strove to put in his best in everything he did. In the past two weeks, she said, much had been declared about his stellar foray in the Nigerian University System (NUS), dedicated service to the church, contribution to the Nigerian Academy of Science, exemplary family life and enduring legacy of mentorship, among other numerous legacies.

The President explained that late Onwuliri was an avid researcher, a teacher *par excellence*, a seasoned administrator as well as a veteran mentor, who had shaped many lives, through his godly academic endowments and other capacities. In family life, he stated that the late Professor of Parasitology and his amiable wife had successfully set an impressive example of a Nigerian family unit which, if other younger people follow, would produce a better Nigerian society filled with virtues, ethics and norms.

President Jonathan said that the life of Professor Onwuliri had shown that a good succession



Prof. ABC Nwosu

Former Minister of Health and Guest Speaker

plan was the greatest contributions and investments all humans could make in other people's lives. This, he noted, was re-echoed by dignitaries at the memorial colloquium held recently at the NUC Secretariat, Abuja. He said Professor Onwuliri, throughout his life, engaged in teaching, mentoring, and providing leadership to his students and colleagues alike.

While thanking the Chancellor of the University, Chief Gregory Ibe, for the gesture to the Onwuliri family, the President said commissioning a laboratory in his honour, as a symbol of his enduring legacy in the study of the sciences in Nigeria, was indeed

commendable. He urged the NUS to recognise its own by giving honour to whom it was due, as done by the University.

Guest Speaker and former Minister of Health, Professor ABC Nwosu, paid tribute to the former Vice-Chancellor of FUTO, his friend of 37 years and described him as an outstanding scholar, who not only graduated with a Second Class Upper Division in Zoology in 1975, but also produced the best PhD Thesis in (Parasitology) of the year (1980), both from UNN.

Professor Nwosu tasked Nigeria to go back to the golden era of education and intellectualism, which produced the likes of Onwuliri, adding that the country must lead and champion Africa's renaissance, so that "we could add value to the black skin." According to him, knowledge was for the use of man and not for knowledge sake. He thanked GUU for the honour done Professor Onwuliri and enjoined the University to ensure that the laboratories were used for the pursuit of excellence in science, which Onwuliri stood for.



(R-L) Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Julius A. Okojie; Head of Service, Abia State, Barr. Godson Adiele and Permanent Secretary, Abia State Ministry of Education, Mrs. Victoria Chigbu

Abia State Governor, Chief Theodore Orji, who was represented by the Head of Service, Barr. Godson Adiele, said education held the key to a better society and called on academics to work hard to remould the society. He consoled the family of the departed and encouraged them to continue in the late Onwuliri's pursuit of excellence.



Professor Rufa'i, flanked, on the right, by Profs. Onwuliri and Okojie and on the left, by Barr. Adiele and the Chancellor of GUU, Dr. Greg Ibe, at the commissioning of the Laboratory

The Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Julius A. Okojie, said the Commission invited Professor Onwuliri to chair SCOPU to add value to the system and to ensure the establishment of good private universities. He reiterated the fact that private universities were the future of university education in Nigeria since, unlike Federal and State Governments that could only establish as many universities as there were states, there was no limit to private investments in university education, which, he said, NUC would continue to encourage. The Executive Secretary recalled the fond memories of his association with Professor Onwuliri, thanking GUU for honouring him.



The Physics Laboratory

The widow and Honourable Minister of State I for Foreign Affairs, Professor Viola Onwuliri thanked GUU for deeming it fit to name the building housing the Physics, Chemistry and Biology Laboratories, after her husband. She said she was proud to be associated with the University and expressed the family's continued support to it. While charging the students to make the best use of the laboratories, Professor Mrs. Onwuliri informed them that her late husband's award-winning research works were done locally. She advised the students to work hard so as to make Nigeria proud, calling on them and the university community to continue to support the Transformation Agenda of the present administration.

The Chancellor, Dr. Greg Ibe recalled his association with late Professor Onwuliri, saying that naming the Laboratory Building after the late Onwuliri was an honour well-deserved. He later conducted the Minister and other guests round the University's Medical Centre.

Also present at the event were heads of tertiary institutions, members of some states executive councils, principal staff and students of GUU as well as friends, family and associates of the late Professor Onwuliri.

The commissioning ceremony was preceded by a Mass celebrated by the Most Rev. Solomon Amatu, Bishop of Okigwe Catholic Diocese.

HME Tasks Private Varsities on Quality Education

The Honourable Minister of Education, Professor Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufa'i, *OOB*, has tasked private universities in Nigeria to improve access to quality education and boost excellence in the sector, by providing effective teaching and learning facilities. She also canvassed for more private sector investments in university education, to guarantee access to the increasing number of candidates aspiring for tertiary education. She made the call on Monday, 17 June, 2013, while laying the foundation of the Goodluck Jonathan Multi-Purpose Hall at Baze University, Abuja.

Professor Rufa'i, who was on a working visit to the Institution, expressed delight at the available infrastructure, noting that the facilities, if effectively used, would produce the requisite human resources for the actualisation of the Transformation Agenda.

The Minister observed that, due to limited space and low carrying capacity in the nation's higher institutions, many qualified candidates could not be absorbed. She reiterated her call on well-meaning Nigerians to invest in tertiary education, to complement the efforts of Government in tackling the challenge of access.



The Minister laying the foundation for the Goodluck Jonathan Multi-Purpose Hall at the University

Professor Rufa'i, who commended the efforts of the promoters of the University, towards making it globally competitive, called on other universities to strive to provide good facilities and adequate infrastructure in their institutions, so as to ensure quality output.

In a brief presentation, the Pro-Chancellor, Senator Datti Baba-Ahmed, said the University could boast of 25.35 hectares of land, with some buildings and facilities already completed, including 124-flat staff quarters, lecture halls, academic staff and administrative buildings, 64 and 40 one-bedroom hostels for male and female students, respectively.

Senator Baba-Ahmed disclosed that Baze University had developed an examination method where examination scripts were designed for students to emboss their finger prints, saying it was exclusively designed to curtail the menace of examination malpractice. He added that the scripts were kept by the Registrar and that no one else had access to them until they were brought to the examination hall. Students were not allowed to enter the examination hall with writing materials, as the school provided such, noting that the halls were also equipped with CCTV machines, with one invigilator to monitor activities.



The Chancellor of Baze University, Alh. Ahmadu Abubakar, with the Deputy Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Akinbode Agbaoye and the Minister

Earlier, in his welcome remarks, the Chancellor and Chairman, Board of Trustees (BoT), Alh. Ahmadu Abubakar, said the promoters had the dream of setting up a university that would take into consideration the students' interests. This, he explained, was the key factor in establishing a model university, with corresponding excellent facilities, interspersed with noble ideas, to produce requisite manpower for the development of the nation. He said the Institution would work diligently to achieve its set goals and thanked the Minister for finding time to visit.



Sen. Datti Baba-Ahmed leading the visitors on a tour of the Institution

In his address, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Michael Hodd, said the University was committed to quality, noting that Baze wanted to carve a niche for itself by sticking to the National Universities Commission's guidelines. He explained that the Institution was seeking approval to adopt a structure used in some top universities in the United States and United Kingdom, including the trimester model (three academic terms) within one academic calendar.

According to him, the trimester structure helped to improve efficiency, enhance internationalisation, allowed for the introduction of best practices in teaching and learning and revolutionised the quantity and quality of research. The efficiency in their kind of system, he said, provided resources to move teaching and learning away from dictation lectures and memory-test examinations to student-centred deep learning, problem-solving and critical-thinking. Professor Hodd disclosed that the university's academic staff were required to teach and administer examinations for only two out of the three trimesters in the calendar year. They could take research leave, with full payment, in the third trimester, provided they submitted a research plan and agreed deliverables, in terms of prospective high quality publications.

Other highlights were a brief presentation by students of the University's Debating Society as well as cultural dancers, who entertained the Minister and her entourage.

The Minister's entourage included the Deputy Executive Secretary, NUC, Mr. Akinbode Agbaoye; NUC Visiting Professor and Chairman, Standing Committee on Private Universities (SCOPU), Akaneren Essien; Acting Director, Physical Planning and Development, Arc. Bola Balogun; the Special Assistant to the Minister, Professor Abbas Sagir as well as Deputy Director, Private Universities, Mr. Henry Anaziah. In the Baze team were the Dean, Faculty of Management and Social Sciences, Professor Skip Smith; Registrar, Mr. David Ogbonna as well as Deputy Registrar, Mr. Mani Ibrahim Ahmad.

Little Rock Hosts Arkansas-NED Forum

The State of Arkansas, USA, in conjunction with the Nigerian Economic Development Forum (NEDF), the Nigerian-American Agricultural Empowerment Programme (NAAEP) and African Women's Health Project International (AWHPI) organised the Arkansas-NEDF in Little Rock, Arkansas, from 28 May to 1 June, 2013. In his remarks, the Nigerian Ambassador to the United States of America, Ambassador Abiola Adefuye, called for the active participation of the private sectors of both countries in order to attract Foreign Direct Investments (FDI), stressing that for the economic fortunes of Nigeria to improve, the Nigerian Embassy could not do it alone. He remarked that the meeting of the Forum coincided with the 2nd Anniversary (Democracy Day) celebration of the administration of President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, *GCFR*, reporting that the Mid-term briefings by the Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs), revealed some outstanding performances of the Government in some key sectors of the economy, with more still needed to be done. He highlighted some of the key performances in the Transformation Agenda of the Government and elicited investments in the areas of infrastructural development, agriculture, power and education, among others.



Ambassador Abiola Adefuye
Nigerian Ambassador to the United States

Ambassador Adefuye said the choice of the State of Arkansas for the meeting was in recognition of the huge potentials it held, in the agricultural transformation of Nigeria, especially in the area of equipment supply, manpower development, production of rice and participation of big companies such as Walmart Group, in the export of agricultural produce. He recognised agriculture as a source of business and called on participants to come up with concrete steps that would generate positive impact such that Nigeria would use her

endowments to get what the country needed.



Governor of Arkansas, Mike Beebe, with the Executive Secretary, NUC, Prof. Julius A. Okojie

In an opening remarks, the President and Chief Executive Officer, NAAEP, Mrs. Temitope Ajayi (Mama Diaspora), informed participants that the Forum was a high-level networking and think-tank, which focused on improving healthcare delivery, agricultural revamping, educational reform

and infrastructural development, to guarantee improved economic development of the nations. She said that the consortium valued the contribution of Nigeria and the promising opportunities for partnership with the Arkansas State Government.

Chief Temitope explained that the Forum also provided a platform for all parties to explore opportunities for collaboration and partnerships between the States of Arkansas and Nigeria in furtherance of the Transformation Agenda of President Goodluck Jonathan, premised on the attraction of FDI to the various sectors of the Nigerian economy.



Chief Mrs. Temitope Ajayi

At a high profile meeting, the Governor of Arkansas, Mike Beebe, welcomed

participants and expressed delight that the Forum took place in his home state, at a time when world economic fortunes had considerably dwindled. He noted that, in spite of all the economic challenges, there were common grounds to be explored by Nigeria and Arkansas.

The Vice-President, Corporate Council on Africa (CCA), Ambassador Robert Perry, stated that the drive for the promotion of investment opportunities in agriculture led the USA to establish and strengthen land grant universities, which over time, played a significant role in creating the critical mass of specialists and experts in agriculture. He stated that the returns on business in Nigeria could be high, given its size and population.



(L-R) Mrs. Ajayi, Amb. Archibong; Governor Kwankwaso and Prof. Okojie during the panel discussions

In a presentation, the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Julius A. Okojie, *OON*, gave a historical background of the evolution, structure and nature of the Nigerian University System (NUS) and also highlighted the functions of the NUC. He explained that due to importance Nigeria attached to agriculture, three specialised Universities of Agriculture were established to augment the faculties of Agriculture in many conventional universities. He stressed the need for best practices, proper education and qualitative research as the best way for sustaining agriculture. He thanked the organisers of the Forum and observed that the prospects derivable, made the event exciting.

The delegation took a tour of Heifer International, an NGO that works with communities to alleviate hunger and poverty, where it visited some of its facilities including the Heifer village. The President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Pierre Ferrari gave a presentation on the history, goals and approaches of the organisation. It is a hands-on, global education facility located around the *Clinton Presidential Library*. The Heifer Village provides a stimulating and challenging educational experience for people of all ages. Some of the on-going projects visited included: the promotion of food sovereignty, matching gift campaign umbrella in Honduras, support of orphanage and community small animal husbandry and gardening in Latvia as well as earthquake responses in China and Haiti.

After the tour, the delegation met with the Heifer staff, where they discussed the challenges of the Organisation's approach and possible solutions. An overriding challenge was the ability to achieve set goals given the cultural, political and socio-economic status of participating countries. The Heifer staff also expressed their desire to work with existing structures of established networks. It was observed that Nigeria was considered to be economically more viable than most Third World countries, therefore was not in dire need of Heifer intervention.



Prof. Okojie, the Arkansas Deputy Secretary of State, Mr. Joseph Wood and Mr. Umar Baba holding the Proclamation

During the group discussion, Ambassador Adefuye stated that all the relevant arms of government and stakeholders were present at the meeting, which made it expedient for all issues to be discussed extensively and for alliances to be formed. He stated that for government to achieve development targets, it had to work with foreign investors and the private sector.



The Mayor of Little Rock, Mr. Mark Stodola, presenting the Key of Little Rock to the Executive Secretary

The Ambassador applauded the efforts of *Mama Diaspora* as well as her investment driving force for Nigeria. He advocated that Agriculture should be revived to serve as the mainstay of the economy because of its importance to the economic growth of Nigeria. He noted that Arkansas had Agricultural expertise

for which the Nigerian delegation was looking at to form synergies and partnerships, get technical assistance as well as access to machinery. He mentioned the possibilities that abounded in the Forum including, Walmart’s intention to trade with Nigeria. He concluded that the Nigerian Delegation should see past restrictions and “use what they have to get what they want”

The delegation went on a guided tour of the President Bill Clinton Presidential Center and the Clinton School of Public Service, where discussions centred on collaboration and tailor-made courses for targeted public servants from Nigeria. Dean of the School, Professor James Rutherford III stressed the need to collaborate and establish staff and student exchange as well as internship programmes between the School and Nigerian universities, some of which could be web and distance learning platforms.



L-R Ms. Ajayi, Umar Baba, Prof. Okojie, Prof. James Rutherford III and Prof. Gbadamosi

The President of La Fayette Inc. USA, Mr. La Fayette spoke about his work with Walmart in the past 18 years and on the establishment of best options with regard to connecting Arkansas and Nigeria in the field of business.



(L-R) Mr. Chris Maiyaki, Prof. Okojie, Erelu Oluremi Okojie and the SA to the Mayor of Little Rock

In his remarks, Professor Okojie said that there were opportunities for partnership between Nigerian universities and international agricultural experts and companies. He spoke on the challenges of policy formulation and structure in Agriculture, emphasising that some of the Colleges of Agriculture in the country had model villages where they assisted community farmers with agricultural developments and indicated that the NUS was interested in best practices and sustainability tools. He stated that the Nigerian universities had the creativity and therefore advocated for a knowledge-driven agriculture to get optimal result.



Mrs. Ibukun Odusote
Perm Sec, FMARD

Professor Okojie informed the forum that the future of Higher Education laid in the hands of private providers whose success stories could no longer be ignored. He congratulated President Jonathan and the Honourable Minister of Education for spearheading various scholarship schemes which would bequeath to a generation of highly knowledgeable Nigerians the drive for growth and economic development.

Mr. Perry, who explained the role of CCA, which major focus was the promotion of trade and investments in Africa, stated that Nigeria was the highest consumer of rice in Africa, while

Arkansas was the highest producer of rice in the USA. He said such area held a lot of potential for partnership.



Princess Deun Ogunlana (right) with Erelu Oulremi Okojie
and Mrs. Temitope Ajayi

Director of Fisheries, Federal Ministry of Agriculture Mrs. Funke Ariola highlighted the Ministry's vision for the sector. She remarked that the approach was aimed at structuring agriculture as a business, which the ministry would establish value chains for the major crops grown in Nigeria. In line with the President's Transformation agenda, there was also an agriculture transformation agenda, which seeks to increase food production, job

creation and establish import substitution for rice.

Director, World Trade Center, Dr. Denise Thomas expressed delight at the promising opportunity for enhanced trade between Arkansas and Nigeria, especially the envisaged synergy between Agriculture and Education.

Deputy Secretary of State, Arkansas, Mr. Joseph Wood declared May 30th as Nigerian day in Arkansas while, Chief Consul at the Nigerian Consulate-General in Atlanta, Mr. Baba Garba, accepted the declaration and encouraged Nigerians in Arkansas to celebrate the day every year to sustain the bond of friendship already established between Nigeria and the State of Arkansas. There was a tour of the Senate and Assembly chambers and a courtesy call on the Arkansas Secretary of State.

President/CEO, World Trade Center, Arkansas, Mr. Dan Hendrix, welcomed the Nigerian Delegation to the Chamber of Commerce. The Mayor of Little Rock, Arkansas, Mr. Mark Stodola, outlined the goals of the Chamber which was to facilitate international business and economic development. He said that they had a department that seeks partners across the 'world. Mr. Stodola stated that the Chamber members included distinguished professionals that would make excellent partners for developing businesses. He listed some of the business ventures of Little Rock to include its Children Hospital that was top in the USA and the fact that Arkansas was the 5th largest producer of steel as well as home to the largest private jet facility in the world.



Mr. Mark Stodola presenting the Key of Little Rock to Dr. Aboki Samu

In a Keynote Address, Executive Director at the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, Mr. Grant, described the similarities between the Nigerian and Arkansas economic history which, he said, were heavily dependent on the extractive industry. Arkansas businesses were trying to learn better efficiency and maximising arable farmlands where they would partner with Nigeria. He hoped that Nigeria could transform agriculture from subsistence to Agro-business. He also requested stakeholders to consider the export of expertise and technology and not just products.

The Executive Governor of Kano State, Dr. Rabiw Kwankwaso informed participants that the state, being one of the most populated in Nigeria, was investing heavily in capacity building. He stated that the two state-owned universities also had resources available for quality graduate studies for their academic staff, possibly based on short and long-term arrangements. He noted that the accreditation of most of the courses at both universities,

depended on availability of qualified and highly trained personnel. He disclosed that the state government was currently sponsoring hundreds of Kano students

for further medical training, while others had also been sent to some Aviation schools around the world.

Deputy Head of Mission at the Nigerian Embassy in Washington DC, Ambassador Bassey Archibong, informed participants that the recently-executed Bi-National Commission had yielded positive results. He noted that under its auspices, many partnerships had been sealed and there had been exchanges of many trade delegations which had attracted billion dollars in FDI. He underscored the need for intending businessmen to pass through the Embassy for accreditation before swinging into any full blown business venture.

The Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Mrs. Ibukun Odusote had earlier informed participants that in line with the Governments policy shift, agriculture was no longer a routine but a potential source of business under the Transformation Agenda. She said that the country had achieved success in cat fish production and export, fertilizer was now handed directly to farmers to avert the nefarious activities of middlemen, the Agric Bank had been recapitalised based on focus to mechanise productive activities in the sector and there was zero duty on the importation of farming equipment. She added that the drive to industrialise, was aimed at creating jobs and generating added value, similar to the operational practices obtainable in some trading chains like the Walmart Group.

The Investment forum also featured the Mayors welcome reception at the Curran Hall which turned out to be a useful networking event. There was presentation of Honorary Citizenship



The Nigerian delegation with the Governor of Arkansas and Ambassador Adefuye

to members of the delegation as well as the presentation of key to the city, to distinguished guests, some of whom were Professor Okojie, Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Mrs. Ibukun Odusote as well as NUC's Dr. Aboki Matthias Samu and Mr. Chris Maiyaki.

NUC Signs MoU with Robert Gordon University

In a bid to promote the delivery and entrenchment of Entrepreneurship Education in Nigerian universities, the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Julius A. Okojie, *OOON*, recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Robert Gordon University (RGU), Aberdeen, Scotland. The MoU was aimed at promoting faculty development and collaborative research as well as staff exchange. The essence, he said, was to expose the Entrepreneurship educators to the rudiments of teaching Entrepreneurship Education which they were expected to adopt and adapt in the Nigerian environment.

Following the signing of the MoU, the University organised a one-week Training-of-the-Trainers workshop for Nigerian faculty from 27 to 31 May, 2013. Declaring the Workshop open, Professor Okojie, expressed optimism that the MoU would help Nigerian faculty from across the federal, state and private universities to glean best practices in teaching methodology for which RGU was a good model.

The Executive Secretary implored the participants to make good use of the programme to identify areas where they needed to improve on their teaching, for effective delivery of Entrepreneurship Education in the country.

The participants seized the opportunity to explore new ideas and skills for creation of small scale business enterprises, growth and innovation and how to enhance and optimise teaching methodology, for effective delivery to students. The visiting faculty members also undertook a one-day excursion to different business enterprises in Aberdeen, with a view to obtain firsthand knowledge and interact with successful entrepreneurs, who shared their experiences with them. The one-week programme was structured into formal lectures, breakout sessions and excursions.



(L-r) Mr. Kankiya, Mr. Maiyaki, Prof. Abdulrahman, Mr. Agbaoye, Prof. Okojie, Dean RGU, Erelu Okojie, Mr. Dan'Iya and Prof. Bilbis.

About 60 lecturers of Entrepreneurship Studies from Nigerian universities participated in the workshop, organised by the University's School of Business and Entrepreneurship Education.

In the NUC delegation were the Deputy Executive Secretary, Mr. Akinbode Agbaoye; Director, Student Support Services, Mr. Ibrahim Dan'Iya; the Chief of Staff to the Executive Secretary, Mr. Chris Maiyaki and the NUC Liaison Officer, United Kingdom, Mr. Yusuf Kankiya. The Vice-Chancellors of Federal Universities, Gashua and Birnin-Kebbi, Professors Shehu Abdul-Rahman and Lawal Suleiman Bilbis were also in the delegation.



(L-r) Dr. Labaran, Mr. Wale, Professor Okojie and Francesca

NUC Organises BMAS Workshop for New Progs

The National Universities Commission (NUC) on Tuesday, 18 June, 2013, organised a two-day workshop for panelists constituted to draft Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS) for newly identified academic programmes recently approved by the Commission. The two-day workshop was held at the NUC Virtual Library, Abuja, from 18 to 19 June, 2013 and was coordinated by the Acting Director, Academic Standards, Mrs. Florence Asemadahun.

Addressing the panelists, the Executive Secretary, NUC, Professor Julius A. Okojie,



Mrs. Florence Asemadahun
Ag. Director, Academic Standards

OON, urged them to look critically into the documents and draft BMAS in each of the programmes that would enable Nigerian universities compete favourably with others of the world.

It will be recalled that one of the sole responsibilities of the Commission, as a regulatory agency is the drafting of BMAS and accrediting of academic programmes. It was in response to this that it was being drafted, so as to maintain acceptable standards before programmes were accredited.

The panelists were expected to examine all relevant materials in their respective fields, including BMAS for similar programmes and curricular from universities that offered the programmes.



Mr. Felix Olaniyan
Deputy Director, Undergraduate Curriculum
Planning and Development

In a bid to facilitate the actualisation of the Commission’s mandate, the Department of Academic Standards constituted the team of resource persons comprising Professors from the various universities across the country, including representatives of Librarians’ Registration Council of Nigeria (LRCN) in the case of Library and Information Science programme.

At the workshop were the Deputy Directors of Undergraduate Curriculum Development and Planning Division, Mr. Felix Olaniyan; Postgraduate Curriculum Development and Planning Division, Dr. Esther Olamide Adesina and Resource and Strategic

Planning, Mr. Aminu Abba.

The programmes reviewed, the institution and the resource persons in the specific areas of specialisation are reflected in the table below:

PANEL A: NATURAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

S/N	NAMES OF PARTICIPANT	AREA OF SPECIALIZATION	INSTITUTION
1.	PROF. JIDE ALO	ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMISTRY	UNILAG
2.	PROF. P. C. OFOJEKWE	NATURAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE	UNI JOS

3.	PROF. A.H. KAWO	ENVIRONMENTAL MICROBIOLOGY	BUK
4.	CHUNDUSU ABRAHAM.	NUC REP I	
5.	ALEX UVAH	NUC REP II	

PANEL B: PETROLEUM CHEMISTRY

S/N	NAMES OF PARTICIPANT	AREA OF SPECIALIZATION	INSTITUTION
1.	PROF. U.Z. FAROUG	PETROLEUM CHEMISTRY	UDU
2.	PROF. E.N. WAMI	CHEMICAL ENGINEERING	RUST
3.	A. A. INGAWA	NUC REP I	
4.	FLORENCE OJELI	NUC REP II	

PANEL C INFORMATION & MEDIA TECHNOLOGY

S/N	NAMES OF PARTICIPANT	AREA OF SPECIALIZATION	INSTITUTION
1.	PROF. P.E. IBIYEMI	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	UNI ILORIN
*2.	PROF. GLORIA CHUKWUDEBE	CONTROL & INFOR TECH	FUTO
3.	PROF. J. A. SAMBE	MASS COMMUNICATION	AAU AKUNGBA
4.	PROF. EMEVWO BIAKOLO	MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION	PAN-ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY
5.	CHUKS EZE-OBIA	NUC REP I	
6.	SARAH GARBA	NUC REP II	

**PANEL D: BIOMEDICAL TECHNOLOGY, DENTAL TECHNOLOGY
& PROSTHESIS & ORTHOPAEDIC TECHNOLOGY**

S/N	NAMES OF PARTICIPANT	AREA OF SPECIALIZATION	INSTITUTION
1.	PROF. G.C. OKOYE	PROF OF REHAB	UNN, ENUGU CAMPUS
2.	PROF. F.R.A. AKINBO	PROSTHESIS	UNILAG
3.	PROF. C. OKEZIE	BIOMEDICAL TECH	UNN
4.	PROF. CHUKWUDI ONYEASO		UNI PORT
5.	F. MOREBISE	NUC REP I	
6.	ILIYA USMAN	NUC REP II	

PANEL E: LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

S/N	NAMES OF PARTICIPANT	AREA OF SPECIALIZATION	INSTITUTION
1.	PROF. O. LAWAL	LIBRARY SCIENCE	UNI CAL
2.	PROF. ALEGBELEYE	LIBRARY SCIENCE	UI
3.	PROF. I. EKOJA	LIBRARY SCIENCE	UNI ABUJA
4.	DR. JAMES D. DANIEL	LIBRARY SCIENCE	
5.	VICTORIA OKOJIE	REGISTRAR (LRC)	
6.	CLARA ABU	NUC REP I	
7.	RABIU IBRAHIM	NUC REP II	

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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

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.

Signed
Management

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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 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

Re: 2013 Mexico Government Special Scholarship Programme for Foreign Students

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has received a call circular from the Embassy of Mexico in Nigeria inviting applications from interested and most qualified candidates for its special programmes of the 2013 Mexican Government Scholarship Programme for Foreign Students.

The programmes are addressed mainly to professionals, experts, specialists, professors and artists in different fields. The general Scholarship Programme for Postgraduate Students 2013 will be announced shortly.

For the general terms and conditions, characters of each special programme, its requirements and the application form, applicants can follow the link: www.becas.sre.gob.mx or contact the Embassy of Mexico in Nigeria at 39, Usuma Street, Maitama District, Abuja, Nigeria, P.M.B 718 Garki. Tel:(+234) 9462-0631/32/33. E-mail: embnigeria@sre.gob.mx, web: www.sre.gob.mx/nigeria.

N.B Interested candidates should note that the submission of applications closes on 30 August, 2013.

Call for Applications for Fellowship Award

The National Universities Commission (NUC) is in receipt of a call circular, through the Federal Ministry of Education, inviting suitable and qualified applicants for the 2014 Fellowship Award of the Matsume International Foundation (MIF) Kamiogi, Suginami-ku, Tokyo, Japan. The Fellowship is for the period of April 2014 to March 2015.

N.B Interested applicants should obtain the current issue of the Fellowship announcement from the Foundation by writing to MIF with name and address either by post or e-mail and must print out the application form in pdf-format or MS Word file.

The eligibility/requirements format can be obtained via a download of the application procedure from the website: <http://www.mars.dti.ne.jp/~mif> or e-mail: contactzmif@mist.dti.ne.jp

All applications must be submitted only from the applicant's home country and must be received by the Foundation on or before 31 August, 2013.

List of Approved Universities in Nigeria

UNIVERSITIES								
S/N	Federal	Year	S/N	State	Year	S/N	Private	Year
1	University of Ibadan, Ibadan	1948	1	Rivers State University of Science & Technology, Harcourt	1979	1	Babcock University, Ilishan Remo	1999
2	University of Nigeria, Nsukka	1960	2	Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma	1980	2	Madonna University, Okija	1999
3	Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife	1962	3	Abia State University, Uturu	1981	3	Igbinedion University, Okada	1999
4	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	1962	4	Enugu State University of Science & Tech, Enugu	1982	4	Bowen University, Iwo	2001
5	University of Lagos, Lagos	1962	5	Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye	1982	5	Covenant University, Ota	2002
6	University of Benin, Benin City	1970	6	Ekiti State University, Ado-Ekiti. (formerly University of Ado-Ekiti)	1982	6	Pan-Atlantic University, Lagos	2002
7	Bayero University, Kano	1975	7	Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos	1983	7	Benson Idahosa University, Benin City	2002
8	University of Calabar, Calabar	1975	8	Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso	1990	8	American University of Nigeria, Yola	2003
9	University of Ilorin, Ilorin	1975	9	Imo State University, Owerri	1992	9	Redeemers University, Mowe, Ogun State	2005
10	University of Jos, Jos	1975	10	Benue State University, Makurdi	1992	10	Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo	2005
11	University of Maiduguri,	1975	11	Delta State University, Abraka	1992	11	Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin	2005

	Maiduguri							
12	Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto	1975	12	Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko	1999	12	Caritas University, Amorji-Nke, Enugu	2005
13	University of Port-Harcourt, Port-Harcourt	1975	13	Kogi State University, Anyigba	1999	13	CETEP City University, Lagos	2005
14	Federal University of Technology, Owerri	1980	14	Niger-Delta University, Yenagoa	2000	14	Bingham University, Auta-Balefi, Karu, Nasarawa State	2005
15	Federal University of Technology, Akure	1981	15	Anambra State University, Uli	2000	15	Katsina University, Katsina	2005
16	Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola	1981	16	Kano University of Science & Technology, Wudil	2000	16	Renaissance University, Enugu	2005
17	Federal University of Technology, Minna	1982	17	Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000	17	Bells University of Technology, Ota, Ogun State	2005
18	Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna	1985	18	Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002	18	Lead City University, Ibadan, Oyo State	2005
19	University of Abuja,	1988	19	Adamawa State University, Mubi	2002	19	Crawford University, Igbesa, Ogun State	2005
20	Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi	1988	20	Gombe State University, Gombe	2004	20	Wukari Jubilee University, Wukari	2005
21	University of Agriculture, Makurdi	1988	21	Kaduna State University, Kaduna	2004	21	Crescent University, Abeokuta	2005
22	Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	1988	22	Cross River University of Technology, Calabar	2004	22	Novena University, Ogume, Delta State	2005
23	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka	1992	23	Plateau State University, Bokkos	2005	23	University of Mkar, Mkar	2005
24	University of Uyo, Uyo	1991	24	Ondo State University of Technology, Okiti	2008	24	Joseph Ayo Babalola University, Ikeji-Arakeji Osun State	2006

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25	Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike	1992	25	Ibrahim Babangida University, Lapai, Niger State	2005	25	Caleb University, Lagos	2007
26	National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos	2002	26	Tai Solarin University of Education, Ijagun	2005	26	Fountain University, Osogbo	2007
27	Fed. Univ. of Petroleum Resources, Effurun	2007	27	Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina	2006	27	Obong University, Obong Ntak	2007
28	Federal University, Lokoja, Kogi State	2011	28	Bukar Abba Ibrahim University, Damaturu Yobe State	2006	28	Salem University, Lokoja	2007
29	Federal University, Lafia, Nasarawa State	2011	29	Kebbi State University of Science and Technology, Aliero	2006	29	Tansian University, Umunya, Anambra State	2007
30	Federal University, Kashere, Gombe State	2011	30	Osun State University, Osogbo	2006	30	Veritas University, Abuja	2007
31	Federal University, Wukari, Taraba State	2011	31	Taraba State University, Jalingo	2008	31	Wesley University of Science & Technology, Ondo	2007
32	Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, Katsina State	2011	32	Kwara State University, Ilorin	2009	32	Western Delta University, Oghara, Delta State	2007
33	Federal University, Dutse, Jigawa State	2011	33	Sokoto State University, Sokoto	2009	33	The Achievers University, Owo	2007
34	Federal University, Ndufu-Alike, Ebonyi State	2011	34	Akwa Ibom State University, Ikot Ikpaden	2010	34	African University of Science & Technology, Abuja	2007
35	Federal University, Oye-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2011	35	Ignatius Ajuru University of Education, Rumuolumeni	2010	35	Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State	2009
36	Federal University, Otuoke, Bayelsa	2011	36	Bauchi State University, Gadau	2011	36	Godfrey Okoye University, Uguomu-Nike, Enugu State	2009

37	The Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, Kano State	2012	37	Northwest University, Kano	2012	37	Nigerian Turkish Nile, University, Abuja	2009
38	Federal University, Birnin-Kebbi, Kebbi	2013	38	The Technical University, Ibadan.	2012	38	Oduduwa University, Ipetumodu, Osun State	2009
39	Federal University, Gusau, Zamfara	2013				39	Paul University, Awka, Anambra State	2009
40	Federal University, Gashua, Yobe	2013				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	Mcperson University, Seriki Sotayo, Ajebo, Ogun State	2012
						50	Southwestern University, Okun Owa, Ogun State	2012

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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	11. Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka
2. Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	12. Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife
3. Bayero University, Kano	13. University of Abuja, Gwagwalada
4. Federal University of Technology, Akure	14. University of Agriculture, Abeokuta
5. Federal University of Technology, Minna	15. University of Agriculture, Makurdi
6. Federal University of Technology, Owerri	16. University of Benin, Benin City
7. Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike	17. University of Calabar, Calabar
8. Modibbo Adama University of Technology, Yola	18. University of Ibadan, Ibadan
9. National Open University of Nigeria, Lagos.	19. University of Ilorin, Ilorin
10. Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna	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	11. Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu
2. Adamawa State University, Mubi	12. Imo State University, Owerri
3. Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko	13. Kogi State University, Anyigba
4. Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma	14. Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso
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,	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
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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
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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 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

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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 Udosu 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.

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

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

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

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

* This list of illegal institutions is not exhaustive.

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A TELEVISION DOCUMENTARY PROGRAMME

The **Voyage of Discovery** is an NUC-sponsored television documentary programme for Nigerian Universities to celebrate outstanding researchers, showcase their findings and promote their linkage with the industry.

The programme is aired every Tuesday on:

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

This Week's Diary

Monday 24 June, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A One Day Workshop on the Importance of Security Awareness and drills in Contemporary Nigeria at Borno-Anambra-Cross River meeting Room Transcorp Hilton Hotel, Abuja (10.00am) • Invitation to attend Campus Security Threat Management Seminar at JW Marriott Hotel, Dubai
Tuesday 25 June, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation to attend Campus Security Threat Management Seminar at JW Marriott Hotel, Dubai • Invitation to National Validation Workshop of the Draft National Migration Policy at Protea Hotel, Asokoro, Abuja (9.00am)
Wednesday 26 June, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation to Public Hearing on Pension Reform Act, 2013 at Senate Hearing Room/Auditorium, National Assembly Complex, Abuja (9.00am) • Invitation to the Commemoration of International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Drug Trafficking by the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency at Women Development Centre, Abuja (10.00am) • Invitation to attend Campus security Threat Management Seminar at JW Marriott Hotel, Dubai
Thursday 27 June, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation to Public Hearing on Pension Reform Act, 2013 at Senate Hearing Room/Auditorium, National Assembly Complex, Abuja (9.00am)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Invitation to the Public Presentation of a Book Titled “Planning: Key to Retirement Without Tears” at Conference Hall, Women’s Development Centre, Area 11, Garki, Abuja (10.00am) • Invitation to the 2nd annual Teaching and Learning in Africa by the Africa Forum of Teaching Regulatory Authorities at Pride Inn Sailrock Beach Hotel, Mombasa City, Kenya • Invitation to Public Hearing on Pension Reform Act, 2013 at Senate Hearing Room Auditorium, National Assembly Complex, Abuja (9.00am) • Invitation to attend Campus Security Threat Management Seminar at JW Marriott Hotel, Dubai
Friday 28 June, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation to attend Campus security Threat Management Seminar at JW Marriott Hotel, Dubai

This Week’s Birthdays

NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	DEPARTMENT
Mr. B. I. Agabi	24 June	DAS
Mr. C. O. Etu	25 June	DFA
Mr. B. K. Bashir	26 June	DQA
Mrs. Christiana Adoga	29 June	DESO
Mr. U.S. Aja-Nwachuku	29 June	DIM
Mr. J. A. Jimoh	29 June	ODE
Mr. Salihu Ndagi Mohammed	30 June	DAS
Mr. Yahaya Muhammadu	30 June	DICT
Mrs. Rabiat Oyiza Jatto	30 June	DFA
Mr. Godwin Alexander Dickson	30 June	DMSS
Miss I. B. Njoku	30 June	DMSS
Dr. J. A. Ajani	30 June	DQA

Wishing you many happy returns!

Best wishes for the week.

Dress Well and Earn Respect

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