



NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

NOTICE OF ILLEGAL OPERATIONS OF THREE UNAPPROVED DEGREE-MILLS

The attention of the National Universities Commission (NUC), has been drawn to the activities of three (3) illegal Degree Awarding Institutions operating in Lagos, Bayelsa and Plateau States and purportedly awarding undergraduate and postgraduate degrees to unsuspecting Nigerians.

These illegal entities are:

1. **Nobel International Business School (NIBS), Lagos:** which published an advertorial on page 10 of the Guardian Newspaper of Monday, July 22, 2019 seeking for applicants for Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) and Doctor of Business Leadership (DBL) gave its address as No. 11B Fatai Arobikeke, Lekki Phase 1, Lagos. It also claims to be in partnership with Swiss, Frankfurt as MAN. Further investigations by the NUC into their operations however revealed that the NIBS also claims to be a university in Ghana and located at Plot 2 Arko close, off Nelson Mandela Avenue, near Food and Drugs Authority, Gulf House, South Legon, Accra, Ghana.
2. **Copperstone University, UPTA, USA operating in Bayelsa State:** operating in Bayelsa State with address at DEE-PEE Plans, Opposite Salvation Ministry, Azikiwe Junction, P.M.B 1841, Yenogoa, Bayelsa State. The Commission is in possession of fliers and pamphlets seeking applicants for Masters of Science (MSc) or PhD in Forensic Accounting and Fraud Investigation/Criminal Intelligent or Security Management Programme, 2019.
3. **Pathfinder University, Jos, Nigeria, College of Theology and Development Studies:** which is operating out of No. 1 Da Davon Dawah Street, Opp. Zumji Event Centre Gate, Chongo-Pyeng, Sabon

Event Centre Gate, Chongo- Pyeng, Sabon Barki B/stop, Bukuru Express Way, Jos South L.G.A, P.O Box 6089 Anglo-Jos, Plateau State Nigeria. The National Universities Commission is in possession of posters advertising the 4th Convocation Ceremony/Induction into Doctorate Fellowships which purportedly took place on 13th July at the Berom Outreach Ministries along Yakubu Gowon Way beside Uma Bread, Sabon-Barki, Jos, Plateau State. The poster contained the photograph of the Founder/Chancellor, Prof. Felix O. Obajafa

The NUC is by this notice, alerting the general public to the illegal operations of these institutions and to state categorically that all certificates obtained from them will not be recognised or be acceptable in Nigeria for the purposes of employment or further studies.

For the avoidance of doubt, all the three institutions above are not known to the National Universities Commission which is the sole regulatory agency for all categories of degree awarding institutions in Nigeria and any Cross Border education model operating in Nigeria.

Their activities violate the Education National Minimum Standards and Establishment of Institutions) Act Cap E3 2004, an Act which similarly mandates NUC to close down all unapproved degree-awarding institutions.

Consequently, the purported 'proprietors' and 'promoters' of these illegal degree mills are by this notice directed to close down their illegal activities within 30 days. They are also to give the National Universities Commission notice of compliance within the stated period or be ready to face the consequences of their illegal operations.

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