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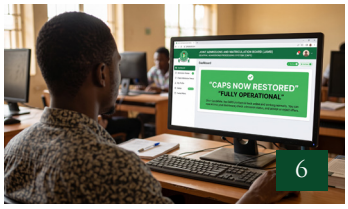
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THE REGISTRAR BEGS

For the good of JAMB, education and the nation, Prof. Segun Aina is willing to go the extra mile.

The sixth Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Segun Aina, has made it abundantly clear that, in his determination to deliver on the critical mandate entrusted to him by the Federal Government, he is prepared to do everything humanly possible, even beg, if that is what it takes to get the job done.

It is a departure from one of his longstanding personal principles: not to beg for anything. But as Registrar, he has chosen to put the interest of the nation, the education sector, JAMB and its millions of candidates ahead of personal pride.

His "begging" is, however, not for personal favours. It is a deliberate appeal to stakeholders for support, critical infrastructure, resources, collaboration and strategic partnerships that can strengthen the Board's capacity to deliver better services to candidates and institutions.

And this unusual approach is already producing results.

From the outset of his administration, Prof. Aina made it clear that he would go to great lengths to justify the confidence reposed in him by the government. His broad objective is to strengthen the operations of the Board, sustain the gains recorded by his predecessors, deploy technology more effectively and deepen stakeholders' confidence in JAMB, while making access to the Board's services increasingly seamless for candidates, thereby reducing their trauma.



Prof Aina, Registrar JAMB with Mr Mohammed Ahmed Babaji, Director JAMB

His engagement with the Director-General of the National Identity Management Commission (NIMC), for instance, is part of this broader vision. The objective is to make the 2027 UTME registration process considerably more seamless, with candidates potentially completing most of the registration processes from home and visiting registration centres primarily for biometric and image capture.

This is the kind of transformation the Registrar envisages: less stress for candidates, greater efficiency for the Board and better use of technology.

Putting the Board before personal comfort

Perhaps one of the clearest demonstrations of his philosophy came immediately after his assumption of office.

A procurement process was already underway for the provision of official vehicles for the new Chief Executive, as is customary for a new head of an organisation. However, after assessing the condition of the Board's vehicle fleet and observing that several directors either had no official vehicles or were using vehicles that were no longer fit for the demands of their responsibilities, Prof. Aina directed that the process be stopped and reviewed.

Rather than proceed with the acquisition of vehicles for himself, he directed that the resources already earmarked for the exercise be redirected towards providing official vehicles for the directors, while he continued to use his personal vehicles.

He has also reportedly waived or surrendered several personal privileges associated with his office for the benefit of the Board and its staff.

For him, the priority is not the comfort of the Registrar but the capacity of the institution to deliver.

The Registrar's approach appears to have generated a renewed sense of commitment among staff, with employees responding with greater determination to deliver on the Board's mandate.

One immediate indication was the clearing of thousands of outstanding tickets within his first 144 hours in office, demonstrating the urgency with which he expects issues affecting candidates to be addressed.

His engagement with the Director-General of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) also helped open a pathway for candidates who had completed their studies but encountered difficulties proceeding to the mandatory national service because of unresolved admission-record issues.

Similarly, engagements with relevant stakeholders have contributed to the opening of new opportunities for candidates facing challenges arising from lost SIM cards and inaccessible email addresses tied to their JAMB profiles. Under the revised arrangement, eligible candidates can now access mechanisms for changing their email addresses or swapping their SIM cards after the prescribed identity-verification processes.

For candidates who had been effectively locked out of the registration process because their registered SIM cards were lost and could not be recovered, this represents a significant intervention.

The administration is also pursuing measures aimed at improving the remuneration and welfare package of JAMB staff, recognising that an institution cannot consistently demand exceptional performance without giving attention to the welfare and working conditions of its personnel.

The benefit of a smooth transition

Much has been achieved within Prof. Aina's first 40 days in office, an unusually short period for an administration still settling into a complex national institution.

Part of the smooth transition has been attributed to the support received from the immediate past Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, whose cooperation helped the new Registrar understand the systems,

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Caps Now Restored, Fully Operational

...JAMB urges institutions to expedite admissions to recover lost time as October deadline for public universities remains sacrosanct

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) wishes to inform candidates, tertiary institutions and other stakeholders that the Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS), which was temporarily unavailable for the past 96 hours, has been fully restored on Sunday, 27th September,2026 and is now operational.

The Board sincerely regrets the inconvenience the temporary unavailability of the platform may have caused candidates, institutions and other stakeholders. JAMB recognises the importance of CAPS to the admission process and appreciates the patience and understanding of all stakeholders during the period of the disruption.

The Board consequently urges all institutions to immediately accelerate their admission processes to recover the time lost during the period of the disruption and ensure compliance with the admission deadlines agreed at the 2026 Policy Meeting on Admissions.

It would be recalled that the Board had earlier informed the public that the temporary unavailability of CAPS was due to an administrative challenge involving its hosting organisation. The Board had also assured stakeholders that it was working with the relevant service providers to restore the platform and ensure its stability.

With CAPS now fully operational, institutions are expected to intensify their admission processes, while candidates are equally advised to promptly accept admission offers made to them. This is necessary to ensure that the agreed admission timelines are met.

At the 2026 Policy Meeting, stakeholders agreed that admissions for the 2026/2027 academic session should be concluded according to the following timelines:

i. Public Universities: **on or before 31 October 2026**

ii. Private Universities: **on or before 30 November 2026**

iii. Other Tertiary Institutions: **on or before 31 December 2026**

Consequently, all admissions for the 2026/2027 academic session are expected to be concluded by 31 December 2026.

Following the recent release of the 2026 Senior School Certificate Examination (SSCE) results by the National Examinations Council (NECO), the Board particularly urges universities, especially public universities, to intensify their admission processes and make effective use of the remaining period to meet the 31 October 2026 deadline.

Private universities are similarly expected to work towards concluding their admissions by 30 November 2026, thereby allowing other categories of tertiary institutions sufficient time to complete their admission processes by the end of December.

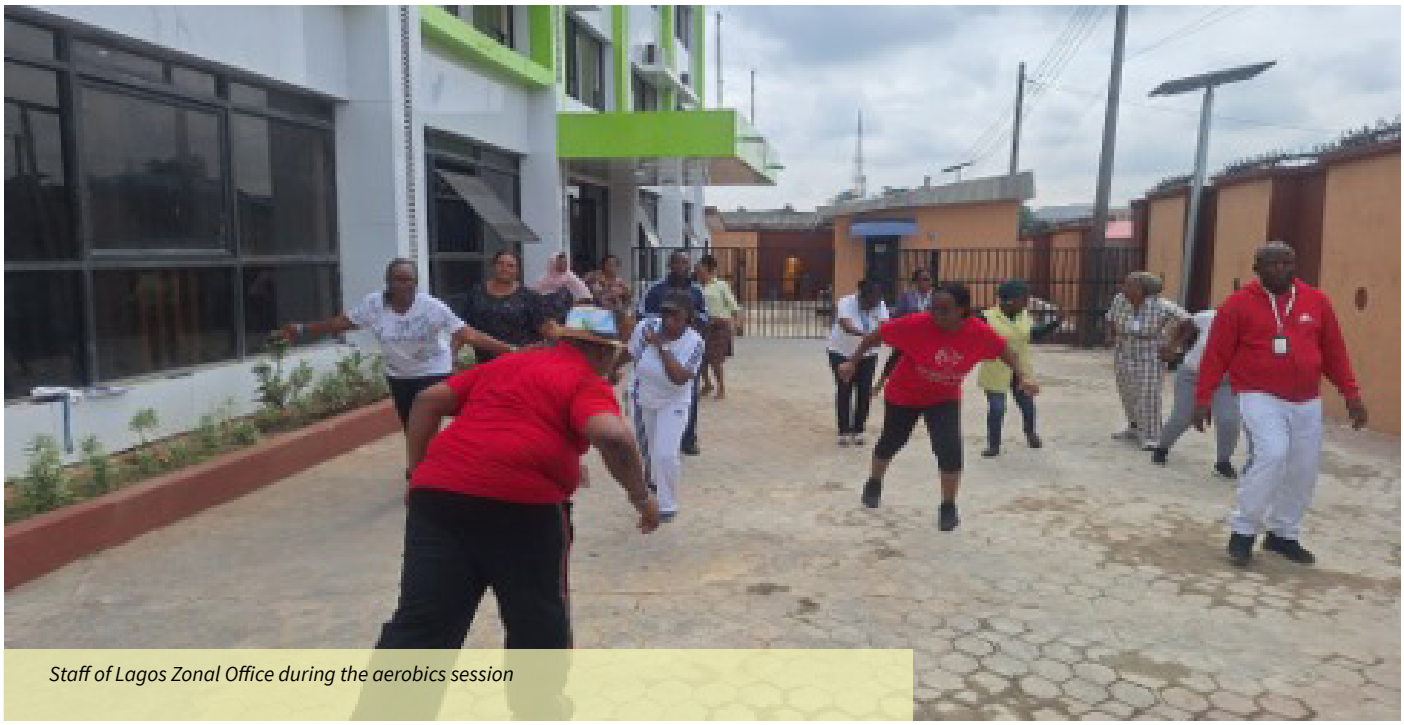
The Board assures stakeholders that, as institutions accelerate their admission processes, JAMB will match this pace through the prompt consideration and approval of admission recommendations submitted through CAPS.

Candidates who were awaiting the release of their NECO results are advised to immediately upload and/or verify their results to ensure that their credentials are available for consideration as institutions intensify their admission processes.

Beyond the immediate restoration of the platform, the Board is also putting in place measures to further strengthen the resilience, stability

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JAMB Lagos Zonal Office Introduces Aerobics To Promote Healthy Living



Staff of Lagos Zonal Office during the aerobics session

The Lagos Zonal Office of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has introduced short aerobics sessions for staff as part of efforts to promote physical fitness and healthy living in the workplace.

The initiative, which commenced with a maiden session, was introduced by the Ag. Director, Lagos Zonal Office, Mr. Hakeem Abdulhameed, following his participation in the Management Retreat organised by the Registrar of the Board, Prof. Segun Aina, at Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State.

Addressing staff before the commencement of the session, Abdulhameed noted that the nature of the Board's work often required staff to remain seated for extended periods, limiting opportunities for regular physical activity.

He added that the hustle and bustle of Lagos could make it difficult for staff to find time to incorporate exercise into their daily routines. He said the initiative was, therefore, designed to create an opportunity within the work environment for staff to engage in brief but regular physical activity.

According to him, the initiative is aimed at encouraging staff to pay greater attention to their physical well-being while maintaining productivity and commitment to their responsibilities.

The staff welcomed the initiative and expressed appreciation to the Ag. Director for his concern for their welfare. They described the aerobics sessions as a welcome opportunity to take a break from their routine, remain active and promote a healthier lifestyle.

2027 UTME: JAMB Explains Infusion Of Life-Skills, Critical Thinking Into UTME



The Registrar with madam Shanpepe at the Kogo PTC

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has commenced the process of infusing life-skills and critical thinking in its Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME).

Towards the realisation of this model, the Board has inaugurated a Committee of Experts to develop a framework for integrating life-skills and critical thinking into UTME.

The Registrar, Prof. Segun Aina, while inaugurating the committee chaired by the erudite scholar, Prof. Boniface Nworgu, at the JAMB National Headquarters, Bwari, Abuja, Wednesday, 16th September 2026, said the Board is considering moving the UTME from its traditional subject-level testing towards incorporating skills and critical thinking components into the examination as subject knowledge had already been tested in the various O'Level examinations such as WAEC/ NECO, NABTEB to better predict university success.

He pointed out that the infusion is in consonance with the transition from Benchmark Minimum Academic Standards (BMAS) to the Core Curriculum and Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS) introduced by the National Universities Commission (NUC) in higher education.

He stated that the review is also part of efforts to make the UTME a more effective and competitive measure of candidates' readiness for tertiary education, signalling a move away from the subject-based assessments hitherto conducted by JAMB for the past four decades.

It is to be recalled that JAMB conducts a ranking examination for candidates that had hitherto qualified for admission, having possessed the five O'Level credit passes in their relevant course of study.

"JAMB conducts a ranking task. So, it is not necessary to test candidates' subject matter expertise all over again. We feel that for the UTME to be purely subject matter based is a duplication of effort of sorts," Prof. Aina said.

Continuing, the Registrar said, at any rate, that the current examination regime might not

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be yielding the predictive validity expected of it in view of the changes in the education ecosystem, while at the same time being adequate for the selection process into tertiary institutions.

He said, "The biggest room in the house is the room for improvement. So we want the committee to help us take a look at this.

"We cannot be judges in our own matter. So we have assembled a team of stakeholders who are also experts in their own right to join us in taking a look at this issue, to guide us and to make sure that any decision we take is one that is broadly acceptable to all the stakeholders who will be affected by these decisions."

The Chairman of the Committee, Professor of Psychometrics from the University of Nigeria, Nsukka, Prof. Boniface Nworgu, expressed deep appreciation to the Registrar for finding the committee worthy of the assignment.

He pointed out that JAMB administers a ranking examination, hence, its role has to do with the conduct of a selection examination not a certificate examination.

Prof. Nworgu also stated that the curriculum has changed, noting that the transition from the BMAS to the CCMAS had placed more emphasis on skills and critical thinking.

He said, "The focus now is the infusion of skills and critical thinking. The academic task has shifted; there is, therefore, a need to examine the UTME in contemporary perspectives.

"What JAMB is expected to do and what it has tasked the Committee to do is to look at those measures that can help it select the candidates that have the highest promise of succeeding in academic tasks at the tertiary education level," he said.

Furthermore, Prof. Nworgu added that the committee would also consider other possible measures that could strengthen the predictive validity of the UTME if such emerged in the course of its deliberations. He also noted the need for feedback in terms of empirical evidence to establish whether any changes introduced into the examination achieved their intended objectives.

"If we have been using UTME for this number of years and we want to produce a modified UTME, so to speak, there must be evidence at the end of the day that this effort was timely, and that we did not waste the taxpayers' money doing what is not beneficial to the society," he said.

In the same vein, the Minister of Education, Dr Tunji Alausa, represented by the Technical Assistant to the Acting Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, Mr. Oni Adedeji, said the initiative aligned with ongoing efforts by the Federal Government to reform assessment processes across the education sector.

The minister, therefore, tasked the committee to come up with a viable framework, in line with global assessments standard, that would stand the test of time, transparent, competitive, fair, with equal difficulty levels over and above the traditional subject testing regime.

The committee members were drawn from universities, examination bodies, professional regulatory councils, secondary schools, students' groups and civil societies. They had four weeks to bring up a report, which an implementation committee would use to finalise the framework and actualise the infusion of the proposed components.

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and reliability of CAPS. These include medium- to long-term redundancy and business-continuity measures designed to reduce dependence on any single hosting or service environment and minimise the risk and impact of future disruptions.

JAMB remains committed to building systems that work reliably for the people we serve. While the Board regrets the inconvenience caused by the recent disruption, it appreciates the patience of candidates, institutions and other stakeholders and assures them that lessons from the incident will be applied to strengthen the platform and improve the overall admission experience.

Ekiti State Co-Ordinator Charges Staff On Professional Conduct And Quality Service Delivery

The Ekiti State Ag. Coordinator of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Mr. Ishola Ganiyu, has urged members of staff of the facility to align themselves with the vision of the Board's current leadership as the examination body re-strategises for optimal performance under the new leadership of Prof. Segun Aina.

While addressing the staff on Tuesday, 22nd September, 2026, in Ado-Ekiti, Mr. Ganiyu emphasised that actualising the Board's strategic goals requires collective dedication and a commitment to teamwork.

He disclosed that the meeting was aimed at cascading down the new operational blueprint that was discussed during the Board's strategic Management Retreat held in Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State, from 6th to 11th September 2026.

According to him, some of the key takeaways from the Retreat were on building trust, minimising candidate stress, and leveraging modern digital tools including TikTok, Instagram, Facebook, and X (formerly Twitter) handles to bridge any existing communication gaps and enhance service delivery.

He, therefore, charged staff to apply their emotional intelligence in all official interactions with the Board's customers.

In addition, Mr. Ganiyu warned against acts of misconduct, reiterating that the current leadership maintains a zero-tolerance policy for infractions such as habitual lateness, poor work ethics, and extortion.

In their various responses, the staff commended the Ag. Co-ordinator for the briefing and pledged their commitment to the Board's repositioning agenda. They also assured the Management of their readiness to act as worthy ambassadors of the Board to sustain its reputation as a benchmark for examination administration in Nigeria.

The registrar begs

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processes and institutional realities of the Board.

That foundation appears to have enabled Prof. Aina to move quickly from transition to implementation.

Prof. Aina may not ordinarily be a man who begs. But as Registrar, he appears to have discovered a different meaning of the word.

He begs for the candidate who needs a seamless registration process.

He begs for the institution that needs the right infrastructure to serve its students.

He begs for the staff who need the tools and welfare to perform.
He begs for the stakeholder whose collaboration can improve the admission process.

And he begs for a better JAMB and a better education system.

In that sense, his "begging" is not a sign of weakness. It is a reflection of a willingness to place institutional results above personal pride.

For the love of the nation, the education sector and JAMB, the Registrar now begs and his begging is beginning to produce unimaginable results.

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The Registrar with the Chairman, Civil Service Commission

The Chairman of the Federal Civil Service Commission (FCSC), Prof. Tunji Olaopa, and the Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Segun Aina, have expressed satisfaction with the conduct of the just-concluded Federal Civil Service Directorate Cadre Promotion Examination and adjudged the exercise as successful.

The duo, alongside two federal commissioners, Mr. Henry Idahagbon, representing Edo, Ondo and Ekiti and Dr. Hussaini Adamu representing Niger and the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), monitored the examination at the Professional Testing Centre, Kogo, on 22nd September 2026, and commended the Board for its good job.

Furthermore, the Chairman commended the JAMB Registrar for finding the time to personally monitor the directorate-level promotion examination for federal civil servants being held in Bwari, Abuja.

Prof. Olaopa pointed out that the collaboration highlights the Board's continued technical and infrastructural support in administering digital and computer-based promotional examinations for the federal civil service.

Earlier, while briefing the candidates on the code of orderly examination, Mr. Idahagbon enjoined the candidates to see themselves as elder statesmen who have laboured hard over the years to get to where they were. He, therefore, warned them against engaging in examination malpractice and other unwholesome practices that could undermine their revered status, and urged them to adhere to the rules governing the conduct of the examination.

A total of 5,792 federal civil service officers sat the 2026 Directorate Cadre Promotion Examination in eight centres in Abuja and the six geopolitical zones of the country.



The Registrar, JAMB with the Chairman, Federal Civil Service Commission and some members of staff of the Board and the Commission

THE CONVERSATION MATTERS:
Listening, Trust and the JAMB We Want to Build

By Gani Olabisi ABD'RAHIM, fdc, OrgExpert
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> *"An institution cannot build lasting trust outside without building trust within.*

On 23rd September 2026, something important happened at JAMB. The Registrar met with staff, both physically and virtually, in what became the first major Registrar-Staff Connect of the new administration. The attendance was remarkable, with more than 1,500 staff joining from the Headquarters and outstations. Beyond the numbers, however, there was something more important: the opportunity to listen and to be heard.

Since assuming office, the Registrar has addressed staff through his inaugural address, presented his agenda, appreciated and commended staff, interacted with selected officers at the Management/IT Retreat and continued his weekly engagement through the JAMBULLETIN. The Staff Connect brought these engagements together in a more direct conversation with staff.

WHY DOES THIS MATTER?

Leadership is not only about setting direction. It is also about creating opportunities for people to ask questions, express concerns, seek clarification and understand where the institution is going. Equally important, staff need to know that their voices matter.

At the end of the presentation, the Registrar re-presented his agenda and responded to questions raised by staff who participated both physically and virtually.

That part of the meeting was significant. It reminded us that communication is not complete when a message has been delivered. It is complete when people have had the opportunity to understand, question and engage with it.

FROM TALK TO TRUST

A Staff Connect does not end with the meeting. Its real value emerges afterwards.

Do we follow up on the issues raised?

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Do we clarify what needs clarification? Do we act where action is required? Do staff see consistency between what is said and what is done?

That is where conversation begins to become trust.

THE BIGGER PICTURE

There is also a lesson here for every officer. We all have people we serve: candidates, parents, colleagues, supervisors, other departments and members of the public.

The same principle applies: listen before responding; understand before deciding; explain where necessary; and when you make a commitment, follow through.

That is how trust grows.

FINAL WORD

The Registrar-Staff Connect was more than a gathering of staff. It was an opportunity to strengthen the conversation between leadership and the people who carry out the work of the Board every day.

The real test, however, is not how many people attended. It is what the conversation changed.

When people feel heard, they are more likely to engage. When they understand the direction, they are better positioned to contribute. And when words are followed by action, trust begins to take root.

TIP FOR THE WEEK

Do not only ask, "Have I spoken?" Ask, "Have I listened?"

HRM REFLECTION

What is one conversation I need to have, and one person I need to listen to, more carefully this week?

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EDUCATION IN THE MEDIA



VOICE OF NIGERIA, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026:

Nigeria Seeks Stronger Global Investment in Education:

The Minister of Education, Dr. Maruf Alausa, has called for stronger global investment in education, urging governments, development partners, philanthropic organisations and the private sector to complement national efforts with effective international support.

Dr. Alausa made the call while delivering Nigeria's opening remarks at the Global Partnership for Education (GPE) Multiply Possibility financing campaign in New York, which Nigeria is co-hosting with Italy. He said, "These measures form part of the broader agenda for macro-fiscal stability and inclusive economic growth under the leadership of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu…" Also in CHANNELSTV, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026; News Agency of Nigeria, Thursday, September 24, 2026; New Telegraph, Wednesday, September 22, 2026; Daily Sun, Wednesday, September 23, 2026; Voice of Nigeria, Thursday, September 24, 2026; Punch, Friday, September 25, 2026.

LEADERSHIP, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026:

NCCE Unveils NCE, B.Ed, Skills Certificate Model to Attract More Students:

The National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) has introduced a three-certificate model to make Colleges of Education more attractive to young Nigerians and reverse declining enrolment in teacher-training institutions.

Under the new model, students admitted into Colleges of Education will graduate with three qualifications: A Nigeria Certificate in Education (NCE), a Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) degree, and a skills certificate.

The NCCE Executive Secretary, Mrs. Angela Ajala, disclosed this shortly after a conference involving Provosts of Colleges of Education across the Northeast at the College of Education (Technical), Gombe.

LEADERSHIP, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026:

JAMB Approves SIM, Email Changes for Candidates:

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has approved a controlled process for candidates who have lost access to their registered GSM numbers or email accounts, allowing them to update the details under strict

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verification procedures.

The new arrangement, which commenced on Monday, 21 September 2026, followed the Board's review of its earlier policy banning SIM swapping and changes to registered email addresses…

In a statement issued on Monday, the Board's Acting Director, Public Affairs and Protocols, Dr. Fabian Benjamin, said the new arrangement was designed to assist candidates who genuinely could no longer access their registered SIM cards or email accounts. Also in New Telegraph, Tuesday, September 21, 2026

NEW TELEGRAPH, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026:

NASS Confirms Transmission of Harmonised UBEC Amendment Bill to President:

The National Assembly has confirmed that a bill seeking to more than double the Federal Government's statutory funding for basic education from two to five per cent of the Consolidated Revenue Fund has been transmitted to President Bola Tinubu for assent.

The harmonised Compulsory, Free Universal Basic Education Act (Amendment) Bill was forwarded to the President on July 30, 2026, after the Senate and House of Representatives reconciled their separate versions of the legislation…

The letter, signed by Director, Management, Office of the Clerk to the National Assembly, Dr. Bello Babatunde, stated that the harmonised bill had been transmitted to the Presidency a month earlier…

NEW TELEGRAPH, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026:

Banditry, Kidnapping, Sit-At-Home Order Can't Stop Examinations, Says NECO:

Registrar and Chief Executive, National Examinations Council (NECO), Prof. Dantani Wushishi, has disclosed that banditry, kidnapping and sit-at-home order cannot stop any NECO examinations.

He said during the Council's 2025 Annual Staff Productivity Awards in Minna, Niger State, that the awards are to reward workers and pupils for their hard work, dedication and performance.

According to him, "We distribute our logistics as planned both day and night. During our examinations, Banditry, kidnapping and even sit-at-home orders cannot stop any NECO examinations, and I commend the resilience of the staff."

LEADERSHIP, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2026:

JAMB Sacks Staff for Extorting Candidates:

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board has terminated the appointment of one of its staff members for extorting unsuspecting candidates.

The development was disclosed in the Board's release bulletin on Monday, as JAMB reiterated its commitment to sanitising the admission and examination processes.

The Board said the action against the unnamed staff member demonstrated that its efforts to rid the system of fraud were not limited to external fraudsters…

PUNCH, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2026:

JAMB Confirms CAPS Outage, Cites Hosting Technical Glitches:

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board has confirmed that its Central Admissions Processing System is temporarily unavailable, after candidates reported difficulties accessing the platform for about a day.

In a statement on Thursday, the Board said, "JAMB wishes to inform candidates, institutions and all other users that the Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS) is temporarily unavailable due to technical challenges associated with its hosting arrangements. We recognise the importance of CAPS, particularly at this critical stage of the admission exercise, and regret the inconvenience this disruption may cause. Please be assured that we are working to resolve the issue and will provide further updates as developments unfold."

PUNCH, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026:

NECO Records 58.67% Pass Rate in English, Maths:

A total of 804,948 candidates, representing 58.67 per cent of those who sat the 2026 Senior School Certificate Examination conducted by the National Examinations Council, obtained five credits and

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above, including English Language and Mathematics.

The Registrar of NECO, Prof. Dantani Wushishi, disclosed this during the release of the 2026 internal examination results. Prof. Wushishi said 1,378,048 candidates registered for the examination, comprising 682,352 male and 695,696 female candidates. 1,371,992 candidates sat the examination, comprising 678,903 males and 693,089 females.

According to him, 1,162,118 candidates, representing 84.70 per cent, obtained five credits and above irrespective of English Language and Mathematics and 1,334 candidates with special needs also sat the examination…

Also in Leadership, Friday, September 25, 2026; New Telegraph, Thursday, September 24, 2026; Nation, Friday, September 25, 2026; News Agency of Nigeria, Thursday, September 24, 2026

NEW TELEGRAPH, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2026:

Alausa Honoured as ACF Man of the Year, Gets Harrisburg Key:

The Minister of Education, Dr. Tunji Alausa, has called for stronger collaboration with Nigerians in the diaspora to drive research, innovation, technology transfer and human capital development in the country's education sector.

Dr. Alausa made the call in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where he was honoured as the African Cultural Festival (ACF) 2026 "Man of the Year" and presented with the Key to the City of Harrisburg. The honours were presented at the grand finale of the African Cultural Festival, held under the theme, "The Great Reunion: Culture, Education, and Collaboration…"

He urged diaspora professionals, academics, researchers and institutions to participate actively in the Bridging Research, Innovation, Development and Global Expertise (BRIDGE) programme, saying they could mentor students and young academics, contribute to research, deliver specialised lectures, support curriculum development, establish institutional partnerships and facilitate technology transfer.

EXAMINOTRICKS

PUNCH,
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2026:

UniCal Suspends Nine Students Over Examination Misconduct:

The Senate of the University of Calabar has suspended nine students for one academic session over their involvement in examination misconduct.

According to a statement by the university's Public Relations Unit, the suspension was conveyed to the affected students in letters signed by the Registrar, Dr Chukwuka Icha.

The action, the university said, followed the approval of the Senate based on recommendations by its Examination Misconduct Committee. "The affected students have been suspended for the 2026/2027 academic session and are expected to resume their studies in the 2027/2028 academic session…

PUNCH,
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2026:

Examination Malpractice: Kwara Poly Expels 31 HND Students, Others:

The Management of Kwara State Polytechnic, Ilorin, has expelled 42 students for examination malpractice following investigations by the institution's Examination Malpractice Committee.

The affected students comprise 31 Higher National Diploma and 11 National Diploma students from various institutes and programmes of the polytechnic. This was contained in a statement issued by the Principal Assistant Registrar, Academic Board Matters Division, Mr. Ibrahim Esin.

Mr. Esin said, "The students were found guilty of the allegations against them after due investigation by the Examination Malpractice Committee." He further explained that the decision to expel the students was taken in accordance with the rules governing the institution.

Osun State Coordinator Tasks Staff On Effective Service Delivery

The Osun State Coordinator, Mr Babatunde Jacobs, on Tuesday 15th to Wednesday 16th September 2026, held crucial meetings with the staff of both the State Office and the Professional Registration Centre (PRC), Ilobu Road, to brief members of staff on the just-concluded Management and IT Retreat in Ikot Ekpene, Akwa Ibom State.

The State Coordinator used the opportunity availed him by the gathering to reiterate the Registrar's core principles of building trust and reducing the trauma for candidates. He stressed that candidates would only repose their trust in the Board through the provision of effective and quality service delivery as well as prompt resolution of their complaints at all times.

He, therefore, tasked all staff to be proactive so as to tackle the responsibilities ahead of them. He highlighted one of the paper presentations delivered by the ex-National Coordinator, SERVICOM, Lady Nnenna Akajemeli, which centred on effective service delivery.

The Coordinator also disclosed that the yearly Centre Accreditation exercise will soon commence.

Speaking further, the State Coordinator also revealed that the Board is planning to introduce a Pre-Registration App where the candidates would carry out most of the registration procedures themselves before proceeding to the CBT centres for biometrics capturing and completion. He said this is aimed at reducing candidates' waiting time at the registration points.

He also said that the Eligibility Checker will be incorporated into the new App so as to help candidates assess their choices before picking any course of their choice.

He further emphasised that the Registrar had zero tolerance for corruption and other sharp practices and warned that staff should not involve themselves in acts of extortion of customers as anyone found culpable will be severely sanctioned.

The Head of PTC Gbongan, Mrs. Jean Olapeju Alade, also stressed the importance of protecting candidates' data. She said candidates' information should be protected and not be shared with third parties to avoid data breaches. She, therefore, reiterated the importance of ensuring that templates given to candidates were handled properly. This, she said, also applied to staff, as no staff information should be given out without first seeking their consent.

Similarly, she stressed the importance of punctuality among the staff adding that lateness to work would not be condoned.

Mrs. Alade further noted that staff should not be shifting responsibilities but should join hands together to deliver the Board's mandate as a team.

In a separate development, the State Coordinator also held another meeting with the officers of the NSCDC stationed at the facility to caution them against engaging in breach of sensitive information. He stated that it is not their duty to guide candidates rather they should refer them to the SERVICOM Unit for any enquiry.

At the end of the various meetings with these functionaries, the State Coordinator, along with the JAMB Technical team, embarked on a Pre-Accreditation visit to two CBT centres, namely: OSCOTECH Esa Oke and Nexora Digital Institute, Ekohinde, in order to assess the facilities on ground and ascertain their readiness for the 2027 UTME accreditation exercise.

NGF IN JAMB, SOLICITS DATA FOR EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT



The Executive Director, Policies, Strategies and Research, Prof. Olalekan Yinusa with the Registrar JAMB

As part of efforts aimed at providing requisite support to school principals in their domains, the Nigeria Governors' Forum (NGF) is to partner with the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) to solicit data that could advance educational development in their State.

The Executive Director, Policies, Strategies and Research, Prof. Olalekan Yinusa, made this demand when he led top management of the Forum on a courtesy visit to the Registrar, Prof. Segun Aina, in his office in Bwari on 22nd September, 2026.

The NGF is a non-partisan, research and collaborative coalition for the 36 State Governors in Nigeria to promote good governance, coordinate sub-national policy, and foster peer learning and review mechanisms for accelerated development at the second-tier of governance in the country. The platform also provides a unified platform for governors to discuss mutual economic, security, and administrative challenges regardless of political party affiliations.

In his remarks, Prof. Yinusa underscored the importance of education, stating that the Forum was in JAMB as part of its education sector stakeholders' engagement aimed at sourcing data that could serve as drivers, or mitigate challenges, in critical areas of educational advancement with a view to providing direction to their school principals.

Also, the seasoned administrator expressed optimism that data sourced from the Board could be used to support the formulation of relevant education policy at the state level, stating that no nation can excel without a sound and well-rooted educational foundation and structure.

He commended JAMB for its role

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The Registrar and the ED with members of the Board and the NGF during the visit of the NGF secretariat to JAMB

as a gateway to higher education in the country through the conduct of credible examination while faithfully executing numerous reforms being spearheaded by the Honourable Minister of Education, Dr. Maruf Tunji Alausa.

Prof. Yinusa also stated that the NGF believes that evidence-based and credible data are vital to the implementation of credible education policy of the various State Governments noting that such data could help them identify labour shortages, realign school curricula with current economic demands, and accurately plan structural education budgets.

In his remarks on the occasion, the Registrar stated that State Governors in Nigeria are critical to the attainment of the nation's educational aspirations. He, therefore, said his doors are open to furnishing the Forum with requisite data, noting that there is a lot of power in data, as it helps in taking critical decisions that could reshape policymaking and ensure positive feedback.

Prof. Aina also enjoined the Forum to do more in terms of State-Sponsored Infrastructure Development especially in relation to building world-class, high-capacity CBT centres within their domains to alleviate the logistical stress on candidates.

He cited the laudable exploits of His Excellency, Governor Babagana Umara Zulum of Borno State, who constructed a ₦1.3 billion state-of-the-art dual CBT centre as well as the JAMB North-East Zonal Office in Maiduguri, which has since been commissioned.

Additionally, he recalled other State Governors, who had toed this path to include the FCT Minister, Nyesom Wike, when as the Governor of Rivers State, had donated a befitting edifice to the Board. He said the Executive Governor of Nasarawa State, Engr. Abdullahi Sule, had also done so for the Board in terms of donation of a world-class CBT centre, a befitting office accommodation. He said JAMB holds these initiatives up as benchmarks for other State Executives to emulate.

The event also afforded the Registrar the opportunity to inform the NGF of the Board's plans to review the existing structure of the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) by introducing life-skills and critical thinking components to further boost the validity of the examination.



The Executive Director, Policies, Strategies and Research, Prof. Olalekan Yinusa with the Registrar JAMB

JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD

WEEKLY FINANCIAL INFLOW & OUTFLOW REPORT | SEPTEMBER 19 – 25, 2026

TOTAL WEEKLY INFLOW	TOTAL WEEKLY OUTFLOW	OAGF CRF REMITTANCE
₦195,843,929.43	₦146,634,118.35	₦48,960,982.36

1. INFLOW ANALYSIS

S/NO	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT (=N=)
1	E-Facility/Sales	192,616,800.00
2	PRC Service Charges	2,330,900.00
3	Other Income	896,229.43
	TOTAL INFLOW	**=N= 195,843,929.43**

STATUTORY REMITTANCE NOTE (OAGF / CRF)

• The sum of =N= 48,960,982.36 was auto-deducted by the Office of the Accountant-General of the Federation (OAGF) for Operating Surplus remittance to the Consolidated Revenue Fund (CRF).

2. OUTFLOW ANALYSIS

S/NO	BENEFICIARY / DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE / DETAILS	AMOUNT (=N=)
1	Staff Claims	Various	30,558,858.23
2	Outsourced Service	Cleaning Service	4,934,963.61
3	Guild Of Corporate Online Publishers	CSR	1,000,000.00
4	Staff Development	IAEA, 2026 International Conference	21,450,300.00
5	Microsoft	Subscription	16,944,000.00
6	Kojo Auto Service Centre Ltd	Maintenance Of Motor Vehicle	1,054,975.00
7	De Law Tech Computers Ltd	Maintenance Of Office IT Equipment	3,935,932.83
8	Sensitive	Publicity	1,950,000.00
9	Lekjoe Business Links Limited	Refreshment	2,468,778.30
10	States Revenue Service	Taxes	1,024,653.17
11	Nigeria Revenue Services	Taxes	25,755,227.71
12	Supervision Of Examination	Third Party Examinations	8,574,950.00
13	Skyrule Travels Limited	Flight Tickets	5,667,322.00
14	Expedient Travels And Tours Ltd	Flight Tickets	21,278,145.00
15	Remita	Financial Charges	36,012.50
	TOTAL OUTFLOW		**=N= 146,634,118.35**

SEPT.- OCT. BIRTHDAY HONOURS

SEPTEMBER 27TH

- Sunday Oyeladun Alabi
- Hussaina Shehu Alekhuojie
- Ekaete Joseph Eyo
- Aminu Iliyasu Abubakar
- Ndukwe Okocha
- Chukwuma Solomon Ekeoma

SEPTEMBER 28TH

- Henry Daniel
- Laso Mowa Kamat

SEPTEMBER 29TH

- Danladi Mohammed
- Osondu Obilor
- Prisca Ijeoma Ufoegbunam
- Lukman Olatunde Abass
- Ishola Similoluwa Oluwafemi
- Danjuma Kambai Yohanna

SEPTEMBER 30TH

- Olanrewaju Onaope Apata
- Babangida Tata
- Juliet Ukamaka Elegbusi
- Maryam Apeke Mustapha

OCTOBER 1ST

- Maimunat Abdulazeez Usman
- Salisu Muhammed
- Uba Muhammed
- Anthonia Ngozi Mgbakor
- Augustine Chimagua Ugbah
- Yiman Tyover
- Yahaya Abubakar Sadiq
- Masaudu Garba

OCTOBER 2ND

- Helcharda Shadrach Hanawa
- Safiya Tenin Ibrahim
- Chinenye Nwaogu
- Theresa Omoyemwen Odibo
- Michael Uzoma Obilor
- Musa Muhammad
- Abdullahi Ahmad Hamza
- Jesse Mekaron Theophilus

OCTOBER 3RD

- Tersoo Cephas Iorzua
- Abosede Adijat Ayinmodu
- Hassana Dauda
- Jane Odili Chuks-Oruchalu
- Aminu Isma'il

Happy Birthday

NDA CONVOCATION: JAMB CELEBRATES ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

A call has gone to the graduating cadets of the 73 Regular course and postgraduate students of the Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna, to imbibe a high level of professionalism and diligence as they step out into a crucial phase of their careers where national security and strategic development intersect.

This call was made by the Registrar, Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Segun Aina, on the occasion of the 36th combined convocation ceremony of the NDA for the 73 Regular course held on Thursday, 24th September, 2026, in Kaduna, Kaduna State.

The Registrar, who was represented on the occasion by the Director of Admissions, Mr. Mohammed Ahmed Babaji, congratulated the cadets and postgraduate students of the Academy.

Prof. Aina commended the graduands for their commitment to academic excellence and service to society, describing the feat recorded as "a memorable achievement."

The NDA graduated a total of 444 cadets of the 73 Regular course and 3,064 postgraduate students at the convocation ceremony.

We'll Strengthen Partnership With JAMB: *Kogi Commissioner*



From left are Mrs Fatimah Osinuga; Idris Abubakar; Victoria Olumondeji from the JAMB office Kogi then the commissioner for Education, Dr Wemi Jones and others

The Kogi State Commissioner for Education, Hon. Wemi Jones, has reaffirmed the State Government's commitment to strengthening its partnership with the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), describing education as a key driver of the State's development.

The Commissioner stated this on Thursday, 25th September 2026, when the JAMB State Coordinator, Mr. Hassan Lawal, and his team paid him a courtesy visit in his office.

In his address on the occasion, the Commissioner assured the Board of his ministry's readiness to deepen its existing relationship with JAMB, noting that the educational advancement of Kogi State remained a priority. He further expressed optimism that sustained collaboration with the Board would contribute to building a more innovative and technology-driven education sector in the State.

The meeting provided an opportunity for both parties to discuss areas of collaboration and the need for sustained institutional engagement towards improving educational opportunities for students across Kogi State.

The Commissioner, who emphasised his longstanding relationship with the Board, noted that effective collaboration among stakeholders was essential to achieving sustainable progress in the education sector.

He further pointed out that education is on the Concurrent Legislative List, stressing that closer collaboration between the State Government and JAMB would promote positive outcomes and advance the shared objective of improving educational delivery.

The State Coordinator expressed appreciation to the Commissioner for the warm reception accorded him and his team as well as the commitment to strengthening the relationship between the Board and the people of the State.

PHOTOS FROM LAST WEEK'S EVENTS



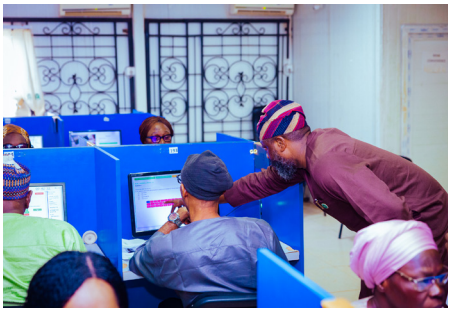


































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