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## PROFESSOR EMERITUS, FORMER DIRECTORS MONITOR 2022 UTME, SCORE CONDUCT VERY HIGH

Professor Emeritus, Prof. Sani Zahraddeen, and former Vice-Chancellor, Bayero University, Kano, has rated the conduct of the 2022 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) high.

The highly-revered scholar gave this assessment while monitoring the conduct of the examination at the Sa'adatu Rimi College of Education, Kumbotso, Kano.

The erudite scholar, who also witnessed the

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## "YOUR INTEGRITY AND DEDICATION PLAYED A FUNDAMENTAL ROLE IN MY ACHIEVEMENTS" - AAU Sec. Gen.



Prof. Olusola Bandele Oyewole, AAU, Secretary-General (5th left); Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, Registrar, JAMB (3th right); Najeem Jimoh, former Managing Editor, Punch in a group photograph with members of AAU delegation and management team of JAMB during the visit of AAU to JAMB.

The Secretary-General, Association of African Universities (AAU), Prof. Olusola Bandele Oyewole, has dedicated his achievements as the AAU Secretary-General to the foundation of integrity and dedication that the Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, laid while he was the President of the Association.

Prof. Oyewole made this commendation during a courtesy visit to the National

## JAMB RELEASES RESULTS OF 2022 UTME: OUTLINES PROCESS FOR CHECKING 2022 UTME RESULTS

...Send **UTMERESULT** to **55019** to Have Your Results - JAMB

To check the 2022 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) result, all a candidate needs to do is to simply send **UTMERESULT** to **55019** using the same phone number that he/she had used for registration and the result would be returned as a text message. This is the only process of checking the 2022 UTME result for now as the Board has not uploaded it on its website for obvious reasons.

In addition, candidates are forewarned that they would, as usual, receive all kinds of messages from desperate fraudsters on how to check their results different from the aforementioned one. Hence, the Board urges all candidates to ignore

all such messages on how to check their 2022 UTME results as they are all products of deceit aimed at misleading them.

The Board, in line with its desire to adhere to the ease of doing business protocol of the government, has emplaced this user-friendly and simplified process of checking UTME results.

Furthermore, this simplified process would also serve to preclude the unconscionable exploitation of candidates by shylock business centres and cybercafes which often take advantage of hapless candidates.

The 2022 UTME began on Friday, 6th May, 2022 and ended on Friday 13th May, 2022.

## 2022 UTME:

**BEWARE OF FRAUDSTERS:  
CHECK YOUR RESULT BY  
SENDING UTMERESULT  
TO 55019 USING SAME  
PHONE NUMBER USED IN  
REGISTERING FOR UTME.  
DO NOT SUCCEMB TO  
THE WILES OF  
FRAUDSTERS AS NOBODY  
CAN MODIFY YOUR  
RESULT.**

## ...Professor Emeritus, Former Directors Monitor 2022 UTME, Score Conduct Very High

conduct of the examination at many other Computer-Based Test centres within the Kano metropolis, expressed his admiration for the administration of the examination and the facilities put in place at all the centres visited as well as the orderly conduct of the candidates.

Furthermore, Prof. Zahraddeen lauded the concept of the electronic administration of examination and the attendant impact on education, stating that the process could not but yield quality intakes for the nation's tertiary institutions. He also canvassed for more centres in the rural areas to take the gospel of CBT to the grassroots and within the reach of every Nigerian child desirous of quality education.

The 1966 first-class graduate of Arabic and Islamic Studies commended the Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, for his many transformational

programmes in JAMB and the education sector in general.

Continuing, Prof. Zahraddeen noted that Prof. Oloyede had stamped his foot on the sands of time, adding that history would be kind to him. He described the hardworking Registrar as an exemplar of patriotism and integrity.

Similarly, the former Directors of the Board, Dr Garba Magashi and Hajiya Karimatu Abubakar were on the ground to monitor the exercise in some selected centres in the ancient city.

According to Dr Magashi, a former Director of Administration, the Board had witnessed remarkable transformations over the years, citing the transition from Paper-pencil Testing to Computer-Based Testing, among other landmark achievements.

Similarly, he commended the Registrar for his policy of advancing inclusivity in the Board's examination processes,

stating that such gestures had positively impacted the quality of the UTME.

Dr Magashi, while rating the general conduct of the examination high, also described the Registrar as a great unifier for bringing the "senior citizens" of JAMB and the current workforce together, hence the successes being continually recorded.

In the same vein, the Board's former Director of General Services, Hajiya Karimatu Abubakar, extolled the Board and its leadership for the consistent improvement of the operational processes of the examination body, noting that the few problems noticed were attended to promptly.



## ...“Your Integrity and Dedication Played a Fundamental Role in my Achievements”

Headquarters of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), in Bwari, Abuja, by a select delegation from the AAU.

In his address, the AAU scribe noted that the achievements of Prof. Oloyede as President of AAU had gone a long way in rejuvenating the Association and noted that it was during the tenure of Prof. Oloyede that the Association was steered to its current enviable height.

Going down memory lane, Prof. Oyewole said, “It was Prof. Oloyede, as President, who had initiated the move to meet with the then Ghanaian President to actualise what is today the Association's Headquarters in Accra, Ghana. It is this visionary attribute that has always been a guiding principle since I took over the reins from my predecessor, Prof. Etienne Ehile, in October 2021.”

The AAU Secretary-General expressed his determination to continue on the path laid by his predecessors, particularly that of Prof. Oloyede who was the President of the association. He disclosed that Oloyede's attributes of humility, integrity and dedication were cherished beyond the shores of Nigeria and that the AAU

had benefited tremendously from his worthy legacy.

Continuing, he said, “You have taught me to stand on the side of integrity and all through my tenure as Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), and even now as Secretary-General, AAU, that has been my guiding principle. We need more people like you in our country to steer our youths in the right direction.”

While commending the achievements of the Registrar since his assumption of office as the JAMB helmsman, Prof. Oyewole declared that the Association was made proud to have one of its own as a reference point in terms of transparency and diligence.

In his remarks, the Registrar, JAMB, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, welcomed the AAU Secretary-General to the Board, stating that he was humbled by the encomiums poured on to him by Prof. Oyewole. He said the competence of the Secretary-General had never been in doubt as the success stories from AAU are the reflections of what Prof. Oyewole is known for and added that if a person stands for the truth, God will always stand

by that person.

While encouraging the Secretary-General to continue to deliver on his mandate, he said the Secretary-General should ensure that he reached out to higher education authorities and governments across Africa to intimate them of the benefits as well as the impact of the Association on the educational development of the continent. He noted that, as a former President of AAU, he is aware that the salary of the AAU Secretary-General is more than the combined salaries of six professors in Nigeria. He, therefore, urged the Secretary-General to use his good offices to advise governments in Africa, particularly in Nigeria, to radically increase the emolument of Nigerian academics in order to redirect brilliant youths to taking up career in the academics rather than the present urge for contrived fame in the social media. He promised the AAU delegation that the Board would continue to partner with the body to ensure the realisation of its objectives.



# JOINT ADMISSIONS AND MATRICULATION BOARD

## REPORT OF INFLOW AND OUTFLOW FOR THE PERIOD MAY 07 - MAY 13 2022

### FINANCIAL INFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT(N)
1	E-facilities/Sales	25,002,698.95
2	PRC Service Charge	14,300.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,016,998.95</b>

### FINANCIAL OUTFLOW

S/N	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE OF PAYMENT	AMOUNT(N)
1	Staff Claims	Various	12,023,250.00
2	Agency Service	Agency	5,919,000.00
3	Supervision of Examination	2022 UTME	242,458,520.00
4	Pagatech Ltd	Refund of e-pin Deposit	44,650,000.00
5	2021 UTME/DE Candidates	Refund of Bank draft Value	168,000.00
6	Outsourced Service	Cleaning of Offices	2,406,061.83
7	Sensitive Material	IT Consultancy	4,000,000.00
8	Sabkon Integrated Ltd.	Internet Access Data	1,600,000.00
9	Interstate Architects Ltd	Consortium Consultancy Fees	4,355,878.52
10	Interactive Engineering Company Ltd	Consortium Consultancy Fees	15,468,193.46
11	Ibironke Technologist Ltd	Consultancy Fees	2,298,057.36
12	Index Engineering Consults Ltd	Consultancy Fees	1,149,028.68
13	Mobolaji Adeniyi & Associates	Consortium Consultancy Fees	13,133,268.36
14	Nigerian Postal Service	Postages and Courier Services	90,355.85
15	FCT Water Board	Water bill	26,300.00
16	Elbe and Partners	Consultancy Fees	470,000.00
17	Remita	Financial charges	136,159.50
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>350,352,073.56</b>

## JAMB CELEBRATES STAFF BORN MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> – MAY 22<sup>ND</sup> 2022

Happy Birthday

**16<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Felicia Jagaba  
Salman Rasaq Ademola  
Bridget Doourun Magnus

**17<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Shuaibu Bello  
Comfort Unekwu Edetanlen  
Azeez Abdul Adamu  
Rafiu Tunde Oseni  
Idris Mohammed Jungudo  
Nana Isioma Azibiantu  
Hauwa'u Danladi Inuwa  
Esther Olayinka Sijuwola

**18<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Euphemia Ekene Okoroafor  
Gideon Zuma Thomas  
Yusuf Adamu Adoye  
Marian Akor Ebuta

**19<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Tunde Bola Ahmed  
Victoria Olubunmi Adeyemo  
Collins Sunday Nweze  
Gloria Tochukwu Okeke  
Ijeoma Lilian Ogbonna

**20<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Aliyu Dan'Asabe Abdullahi  
Sani Dabo

Kafayat Adenike Ojo-Ibrahim  
Blessing Aigbavboa  
Segun James Abiara

**21<sup>ST</sup> MAY**

Ijeoma Henrietta Ogbogu  
Helen Aladi Akinyooye  
Ishaku Barau Bwari  
Umar Labaran  
Peter Chidiebere Nwaogu  
Nkechi Modesta Ejikeme

**22<sup>ND</sup> MAY**

Mary Sunday Eteng  
Ogechi Franklin Abulimen  
Nneka Ndubuisi Agwu





## EDUCATION IN THE MEDIA

**NATION SUNDAY, 8TH MAY, 2022 – 69,828 Candidates Sit for Entrance Examinations into Unity Schools:** No fewer than 69,828 pupils have sat for the 2022 National Common Entrance Examination (NECO) for admission into the 110 federal government colleges across the country. Malam Adamu Adamu, the Minister of Education, disclosed this when he led some top ministry officials and NECO officials on a monitoring exercise in some centres in Abuja.

Mal. Adamu, who was represented by Mr David Adejo, the Permanent Secretary of the ministry, noted that the examination was hitch-free and peaceful. **Also in Guardian, Sunday, 8th May 2022, Tribune, Sunday 8th May 2022, Daily Trust, Sunday, 8th May 2022, Punch, Sunday, 8th May 2022, Leadership, Sunday, 8th May 2022.**

**TRIBUNE SUNDAY, 8TH MAY, 2022 – 2022 UTME: Candidates Rate JAMB High on CBT Conduct in Enugu:** Some candidates for the 2022 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) in Enugu State have scored the Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board (JAMB) high for the hitch-free conduct of the examination in the state. The examination went on simultaneously across the 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory. The examination began on Friday 6th May 2022 and would end on Friday, May 13th, 2022.

The examination was smoothly conducted with security personnel present at the different centres in the state.

**TRIBUNE SUNDAY, 8TH MAY, 2022 – French Language Village Remain Centre of Excellence Despite Poor Funding:** The Director/Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Nigeria French Language Village (NFLV), Badagry, Lagos, Prof. Lateef Babatunde Ayeleru, FNAL, said the Village is committed to pursuing its mandate of ensuring that it remains a Centre of excellence and a pride to the country

despite the poor funding level. He said the Village remains one of the best projects that has emerged on the country's educational terrain, given the excellent profile of its workforce and the dynamic approach of management under his administration, and the initiation of development-oriented and self-sustaining programmes and projects.

**LEADERSHIP SUNDAY, 8TH MAY, 2022 – FG Approves Intervention Funds for Tertiary Institutions:** The Federal Government has approved the 2022 intervention funds for public higher institutions across the country. The Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund, (TETFund), Arch. Sunday Echono, made this known while receiving the Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities, (CVCNU), in his office.

Arc. Echono said the meeting of all beneficiary institutions would be held on Monday, 16th May 2022, to interact further and give a proper briefing on some of the proposed reforms that have been approved for implementation. He assured the Vice-Chancellors of the TETFund's commitment to sustain the ongoing reforms in the sector, with increased emphasis on the content of its interventions, particularly in the areas of research, and ICT as well as encouraging a reading culture in our society through the publication of the the the books. **Also in, Daily Trust, Sunday, 8th May 2022, Nation, Sunday, 8th May 2022, Tribune, Sunday 8th May 2022.**

**GUARDIAN, TUESDAY, 10TH MAY, 2022 – Ope-Davies Bags Visiting Professorship to German Varsity:** Director, Centre for Digital Humanities, University of Lagos (CEDHUL), Professor 'Tunde Ope-Davies (a.k.a. Opeibi), has won another visiting professorship to Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, Germany. The award, tenable at the University of Hamburg, Germany, would enable the beneficiary to conduct a research project on Digital Political Multilingualism in Nigeria.

The study would contribute to his

ongoing national project on the use of digital technologies in Nigeria's democracy sponsored by the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund).

The visiting research fellowship was honoured under the aegis of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's Alumni Sponsorship and Network programmes supported by the Federal Republic of Germany.

**LEADERSHIP, TUESDAY, 10TH MAY, 2022 – NOUN, ACE, Others Stress Digital Education:** National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), Africa Centre of Excellence For Development Impact (ACE-IMPACT) and the National Universities Commission (NUC) have stressed the need to explore digital learning in tertiary education.

The institutions made the call recently during the fourth training workshop of experts in digital education, hosted by the African Centre of Excellence on Technology Enhanced Learning (ACETEL), Nigeria.

The Vice-Chancellor of NOUN, Professor Olufemi Peters said the university has recorded many milestones in its online platform, saying that the training was additional expertise to further improve on what the university is already doing.

He added that the university, through its Regional Training and Research Institute for Distance and Open Learning (RETRIDOL) has been able to impact knowledge in at least 20 universities in the form of training and about 15 universities in the West African sub-region.

**PUNCH, TUESDAY, 10TH MAY, 2022 – Lagos Leads as JAMB Registers 1.8m for UTME:** The Joint Admissions and Matriculations Board has made public the statistics of registered candidates for the 2022 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination and Direct Entry examination according to states.

The Board has also vowed to clamp down on the results of students found wanting. No fewer than 1.8 million candidates registered for the examination.

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## ...Education in the Media

The examination, which commenced on Friday, May 6, 2022, would be concluded on Friday, May 13, 2022.

According to the statistics made available in the Board's weekly magazine, JAMBULLETIN, Zamfara State has the least number of candidates while Lagos State has the highest number of candidates.

**PUNCH, TUESDAY, 10TH MAY, 2022 – WAEC Against Malpractices as WASSCE Commences May 16:** The West African Examinations Council (WAEC), Nigeria, has said the West African Senior School Certificate Examination for 2022, would take place between May 16 and June 23, 2022, in Nigeria.

Speaking at a press briefing on Monday, Head of Nigeria Office, WAEC, Mr Patrick Areghan, advised students to shun examination malpractice and study hard. He said, "I call on parents and guardians to admonish their wards to study hard and desist from engaging in any form of examination malpractice. The mass media must play its watchdog role.

"The various Ministries of Education should call their principals, teachers and other officials serving as inspectors to order. Every candidate and examination functionary must play by the rules which are well stipulated in the WAEC syllabus and guidelines for the conduct of examinations issued to schools. Erring schools will be derecognised; erring officials will be adequately punished while erring candidates will lose their results, no matter whose ox is gored." **Also in Tribune, Tuesday, 10th May 2022**

**LEADERSHIP WEDNESDAY, 11TH MAY, 2022 – Evaluating the Progress, Challenges as JAMB Draws the Curtains on 2022 UTME:** As the Board rounds off the 2022 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME), this columnist takes a look at the conduct of examination taking into consideration challenges faced and levels of progress made in the Computer-Based Testing exercise over the years since its commencement in 2013. He said though there were some recorded hiccups with biometric verification of candidates at some centres, the exercise had improved significantly.

He concluded that these challenges have been duly noted and addressed by the Board in addition to some internal appraisals of the examination which would see to the release of the 2022 UTME results once all forms of

malpractices have been sorted out and culprits sifted out.

**LEADERSHIP WEDNESDAY, 11TH MAY, 2022 – VCs Initiate Medical Mobility Exchange Programmes:** The Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities, CVCNU, says its partnering with Universities in Egypt to initiate Medical Mobility Exchange Programmes and address the problem of low carrying capacity of Medical education studies in Nigerian universities.

The CVCNU Secretary-General, Prof. Yakubu Ochefu, made this announcement at the end of a meeting seeking the partnership of the committee with the Association of African Universities and specifically with universities in Egypt.

According to Prof. Ochefu, the overall carrying capacity for medical education in Nigerian universities is less than 8 per cent of demand.

He said, "At the level of National Universities Commission, JAMB and the Nigerian and Medical Council of Nigeria and the level of individual universities specifically Vice-Chancellors, we are all worried about this development which may become a crisis. This issue is very alarming and the Committee of Vice-Chancellors have decided to do something about it."

Continuing, he said, "So part of what we are doing is working with the AAU through their North Africa Regional office and in partnership with the government of Egypt to initiate medical mobility exchange programme between Egyptian universities and Nigerian universities. As you may well know, the Egyptians have helped set up several medical schools in Nigeria such as in Maiduguri, Kano, and Sokoto in the past. What we are now trying to do is to extend that relationship to as many universities as possible.

**DAILY INDEPENDENT FRIDAY, 13TH MAY, 2022 – JAMB Registrar, Oloyede Bags Award for Promoting Equal Opportunities in Africa:** The Registrar of Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Is-haq Oloyede has bagged an award as Best Advocate of Equal Opportunity in Higher Education in Africa. Prof. Oloyede was rated high above others in Africa at a meeting recently held at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

(UNESCO) in Paris, where African countries were compared in the opportunities afforded people living with disabilities to access higher education in Nigeria.

Chairman of the JAMB Equal Opportunity Group (JEOG), Prof. Emeritus Peter Okebukola, who made this known said he was excited by the rating which was adjudged by the presentation made by JEOG at the meeting.

The Group which was set up by Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, in 2017, has been able to process over 2000 candidates with disabilities especially the blind, albinos with sight challenges, and candidates with autism and Down syndrome through the administration of the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME). **Also in Daily Dispatch Newspaper, Friday, 13th May, 2022, FIRSTNEWS ONLINE, Friday, 13th May, 2022**

**TRIBUNE FRIDAY, 13TH MAY, 2022 – Blind Candidates Commend JAMB as 2022 UTME Ends Friday:** Blind candidates who sat this year's Unified Tertiary Matriculations Examination (UTME) which ended on Friday, 13th May, 2022 nationwide have commended the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) for making their participation in the examination smooth and hitch-free. They said apart from giving them enough time to answer their questions and be in a relaxed mood, JAMB was responsible (except N4,700 examination fee) for their transportation and that of their guide persons from their homes to the examination centres, hotel accommodation for those who could not go home as well as feeding.

But unlike regular candidates, who sit their papers once, blind candidates write their own papers per subject and a special group of senior academics and special education experts, among others known as Equal Opportunity Group with the former Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Prof. Peter Okebukola as Chairman is saddled with the responsibility of the conduct of the examination for them.

Most of the Candidates commended the Board for not allowing their dreams for higher education die because of their disability.



# THE VANGUARD AWARD: ANOTHER FEATHER TO OLOYEDE'S CAP

## By Kunle Akogun

This Friday, May 20, 2022, in Lagos, drums would be rolled out, cymbals would chime sonorously, heads would turn in another superlative celebration of excellence as one of Nigeria's most respected newspapers, The Vanguard, honours Prof Is'haq Oloyede, the high-flyong Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and one of the prides of the nation's most sought-after citadels of learning, the inimitable University of Ilorin.

Even though the frontline newspaper is honouring the former UNILORIN Vice-Chancellor in his capacity as JAMB Registrar, one of the criteria that qualified him for the award of the 2021 'Public Sector (Education) Icon' was his achievements while serving as Vice-Chancellor of the Better by far University! At the award ceremony, which holds at the Eko Hotel and Suites, Prof. Oloyede will be standing on the dais with other prominent Nigerian achievers that include captains of industries, politicians, bankers, and big players in the country's political and economic spheres. In the letter of award signed by the Editor of The Vanguard Newspaper, Mr. Eze Anaba, the JAMB Registrar was informed that "this award is in recognition of your exceptional contributions to nation-building, particularly in the education sector, where you not only made a name for yourself, but also made Nigeria proud. You achieved fame since 2007 when you

became Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin. Your tenure is outstanding in the annals of the university because in just five years, you transformed it and made it the most sought-after university in Nigeria".

Mr. Anaba continued, "... as Registrar/CEO of JAMB, your achievements in reorganising and cleaning the proverbial Augean stable, coupled with unprecedented financial prudence, which saw remittance of funds back to federal coffers, are indeed worthy of commendation. These, and more, which space do not permit us to list in this letter are what commend you for this award".

The newspaper editor further explained that "the history of a united Nigeria will not be complete without a copious mention of your dedication and commitment to our fatherland", adding that "the philosophy of this award is to recognise and celebrate Excellence, National Pride and Service to Humanity". This award is a brand new feather to Prof. Oloyede's over-decorated cap of honours. And it doesn't come as a surprise to the watchers of the erudite Professor of Islamic Jurisprudence's legendary records of selfless service to humanity.

Before now, Prof. Oloyede has received scores of awards in recognition of his sterling achievements in public service. These include the National Productivity Order of Merit (NIPOM) award (2019);

The Sun Newspaper's Public Service Award for 2018 "for being an exemplary public servant with zero tolerance for corruption and setting up a new order of transparency in the running of JAMB"; Leadership Newspaper award for JAMB as "Government Agency of the Year, 2018", among several others; as well as special parliamentary commendation by members of the House of Representatives (2019).

No wonder he was reappointed for another term of five years in 2021 at the expiration of his first term.

To be sure, this erudite scholar is fast becoming the face of

the new Nigeria we all fervently pray and yearn for! And as the country begins another frenetic search for new set of leaders come 2023, it would not be out of place to recommend the Oloyede magical persona as a veritable template for an ideal new national leadership. For, his entire public service life is full of great lessons for incumbent and aspiring leaders!

So, as he walks up the dais this beautiful Friday evening to be adorned with the garlands of honour, we congratulate this outstanding Unilorite on his attainments so far. We pray for more powers to his elbow in the firm belief that he still has more to offer Nigeria and humanity in general.

\*Akogun is the Director, Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin

## NO FEWER THAN 383 BLIND CANDIDATES SAT 2022 UTME ...AS JAMB REITERATES EQUAL OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL CANDIDATES

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has reiterated its determination to give equal opportunities to all candidates in the just-concluded 2022 Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination.

The examination witnessed no fewer than 383 blind candidates who sat the 2022 UTME in eleven selected centres nationwide.

The blind candidates, just like their sighted counterparts were assessed in all subjects including the Use of English and Mathematics with each candidate sitting

the four subjects relevant to his/her proposed course of study. The candidates were also given the option of taking their examination via braille, computer or typewriter, whichever is convenient for them.

It would be recalled that the Board in its drive for equality and inclusivity of its candidates with varying disabilities, set up a committee comprising a select group of senior academics and special education experts known as JAMB Equal Opportunity Group (JEOG) headed by the former Executive Secretary of the

National Universities Commission (NUC) and now Chairman of the Governing Board of National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), Prof. Peter Okebukola, as Chairman. It was this group that was tasked with the responsibility of conducting all examinations for these candidates with special needs.

In the JEOG report on the conduct of the 2022 UTME for candidates with special needs, Prof. Okebukola disclosed that this year's figure was higher than those of the two previous years which were 351 for 2020 and 332 for 2021, out of which 89

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## ...No Fewer Than 383 Blind Candidates Sat 2022 UTME

(representing 25%) and 110 (representing 33%) respectively of this class of candidates gained admission into various tertiary institutions to study programmes of their choice including Law, Mass Communication, Mathematics, Engineering, among others.

The highly-revered academic also averred that the group had, in the last five years since it was constituted, processed over 2,200 candidates for the UTME with more than one-third of them admitted to programmes of their choice in universities and other higher institutions across the country.

He noted that the goal of the special consideration for these category of candidates was to ensure that no Nigerian who is qualified is denied the opportunity to sit the UTME irrespective of disability, noting that the upsurge witnessed in this year's UTME might not be unconnected to the increasing confidence of these set of candidates in the activities of the group. He added that the group is also seeing increased participation of candidates with Down Syndrome and Autism, among others.

Giving specific statistics, Prof. Okebukola

stated out that Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Akwa, on its own, had admitted up to 23 blind UTME candidates in 2021 while the University of Ilorin and the Federal College of Education (Special) Oyo, as well as University of Lagos, admitted 11, 21 and 3 visually impaired candidates respectively.

The distinguished don, in his assessment, pointed out that although those enrolment figures might look small, the impact on knowledge and skills acquisition, particularly as concerned students with special needs, is certainly huge for Nigeria and its economy.

Meanwhile, some of these candidates

with special needs, in their interaction with JAMBulletin, were effusive in their commendation for JAMB not only on account of the organisation of the examination but also in terms of the welfare and logistics provided to facilitate their examination such as picking their transportation, feeding and accommodation bills and that of their minders to and from the various examination venues as well as the bills of those who could not return to their homes on the day of examination.



Blind Candidates sitting the 2022 UTME

## BAD EDUCATION: THE POLITICS OF FAKE DEGREES HEAP SHAME ON SIERRA LEONE ...By Ibrahim Barrie

Culled From The Continent Issue 84

**O**n 26 March, Dominion Christian University (DCU) was filmed conferring fake honorary PhDs to Sierra

Leoneans under mango trees – despite the Tertiary Education Commission having stated that they were not accredited to do so. The shameful incident subsequently went viral, raising critical questions about the quality of education in Sierra Leone and beyond, including why the DCU had not been shut down much earlier, and how many people had secured fake degrees? For academic institutions, fake

degrees bring massive reputational risk. For a country, fake qualifications can undermine the willingness of foreign investors to set up shop, and promote a lack of accountability within the political system. The most worrying consequence of such practices is that they destroy the

value of working hard. As Nelson Mandela asserted, “Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world.” There is therefore no room for compromise within the sector. But what can be done? The DCU vice chancellor, Dr Ezekiel Bangura, was arrested and the DCU shut down, but other institutions continue to operate in similar fashion. As the Academic Staff Association of the University of Sierra

Leone said, it is especially concerning that fraudulent institutions “have been operating in the country publicly and abrogating to themselves the authority to award higher degrees [such as PhDs, for example] to prominent persons highly placed in the public and private sector”. Why has this situation been allowed to persist? One explanation is that many of those in power don’t want people to look too carefully at their own degrees. Dr

John Lahai, a former lecturer at the University of Sierra Leone, has pointed out that senior figures in the police and parliament have PhDs issued by the so-called Africa Graduate University of Uganda. Given that the TEC has stated that this institution is not recognised in Sierra Leone, they have a vested interest in shielding fake educational establishments.

So even though Sierra Leone and other countries are in urgent need of a comprehensive audit of their educational systems and the qualifications of their members, this is unlikely to happen anytime soon.

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## 38<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ASSOCIATION FOR EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT IN AFRICA (AEAA)

### CALL FOR PAPERS

The 38th Annual conference of AEAA will be hosted by the Examinations Council of Zambia (ECZ) from 21st to 26th August 2022 at AVAN Victoria Falls Hotel, in Livingstone, Zambia. Interested members of Staff may submit abstract and articles to the Board on the following themes and subthemes:

**Theme: “Educational Assessment for Developing 21st Century Skills.”**

Sub-themes:

- i. Aligning Teaching, Learning, and Assessment to the 21st Century Skills Requirements;
- ii. Current Trends in Aligning Formative and Summative Assessments to the 21 Century Society;
- iii. Use of Assessment Feedback to Enhance Teaching, Learning, and Decision-making within and Beyond the Classroom.
- iv. Making Assessment Work for learners with Special Educational Needs, including the Gifted and Talented.
- v. Sustainable Integrity Systems in Assessment: Policy, Social and Economic Dimensions.
- vi. Re-engineering Assessment in a Dynamic and Technological Environment.
- vii. Educational Assessment in Emergencies- Review of approaches from Covid-19 experience.

The deadline for submission of Abstract is 31st March, 2022. Authors of successful abstracts would be contacted in due course and would be asked to submit full paper on or before 31st May, 2022. Abstracts should be forwarded to Director, Quality Assurance Department, National Headquarters.

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# JAMB BOSS EMERGES AFRICAN BEST ADVOCATE OF EQUAL HIGHER EDUCATION

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The Registrar of Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Professor Is-haq Oloyede, has emerged the best advocate of equal opportunity in higher education in Africa. He was rated high above others by a group of scholars in Africa at a meeting recently held at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris, where African countries were compared in the opportunities afforded people living with disabilities to access higher education in Nigeria.

Chairman of the JAMB Equal Opportunity Group (JEOG), Prof Emeritus Peter Okebukola, made this known in a statement he made available to newsmen in Abuja.

Okebukola, a former Executive Secretary of National Universities Commission (NUC) who recently returned from UNESCO headquarters in Paris, said excited by the rating which was judged by the presentation made by JEOG at the meeting.

The Group which was set up by Prof. Oloyede, in 2017, has been able to process over 2000 candidates with disabilities especially the blind, albinos with sight challenges, and candidates with autism and Down syndrome through administration of the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME).

The Group is made up of 43 senior academics, including former Executive

Secretaries of Parastatals of the Federal Ministry of Education, former Vice-Chancellors, a former Minister and experts in special education and other relevant stakeholders such as the President of the Nigeria Association of the Blind, National President, Joint National Association of Persons with Disabilities, President, The Albino Foundation and President, Nigeria National Association of Deaf. The Anglo-Nigeria Welfare Association for the Blind plays an active role in the exercise.

According to a release by Okebukola highlighting the plans for the conduct of the 2022 UTME, 383 candidates in 11 centres spread all over Nigeria will be taking the 2022 UTME on May 12 and 13.

He said this was in the interest of bringing the venue of the examination closer to the candidates especially with the security situation in the country. A total of 20 subjects will be taken by the candidates.

Okebukola stressed that the blind candidates and others that are served by the group take the same test items as those who are not blind, explaining that the mode of examination administration is blended- use of PCs and use of the traditional Braille slate and stylus/typewriters in writing answers to questions that are read out by a subject expert.

He added that this was in alignment with the current state of development of Nigeria's higher education system with regard to education of the blind.

He said: "JEOG is already implementing a strategic plan of gradually increasing the ICT component of administration of the UTME to match improvement in ICT usage for the education of the blind in the universities, polytechnics and colleges of education.

"JAMB takes full responsibility for hotel accommodation and feeding of the candidates in the 11 centres and pays generous transport supplementation while providing them with a conducive environment to write the examination.

"Additionally, each blind candidate received the very precious tools of slate and stylus from JAMB that will be used during the course of study, when admitted in a tertiary institution," Okebukola said.

According to the statistics from JAMB, in 2019, of the 390 candidates, a total of 175 (44.8%) were given admission, which he said was unprecedented in the history of admission of such a category of students into the Nigerian higher education system.

"In 2020, 89 of the 351 blind candidates (25%) that sat for the UTME, were given admission. In 2021, a total of 110 blind candidates were given admission, out of the 332 that sat for the UTME. This 33% admission of blind candidates to higher education in an annual cohort is unprecedented in the African higher education system," he said.

## A MEMBER OF JAMB CALL GROUP APPOINTED FUTA VICE-CHANCELLOR

A member of one of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) examination monitoring groups, JAMB Call Group, Prof.(Mrs)Adenike Temidayo Oladiji, has been appointed Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA).

The JAMB Call Group is made up of senior academics and special education experts with proven integrity and high professional competence.

The Group provides leadership, monitors the conduct of the UTME, coordinates all activities and reports from field operations and reports to the Registrar, JAMB.

The contributions of this group to the successes recorded by the Board in its

core operational processes are enormous hence the sense of pride it felt at this elevation of a resourceful and worthy partner. It should be noted that Prof. Oladiji is the first female Vice-Chancellor of FUTA.

The emergence of Prof Oladiji out of 20 eminent Professors screened by the Joint Council and Senate Selection Board was a further testimony to Professor Oladiji's intellectual sagacity.

The staff and management of the Board, as well as the entire membership of the JAMB Call Group wish to congratulate Prof. (Mrs)Adenike Temidayo Oladiji on the well-deserved appointment and wish her the best as she mount the saddle of leadership of the prestigious university.

Professor (Mrs) Oladiji, until her

appointment, was the Dean of Life Sciences, University of Ilorin.



Prof.(Mrs) Adenike Temidayo Oladiji, newly appointed VC, FUTA, Akure.

# JAMB TO DELIST FAILED CBT CENTRES

The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) is to delist all Computer-Based Test Centres that failed during the 2022 UTME exercise.

Consequently, all centres which were not able to perform optimally to the approved capacities leading to the painful reduction of their capacities to conduct the 2022 UTME to specification

would also be delisted. However, those centres which experienced the same challenges the previous year but were pardoned yet failed to address their failings would be permanently delisted.

The Board, in a statement made available to JAMBulletin at the end of its post-examination Management committee meeting, stated that the drastic measure became imperative as the preparations

for the 2023 UTME began right from the last day of the 2022 examination.

The statement noted with satisfaction that in general, the 2022 UTME was adjudged to be better by far in terms of not only the least number of malpractice cases ever recorded but also in the overall deliverables of the exercise. The Board expressed its readiness to surpass this record in subsequent exercises.

# FRESH CENTRE ACCREDITATION: NEW CENTRES TO FEATURE ONLY LAPTOPS

To be approved as a fresh Computer-Based Test centre to participate in the conduct of the Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) administered by the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), such a centre must be fitted solely with laptops having a minimum of 14 inch monitor before securing necessary approval. Other additional minimum requirements would be released subsequently.

This is to put prospective CBT applicants

on notice as no CBT centre applicant with desktop computers would be approved going forward.

This measure became necessary on account of reported cases of power challenges in a few centres and, therefore, resolved on this measure to ensure that no centre fails as a result of power outage in the future.

In the same vein, the Board enjoined both new and old centres to acquire alternative power sources like inverters and solar rather than depending solely on

generators.

The Board assures the general public that it would not relent in its quest to continue to devise ways of addressing challenges that are inhibiting the smooth conduct of its examination.

The Board, therefore, restated its commitment to safeguard the integrity of all its operational processes and urged all its service providers who are not ready to conform to look elsewhere.

# HIGH COST OF DIESEL: CBT CENTRES TO CHARGE N2,000 FOR MOCK AND UTME

Given the high cost of diesel and other energy challenges in the country, the management of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has given the nod to its partnering CBT centres to henceforth collect the sum of N2,000 as service

charge for the use of their centres from candidates sitting both Mock-UTME and the UTME.

In essence, candidates who did not indicate to sit the Mock-UTME will pay only N1,000 for the UTME while those who indicated their desire to sit the

Mock-UTME would pay additional N1,000 irrespective of whether they sit the examination or not.

The Board resolved on this move as many candidates who had indicated interest to take the Mock-UTME had oftentimes refused to turn up for the exercise

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# JAMB PLANS TO PHASE OUT ZERO THIN CLIENT COMPUTERS FROM THE UTME

For effective delivery of its Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) at the various CBT centres nationwide, the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) has concluded plans to phase out the use of zero thin client computers from the conduct of its UTME.

This development is sequel to the numerous operational hiccups associated with zero thin clients computers.

It is to be noted that zero thin client

systems owe all their operational existence to a server. Hence, the major drawback against a zero thin-client configuration is that once the memory of the server is exhausted or if there is any network disruption, all connected users are simultaneously affected thereby impacting multiple candidates at once in the centre.

This policy direction is one of the measures being contemplated to holistically address the issue of examination disruptions.

Consequently, the Board, in consideration

of the immense benefits to candidates and centres alike, is requesting its partnering centres to begin to plan towards obtaining mini PCs which are not only cheap to procure and easy to operate but also more efficient in terms of power consumption.

As a proactive organisation, the Board would not rest on its laurels as it would continue to leverage on the best technology available to enhance its operations.



## FEW FACTS ABOUT JAMB

- ❁ The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) was established for the general control of the conduct of matriculation examinations for admissions into all universities, polytechnics, monotronics, colleges of education and (recently added) Innovation Enterprise Institutes (IEIs).
- ❁ Section 5 (2) of the ACT establishing the Board provided as stated: For the avoidance of doubt, the Board shall be responsible for determining matriculation requirements and conducting examinations leading to undergraduate admissions and also for admissions to National Diploma and the Nigerian Certificate in Education courses, but shall not be responsible for examinations or any other selective process for postgraduate courses and any other courses offered by the tertiary institutions. In the implementation of this section, there is always a synergy with the National Universities Commission (NUC), the National Board for Technical Education (NBTE) and the National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) with the endorsement of the National Council on Education (NCE).
- ❁ In exercising this power, the Board is always guided by admission guidelines approved by the Policy Meeting under the Chairmanship of the Hon. Minister of Education with all Heads of Tertiary Institutions and other stakeholders in attendance.
- ❁ Since the inception of the Interim Joint Matriculation Board Examination (IJMBE), JAMB appoints moderators for all its questions as well as the grading of candidates scores. It has always done this without failing to still accommodate 'HSC' within the current 6-3-3-4 system. The National Council on Education (NCE) guidelines for the Joint Universities Preliminary Examinations Board (JUPEB) also endorsed the practice for JUPEB.
- ❁ The Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board shall continue to operate within its laws.

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### ...HIGH COST OF DIESEL: CBT Centres to Charge N2,000 for MOCK and UTME

forcing the centres to expend resources in preparation for their appearance. The implication of this is that once you indicate interest to sit the Mock-UTME, you are duty bound to pay for the exercise whether you take the examination or do otherwise.

Before now, the candidate pays N700 for Mock-UTME and another N700 through the Board for the UTME but given the high cost of maintaining the centres for

the two exercises, the Board has approved the slight increase to ameliorate the pressure on the centres. Consequently, candidates are now advised to make up their minds if, indeed, they want to participate in the mock exercise before indicating their interest at the point of registration as they will be required to pay for it. This is owing to the fact once candidates indicated their

interest to take the Mock-UTME, the centres to which they would be assigned would be mandated to put in place necessary facilities to prepare for their appearance. It should also be noted that expression of interest to participate in the mock examination would have precluded other interested candidates from taking part in the exercise which they would later abandon.

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## ADVISORY ON EXTENDING THE SCOPE OF SERVICE FOR CBT CENTRES

Following persistent requests from CBT centres, the Board has approved that some services hitherto, restricted to JAMB Offices, be extended to other approved CBT centres.

2. These services being extended to the CBT centres are registrations for:
  - (i) **Part-time**
  - (ii) **NOUN**
  - (iii) **Sandwich**
  - (iv) **Distance Learning**
3. The following steps are to be followed by each centre while attending to these category of candidates:
  - a. First create a Profile for the candidate (note that profile creation is free);
  - b. Login to the Candidate's Profile on e-Facility;
  - c. Expand the "Other Registrations" Tab and select the appropriate registration for the candidate;
  - d. Follow the prompts to make the payment of N3,500 application fees online using the candidate's ATM card (do not collect any candidate's card details, let the candidate be the one to enter his/her card details);
  - e. After payment, the centre will proceed to register the candidate on the Registration App platform and print out the Registration Slip.
  - f. For DE candidates of 2017 onwards, after registration, only the Registration Slip is to be given to them as the candidate's registration information goes straight to CAPS;
  - g. For candidates of year 2016 and before, after registration, the centre is expected to give them both the Registration Slip and an Indemnity Form;
  - h. The service charge for this type of registration is N700 only and payable directly to the centre.
4. Do not write down or copy any vital data of the candidates such as card details, profile code, password etc.
5. Recall that like the UTME/DE, the template is to be uploaded while candidates are to go away with the original (hard copy) template.
6. CBT centres shall abide by the rules as severe sanctions would be meted out to infractors.

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## ADVISORY TO INSTITUTIONS ON HOW TO HANDLE THE CONDONEMENT OF UNDISCLOSED ILLEGAL INSTITUTIONAL ADMISSIONS (CUIIA) (ADMISSIONS CONDUCTED OUTSIDE CAPS 2017-2020)

The Board introduced the **Central Admissions Processing System (CAPS)** in 2017 as the transparent platform for all admissions. Regrettably, some of the institutions continued to admit some, indeed large number of candidates (undisclosed to JAMB), thereby jeopardizing the interest of such candidates admitted through under-the-table deals.

Recent events made the candidates protest the disadvantages of such non-disclosure and lack of formal recognition of their degrees. Such Institutions are now being compelled by necessity to confess their past deeds of undisclosed admission.

This Advisory is to guide the affected institutions on how the candidates can be rescued:

- i. The institutions should first and foremost declare the number of candidates admitted outside CAPS by sending a formal letter of confession and disclosure (LCD) to the Registrar of JAMB.
- ii. The letter of confession and disclosure should have the list of candidates attached. A copy of the letter and the list of candidates should be sent to JAMB state office where the institution is located. The list and total number of affected candidates for each year of admission should be clearly specified with the Programme (i.e Course of Study).
- iii. If the Board upon receiving the letter (and after due scrutiny and investigations) grants approval, the institution shall be contacted within 2 weeks of acknowledged receipt of the LCD.
- iv. The portal is then opened for the Institution to upload the list of candidates already submitted.
- v. The letter of approval from JAMB to the institution and the uploaded list shall contain the following:
  - the academic year for which the retroactive approval is granted;
  - total number of candidates, and
  - the period of grace (**not exceeding 60 days**) within which the affected candidates must complete the process of **Condonement of Undisclosed Illegal Institutional Admission (CUIIA)**. Only the candidates declared by the institutions are to visit JAMB office and complete the appropriate form online after paying the prescribed fee (i.e) the application fee of N4,000 only is paid by those without JAMB Registration number for the year and N5,000 penalty paid by every candidate involved.
- vi. The records of the candidates shall then be made available on CAPS after they have completed the online process.
- vii. The Admission Officer of the Institution shall retroactively propose formally the candidates to the Head of Institution who in turn shall recommend the candidates within the specified time.
- viii. The JAMB Desk officer too, shall retroactively approve the candidates on CAPS within the original list submitted by the institution. After approval, the previously illegal students will be able to print their JAMB admission letters from e-facility on JAMB Portal.
- ix. It should be noted that the admission letter would henceforth carry the date of the retroactive approval and not backdated to protect the Board's integrity of the data it might have provided before the condonement. The admission letter would also be named "**Retroactive Letter of Admission**" to reflect the correct history of the admission.
- x. Please **NOTE** that only candidates on the list declared by the institutions shall be attended to at the JAMB office. The Board shall not extend the period of grace granted to each institution. Any candidate that does not complete the process within the allotted (maximum two months) grace - period loses the remedial opportunity.

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## HEADQUARTERS' ANNEXES: LAGOS, KADUNA AND ILORIN ZONAL AND STATE OFFICES OF THE BOARD

S/N	ZONAL OFFICE	STATES IN THE ZONE
1.	Abuja	Federal Capital Territory, Niger and Kogi
2.	Bauchi	Bauchi, Gombe and Taraba
3.	Benin	Edo and Delta
4.	Enugu	Abia, Anambra, Ebonyi, Enugu and Imo
5.	Ibadan	Ekiti, Ogun, Ondo, Osun and Oyo
6.	Sokoto	Kebbi, Sokoto, and Zamfara
7.	Kano	Jigawa, Kano and Katsina
8.	Lafia	Benue, Nasarawa and Plateau
9.	Maiduguri	Adamawa, Borno and Yobe
10.	Port-Harcourt	Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Cross River and Rivers

Zonal Offices bear the names of the towns in which they are located.



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