

Nigerian Higher Education & Rankings Landscape

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- World University Rankings 2023: results announced
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Rank	Name Country/Region	No. of FTE Students	No. of students per staff	International Students	Female:Male Ratio
401-500	University of Ibadan Nigeria	26,156	17.6	0%	49 : 51
401-500	University of Lagos Nigeria	36,237	21.5	0%	48 : 52
601-	Covenant Unverslty Nigeria	8,362	15.5	1%	40 : 60

Impact Rankings 2023

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Rank	Name	Best scores by rank	Overall
201–300	<p>Afe Babalola University</p> <p>Nigeria</p> <p>Explore</p>	<p>SDG Descriptions</p>	76.8–82.1
401–600	<p>Covenant University</p> <p>Nigeria</p> <p>Explore</p>	<p>SDG Descriptions</p>	66.9–72.6


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- Top universities in the world for global impact
- Top universities for climate action
- Top universities for tackling gender equality

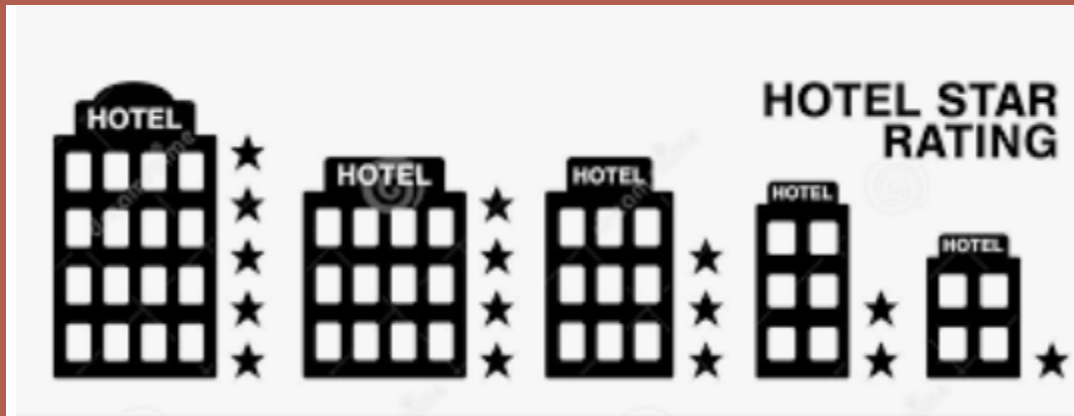
ACADEMIC INSIGHTS

- Impact Rankings 2023: results announced
- Impact Rankings show stars shine everywhere
- Impact Rankings 2023: Australia and Canada set pace for sustainability

QS World University Rankings 2024: Top global universities

Rank	University	Overall Score	
1401+	 University of Ibadan Ibadan, Nigeria	n/a	 Shortlist
1401+	 University of Lagos Lagos, Nigeria	n/a	 Shortlist

Rating



Major Advantages

- Stimulant for quality since it fosters competition among universities (see the Covenant University and Afe Babalola University examples).
- A fair measure of how a university stands in relation to others on specified indicators.
- Provides feedback to proprietors and managers of a university on areas of strength and weaknesses in the delivery of university education

Major Disadvantages

- Dampens enthusiasm of low-ranked universities
- Rankers determine the weighting of indicators which may be unfavourable to some universities

University Ranking: Down the lane of history

- 1998 UNESCO World Conference on Higher Education
- 2000 Meeting of experts on ranking at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris and development of indicators
- 2001 pilot run in Nigeria (first in Africa)
- 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 refinements
- 2003 ranking by Times Higher Education
- Other rankings (Webometrics, Academic Ranking of World Universities QS Rankings, AD Scientific...)
- African Quality **Rating** Mechanism



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Success factors of the NUC ranking

- All indicators are derived through consensus building with VCs and their Directors of Academic Planning
- Data collection by individual universities verified through cross validation
- All universities had ownership of the process and endorsement of the league tables was largely rancour free

THE U.K. QUALITY FRAMEWORK FOR RANKING OF
UNIVERSITIES (NUC) 2010

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An Alternative Approach (1)

- The key issue is what is required and for what purpose?
- Align with policy objectives: using qualitative and quantitative tools, not simply testing student performance or counting inputs and outputs.
- To be meaningful comparisons should be conducted at 5 year intervals.
- The collection and control of data and verification of the processes should not be run by private/commercial providers or self-interested auditors.

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Characteristics of a World-class System

- Open and competitive, providing the widest chance to the broadest number of students to access differentiated high performing and actively engaged learning, providing a breadth of educational opportunities.
- Coherent national strategy that provides a need to contribute to international talent, market, fuel and sustain underpin civil society, international in perspective.

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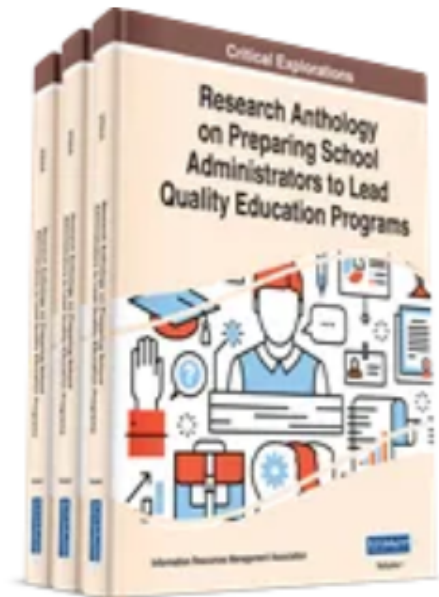
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Uses and Misuses

Chapter 8

An African perspective
on rankings in
higher education

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Regardless...

- **Ranking is here to stay
whether a VC likes it or
not**

NUC globally-applauded ranking, 2001 to 2006

- 2001- Academic Quality Index
- 2002-Academic Quality Index
- 2003- Academic Quality Index + 6 new indicators
- 2005- Academic Quality Index + 11 new indicators

CHAPTER 2: RESULTS

The results of the ranking exercise based on the quality of academic programmes as captured during the 1999/2000 Accreditation Exercise are presented in this chapter.

NUC 2001 Ranking

Table 1.1 Ranking of All Nigerian Public Universities

Rank	UNIVERSITY	Mean Academic Quality Index
1.	University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	3.74
2.	University of Agriculture, <u>Umudike</u>	3.60
3.	University of Nigeria, Nsukka	3.51
4.	University of Lagos, <u>Akoka, Lagos</u>	3.39
5.	Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi	3.33
5.	Fed. University of Technology, Owerri	3.33
7.	University of Jos, Jos	3.30
8.	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, <u>Awka</u>	3.23
9.	Nigerian <u>Defence Academy, Kaduna</u>	3.20
10.	Imo State University, Owerri	3.19
11.	University of Agriculture, Makurdi	3.18
12.	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	3.14
12.	Bayero University, Kano	3.14
12.	University of Ilorin, Ilorin	3.14
15.	Olabisi Onabanjo University, <u>Ago-Iwoye</u>	3.11
16.	University of Ibadan	3.02
17.	Fed. University of Technology, Minna	3.00
18.	University of Ado-Ekiti, Ado-Ekiti	2.93
19.	Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife	2.93

Table 1.2 Ranking of First Generation Federal Universities

Rank	UNIVERSITY	Mean Academic Quality Index
1.	University of Nigeria, Nsukka	3.51
2.	University of Lagos, <u>Akoka</u>	3.39
3.	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	3.14
4.	University of Ibadan, Ibadan	3.02
5.	Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife	2.92
6.	University of Benin, Benin City	2.70

Table 1.3 Ranking of Second Generation Federal Universities

Rank	UNIVERSITY	Mean Academic Quality Index
1.	University of Jos, Jos	3.30
2.	Nnamdi Azikiwe University, <u>Awka</u>	3.23
3.	Bayero University, Kano	3.14
4.	University of Ilorin, Ilorin	3.14
5.	University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri	2.89
6.	University of Calabar, Calabar	2.76
7.	Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto	2.75
8.	University of <u>PortHarcourt, PortHarcourt</u>	2.68
9.	University of Uyo, Uyo	2.43
10.	University of Abuja, Abuja	2.20

Note

- **No ranking by NUC since 2006.**
- Nature abhors vacuum so “rogue elements” claim top ranking in non-existent NUC ranking

2017 OER Ranking of Universities

- 2022 OER Ranking

Nigerian universities fear
no giants! Relatively
young universities
overtaking the “oldies”

History of University Education in Nigeria

- The beginning at University College, Ibadan (1948)
- **First generation universities**
 - University of Ibadan
 - University of Nigeria
 - Obafemi Awolowo University
 - Ahmadu Bello University
 - University of Lagos
 - University of Benin

Second Generation

ALL ESTABLISHED IN 1975

- Bayero University, Kano
 - University of Calabar
 - University of Ilorin
 - University of Jos
 - University of Maiduguri
 - Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto
 - University of Port Harcourt
-
- Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka 1988
 - University of Uyo 1991

Third Generation

- Federal University of Technology, Owerri 1980
- Federal University of Technology, Akure 1981
- Federal University of Technology, Yola 1981
- Federal University of Technology, Minna 1982
- Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi 1988
- University of Agriculture, Makurdi 1988
- University of Agriculture, Abeokuta 1988
- Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike 1992
- University of Abuja, Abuja 1988

State Universities

Rivers State University	1979
Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma	1980
Abia State University, Uturu	1981
Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu	1981
Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago-Iwoye	1982
University of Ado-Ekiti, Ado Ekiti	1982
Lagos State University	1983

State Universities (contd)

Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomosho	1990
Imo State University, Owerri	1992
Benue State University, Makurdi	1992
Delta State University, Abraka	1992
Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko	1999
Kogi State University, Anyingba	1999

State Universities (contd)

Niger Delta University, Yenagoa	2000
Anambra State University of Science & Technology, Uli	2000
Kano University of Technology, Wudil	2000
Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki	2000
Nasarawa State University, Keffi	2002
Adamawa State University, Mubi	2002
Gombe State University, Gombe	2004
Kaduna State University, Kaduna	2004
Cross River State Univ of Science & Technology	2004
Akwa-Ibom State University of Technology	2004

Private Universities

Babcock University, Ilishan-Remo,	1999
Madona University, Okija, Okija	1999
Igbinedion University, Okada,	1999
Bowen University, Iwo	1999

Private universities (contd)

Covenant University, Ota	2002
Pan Atlantic University, Lagos	2002
Benson Idahosa University, Benin City	2002
American University of Nigeria, Yola	2003

Private universities (contd)

Ajayi Crowther University, Oyo	7 th Jan 2005
Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin	7 th Jan 2005
Bingham University, New Karu	7 th Jan 2005
Caritas University, Enugu	7 th Jan 2005
CETEP City University, Mowe	7 th Jan 2005
Katsina University, Katsina	7 th Jan 2005
Redeemer's University, Ede	7 th Jan 2005
City University, Ibadan	2005

Indicators for the 2021 NUS Rankings

- 4 ***Times Higher Education*** Indicators
- 4 AD Scientific indicators
- 5 NUC contextual indicators

Methodology of the 2021 NUS Rankings

- **Stage 1:** Series of preparatory workshops with Directors of Academic Planning of Nigerian universities to prime the system for a re-invigorated ranking and build consensus on the methodology. One of the workshops benefitted from insights from officials of the Times Higher Education (THE) rankings.
- **Stage 2:** Consensus building and agreement on the 12 indicators for 2021 rankings.
- **Stage 3:** Setting up of an online platform for data entry.
- **Stage 4:** Validation of data entered by accredited officials of each university by teams of Directors of Academic Planning and cross validation with records with NUC (the regulator). This is regarded as the most important step in the process and noted to be unique in the history of national and global ranking of institutions. This process hiked the credibility of the process and plugged entries of rogue data. This raised the trust level of the 2021 rankings.
- **Stage 5:** Data analysis and internal review of results by the League of Directors of Academic Planning. Feedback from the review led to removal of bugs from the output.
- **Stage 6:** Approval of revised results by the League of Directors of Academic Planning.
- **Stage 7:** Endorsement of results by Vice-Chancellors.
- **Stage 8:** Launch by Executive Secretary NUC.

Source	Indicator
Times Higher Education	1. Number of FTE Students (Total number of full-time students)
Times Higher Education	2. Number of female full-time students
Times Higher Education	3. Number of full-time academic staff
Times Higher Education	4. Number of international students
AD Scientific	5. Total number of staff with Google Scholar citations
AD Scientific	6. Total Citations for ALL staff with Google Scholar entries (Add up the number of citations in the ALL column for all staff who have Google Scholar entries)
AD Scientific	7. Total h-index for ALL staff with Google Scholar entries (Add up the number of citations in the h-index in the ALL column for all staff who have Google Scholar entries)
AD Scientific	8. Total i-10 for ALL staff with Google Scholar entries (Add up the number of citations in the i-10 index in the ALL column for all staff who have Google Scholar entries)
NUC	9. Number of FULL Professors
NUC	10. Number of international staff
NUC	11. Number of academic programmes that are currently in FULL accreditation status
NUC	12. Number of fulltime students admitted for a 4-year degree programme in 2016
NUC	13. Number of fulltime students admitted for a 4-year degree programme in 2016 who graduated in 2020



Nigerian University System Rankings



1. Student-Staff Ratio
2. Percentage Female
3. Percentage of Full Professors
4. Percentage of International Staff
5. Percentage of International Students
6. Percentage of Programmes with FULL accreditation
7. Efficiency
8. ALL Citations Per Capita
9. h-index Per Capita
10. i-index Per Capita
11. Google Scholar Presence
12. Contribution to Knowledge Economy

2021 Ranking indicators

Computing TOTAL

1. Staff-Student Ratio
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Welcome

2021 Ranking of Nigerian Universities

Welcome to the Nigerian University System Rankings Site. The rankings are one of the several drivers of quality improvement of the system instituted by the National Universities Commission (NUC) and powered by the League of Directors of Academic Planning (LDAPs) of all universities in Nigeria. It is one of the several projects of Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, the Executive Secretary of NUC and implemented under the auspices of the NUC Strategy Advisory Committee (STRADVCOM). Formal launch date for the 2021 rankings is Saturday, December 11, 2021.

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Overall ranking **ALL Universities-** Top 10

University	Year Est.	Ownership	Geopolitical Zone	Total ▼	STR	% Female	% Full Profs	% Intl. Staff	% Intl. Stud.	% Prog. with Full ACRED	EFFCY	Per Capita Total Citation	Per Capita h-index	Per Capita i-10 index	Google Scholar Presence	Contr to Knowledge Economy
University of Ibadan	1948	Federal	South West	454.56	10.27	47.36	29.04	0.07	1.40	95.65	94.97	377.42	5.83	7.62	62.22	485.84
Redeemer's University	2005	Private	South West	384.96	11.69	53.09	12.77	0.53	0.09	92.31	74.25	304.41	3.71	3.88	72.34	386.25
Covenant University	2002	Private	South West	368.11	16.80	41.75	13.63	0.66	0.25	96.88	82.34	279.37	6.50	8.14	73.19	376.36
Ladoke Akintola University of Technology	1990	State	South West	315.23	54.36	46.48	27.20	0.00	0.00	85.29	74.20	245.78	5.23	5.94	58.28	331.15
Federal University of Technology, Akure	1981	Federal	South West	264.14	20.29	27.98	27.28	0.00	0.00	92.31	96.37	197.82	4.05	4.81	57.46	303.04
Afe Babalola University.	2009	Private	South West	254.52	21.38	50.85	14.71	3.27	0.15	87.50	91.90	224.16	4.98	4.97	16.99	326.01
University of Ilorin	1975	Federal	North Central	248.86	32.40	50.03	21.12	0.36	0.81	92.63	93.93	190.13	3.47	3.91	50.18	291.44
Babcock University	1999	Private	South West	227.77	20.54	54.16	16.53	3.47	0.56	97.37	99.11	126.31	3.39	2.82	91.22	231.63
Landmark University.	2011	Private	North Central	217.06	11.74	34.28	5.71	0.00	0.00	95.65	64.29	164.18	3.85	4.27	44.76	236.59
Edo University	2016	State	South South	207.15	8.39	43.99	11.48	0.00	0.00	51.61	67.57	118.47	3.59	3.12	81.97	192.75
Mountain Top University	2015	Private	South West	206.47	15.11	46.77	8.99	0.00	0.00	100.00	95.48	100.42	3.39	2.66	100.00	201.95
Pan-Atlantic University	2002	Private	South West	201.77	9.06	54.29	13.13	5.05	0.33	63.64	58.47	122.00	3.06	2.64	68.69	186.17

Overall ranking **Federal Universities-** Top 10

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Obafemi Awolowo University	1961	Federal	South West	199.25	24.59	43.99	35.80	0.00	0.00	88.00	88.52	162.06	3.00	3.50	30.69	257.08
Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta	1988	Federal	South West	190.25	22.26	44.14	27.25	0.15	0.01	96.43	74.41	138.72	3.11	3.50	44.76	219.74
Federal University Lokoja	2011	Federal	North Central	187.88	13.77	44.22	13.13	1.25	0.06	100.00	95.04	121.00	3.75	2.82	59.00	250.52
University of Nigeria	1960	Federal	South East	178.03	13.58	55.21	15.51	0.44	0.04	93.75	73.96	132.26	2.58	3.01	39.70	211.81
Federal University of Technology, Minna	1983	Federal	North Central	140.14	23.67	25.07	15.93	0.22	0.01	95.12	97.57	99.98	2.38	2.39	35.16	202.32
University of Lagos	1962	Federal	South West	116.64	20.73	49.84	14.75	1.52	0.15	88.37	89.67	67.15	1.26	1.62	44.94	159.71
Nnamdi Azikiwe University	1991	Federal	South East	113.65	11.40	53.51	14.01	0.70	0.07	79.12	79.90	59.26	2.19	1.60	49.83	142.95

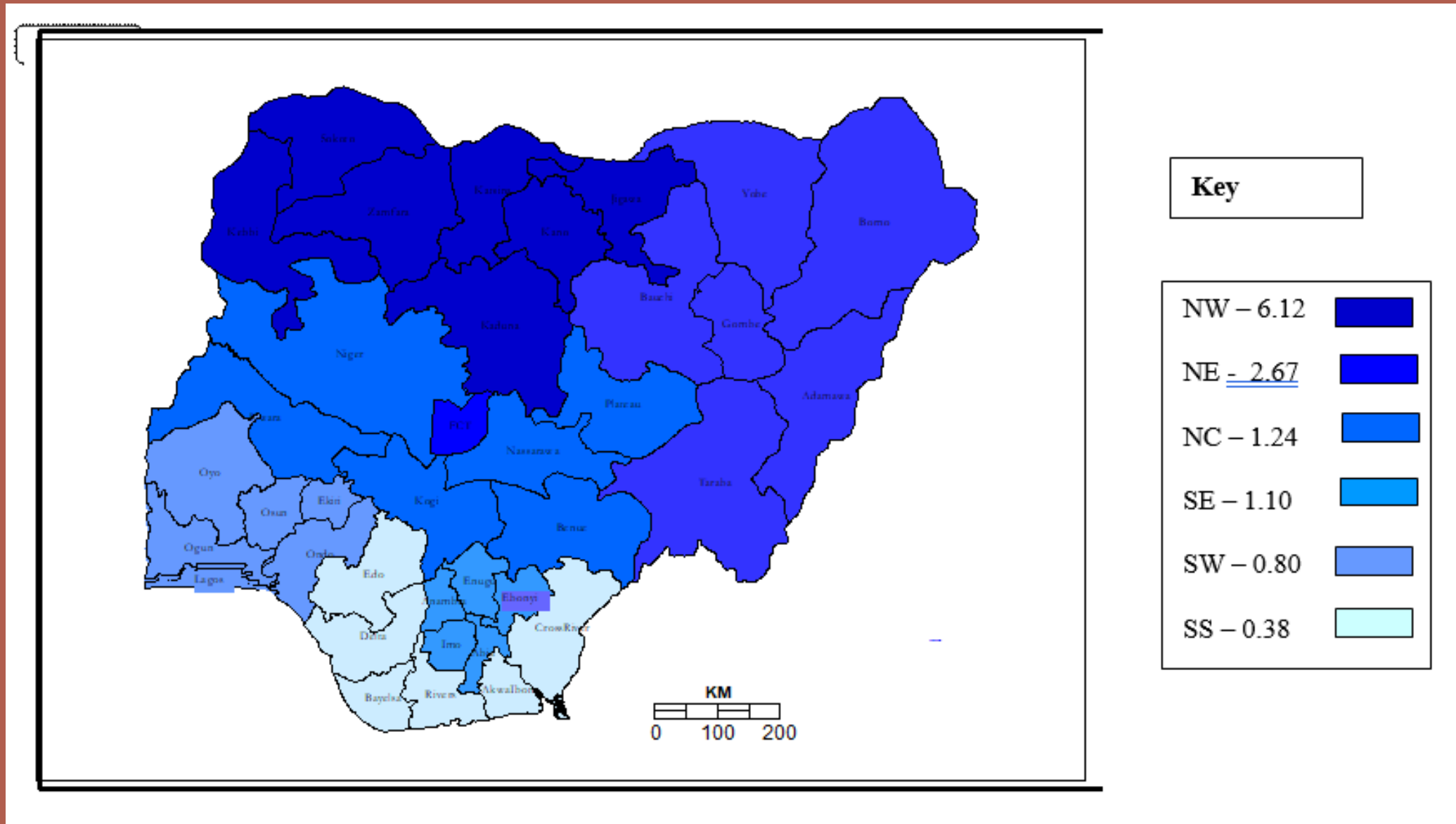
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Ondo State University of Medical Sciences	1970	State	South West	180.53	7.35	60.23	14.71	0.42	0.00	71.43	83.41	135.76	2.65	2.62	39.08	224.44
Ekiti State University (formerly University of Ado-Ekiti)	1982	State	South West	173.11	56.01	48.47	25.47	0.16	0.00	83.95	60.99	97.42	2.35	1.82	71.36	191.84
Rivers State University	1980	State	South South	170.48	17.37	45.16	11.11	0.26	0.01	100.00	86.92	81.84	2.65	2.81	82.91	174.22
The Technical University	2017	State	South West	146.63	14.93	40.70	5.00	0.00	0.00			63.95	3.30	1.88	77.50	
Delta State University	1992	State	South South	124.02	29.92	58.11	20.63	0.00	0.00	84.00	91.23	111.28	3.45	2.73	6.56	208.68
Olusegun Agagu University of Science and Technology	1970	State	South West	110.87	38.47	41.76	10.09	0.00	0.00	47.37	0.00	63.33	2.07	1.43	44.04	66.83
Kwara State University	2008	State	North Central	108.22	31.19	48.72	7.53	0.65	0.00	87.50	36.20	51.27	2.08	1.32	52.90	90.86

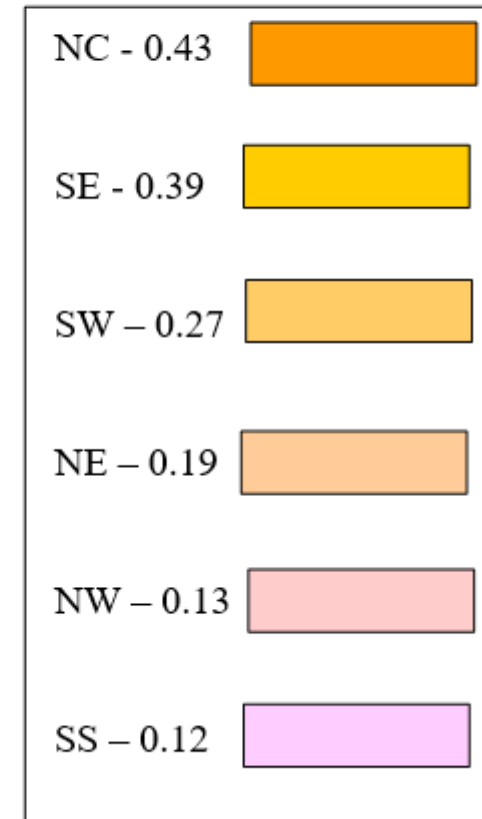
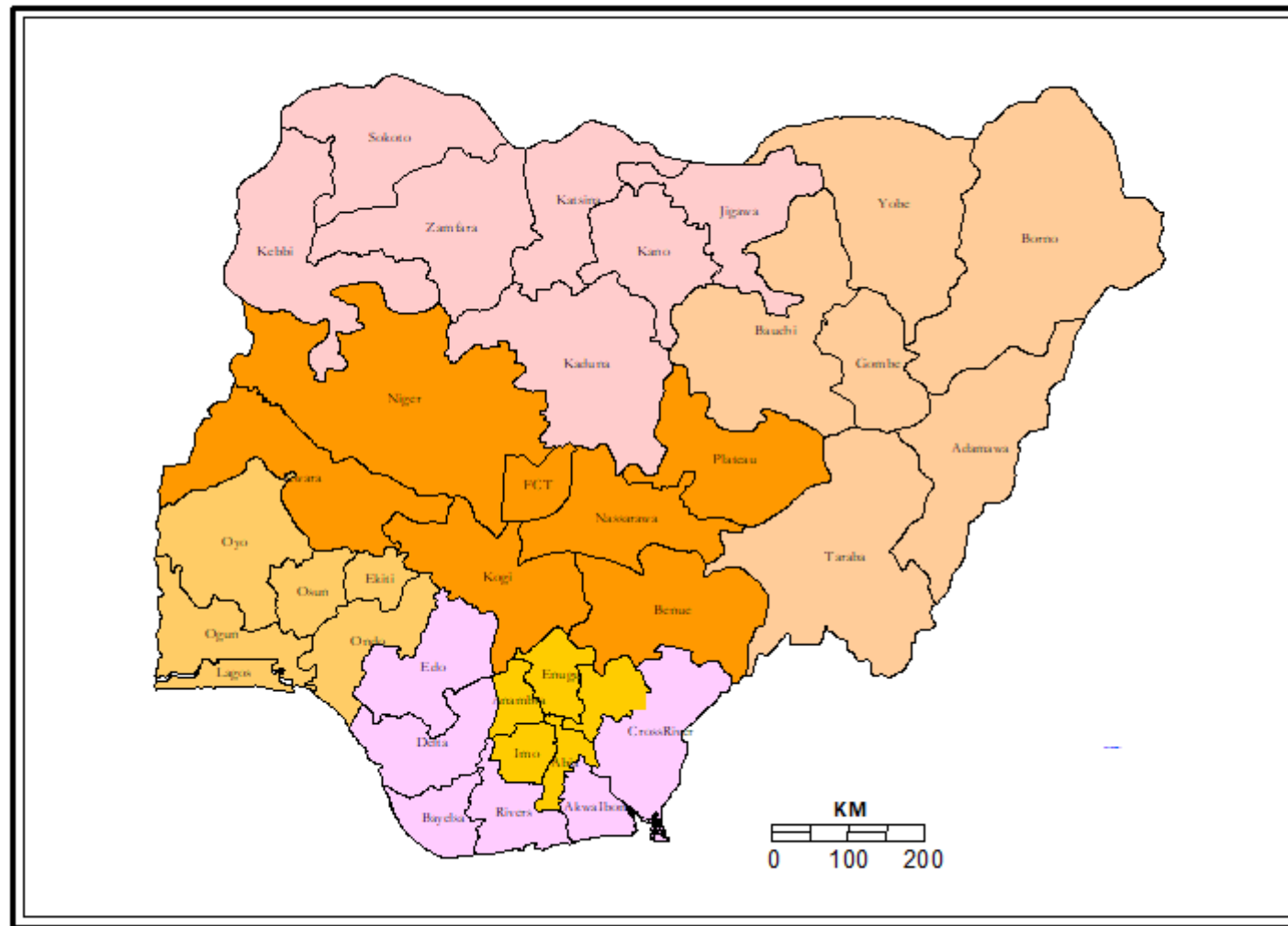
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Chrisland University	2015	Private	South West	183.39	8.91	59.53	5.66	0.00	0.21	100.00	90.20	138.66	3.04	3.74	37.74	235.63
American University of Nigerian	2005	Private	North East	171.37	20.52	44.92	13.33	20.00	1.72	41.94	53.82	84.04	1.48	1.27	62.86	140.60

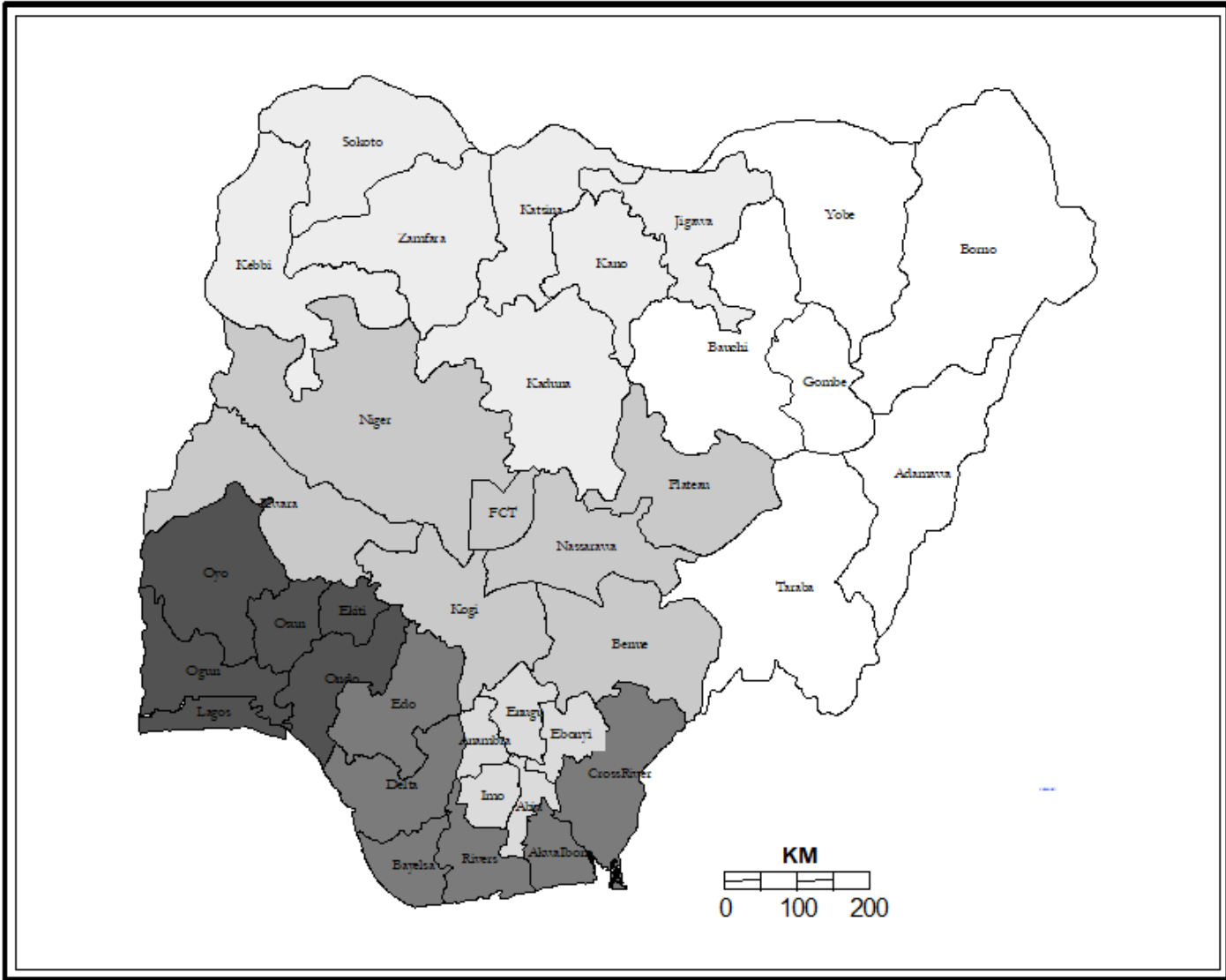
Overall % International staff by Geopolitical Zone



Overall % International Students by Geopolitical Zone

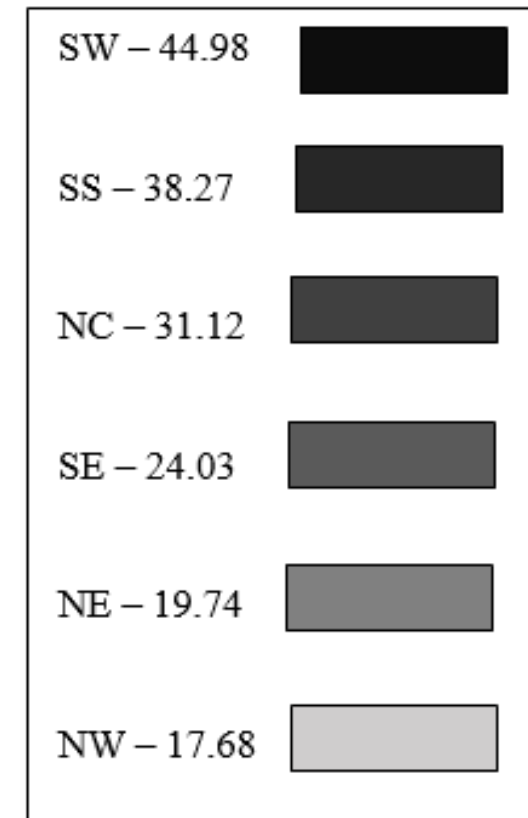
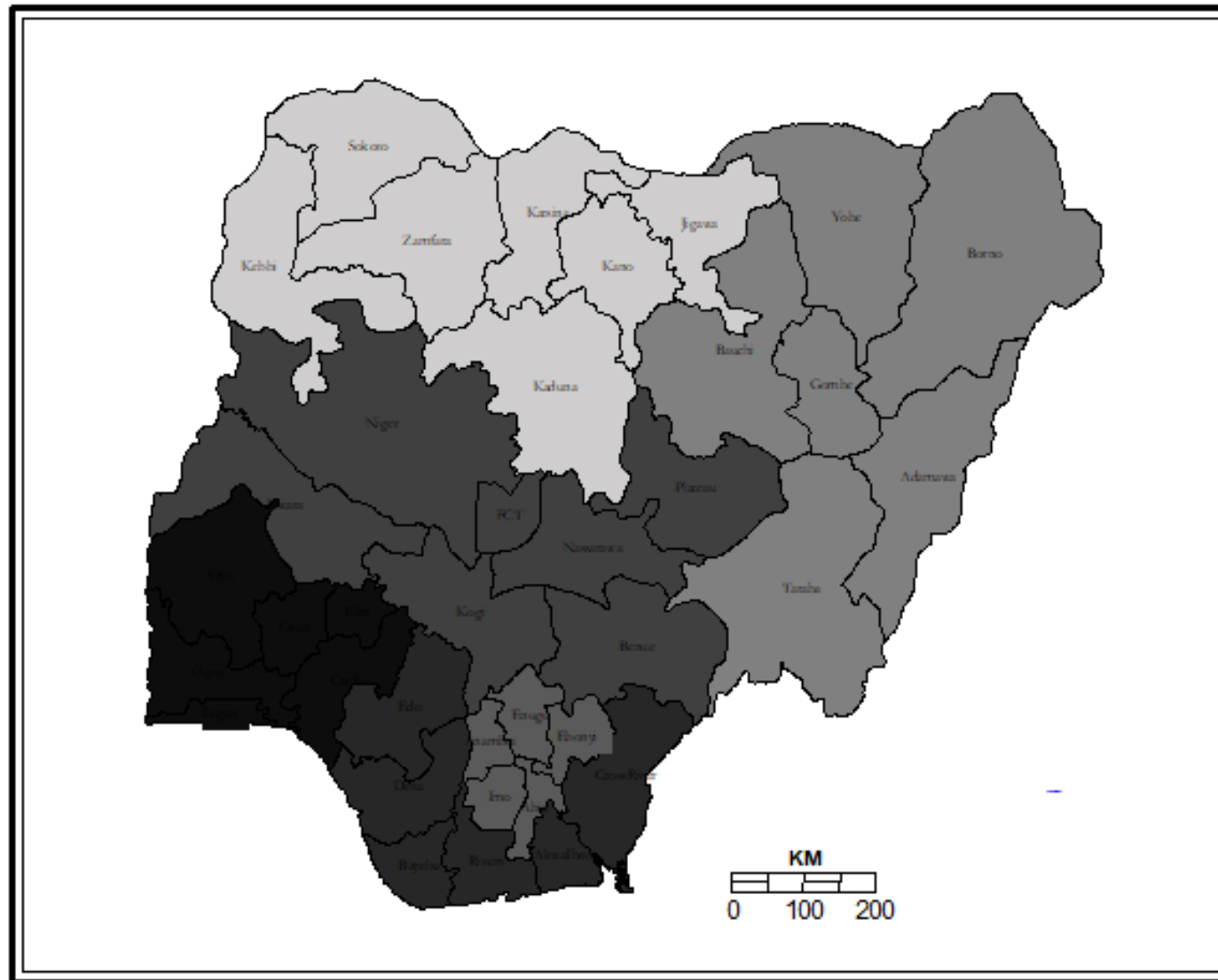


Overall Ranking Performance by Geopolitical Zone

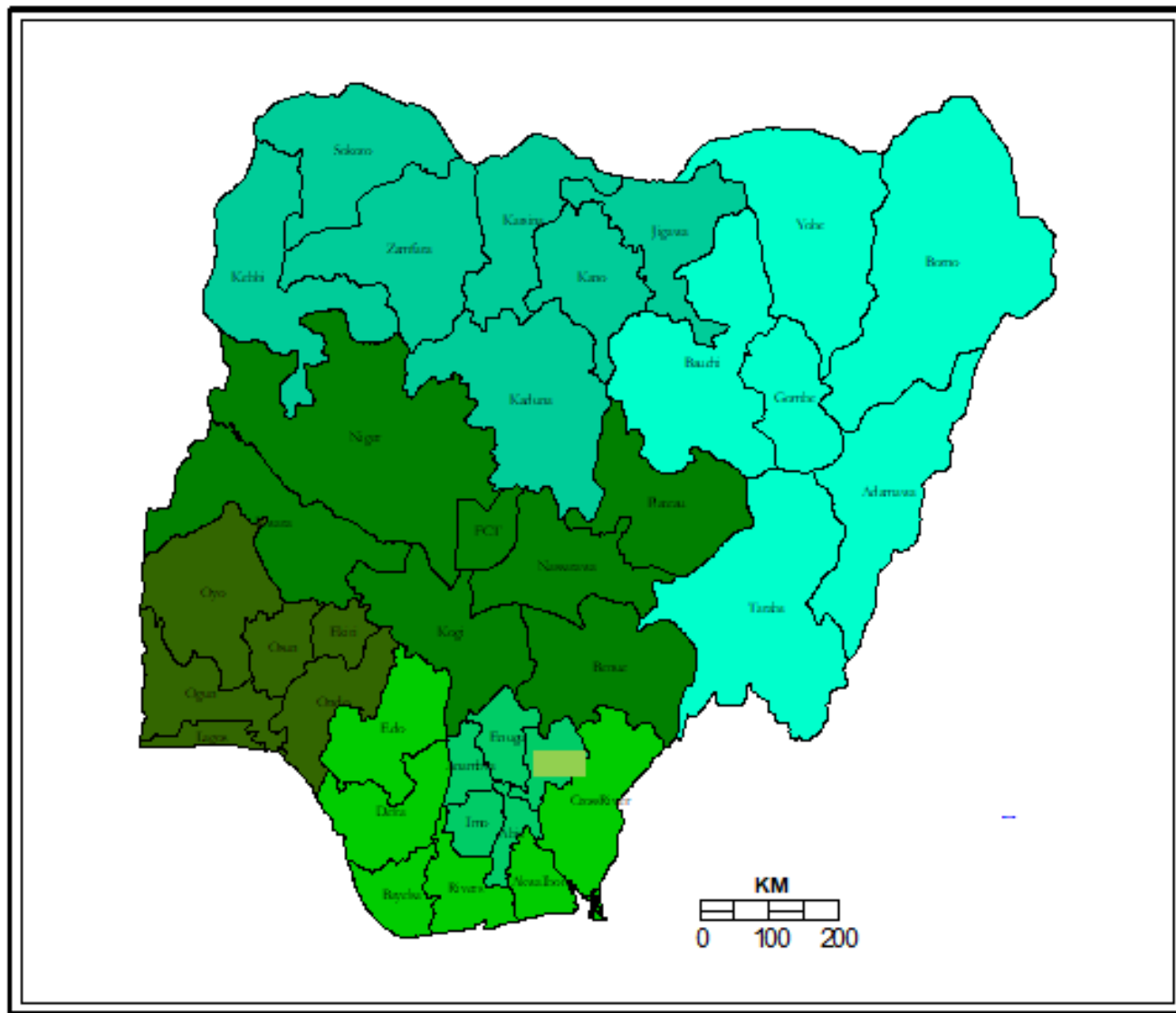


SW – 146.63	
SS – 99.35	
NC – 93.49	
SE – 72.73	
NW – 54.65	
NE – 48.70	

Overall **Google Scholar Presence** Performance by Geopolitical Zone



Overall **ALL Citations** Performance by Geopolitical Zone



SW – 90.06	
NC – 57.68	
SS – 57.43	
SE – 44.84	
NW – 29.26	
NE – 24.96	

What is Knowledge Economy?

- The knowledge economy is an economic system in which the production of goods and services is based principally on knowledge-intensive activities that contribute to advancement in technical and scientific innovation.

• **Wikipedia, December 13, 2022**

- The key element of value is the greater **dependence on human capital** and intellectual property for the source of the inn
- In a knowledge economy, **human intellectual is the key engine of economic enhancement.** innovative ideas, information and practices.

The Four Pillars of a Knowledge Economy

1. An economic and institutional regime to provide incentives for the efficient use of existing and new knowledge and the flourishing of entrepreneurship;
2. An educated and skilled population to create, share, and use knowledge well;
3. An efficient innovation system of firms, research centers, universities, consultants and other organizations to tap into the growing stock of global knowledge, assimilate and adapt it to local needs, and create new technology;
4. Information and communication technology to facilitate the effective creation, dissemination, and processing of information.

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KEI and KI indexes by country

Country	KEI	KI
 Denmark	9.58	9.55
 Sweden	9.52	9.63
 Finland	9.37	9.33
 Netherlands	9.32	9.36
 Norway	9.27	9.27
 Canada	9.21	9.14
 Switzerland	9.15	9.03
 United Kingdom	9.09	9.03
 United States	9.08	9.05
 Australia	9.05	9.17
 Ireland	8.92	8.82
 Austria	8.89	8.76
 Iceland	8.88	8.87
 Germany	8.87	8.83
 New Zealand	8.87	9.00
 Belgium	8.73	8.70
 Taiwan	8.69	8.80

 India	3.12	2.94
 Guatemala	3.11	2.88
 Vietnam	3.02	3.08
 Swaziland	2.93	3.05
 Syrian Arab Republic	2.90	3.34
 Nicaragua	2.87	2.64
 Kenya	2.82	2.65
 Tajikistan	2.79	2.93
 Senegal	2.63	2.15
 Zimbabwe	2.51	3.25
 Ghana	2.50	2.00
 Uganda	2.46	1.93
 Madagascar	2.37	1.51
 Mauritania	2.35	1.83
 Tanzania	2.28	1.72
 Pakistan	2.24	2.18
 Lesotho	2.15	1.99
 Benin	2.10	1.80
 Nigeria	2.04	2.33
 Yemen	1.80	1.83
 Mali	1.78	1.18
 Mozambique	1.71	1.20
Angola	1.70	1.67

Knowledge Index

- Measures a country's ability to generate, adopt and diffuse knowledge. Methodologically, the KI is the simple average of the normalised performance scores of a country or region on The key variables in three **Knowledge Economy pillars - education and human resources, the innovation system and information and communication technology (ICT).**

Knowledge Economy Index

- KEI is calculated based on the average of the normalized performance scores of a country or region on all 4 pillars related to the knowledge economy - economic incentive and institutional regime, education and human resources, the innovation system and ICT.
- Number of technical graduates, research spending number of patents, some measure of collaboration, and amount of venture capital. In total there are 38 contributing indicators described in the ERBD index methodology.

Link between ranking and knowledge economy

- Rests on the four pillars of knowledge economy
- An economic and institutional regime to provide incentives for the efficient use of existing and new knowledge and the flourishing of entrepreneurship;
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Nigerian University System Rankings



2021 Rankings on Contribution to the Knowledge Economy- **Top 10 Universities**

University	Contr to Knowledge Economy
University of Ibadan	485.84
Redeemer's University	386.25
Covenant University	376.36
Ladoke Akintola University of Technology	331.15
Afe Babalola University.	326.01
Federal University of Technology, Akure	303.04
University of Ilorin	291.44
Obafemi Awolowo University	257.08
Lagos State University	240.16
Landmark University.	236.59

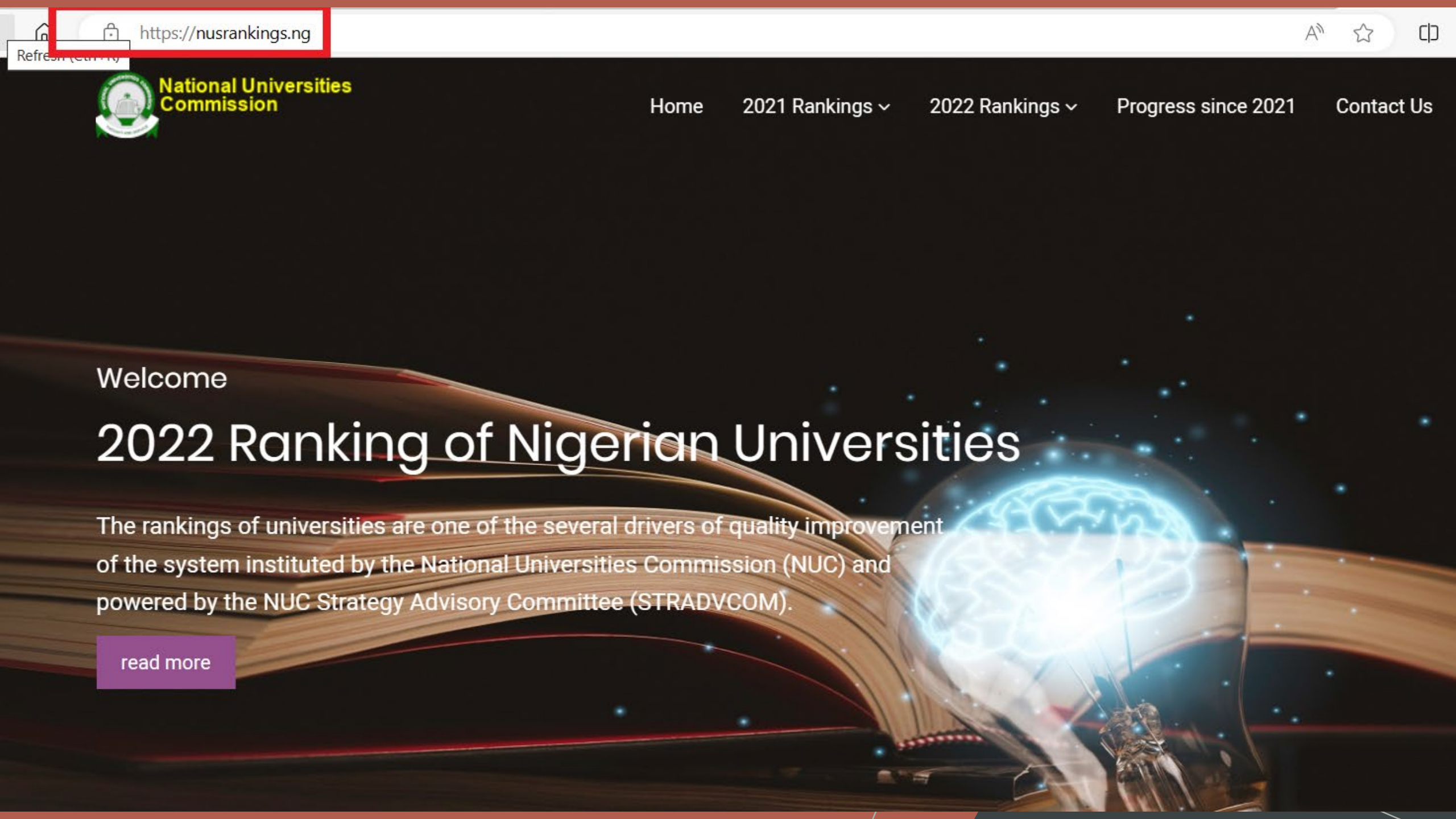


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2022 Ranking of Nigerian Universities

The rankings of universities are one of the several drivers of quality improvement of the system instituted by the National Universities Commission (NUC) and powered by the NUC Strategy Advisory Committee (STRADVCOM).

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University	Year Established	Age Group	Ownership	State	Type of university	Geo Political Zone	% International Students	% International Staff	% Female Enrolment	% Acad Staff with PhD	TOTAL
University of Ibadan	1948	Above 50 years	Federal	Oyo	Conventional	South West	0.42	0.02	55.30	81.28	1391.55
Covenant University	2002	11 to 20 years	Private	Ogun	Conventional	South West	0.36	8.94	41.81	69.41	1279.21
University of Nigeria	1960	Above 50 years	Federal	Enugu	Conventional	South East	0.12	0.61	54.46	80.00	1228.52



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Conclusions, Recommendations and Take-aways

- 1. Note** the resuscitation of ranking in the Nigerian university system using a set of knowledge-economy related indicators.
- 2. Note** that 165 universities were ranked in the 2022 edition of NUS Rankings.
- 3. Applaud** NUC for the Rasheed Revolution and its unrelenting efforts at bolstering the quality of delivery of university education through several Rasheed innovations, thereby enhancing the quality of graduates.

Conclusions and Recommendations- 2

- 6. Note** the impact of ranking on the knowledge economy.
- 7. Identify** elements in the Nigerian, African and global knowledge economies that need targeted intervention.
- 8. Support** ranking to foster competition among Nigerian universities and enhance standing on global league tables.
- 9. Note** that a Strategic Plan is being implemented to ensure that by 2030, at least 10 Nigerian universities lead global and regional league tables (among the top 300) and 50 Nigerian scholars emerge among the world's top 10% most-cited scholars).
- 10. Urge** government (state and federal) to significantly invest in education, especially higher education to improve the capacity of the system to be better ranked in global league tables and to contribute more to the knowledge economy.