Distance Learning and Access to Education











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- I recall addressing your 2019 Retreat held between 13 to 16, January at Yankari Game Reserve by Video conferencing while I was in the UK.
 - Glad that DLC has become an integral part of the growth and development of ABU. A Mark of Excellence.
- As an Alumnus of ABU, it is really my pleasure and honour to be part of your Retreat.





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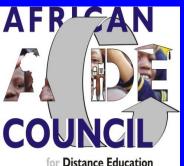


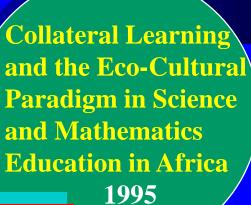
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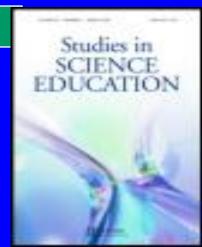
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Government established - Diversified and innovative







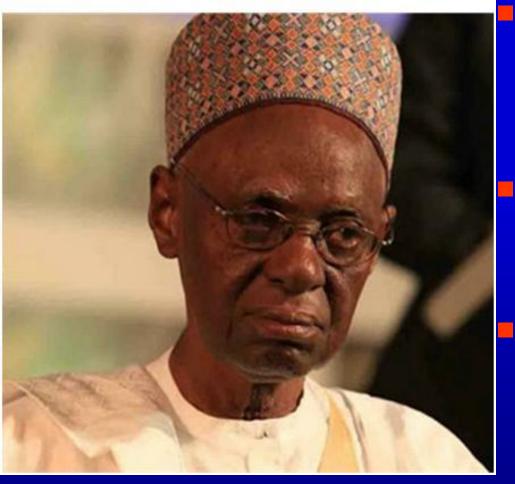
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Great Teacher and Advocate for Access to Education





In 1979, became the president of Nigeria and the only one in the second republic after more than 13 years of military rule.

1953-1958, he worked as a visiting teacher at Sokoto Province.

President Shehu Shagari, signed the Open University of Nigeria Act of 1983 into Law on 22nd July, 1983

Shehu Shagari, Nigeria's first Executive President

Awarded D.Sc Honoris Causa by NOUN 2009

Great Thank You

WORK & LEARN



Outgoing VC: Professor Ibrahim Garba

Former Director: Professor Adamu Zoaka Hassan

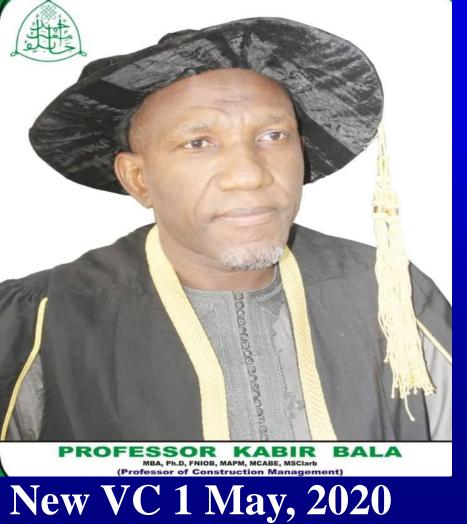


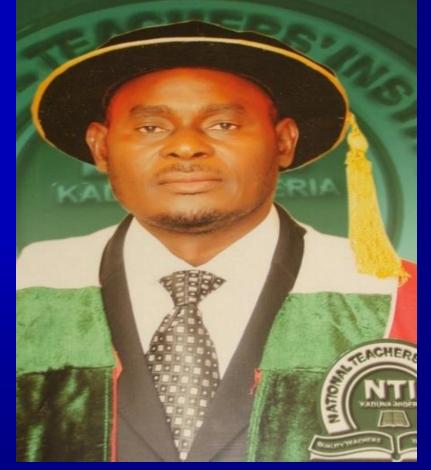


Hearty Congratulations



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Dr Aminu Sharehu 11





Old pirates, yes, they rob I, Won't you help to sing Sold I to the merchant ships These songs of freedom? 'Cause all lever have Minutes after they took I **Redemption songs** From the bottomless pit

But my and was made strong By the 'and of the Almighty We forward in this generation Triumphantly

Redemption songs

Emancipate yourself from mental slavery None but our self can free our minds Have no fear for atomic energy Cause none of them can stop the time How long shall they kill our prophets While we stand aside and look?



Nelson Mandela, an anti-apartheid revolutionary, former South Africa President, and Nobel Peace Prize awardee "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

"No country can really develop unless its citizens are educated."

"There is nothing I fear more than waking up without a programme that will help me bring a little happiness to those with no resources, those who are poor, illiterate, and ridden with terminal disease."



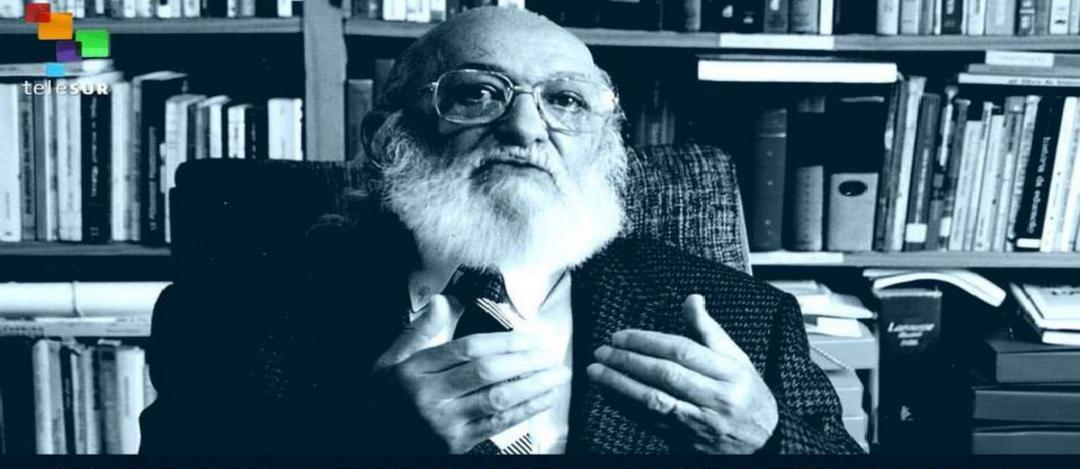
20th & C21st global changes

Provide two contrasting aspects of humanity: development and doom

Search for peace, cure for AIDS, life XX

War, catastrophes, digital divide

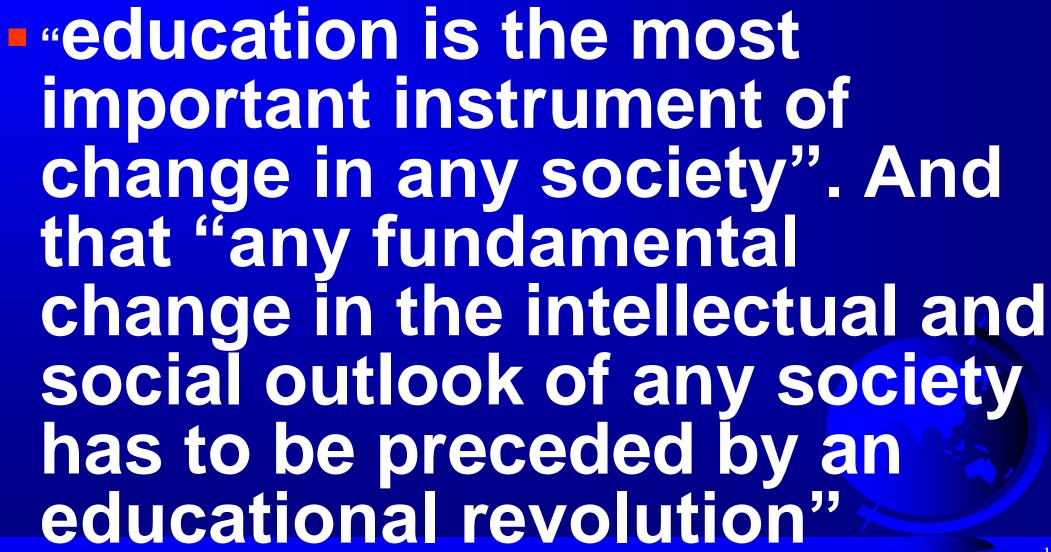
Education identified as solution



"EDUCATION DOES NOT CHANGE THE WORLD. EDUCATION CHANGES PEOPLE. PEOPLE CHANGE THE WORLD."

PAULO FREIRE SEPT. 19, 1921 – MAY 2, 1997









- 1948: the Universal Declaration of Human Rights article 26 ensures right to free elementary education for all children.
- 1990: the World Declaration on Education For All
- 2006: the UN Convention on Rights of People with Disabilities
- MDGs & SDGs Agenda 2030
- The 2015 United Nations Paris Climate Change Conference (Conference of Parties 21),
- Agenda 2063 (AUC/ENECA/NEPAD), and
- Continental Education Strategy for Africa (CESA 2016).







- UN General Assembly in 1948 proclaimed the **Universal Declaration of Human Rights as the** solution for educational problems in the world
- Article 26 deals with the right to education
 - Everyone has the right to education
 - **Education shall be directed to full development of the** human personality
 - Parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given to their children

The Agenda document considers the strategic importance of education in human development



clear relationship between a country's institutional governance frameworks, economic progress and education offered its people.

Level of development in Africa related to the level of education

Illiteracy, poverty, low development indices have roots in Low level of Education



Goals of the C21st



sustainable development

- highly educated, mobile and adaptable workforce
- multi-skilled and multi-tasked
- a knowledge and a learning society
- use of ecological and geographical conditions to a nation's advantage



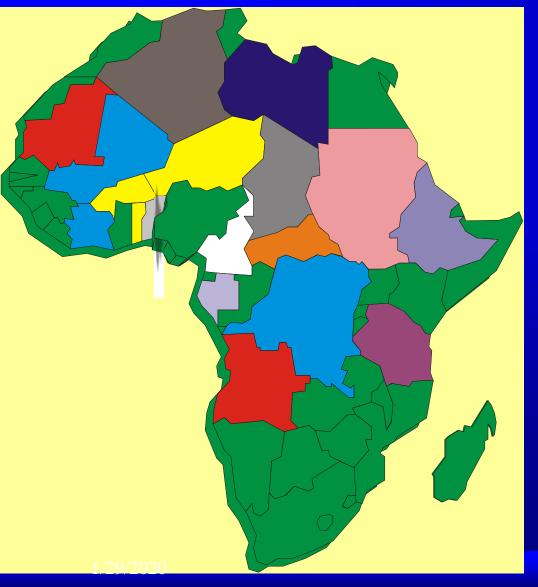
- Declaration for the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) in 2000
- Declaration on Education For All in 1990
- 72million children out of school
- 759 million adults without basic education
- 18 million primary school teachers needed in 2015
- Global demand for higher education to hit 263 million by 2025



Obvious Characteristics

Sub-Sahara Africa





POPULATION
Over 1.2 billion, 75% rural
3% population growth
The world's youngest region.
Have 30% of the world's poorest people.
EDUCATION

•45% of the population are children under 15 years

 Higher Educ need 465,000 academics

Weak STEM base



Demography





Population 215.87 Million in 2020, based on UN Woldometre. 1 in 43 persons is a Nigerian.

- Nigeria's grows by 2.7 % annually, population will double by the year 2066.
- 110 million youth under the age of 25 years rising to over 200 million in 50 years' time.
- 22.1million out of 42.1 million in primary schools;
- 10.4 million out 33.9 million Nigerians eligible for secondary education, are in school
- Has the highest rate of out-ofschool children in the world. ²⁴



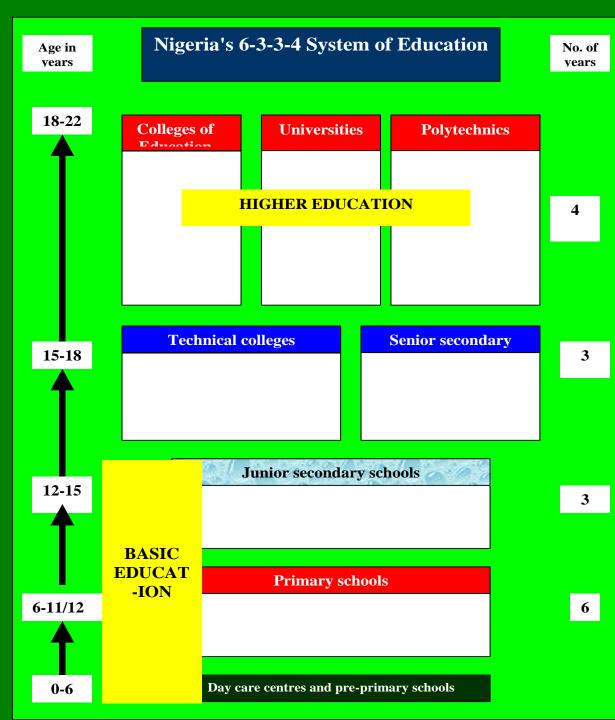
Security and Fairness



⁴human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe² (HG Wells)

'human insecurity comes in many forms. The most basic and lethal are illiteracy and innumeracy' (Amartya Sen)

only the well educated will be able to act effectively in the Information Society' (Michael Barber)



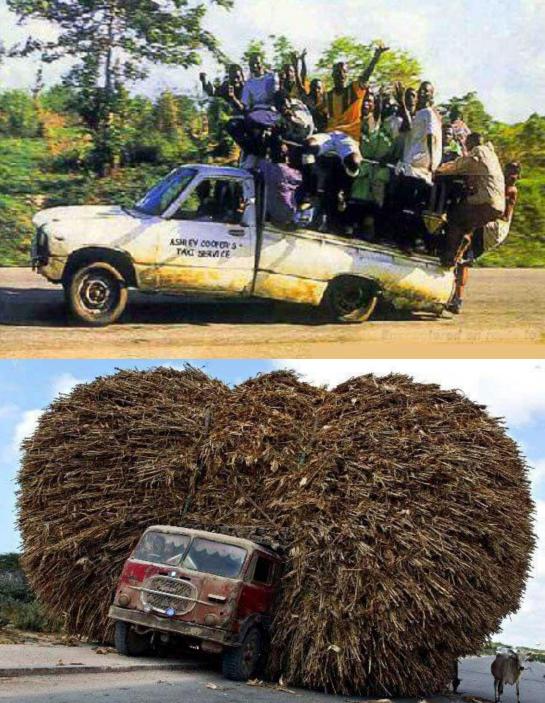




-6-3-3-4 system National Policy on Education 174 Universities 149 Colleges of Education 95 Polytechnics 10,000 secondary schools •56,000 primary schools













DL has many labels: 'Correspondence', Telematic, 'Distributed', E-learning, 'Online Learning', 'Virtual Learning'

- Instruction by a mode other than the conventional face-to-face method
- Characterised by physical separation between the teacher and the learner, instruction delivered through a variety of
- Media including print, and other information communication technologies to learners





cost-effective system of instruction independent of time, location, pace and space

used for a variety of learning situations: primary, secondary, tertiary, vocational and non-formal education

thrives on economy of scale

focused on QA, well designed instructional packages, student support₃₀



Open Learning - flexibility of and access to instruction in order to ensure broad availability of educational opportunities to all

Openness disregard age, previous level of academic achievement, and other factors, creating artificial barriers to education as a life-long pursuit in a democratic environment





- 1947 Oxford University Extra mural studies at the UCI
- GCE of London and Cambridge as correspondence
- Rapid Results College and Wosley Hall as first set of organised distance learning programmes in Africa
- 1960 English Radio Programme by NBC, ETP of NTV
- 1972 ABU University of the Air
- 1974 COSU, COSIT, DLI of UNILAG (first tertiary Dual mode Univ)
- **1978 NTI**
- 1983 NOU (planning started in 1976)
- UI 1988, UNIFE (OAU) 2003
- 2002 NOUN
- Other DLI/DLC 30 DLCs





First edition 1977, revised 1981, 1988, 2004

2 major philosophical principles and 5 main national goals

"education is the most important instrument of change in any society". And that "any fundamental change in the intellectual and social outlook of any society has to be preceded by an educational revolution"



NPE and ODL

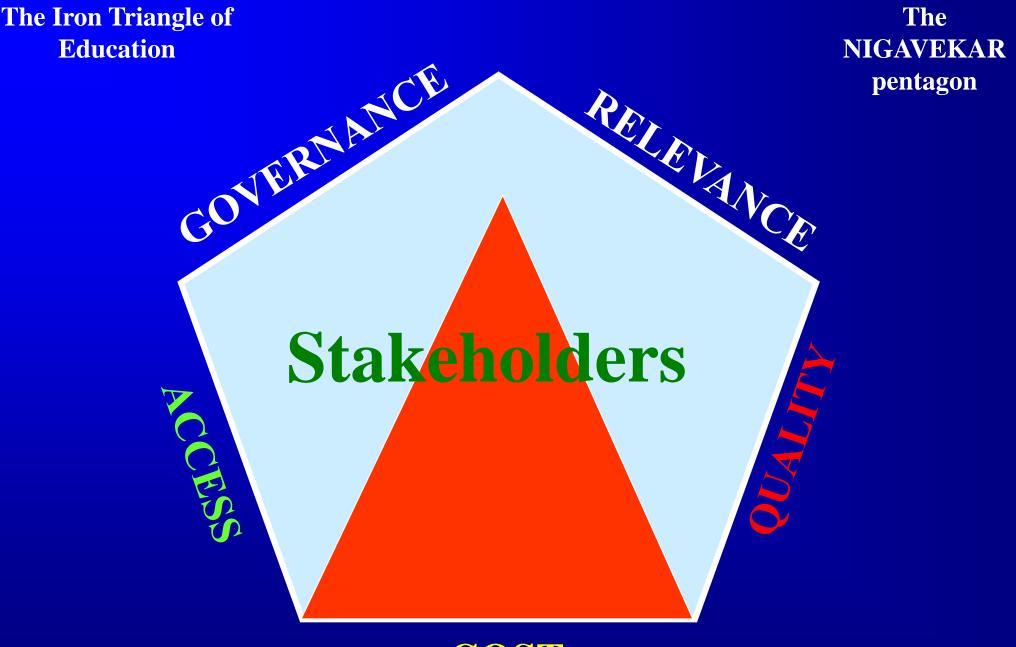


Government adopted:

- "policies which were to be directed towards ensuring that there are equal and adequate educational opportunities at all levels".
 - "make life-long education the basis for the nation's education policy"

"after primary education an individual will be able to choose between full-time studies, combining work with studies...alternative mode of learning" "the education system structured to develop the practice of self-learning".

Open Access a 21 st Century <u>mperative</u>



COST









Demographic Trends



Dividend of Demography



- Effective and efficient management of the dividend of **Demography and access to higher education**
- Africa has over 1.2 billion inhabitants, half of this are under the age of 25 years.
- Nigeria has 198 million people with only 25 per cent in higher institutions.
- Africa must take advantage of its enormous demography to ensure unfettered access to higher education.
- A new paradigm for mass education must be explored.









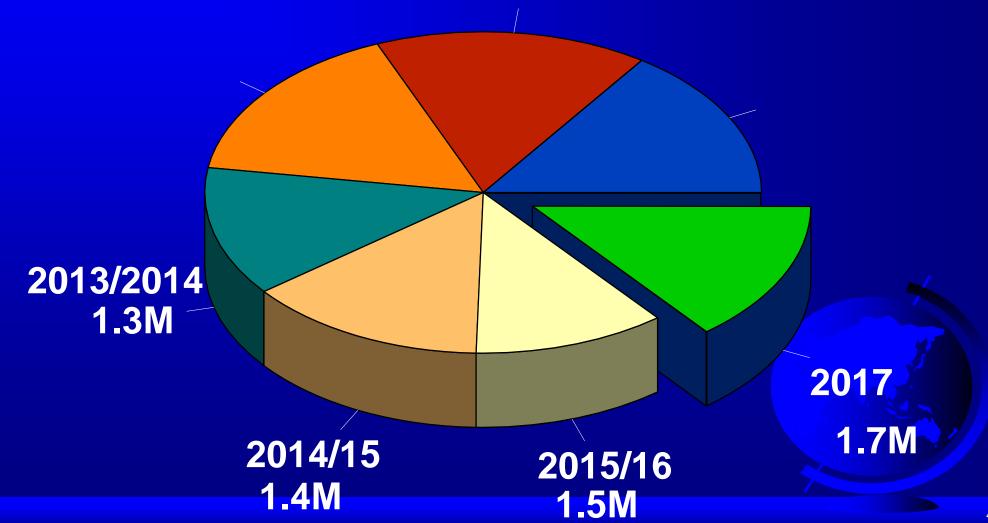
Rising Enrolments

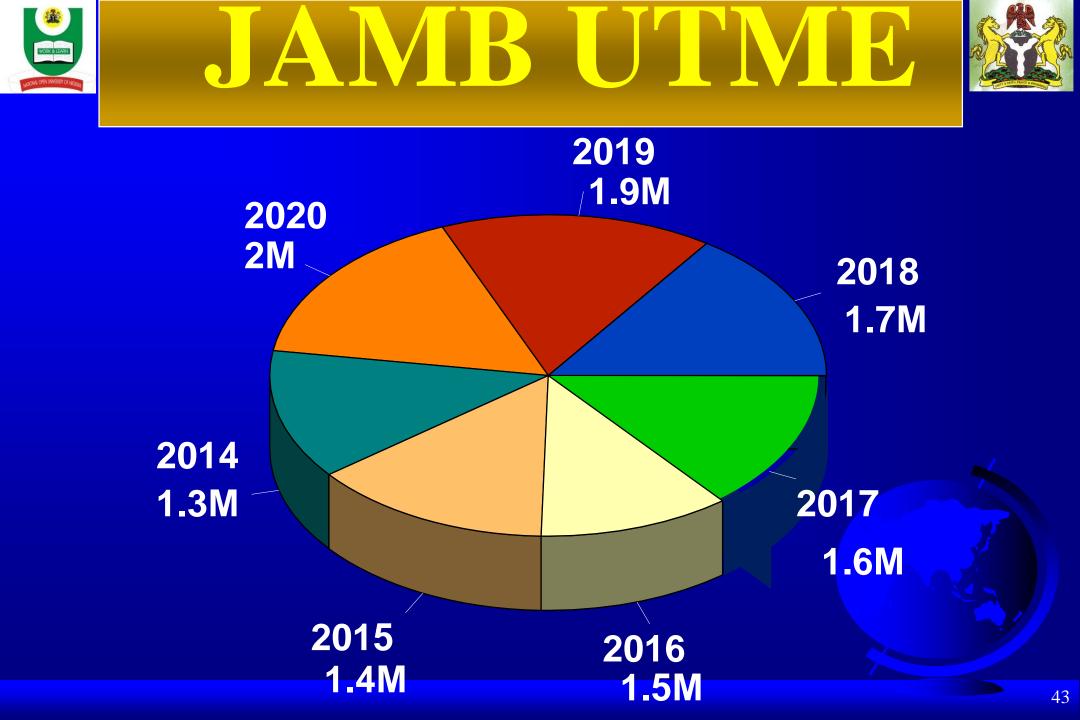








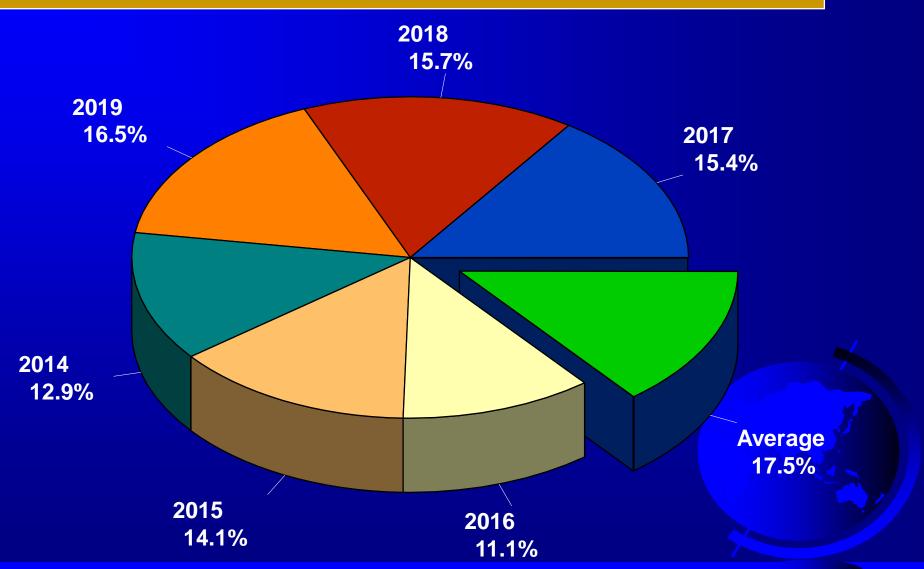


















Level	Number	Students	No Access
Primary	56,000	42.1 million	20.1 million
Secondary	12,000	33.9 million	23.5 million
Voc & Tech	140	4.5 million	2.7 million
Col. of Educ	138	650,000	3 million
& Polytechnics	113	450,000	2 million
University	174	1,996,312	6 million







Lifelong & Life-wide Learning



Lifelong Learning

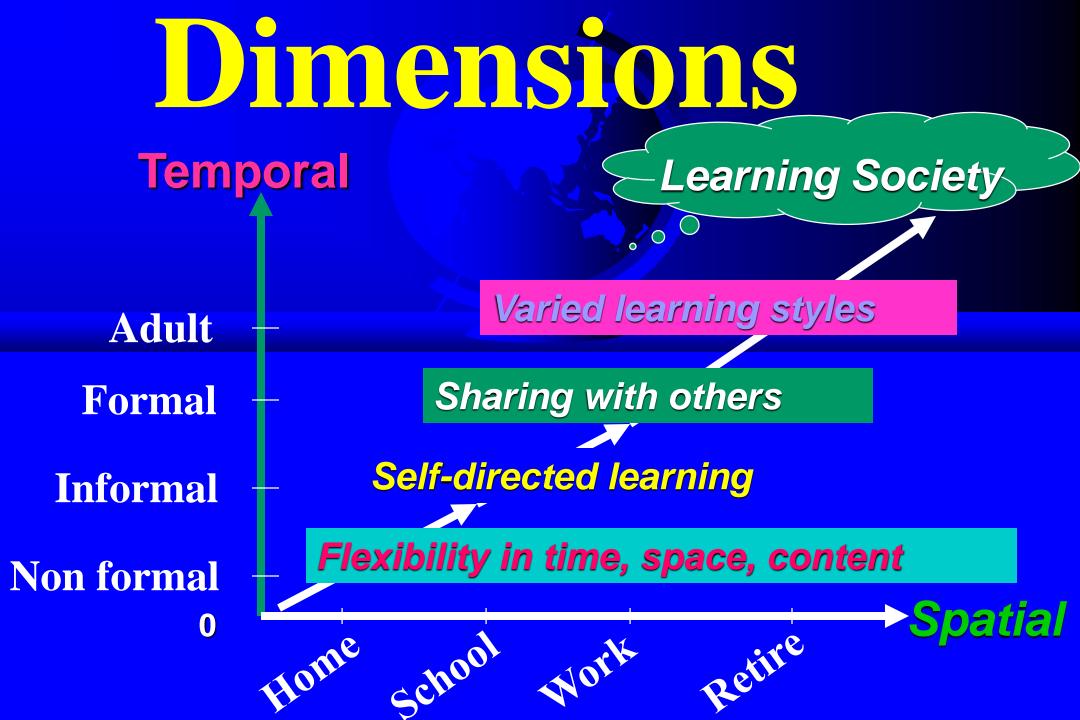


making learning a continuous lifelong activity

learning through a flexible, easily accessible mode

development of a 'Learning' or 'Knowledge Society

global movement towards ODL









Globalisation







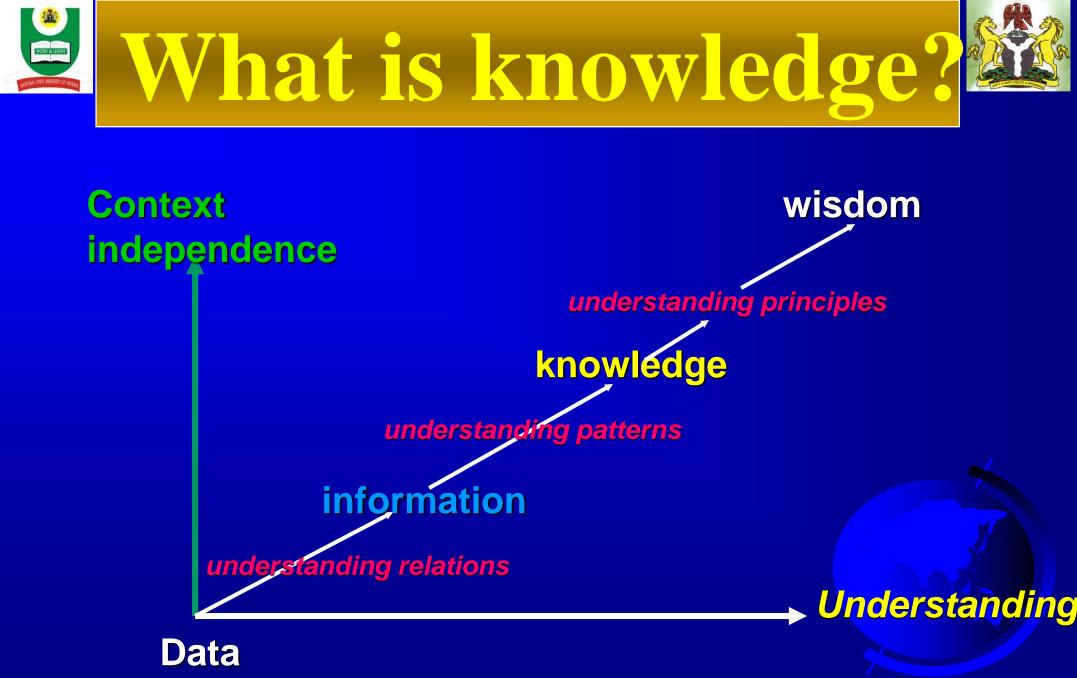
The transition from the Industrial to the Information Age was encapsulated by Dolence and Norris (1995), who argued that to survive organisations would need to change from rigid, formula driven entities to organisations that were "fast, flexible and fluid"







Knowledge as a Commodity









Lay a solid foundation for education in the new century

Seek a cost-effective, efficient, robust, and flexible mode to educate all

Be part of the global economy and use of ICT for all aspects of our national and individual activities







Open and Distance Learning:

- weapon of mass instruction
- democratises and liberalises education
- flexible and life long
- quality assured and includes all
- allows individualised learning and at own pace

 Infrastructural Development

Physical facilities

•Laboratories

 Human Resource Development

> •Capacity Building

Open, Distance & E-Learning

Academic Units

Instructional Delivery

Learner Support

 Information and Communication Technology
 Other Support Systems

Conclusion







"Where there is no vision, the people perish."



Major Threats



- gulf between intent and action
 lack of capacity and capability
 political expediency driving needs
 inequity & economic/political/digital divide
- absence of a strong and effective coordinating and monitoring unit
- lack of co-operation among units within the institution
 ⁵⁸



Cindy Jacobs, 2002



October 2002 in Guatemala City, Guatemala Prophecy:

'There is going to be a revival in Nigerian Universities and this revival will be of a large magnitude. That the revival in the universities will affect the secondary schools and primary schools. Ánd God will change Nigeria to the next generation.'



Three Little Birds Bob Marley



Don't worry about a thing 'Cause every little thing gonna be alright Singing' don't worry about a thing 'Cause every little thing gonna be alright

Rise up this mornin' Smiled with the risin' sun Three little birds Pitch by my doorstep Singin' sweet songs Of melodies pure and true Saying', (this is my message to you)

 Singing' don't worry 'bout a thing 'Cause every little thing gonna be alright Singing' don't worry (don't worry) 'bout a thing 'Cause every little thing gonna be alright Rise up this mornin' Smiled with the risin' sun Three little birds Pitch by my doorstep Singin' sweet songs Of melodies pure and true Sayin', this is my message to you

Singin' don't worry about a thing, worry about a thing, oh Every little thing gonna be alright, don't worry Singin' don't worry about a thing. I won't

Singin' don't worry about a thing, I won't worry

"Cause every little thing gonna be alright

Singin' don't worry about a thing 'Cause every little thing gonna be alright, I won't worry Singin', don't worry about a thing 'Cause every little thing gonna be alright Singin' don't worry about a thing, oh no 'Cause every little thing gonna be alright

Thank you

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