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## **NIGERIA: President tasks universities on funding**

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President Umaru Musa Yar'Adua has told Nigerian universities to explore alternative sources of funding and stop depending solely on government funds for their operations, writes John Shiklam in the Daily Champion.

Speaking at 34th convocation of Ahmadu Bello University last weekend, Yar'Adua - represented on the occasion by Minister of Education Dr. Sam Egwu - urged universities to consider mobilising their alumni and partnerships with the private sector to attract funding. The president said government alone could not meet the challenges facing Nigeria's education sector.

He also said the federal government had selected six universities, one in each of six geo-political zones, to be developed to world class standard. He added that the government was committed to uplifting the quality of education in the country and had therefore identified human capital development as a major pillar of its seven point agenda.

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