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# ABOUT ATAFOM UNIVERSITY

## Education for Integration

ATAFOM University International - Atlantic African Oriental Multicultural - is an international university founded by the Initiator, Founder and President of ATAFOM University International, Dr. Sakir Yavuz, with the aim of creating a borderless and cosmopolitan university to improve the educational offer for the world as a whole.

As a global university, ATAFOM University International promotes the ideals of cross border education and with its information offices, branches in five continents will provide education for young people interested in studying from different countries of origin, regardless of geography, culture, skin color, gender or religion, so that these young people have the equal opportunity to education.

Due to the international orientation of ATAFOM University International, all courses are conducted in English and initially 100% online.

At ATAFOM University International, we want to offer an educational system based on mentoring that not only aims at learning through expanding knowledge or developing skills, but is also aimed at forming a positive, cosmopolitan attitude to life. The whole educational concept of ATAFOM University International is based on the highest international standards in order to exceed all expectations and educational goals of our students when they choose ATAFOM University International as their educational institute.



STUDENTS  
FROM  
**17**  
Countries

STAFF  
FROM  
**16**  
Countries

### All Courses Online

Faculty of Arts,  
Faculty of Economics,  
Faculty of Information Technology,  
Faculty of Medicine, and  
the ATAFOM Language Academy – ALA

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begins in the head"**

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**Sakir Yavuz,  
President & Founder**





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# FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT

ATAFOM UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL



# WELCOME



**SAKIR YAVUZ**

**FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF  
ATAFOM UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL**

**"THE SUCCESS OF EVERY ACTION BEGINS IN THE HEAD"**

The Founder and President of ATAFOM University International  
is the visionary Dr. Sakir Yavuz.

*His motto,*

*"The success of every action begins in the head."*

helped him pave a way to create the university offering an inclusive education. He is firmly convinced that the children of this world with different cultural backgrounds and countries of origin as well as languages should have the same right to education. He has set himself the task of giving young people access to university education of the highest international quality and with equal opportunities, in the conviction that success requires permanent concentration, strong motivation and extreme commitment.

At ATAFOM University International, "Education for Integration" is developed, taught and lived. The team of internationally renowned professional teachers and experienced staff at ATAFOM University International will meet the highest international standards and will do everything possible to meet and exceed all of our students' expectations and educational goals as they embark on undergraduate studies or learn the English language when they enroll in ATAFOM Language Academy.

The digital innovation and knowledge campus of  
ATAFOM University International - ATAFOM Online Campus, which accommodates everyone who is  
willing to learn, makes  
it possible to create educational bridges between all continents.





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# RECTOR & VICE RECTOR

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# RECTOR



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**PROF. DR. MICHAEL BAUER**

**Prof. Dr. Michael Bauer is the rector of ATAFOM University International.**

Before taking on this task, he worked very successfully as a project manager in various companies introducing high-end technologies.

He was Head of Compliance at Perfect Timing-Holding until 2021 when he concentrated all his energies on ATAFOM University International. He used his many years of experience here in the practical application of methods of operations research for the redesign of processes, the delimitation of areas of responsibility and the targeted use of the skills and experience of the new staff.

In doing so, he placed himself at the forefront of all activities at ATAFOM University in the practical implementation of the vision of the founder and president for the realization of a sustainable contribution Improving educational opportunities in Africa and around the world.

# » VICE RECTOR «

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**PROF. DR. ABDULBAKI TURKOGLU**  
**VICE RECTOR &**  
**DEAN OF THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE**





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# DEANS & DIRECTORS

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# DEANS



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DEAN FACULTY OF POLITICAL SCIENCE



**PROF. DR. DAVID THOMAS NIGHTINGALE**  
DEAN FACULTY OF ECONOMICS





# DIRECTORS



ATAFOM UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL



**MR. ANAS JAWED**  
DEPUTY AND DIRECTOR OF FACULTY OF  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



**MRS. JAMILA ABUBAKAR**  
DIRECTOR OF ATAFOM LANGUAGE  
ACADEMY







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# LIFE AT ATAFOM UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL





# LIFE AT ATAFOM UNIVERSITY: READ WHAT OUR LECTURERS HAVE TO SAY

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At first, I was nervous to teach in the online mode because I prefer face to face interactions with my students in a traditional classroom environment. However, over time I have come to realise that it is a really flexible and interesting mode to provide education with the flexibility to connect with a wide range of students at diverse locations.

The students at ATAFOM University International, due to this mode of teaching, are able to connect with and learn from the best teachers from across the world.

At ATAFOM we to give individual attention to the students to help them feel comfortable asking questions and build a good rapport with their teachers. We hope to prepare them not only for the courses but for the real life too. ATAFOM creates a closer relationship between students and teachers even in the online mode and it offers a lot of courses that are beneficial for the students.

The best part of this university is that it is not focused only on education but also on personality development and skills enhancements. I feel proud and humbled to be a part of this university and the great traditions it is endeavouring to set up.



**HAMID BIN ABDULLAH**  
**LECTURER**  
**ATAFOM UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL**





# WORDS OF WISDOM

Victory begins and ends in the mind. –Sakir Yavuz

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# WORDS OF WISDOM

VICTORY BEGINS AND ENDS IN THE MIND. -SAKIR YAVUZ  
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Victory truly does begin and end in the mind. How we think and perceive ourselves and the world around us can greatly impact our ability to achieve our goals and succeed in life.

If you believe that you can achieve victory, you are more likely to work hard and take the necessary steps to make it happen. On the other hand, if you doubt yourself and believe that you will fail, you are setting yourself up for defeat. So the most important thing for you is to learn that your thoughts create your reality and your mindset is your most powerful tool. The way you approach challenges and setbacks can determine whether or not you ultimately succeed. If you view obstacles as opportunities to learn and grow, you will be better equipped to overcome them and achieve your goals.

On the other hand, self-belief is essential for success. If you don't believe in yourself and your abilities, no one else will either. It's important to cultivate a strong sense of self-confidence and self-esteem in order to achieve victory and visualize success. Visualizing yourself achieving your goals can help you stay motivated and focused on what you want to achieve. By visualizing success, you are training your mind to believe that victory is possible.

Fear of failure or fear of the unknown can be a major barrier to achieving victory. It's important to recognize when fear is holding you back and to take steps to overcome it, such as breaking down your goals into smaller, more manageable steps or seeking support from others. Don't let fear hold you back but face it and come out of it !

Remember, victory begins and ends in the mind. By cultivating a positive mindset, believing in yourself, and visualizing success, you can achieve your goals and create the life you want. We at ATAFOM University International guide you on your path to success by cultivating a strong and positive attitude and mindset that empowers you to take on challenges and persevere through difficulties. With the right mindset, we can achieve anything we set our minds to and can overcome any challenge that comes our way.





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# ATAFOM UNIVERSITY NEWS AND UPDATES: ATAFOM UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL

# BIRTHDAY WISHES TO MAMA BEHICE YAVUZ



Happy Birthday, dear Mama Behice Yavuz.

It is an honor to have the opportunity to congratulate you on reaching this remarkable milestone. Wish you continued good health, happiness, and many more years of cherished memories. May this year brings you many blessings and much joy.







ON FEBRUARY 2, 2023.

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ATAFOM University International Physical Advertisement Team Visit to Baptist Academy, Jos Plateau State Nigeria

The Baptist Academy is a missionary-owned Junior/Senior Secondary school located along Dutse-Uku in Jos North local government area in Plateau State, Nigeria.

The Academy is one of the oldest secondary schools in the city and has produced many graduates.

A team from ATAFOM University International, the Nigerian Information office, visited the Baptist Academy to create awareness about the unique opportunity to study at ATAFOM University. After a brief discussion with the Principal of school, the ATAFOM University team was led to the assembly ground to address the entire body of learners and teachers. After the presentation, the learners were given opportunity to ask questions before flyers, calendars and T-shirts were presented to the school.

The staff and learners of this great Academy were enthusiastic about the vision of President Dr. Sakir Yavuz "Education for Integration" as well as the innovation in technical and international leading approaches of ATAFOM University International, which they learnt about during the visit of the Info Office team of ATAFOM University International. They took a picture with the team from ATAFOM University International.



## INTERNATIONAL COURTESY VISIT SERIES OF ATAFOM



UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL TO THE ANKARA METROPOLITAN  
MUNICIPALITY, TÜRKİYE ON FEBRUARY 10, 2023.



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International Courtesy Visit Series of ATAFOM University International to the Ankara Metropolitan Municipality Mayor Private Secretary Mr. Yüksel Arslan was presented with a plaque by ATAFOM University International's Vice President Mr. Zülfü Canpolat and gave information about the ATAFOM University International in Ankara, Türkiye on February 10, 2023.



# INTERNATIONAL COURTESY VISIT SERIES OF ATAFOM UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL TO THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION (NUC) IN ABUJA, NIGERIA, FEBRUARY 13, 2023.

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### ATAFOM UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL'S INTERACTIVE SESSION WITH THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION

On February 13th, 2023, a team from ATAFOM University International, Nigerian information office, along with top administrative staff, met in Abuja for a scheduled meeting with the National Universities Commission (NUC). The team from the Nigerian Information office were Mrs Abubakar (Head of ATAFOM Information Office, Nigeria & Director of ATAFOM Language Academy) and Mr Salim Ibrahim (Application & Admissions Team Manager & Assistant to the Head of ATAFOM Info Office Nigeria). The administrative staffs were Mr Bienvenu Akogbedji AÏSSAN (Secretary General Presidium & Assistant to the ATAFOM University President) and Mr Anas JAWED (Deputy and Director of Faculty of Information Technology & Project Management Professional {PMP}®).



ATAFOM University was warmly received by the NUC team, Dr Noel Salu, Engr Odedina, Mrs Goddy Nnadi, Mrs Funke Sule and Barr Oriabure Iyayi. The interactive session was successful, with NUC commending ATAFOM University International for hosting the first-of-its-kind transnational education in Nigeria. NUC committed to contacting ATAFOM University in two weeks after reviewing all the documents submitted.

# INTERNATIONAL COURTESY VISIT SERIES OF ATAFOM

## UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL TO THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES COMMISSION (NUC) IN ABUJA, NIGERIA, FEBRUARY 13, 2023.

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#### THE MOU BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY OF JOS AND ATAFOM UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL



The University of Jos is one of Nigeria's top institutions close to ATAFOM International's Nigerian office. In the spirit of ATAFOM University's "Education for Integration", on the 13th of February 2023, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Jos, Professor Tanko Ishaya, met with a team from ATAFOM University International at the Nigerian Universities Commission (NUC), Abuja and signed an MOU. The ATAFOM staff present were Mr Bienvenu Akogbedji AÏSSAN (Secretary General Presidium & Assistant to the ATAFOM University President), Mrs Jamila ABUBAKAR (Head of ATAFOM Info Office Nigeria & Director of ATAFOM Language Academy), Mr Anas JAWED (Deputy and Director of Faculty of Information Technology & Project Management Professional (PMP)®) and Mr Salim IBRAHIM (Application & Admissions Team Manager & Assistant to the Head of ATAFOM Info Office Nigeria). The National Universities Commission members included, Barr Oriabure Iyayi, Mrs. Funke Sule, Mrs. Goddy Nnadi, Dr. Noel SalIU, and Mr. Engr Odedina. This MOU was presented to a representative of the NUC Executive Chairman, Dr Noel SalIU, as one of the requirements for registration with NUC. This MOU opens the door to many more collaborations for ATAFOM University across Nigeria.

With the vision and mission of ATAFOM University International President Sakir Yavuz "Education for Integration" we are hopeful that this co-operation will be beneficial for providing inclusive education and opportunities for everyone who wants to have quality world class education.

From left to right:

Mr. Anas Jawed, Prof. Tanko Ishaya, Mrs. Jamila Abubakar, Dr. Noel SalIU, Mr. Bienvenu Akogbedji Aïssan, Mr. Salim Ibrahim

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INTERNATIONAL COURTESY VISIT SERIES OF ATAFOM UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL TO  
THE UNIVERSITY OF LOMÉ ON FEBRUARY 21, 2023



ATAFOM UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL SIGNS AN MOU WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF LOMÉ  
ATAFOM UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL



On Tuesday, February 21, 2023, ATAFOM University International and the University of Lomé held an official ceremony to sign an MOU between the two Universities. ATAFOM University was represented by Mr Aissan Akogbedji Bienvenu, the Secretary-General and Assistant to the Founding President of the University. Mr Aissan Akogbedji Bienvenu began the ceremony with felicitations to the good people of Togo and the academia for opening their doors to ATAFOM University. He spoke about what ATAFOM University is doing in Africa and the desire for students across the country of Togo to benefit from the attractive opportunities the University has to offer. In response, His Excellency, the Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research, who is also the President of the University of Lomé, congratulated ATAFOM University and our dear President, Sakir Yavuz, for creating a great international University in the heart of Africa, the Central African Republic for the training, exposure and integration of students to face the challenges in a changing world. He thanked President Sakir Yavuz, for the Education for Integration, and his willingness to support an MOU between the two universities. With the vision and mission of ATAFOM University International's President Sakir Yavuz "Education for Integration" we are hopeful that this co-operation will be beneficial for providing inclusive education and opportunities for everyone who wants to have quality world class education.



# ALC-A2 CERTIFICATION EXAM TO BE CONDUCTED BETWEEN FEB 27 - MAR 03, 2023. ATAFOM UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL



The ALC-A2 certification exam will be supervised and conducted by the ATAFOM Language Academy (ALA).

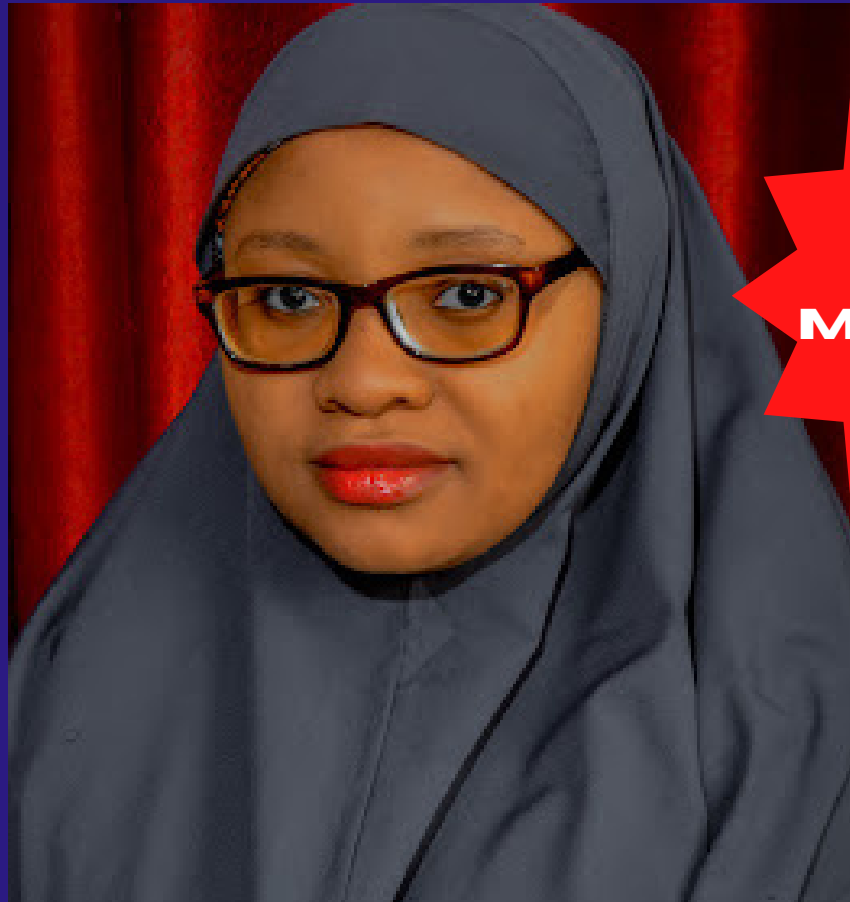
Language exams can be challenging, but we encourage all students to stay focused and dedicated during the exam. By preparing well and using the language skills and knowledge that they have acquired throughout their studies, we are confident that they will be able to achieve their best.

We wish all language enthusiasts the best of luck for the upcoming language exam! Starting from this time, the exam will be an optimised and improved version of the certification that has been in place since March 2022.





# ATAFOM UNIVERSITY NEW MEMBERS



**NEW  
MEMBERS**

**MRS. RUKAIYA MUHAMMAD HASSAN**



We are delighted to welcome Mrs. Rukaiya Muhammad Hassan to our ATAFOM University International family! She has joined as a UI/UX Designer. We are thrilled to have her join us as a new member. As she embarks on her journey with us, we want to assure her that we are committed to providing her with a supportive and inclusive environment that will help her thrive both academically and personally. We have a diverse and vibrant community of students, faculty, and staff who are passionate about their work and are eager to share their knowledge and experiences with others.

Additionally, Mrs. Muhammad will be actively involved in the completion of the new ATAFOM App & ATAFOM Online Campus App. We're very excited about the much awaited and developed in-house, innovative ATAFOM apps!

We wish Mrs. Rukaiya Muhammad Hassan all the success and a long and fulfilling association with ATAFOM University International.



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# STUDENTS' DIARIES

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# STUDENTS' DIARIES

“My experience at ATAFOM University is second to none. Let me begin by saying kudos to the entire staff and management of the University I called ‘The 21st Century Citadel of Learning’.

In line with modern-day international standards of learning, ATAFOM's way of imparting knowledge is a

Learner-centered way of learning.

My lecturers are splendid, they give keen attention to every student's need and relate well with us (students) just like a doctor-patient relationship, and with a high sense of professionalism. They also go the extra mile to ensure that they attend to any query or doubt even on their personal time when contacted via WhatsApp or email.

Here at ATAFOM University, lectures are delivered online but with the classroom and a face-to-face experience.

I enjoy every lecture and look forward to it every day of the week.”

Mr. Nelson Kefas is a Bachelor's degree student of Information and Technology and a Nigerian. He resides in Adamawa State, in the North eastern part of Nigeria.

ATAFOM University International provides Student Scholarships at multiple levels. For more information, please contact our Information offices at Jos, Nigeria and Lusaka, Zambia OR, you can also check our website



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**DID YOU KNOW?**

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- There are only two words in the English Language that have all five vowels in order. They are **Abstemious** and **Facetious**.
  - a) **Abstemious** means “indulging very moderately in something, especially food and drink”.
  - b) **Facetious** means “treating serious issues with deliberately inappropriate humor”.
- The English Language is the only major language that doesn't have any organization guiding it in opposition to the French Académie française, the Spanish Real Academia Española, and the German Rat für deutsche Rechtschreibung. They are responsible for controlling the evolution of their respective language in terms of usage, vocabulary, and grammar.





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# ARTICLE BY COMFORT BULUS: ATAFOM UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL





# ACCEPT THE PERSON YOU ARE NOW SO THAT YOU CAN GROW INTO THE PERSON YOU WANT TO BECOME



You are powerful when you believe in yourself – when you know that you are capable of anything you put your mind to. When you follow your route with courage and tenacity rather than becoming dishevelled by the challenges in your way, you are beautiful. When you learn from your failures and grow more self-assured as a result of experiences, you become unstoppable. This is the time when you realize that you can fail, get back up, and keep going. Here are some concepts to help you along the way.

1. Stop condemning yourself and start recognizing your inner beauty. Being honest with yourself is different from judging yourself. The only task greater than learning to walk a mile in someone else's shoes when it comes to living as a compassionate, nonjudgmental human being is learning to walk a lifetime in your shoes without discomfort. Every smile contains beauty. There is love in everyone's heart. There is wisdom in every intellect. Every person possesses a soul, life, and worth, as well as the capacity to recognize each of these qualities in others, including oneself.

2. Be kind to yourself as you would like others to be kind to you. Accept yourself! It's your insecurity that is ugly, not you. Be yourself in the most beautiful way you know how—exactly as you are. The standard you set for others is how you treat yourself. If you don't love who you are, nobody else will. And even if not everyone will like you when you are completely at ease in your skin, you won't give a damn about it.

3. Be less concerned with how people perceive you. Avoid losing yourself in the quest for social acceptance. Be aware that while most people are ignorant that you are significantly more than what they see, you will always seem to be a little less than certain people would like you to be. You are sufficient in your current form. To everyone else, you have nothing to prove. Consider who you are to yourself, more than who you are to others.

Recognize your value. We frequently accept the love we believe we deserve. Being second in someone's life makes no sense if you are capable of being first in someone else's.

Intimate connections shouldn't be hurried. Love is not about having sex, going on expensive dates, or being extravagant. Being with someone who can truly make you happy is what it's all about. You only need someone you can trust who makes it clear that you're the only one; you don't need a perfect person. Don't settle if you haven't found genuine love yet. Even if it's not the person you had initially hoped for, there is someone out there who will love you without conditions.

Don't hold on to those who aren't there. No matter how much you want them to, some people aren't meant to be in your life. And the only people truly deserving of your love are those who stick by you during the tough times and laugh with you once those tough times are over. Maybe there isn't anyone else with a happy ending right now. You might be the only one picking up the pieces and beginning anew, releasing yourself to move on to something better in the future. Maybe the solution is as simple as letting go.

Give others and yourself forgiveness. One of the many things that can be taken from you is your freedom to decide what you will believe in, as well as who and what you will love in the future. Other things that can be taken from you include your assets, your youth, your health, your speech, and your rights. Your fear and resentment stop when life begins. You shouldn't start hating everyone or live every day in continuous fear of getting harmed again just because someone hurt you yesterday. The love of your life is being created when you forgive both yourself and others and put an end to your inner incarceration.

Pay attention to the good. Keep your hope alive despite the hardship. Don't let the negative affect you. Avoid letting bitterness rob you of your sweetness. Take satisfaction in the fact that, despite the opinions of others, you still believe the world to be a wonderful place. Change your thoughts, and reality will change with them. Do you have thoughts about a world-class university degree? Have you considered the world of good that ATAFOM University International is offering? It is worth noting that our emotions, dreams, and willpower are all products of the thoughts we have. Because of this, we must carefully sift through them and decide to reply only to those that will enable us to create the life we desire and to maintain the attitude we desire while doing so.

Recognize your potential and have faith in yourself. Your life's true goal should be to develop into the complete person you are capable of becoming. Have a mind that is detached from nothing and open to everything. Since every skill may be learned through experience, change is always possible. Never let your unfavourable beliefs get in the way of your personal development.

Work toward the goals you firmly believe in. A goal that is vital to you should never be postponed or abandoned. Not because you still have tomorrow to start over or give it another shot, but rather because tomorrow might not come at all. Choose wisely by pursuing your dreams. It's not always true that life is short. Today, follow your heart.

Continue to glance ahead while proceeding directly. Moving on denotes acceptance of the past and a decision to carry on with life in the present, not that you have forgotten what happened in the past. Moving on doesn't imply giving up; rather, it means choosing happiness over the hurt to give yourself another chance. You can only say, "I survived and I now know better for next time," despite all the difficulties you have encountered, the weights on your shoulders, and the suffering in your heart. Have you been searching for a university that will open the doors to a job that will mark your hall of success? ATAFOM University International would love to make your dream come true. A world-class degree, international networks and open doors into a career many seek but few attain. Who could give up an opportunity to sit with leaders and make earth-changing decisions for the future? ATAFOM University is here to give you a seat, once you step through our doors.

In conclusion, remember the ultimate goal which is that self-love is about living life to the fullest, believing in your own emotions, taking chances, losing and regaining happiness, valuing the memories, and learning from the past. You occasionally need to put an end to your concerns, questions, and doubts. Have trust that things will turn out, perhaps not exactly as you had hoped, but just as they are supposed to.

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