



BUK Signs MoU with Dantata Foods to Boost Dryland Farming

By Nura Garba

The Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), Bayero University, Kano and the Dantata Foods and Allied Products on Friday, 26th June, 2020 signed a Memorandum of Understanding on dryland farming that would boost the small-holder farmers.

Dantata Foods & Allied Products Limited is a privately owned Agricultural and Food Products Company having one of the largest Oil Mills in West Africa.

Commission (NUC), Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TetFund) and the Nigeria Economic Group are working together in order to boost socio-economic development of the country.

The Vice Chancellor noted that the University had been enjoying a long standing relationship with the Dantata Group having emerged as the first non-governmental body to invest in the University by building the



Alhaji Tajuddeen Aminu Dantata

VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello

The company is devoted to producing, processing and marketing of Agro Allied Products with its major operation streams being Import, Export and Packaging of high Quality Food Produce.

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, who signed on behalf of the University, said it was in line with the current global trend of triple helix model in which the government, academia and industries partner for advancement of research activities.

According to him, the National Universities

departments of Accounting and Business Administration over 10 years ago.

Prof Bello further said that the CDA has state of the art facilities for various analysis including nutritional analysis of food items for exports.

In his remarks, the Chief Executive Officer of the Dantata Foods and Allied Products, Alhaji Tajuddeen Dantata said the agreement signed would encourage production of drought resistant seeds for farmers experiencing climatic challenges and harsh weather condition.

He said: “With the collaboration, we will conduct research on crops and pass the information to the farmers, thus, promoting scientific applications in farming.

“About 100, 000 farmers are expected to benefit from the partnership, aimed at enhancing effective utilisation of agriculture and water resources.

“The growing population coupled with increasing need for shelter, exposed farmers to difficulties in accessing arable lands.

“Through the partnership, we will ensure quality assurance in production of inputs and other products in accordance with international best standard,” he explained.

Alhaji Dantata also said through the collaboration, his company would look into the possibility of awarding scholarship to the best students of Bayero University, Kano.

Earlier in his remarks, the Director, CDA, Prof Jibrin M. Jibrin, said the centre's emphasis was to refocus its activity to ensure that industries and practitioners are brought to the fore in order to take up what the centre does research on. He said that those industries should define the type of research they want so that there would be real impact.

The Director stated that he was happy that Dantata Group expressed interest to collaborate with the CDA, noting that the centre would provide laboratory services to support the group for its export activities.

Army Happy with BUK ...Pledges More Stronger Ties

By Lamara Garba

The Commanding Officer of the 73 Battalion, Janguza Barrack, Major Hamza Yahaya Gidado, has expressed happiness over the cordial relationship between his command and Bayero University, Kano assuring for the continued support and assistance with a view to providing additional security cover to the institution.

Speaking on Wednesday, 1st July, 2020 during a familiarization/courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor, the Commanding Officer noted the cordiality existing between the University and the Barracks, explaining that BUK has been a good ally and a neighbor.

“Mr. Vice Chancellor sir, we are here to officially familiarize myself with the management of the university as the new Commanding Officer of the formation as well as to express our deep appreciation to all the support you have been rendering to us. “Indeed, BUK has been a good friend of the army and we shall In sha Allah ensure that this good policy wax stronger,” he declared.

Major Gidado pointed out that his command would make sure that it provided additional security cover to the University community being one of the host communities, “because the safety of our host communities will go a long way in strengthening our relationship,” he added.

The Commanding Officer who described education as the foundation of every development noted that University is where you educate people by imparting knowledge through teaching and research, therefore,

“it is our duty to secure this environment for the better society and generations, major Gidado said.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello commended the new Commanding Officer for the visit. He assured that the university will do everything possible to support the command.”We have a good and harmonious



VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello presenting a souvenir to the Commanding Officer 73 Battalion, Janguza Barrack, Major Hamza Yahaya Gidado

relationship between us and we shall continue to support and assist the army where possible.”

The Vice Chancellor disclosed that as part of the deliberate policy, the university had a special consideration to all her host communities including the Janguza Barrack communities in terms of admissions and others.

Covid 19: CDA Distributes Palliatives to Farmers from 22 Communities

By Nura Garba

The Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), Bayero University, Kano, has distributed seed palliatives to farmers from 22 neighbouring communities of Bayero University to serve as subsidy as well as ensure that seeds become available to the farmers who no longer have money to purchase seeds for the planting season, having exhausted their savings on food during the recent lockdown due to the spread of covid-19 pandemic.

The communities include: Langel, Yarimawa, Janguza,



Director CDA, Prof. Jibrin M. Jibrin (right) presenting the seeds to one of the beneficiaries

Danguguwa, Doka, Kunyi, Gabari among others.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, who led the distribution of the seeds urged the farmers to make judicious use of it as it would increase their revenue generation, saying that the CDA was in the forefront of helping farmers with the new techniques and methods for improved farming activities.

The Director Centre for Dryland Agriculture, Professor Jibrin M. Jibrin said it was part of the Centre's outreach activities to bring farmers closer and help them with new

farming techniques and seeds for improved farming that would yield better output.

He said the seedlings were improved varieties that would help the farmers to upscale their production especially at this raining period which coincided with the difficult time as a result of the coronavirus. They include cowpea, sorghum and groundnut.

The Director said the CDA would continue to strengthen its relationship with the neighbouring communities especially the small-holder farmers for improved farming that would boost food production in the country.

The Deputy Director, Outreach and Publication, Professor Amina Mustapha said the Centre's outreach activities would continue to impact the lives of small-holder farmers.

According to the representative of District Head of Tofa, *Makaman* Bichi, Alhaji Sunusi Abubakar, who spoke on behalf of the communities, said the assistance rendered to them by the CDA could not be over emphasized, noting that they would strictly follow the guidelines of using the improved seeds.

According to the beneficiaries, the CDA's intervention has impacted positively on the lives of many people in the communities. They commended the CDA and by extension the University for coming to their aid.

Abubakar Mohammed from Langel said the Centre has for long time been assisting his community with improved seeds that helped him greatly in his farming.

Amina Doka, on her part, said the last time CDA went and distributed improved seeds, she and many others got three times revenue when they sold their crops. Malam Ibrahim Yarimawa, on his part said the distribution of the seeds came at the right time when farmers did not have money to buy seeds due to the coronavirus pandemic, saying that it would boost their farming activities.

USAID Commends BUK's NCRRD

By Lamara Garba

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has commended Bayero University, Kano for its commitment towards the establishment and strengthening of Nigeria Centre for Reading Research and Development (NCRRD).

An appreciation letter signed by Ms. Denise O'Toole, Director, Education Office of USAID dated 10th June, 2020 and addressed to Professor Ismaila A. Tsiga Director, Nigeria Centre for Reading Research Development (NCRRD), in particular it applauded the courageous leadership and foresight of the management of the University which led to the successes recorded by the NCRRD.

Accordingly, USAID expressed happiness that within

the few years of its existence the Centre had impacted positively through the provision of opportunities for the future generations of teacher educators to acquire knowledge of the state-of-the-art primary grade reading strategies necessary to effectively teach Nigerian children to read.

The statement while acknowledging the positive impact of the NCRRD it attributed it to the good and purposeful guidance given by the Director of the Centre, Prof. Ismaila A. Tsiga. It charged staff who attended training at the Florida State University, USA to put the knowledge and skills acquired to positive use.

"It is hoped that the good relationship BUK has established with FSU will not end with the closeout of this award but will continue to culminate in to the future partnership in the development of reading research in Nigeria and the world at large," said Ms O'Toole.



BUK ENACTUS Team

Outstanding Change Maker From ENACTUS Bayero University, Receives Award in Memory of Princess Diana

Enactus is an international organization that brings together student, academic and business leaders who are committed to using the power of entrepreneurial action to enable progress around the world. Founded in 1975, Enactus has active programs on more than 1,600 college and university campuses across 36 countries, involving more than 72,000 students.

Bayero University, Kano is one of such tertiary institutions where the ENACTUS program takes place. The ENACTUS BUK team with a dedicated leader Olumide Areo with his far-reaching efforts working with the school management staff, Prof. Muktar Halliru and other external organizations and authorities have supported the University's student innovators to solve challenges of sustainable development in communities, bringing the attention of investors to their projects and improving access to resources, mentorship and start-up funding.

On behalf of the ENACTUS BUK team, Olumide Areo has been recognized with the highest accolade a young person can achieve for social action or humanitarian efforts with The Diana Award established in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales, the Award is a charity, established in memory of Princess Diana and her belief

that young people have the power to change the world. The charity is supported by The Duke of Cambridge and The Duke of Sussex

Tessy Ojo, CEO of The Diana Award, says:

“We congratulate all our new Diana Award recipients who are change makers for their generation. We know by receiving this honour they will inspire more young people to get involved in their communities and begin their own journey as active citizens. For over twenty years The Diana Award has valued and invested in young people encouraging them to continue to make positive change in their communities and lives of others.”

The recipient Olumide Areo says “ I am grateful to God, and my professor, Prof. Murkar Halliru who has always believed in young people as change agents, my team members resilient enough to encourage me in the share spirit of Princess Diana that young people have the power to change the world.”

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BUK Gets \$19m World Bank Grant for Research Development

By Nura Garba

Two research centres in Bayero University, Kano have secured \$19m grant from the World Bank for research development from 2014, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has said.

Speaking during the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Bayero University's Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) and Dantata Foods and Allied Products on Friday, 26th June, 2020, the Vice Chancellor said the CDA had in 2014 got the World Bank's \$8m to be a Centre of Excellence in dryland agriculture. He added that last year, it won another competitive grant for Africa Centre of Excellence (ACE) for Impact Projects which it would be given \$5m grant.

Prof Bello explained that the University was lucky to have another centre an Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP), which

secured a \$6m World Bank grant, saying that the centres got \$19m grant for research development.



VC, Prof. Muhammad Yahuza Bello

Skyline University Condoles BUK

By Lamara Garba

The Management of Skyline University, Kano has condoled members of the Bayero University community over the death of former Deputy Vice Chancellor, (Administration) Professor Haruna Wakili describing his death as a colossal loss to the academia.

Speaking when they paid a condolence visit to the Vice Chancellor on Wednesday, 1st July, 2020 the Vice Chancellor of the Skyline University, Dr. Sudakhar Kota, said the late Professor Haruna Wakili played a vital role in the formation of the university where he served in many committees and at some point serving

University and the entire members of the academia all over the world on the death of one of the finest academics. Please once more, accept the sympathy and condolences from the members of the Council, Senate, Management, staff and students of the Skyline University," he said.

According to Dr. Sudakhar, the late Professor Wakili was instrumental in making Skyline what it is today. "We shall never forget his contributions which are very fundamental to our existence. He was a man of honour, dedication and commitment to the development and growth of education. This man was always ready to give his contribution to the development of the education sector. We are indeed pained by his death," he said.

The Vice Chancellor was accompanied by the Registrar, Mr. Firoj Kumar Rauta, Mr. Kabiru Danladi Garba, Librarian and Engineer Bashir Garba, the Director Corporate Affairs.

In his response, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, expressed appreciation to the Skyline University for the visit, saying, the late Professor Haruna Wakili would forever be remembered for his commitment and patriotism in the discharge of his assigned responsibilities.

Professor Bello, while acknowledging the many contributions of the former Deputy Vice Chancellor Administration, said Professor Wakili who did things sincerely and with all the commitments are very rare nowadays.



BUK Management & Skyline University team in a group photograph

as the chairman of the committee.

"Mr Vice Chancellor and other management members, we are here to personally register our heartfelt condolences to members of the family of late Professor Haruna Wakili, the management and staff of Bayero

YUMSU Commiserate with BUK Over Prof. Wakili's Death

By Rabi'u M. Sagir

The Acting Vice Chancellor of Yusuf Maitama Sule University, Professor Aliyu Musa led the Management of his University to Bayero University, Kano on a condolence visit over the demise of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration), Professor Haruna Wakili, who died on 20th June, 2020 at the National Hospital, Abuja after a prolong illness.

Speaking on Tuesday, 23rd June, 2020 at Vice Chancellor's Board Meeting Room, Professor Musa described the late DVC as a hardworking academic and administrator per excellence whose contributions towards developing education cannot be over emphasised and will forever be remembered.

The BUK Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello said the relationship between Bayero University and Yusuf Maitama Sule University is very cordial to the extent that the two universities share many things in common.

The Vice Chancellor thanked the Management of YUMSU for the condolence visit. He prayed to Almighty Allah to grant him *Jannatul Firdaus* and to

provide peace and harmony in his family.

Professor Bello said Bayero University was ready to collaborate with any institution within or outside the nation to advance the teaching and research activities especially at this critical time of COVID-19 pandemic when the world has turned its attention towards addressing the crisis through research.



VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello (left) receiving the VC, YUMSU, Prof. Aliyu Musa on a condolence visit

MTN Foundation Scholarship Schemes

Interested Blind students should apply at www.mtnonline.comscholarships before the closing date of Sunday, 12th July, 2020.

Blind students in their 2nd and 3rd year with a minimum CGPA of 2.50 or its equivalent are open to apply for the SBSS.

For more details, please contact Ayodeji Salami on 08032006439 or ayodeji.salami@mtn.com, Christian.osi@mtn.com. Or Dr. Ya'u Musa Dantata Head of Department Special Education, Faculty of Education, Bayero University, Kano. GSM: 07034365245, 08025475896 or ymdantata@gmail.com

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(1) Wedding Notification from Professor Bashir Galadanci

The Director, Centre for Information Technology (CIT), Professor Bashir S. Galadanci wishes to notify members of the University Community of the wedding Fatiha of his Daughter, Manal Bashir Galadanci and her groom, Engineer Mohammed Bashir, scheduled to take place on 19TH ZULKIDA, 1441 equivalent to 11th July, 2020. This is just soliciting for your prayers only. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic the event would hold low key, please.

(2) Malam Shehu Umar Dumbulun of the Junior Staff Office, Directorate of Establishment Matters wishes to invite members of the University Community and the general public to the wedding fatiha of his sister, Sa'adatu Shehu Umar and her fiancée, Ibrahim Yusuf (Balarabe), scheduled to take place as follows:

Date: Sunday, 5th July, 2020

Time: 11:00am

Venue: Kurna Asabe Tudun Bojuwa, 'Yandoma Motors Layin Gidan Kallon Malam Bello

To:
 The Provost of Colleges,
 Deans of Faculties,
 Directors of Centres and Institute

This is to inform members of the University community that the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) has issued a call notice for concept Notes for the 2020 Grant Cycle of its National Research Fund (NRF). A copy of the call notice is attached.

Those interested in preparing and submitting concept notes should take note and log-on to nrf.tetfund.gov.ng and follow the guidelines.



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TETFUND NATIONAL RESEARCH FUND (NRF) 2020 GRANTS CYCLE: CALL FOR CONCEPT NOTES

INTRODUCTION

Following the successful completion of the processing of the research proposals submitted to NRF under the 2019 Grants Cycle, culminating in the total award of N3.9 billion to support 128 research projects, the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) wishes to inform the Nigerian research community, in particular, and the public in general, that President Muhammadu Buhari has approved the sum of N7.5 billion for the current 2020 NRF Grants Cycle. The process of accessing the 2020 NRF grants involves the response to this Call-for-Concept-Notes by the Principal Investigators of the proposed research projects, to be followed later by the submission of full proposals by only those whose concept notes have been evaluated and the research projects are considered fundable.

THEMATIC AREAS FOR THE 2020 NRF GRANT APPLICATION

The twenty eight prioritized thematic areas of research are, as presented below, in three categories: Humanities and Social Sciences; Science, Technology and Innovation; and Cross-Cutting.

Category 1

Science, Engineering, Technology and Innovation
Thematic Area 1 Agriculture and Food Security
Thematic Area 2 Health and Social Welfare
Thematic Area 3 Transport
Thematic Area 4 Power and Energy
Thematic Area 5 IT, Computing & Telecommunications
Thematic Area 6 Space Science and Technology
Thematic Area 7 Geosciences
Thematic Area 8 Science and Engineering
Thematic Area 9 Water & Sanitation
Thematic Area 10 Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
Thematic Area 11 Sustainable use of Natural Resources and Terrestrial Ecosystems

Category 2

Humanities and Social Sciences
Thematic Area 12 National Integration, Conflict, Defence and Security
Thematic Area 13 Education and Human Capital
Thematic Area 14 Economic Development and Globalization
Thematic Area 15 History, Culture and Identities

Thematic Area 16 Languages, Literatures and Media
Thematic Area 17 Social Development and Welfare
Thematic Area 18 Population and Migration
Thematic Area 19 Governance, Politics, Law and Ethics
Thematic Area 20 Tourism, Sports and Recreation
Thematic Area 21 Gender, Equity and Social Inclusion
Thematic Area 22 Humanities, Social Sciences, Technology and Business Interface

Category 3

Cross-Cutting
Thematic Area 23 Entrepreneurship & Wealth Creation
Thematic Area 24 Environment, Housing & Urban and Regional Development
Thematic Area 25 Resource Governance
Thematic Area 26 Science, Technology and Innovation System Management
Thematic Area 27 Blue Economy
Thematic Area 28 Clean and Affordable Energy

ELIGIBILITY

Lecturers in any of our public universities, polytechnics and colleges of education in Nigeria are eligible. Multi-Disciplinary and Interdisciplinary research projects, comprising researchers from various disciplines, are most highly encouraged. The Principal Investigator (PI), who must preferably be of professional cadre in a university, chief lecturer in a polytechnic or college of education, will lead the research team and be personally responsible and held accountable for the conduct of the research. An added requirement is that the PI must be institution based, with the PI's institution regarded as the Coordinating Institution. However, in line with the approval of Board of Trustees (BOT) of TETFund, additional members of the research team can be drawn from researchers in private tertiary institutions, research institutes, Centres of Excellence and the industry. This is consistent with the global best practice of involving non-governmental organizations and other non-state actors in research projects that are to address national needs.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The process of application is entirely on an online platform. The Principal Investigator is expected to visit nrf.tetfund.gov.ng upon the opening of the Portal, where he or she will be closely guided on the preparation and final submission of the concept note.

All the submitted Concept Notes will be evaluated by the National Research Fund Screening and Monitoring Committee (NRES&MC). The PIs of the successful Concept Notes will be communicated to proceed to the preparation of the Full Proposals which will also be processed online. The PI and, at least a member of the Research Team of an adjudged fundable proposal, shall be invited to defend their proposal before the NRES&MC. Thereafter, the successful proposals for grant awards will be presented to the Board of Trustees of TETFund for approval.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF CONCEPT NOTES

The Portal will be open for the submission of the Concept Notes from Monday 22nd June to Tuesday 21st July.

For any enquiry, please contact the TETFund NRF Secretariat using the following e-mail addresses: snlhg@tetfund.gov.ng, ofofaj@tetfund.gov.ng, hshirgaladanest@yahoo.com, unbamiro@yahoo.com

Signed

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 (Executive Secretary, TETFund, Abuja)

Embassy of Iran: Call for International Student Admission

This is to inform members of the University community that the Embassy of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Abuja announces the call for International Student Admission at Al-Zahra University for Bachelor's Master's and PhD degrees in form of full scholarships.



Call for International Student Admission at Alzahra University

It is hereby informing that, as previous years, Alzahra University grants international scholarships in all academic degrees (bachelor's-master's-PhD) in the form of full scholarships, half scholarships and non-scholarship.

The number of full scholarships is limited and only in the postgraduate course (master's and PhD) will be granted to the top and qualified applicants.

❖ Alzahra University's top graduate students take priority.

For more information on admission and requirements, course schedule, and tuition fees, etc., check <http://intl.alzahra.ac.ir/En>.

Those documents received only by email intl.office@alzahra.ac.ir will be checked.

For more information, contact via +98-21-8805-8925 or mentioned email.

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