



CDA Splashes N7.5 Million to Young Entrepreneurs for Winning Maiden AgriHacking Competition

By Nura Garba

DVC Management Services, Prof. Mahmud Umar Sani (3rd right) presenting a symbolic cheque of N2m to the overall winner of AgriHacking Challenge, Hafzeema Enterprises, while Director CDA, Prof. Jibrin M. Jibrin, Hajiya K. Babangida, Prof. Amina Mustapha and representative of Deputy Governor assist

The Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), Bayero University, Kano has rewarded five young entrepreneurs with N7.5 million to set up business enterprises for pitching their innovative agri-business plans and investment models.

Besides, the brilliant business starters would also, among other benefits, be exposed to agribusiness mentorship and knowledge development at the CDA to further broaden their capacity to grow their products and market base.

Announcing the winners at the CDA 2nd Open Day for Exhibition and Awards Presentation head of the judges and former director in the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Hajiya Karimatu Babangida, said the overall best, Hafzeema Enterprise scored 60.5 points to claim the start price of N2 million while Zukogi Ideolated Cooking Oil, who scored 60 points clinched the second position with N1.75 million.

Hajiya Babangida hinted that Stem Innovation Hub, Miraco Farms and AG Dried Tomatas Flours clinched the third, fourth and fifth positions respectively. According to the lead judge, the contestants were judged based on ability to defend their production, team work, business model, impact, innovation, credibility, and market viability of their products.

Unveiling the rationale behind the AgriHacking 1.0, the Director, CDA, Bayero University, Professor Jibrin M.

Jibrin revealed that the motive was to facilitate brilliant ideas in young and innovative talents in agribusiness ecosystem to provide solution to food security in the country.

"CDA over the years has made significant impact in the areas of academic and research development but we believe we can also support young innovations who need little notch in their entrepreneurship to create more wealth and solve challenges in food production.

" So the CDA organized what we call AgriHacking 1.0 to bring together the talents between ages 18 and 35 to pitch ideas about their business and show the panel why the CDA should invest in them with support of seed money to grow their wealth.

"And more importantly, the winners would also be supported with mentorship and connect them with market where they grow their businesses from strength to strength," Prof. Jibrin noted.

Representative of Hafzeema Enterprise, the start prize winner, Halimatu Sagir Musa, applauded the CDA for the support and enabling environment for the young entrepreneurs to showcase their wealth of business ideas.

She stressed that the money support and mentorship would further widen their production and market viability and create more job opportunities for teaming youths.

During the opening session of the AgriHacking 1.0 challenge, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Professor Muhammad Sani Gumel, said “we are proud of the strides we have made in improving our innovation ecosystem, but we know that there is still much work to be done. We will continue to invest in research and development and encourage our

students to develop innovative solutions to the challenges facing our society.”

Goodwill messages were presented by Professor Murtala Sagagi, former Special Assistant to former Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development and Luis Mira Da Silva, President AgriPreneurship Alliance, Dr. Anne Rouling delivered a keynote speech.

The AgriHacking took place on Monday, 8th May, 2023.

Mambayya House Marks 40th Memorial Anniversary of Malam Aminu Kano as Stakeholders call for True Democracy

By Adamu Garba & Rabi'u M. Sagir

Stakeholders at the Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Studies called on the incoming administration of Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu to embrace the principles of good governance and inclusive representation in his administration.

The stakeholders unanimously made the call on Saturday, 6th May, 2023 during the annual symposium to mark the



Vice Chancellor and dignitaries showcasing the book

40th memorial anniversary of Malam Aminu Kano, organized by Mambayya House, Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Studies, Bayero University, Kano, in its attempt to foster national unity amidst diversities.

The Guest Speaker and Former Vice Chancellor, University of Abuja, Professor Nuhu Omeiza Yaqub, CFR, said Nigeria is still in search of true democracy especially

with the number of political elites who would not accept the democratic values and norm.

Professor Yaqub challenged the incoming president to ensure national unity and inclusiveness in the formation of his administration in compliance with his promises to Nigerians.

In their separate speeches, Professor George-Genyi of Department of Political Science, Benue State University, Makurdi, stressed that the incoming administration must restore lost public trust in government with policies that guarantee justice, fairness and inclusive representation of all Nigerians in governance.

Professor Genyi expressed worries on the present poor economic woes facing the nation, therefore warned the incoming administration to rather jettison the International Monetary Fund (IMF) prescription on economy and concentrate on policies based on production capability of reducing level of poverty and unemployment in the country.

On his part, Professor Hassan Bawa Gusau from Department of Political Science, Bayero University, Kano, urged the opposition parties to remain steadfast in the area of constructive criticism to keep the ruling administration on the edge of good governance.

Earlier, Vice Chancellor, Bayero University, Kano, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas explained that the annual symposium was being sustained to raise the political consciousness of the key actors and the need to instill quality leadership trust and selfless sacrifice, epitomized by late Malam Aminu Kano.

CDA, Federal Ministry of Agric Train Women and Youth Farmers on Micro Irrigation Scheme

By Nura Garba

Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) and Federal Agricultural and Rural Development Ministry of (FMARD) trained women and youth farmers from the North-Eastern part of Nigeria on micro irrigation scheme.

The training was a 3-day capacity building for marginal women and youth organized to build the capacity of lead farmers invited from different youth and women groups from the vibrant region of North-East with the objective of introducing them to various types of irrigation systems such as drip and sprinkler technologies and equipping them with the necessary skills to set them up effectively.

According to the Director CDA, Professor Jibrin Mohammed Jibrin, who presented a welcome address, said CDA is working with various partners including FMARD to build the capacity of local farmers. He said as a regional centre of excellence, the CDA has been working to



A group photograph of the participants

improve the agricultural landscape in West and Central Africa.

The Director Irrigation and Crop Development in the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Hajiya Sugura Mahmud, said “we are all aware with the challenges facing our nation, particularly in the realms of food security and sustainable development. With a population of 200 million, Nigeria's demand for food is ever-increasing. It is imperative that we strive for improved agricultural production to meet this demand, reduce our dependence on imports and foster economic growth.”

She urged the participants to actively engage with the facilitators and follow participants throughout the training. She also seized the opportunity to express her heartfelt appreciation to the principal officers of the Federal

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, including the honourable Minister and Minister of State for their unwavering support in organizing the training.

The training was practical as the participants were exposed to practical demonstration of drip and sprinkler irrigation facilities in the CDA's modern research and training farm.

The training took place from 9th May to 12th May, 2023 at CDA.

It would be recalled that CDA and FMARD organized a similar training from 22nd to 24th March 2021 on *Drip Irrigation System and Good Agricultural Practices (GAPs) in Vegetable Production for Irrigation Farming Groups in Kano State* held in CDA.

BEHLUL FOUNDATION TO CONSTRUCT STUDENTS HOSTEL IN BUK

By Lamara Garba

A Non-Governmental organization; Behlul Near Foundation is to construct a befitting students hostel in Bayero University as part of its humanitarian activities in the education sector.

The hostel with a capacity to accommodating about 100 beds would be dedicated to the gifted and exceptionally talented students of the university who will equally be placed on scholarship support by the organisation.

Speaking when the Management of the foundation visited the Vice Chancellor on Wednesday, 10th May 2023, the President of the organization, Mr Behlul Fatih Basaran (Bello-Kano), said the decision to bring the project to Bayero University was part of its effort to help the institution grow and prosper.

“I owe my success to this great university; it may interest you to note that I graduated from this institution in the year 2008. I am proud to say that our lecturers here have opened the way for us, and we are here also to give back the little we can in order to help our *Alma Mater* grow and prosper,” he declared.

Already some philanthropists from Germany have offered to bankrole the construction of the hostel which will be provided with a 24-hour solar energy. He recalled how the university moulded him to become what he is and therefore, he will never forget the mentoring, the support and encouragement by all the people he met in the course of his studies. “Indeed, Bayero University is the best in Nigeria,” he said.

Mr Behlul explained that the foundation has four areas of intervention which include; provision of water, health care intervention, educational sector and relief intervention among others. He pointed out that from the time of its establishment to date, it provided scholarships to over 700 students, conducted over 17 medical outreaches for free medical treatment in some seven states in addition to the sacrificed of about 2000 cows during the last eid-el-fitr as well as the drilled 150 boreholes in different communities in the country.

He equally promised to institute a scholarship scheme in line with the university's indigent program. In addition, the

foundation will join hands with the management of the University Teaching hospital to be organizing periodic medical outreaches as well as conducting research in the health sector.

The President said he would facilitate a memorandum of understanding between the foundation and the university on the area of mutual benefit for the overall growth and development of the institution.

In his response, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, expressed gratitude for the gesture, saying



A group photograph of University Management and members of Behlul Foundation

that the project would go a long way in easing the accommodation problem facing the university.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Professor Mahmoud Umar Sani, said the burden of education is too much on government alone to shoulder, hence the need for every hands to be on deck.

Professor Sani noted that the management of the university was very much ready and willing to enter into partnership and collaboration with the Near Foundation. He appreciated the good gesture and the offering of more intervention particularly in the area of staff training, scholarship and the medical outreach which the foundation announced its readiness to venture into in addition to the provision of the students hostel.

CDA ORGANIZES 2ND OPEN DAY, SETS TARGET TO ADDRESS DEVELOPMENTAL CHALLENGES IN AFRICA

By Nura Garba

Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), Bayero University Kano on Tuesday, 9th May, 2023 organized its second Open Day for exhibition and awards presentations. It set out target to address the development challenges in Africa essentially as it affects food production in the continent.

Besides that, the Centre outlined commitment to sustain



Prof. Amina Mustapha (left) explaining a point about exhibition to the dignitaries

quality development of innovation and technology while focusing on training and research to build capacity in order to address the manpower challenge.

This was disclosed by the CDA Director, Professor Jibrin Mohammad Jibrin at the second annual open day celebration of the centre organized to showcase its modest innovation and technical breakthrough over the years.

Professor Jibrin noted that CDA has excelled significantly in the area of knowledge transfer and research development, adding that the centre is being funded by the World Bank and French Agency for Development (AFD). While revealing that CDA has trained over 530 PhD and MSc students and that it has students from 15 African countries. Professor Jibrin stated that the centre has

several formidable network of partnerships with international and regional institutions with common interest.

"The Centre plans to establish a regional Innovation, training and Entrepreneurship hub, where youth will be trained in modern intensive agriculture and in bio resource entrepreneurship. This is aimed at facilitating the emergence of small and medium scale enterprises that will help in alleviating poverty and improve livelihood in the inhabitants of the sub-region," he said.

Vice Chancellor, Bayero University Kano, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, who was represented by Deputy Vice Chancellor, Management Services, Professor Mahmud Umar Sani, revealed that the CDA has no doubt been a trail blazer among the research centres of the university and that the Centre has already positioned itself as a regional centre of excellence in dryland agriculture, fulfilling its vision of becoming an Africa centre of excellence under the auspices of the World Bank and the French Development Agency.

The Vice Chancellor added that while the CDA remains a regional centre of excellence through consistent innovation and technological development, he assured the university's readiness to support the CDA with necessary atmosphere that will enable it to strive to greater heights.

Part of the activities featured at the open day include exhibition of farm produce of the CDA, its achievements and the showcase of products of its partners. The occasion also witnessed reward for hard work and excellent performance of both junior and senior staff of CDA with awards presentations.

Deputy Governor of Kano State, Dr. Nasiru Yusuf Gawuna, was represented by his SSA Agriculture, Alh. Hafiz Mohammed, congratulated CDA for the 2nd OpenDay.

UMYU Mgt, ATBU Condole BUK over Registrar's Death

By Lamara Garba

The Management of Umaru Musa Yar'adua University (UMYU), Katsina and that of Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University (ATBU), Bauchi have paid condolence visits to the Management of Bayero University over the death of the Registrar, Malam Jamil Ahmad Salim.

Speaking on Monday, 8th May, 2023 when he led the Management to the condolence visit, the Acting Vice Chancellor, UMYU, Professor Abdulhamid Ahmad, said the death of Malam Jamil was not only a loss to BUK but to the Nigerian academia, saying that the late Registrar was a special human being who was loved and liked by everyone who interacted with him.

The UMYU Vice Chancellor was accompanied by the Registrar, Muhammed Yusuf Abubakar; Bursar, Aminu Ibrahim; Librarian, Dr Sani Abdu Fari and the head of Information Division, Abdulhamid Danjuma. They prayed Allah to grant him *Jannatil Firdaus*.

In a similar development, the Vice Chancellor of Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Professor Muhammad Ahmad Abdulazeez led the Management of the University on a condolence visit, describing the late Registrar as a man of God whose life impacted positively on the lives of many.

"Mr Vice Chancellor sir, we are here to commiserate with the family of the late Registrar, yourself and the entire members of Bayero University community over this great

loss,” said the ATBU Vice Chancellor.

He said the death of Malam Jamil Salim touched the entire education sector in Nigeria for his commitment to the development of the industry, praying Almighty Allah to grant him eternal rest.

In his separate responses, the Vice Chancellor Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas thanked them for the visit, saying that this attested the good attitude and human relations of the late Registrar. “We are indeed grateful for the visit and we really appreciate your kind words about the late Registrar. He was just too good,” VC emphasized.



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To: All Provosts, Deans, Directors and Heads of Department/Units.

GUIDELINES FOR 2023 JUNIOR STAFF PROMOTION

This is to request you to submit to the Junior Staff Unit, your recommendations for the 2023 annual promotions of Junior Staff in your Faculty, Departments/Sections/Units.

1. The candidate(s) being presented for promotion should be confirmed staff and must be qualified academically and professionally. Such staff must have demonstrated exceptional performance meriting promotion.
2. (a) He/she must have served the University for at least 3 years after his/her last promotion.
(b) **For the newly appointed he/she must be confirmed and spent atleast three years by 30th September, 2023.**
3. (a) Candidate(s) for promotion to ranks on CONTISS 03 and 04 must have atleast three (3) credits in SSCE/GCE or its equivalent, except **Motor Driver**.
(b) Candidate(s) for promotion to CONTISS 05 must have same as (a) above plus a relevant certificate, except **Driver/Mechanics, Artisans, Medical Records Assistant, Medical Technicians, Messenger/Cleaner, Gardner and Groundsmen**.
(c) Candidate for promotion to CONTISS 6 must have any of the following qualifications:
 - a. Two year Diploma in relevant fields;
 - b. Certificate in Public Administration/ plus three O/level credits;
 - c. Professional Diploma in Computer Studies/ plus three O/level credits;
 - d. Clerical Officer Certificate/ plus three O/level credits;
 - e. Assistant Library Officer Certificate/ plus three O/level credits;
 - f. Certificate in Science Laboratory Technology/ plus three O/level credits in science subjects;
 - g. Military Police Special Investigation Course II/ plus three O/level credits;
 - h. Except **Driver/Mechanics**.
- 4 Staff on study fellowship or who has been granted study fellowship **can be** presented for promotion once.

- 5 Staff with a **warning letter** in the last 6 months should not be presented for promotion.
 - 6 All re-designation cases (upgrading, change of cadre and conversion) should not be presented to the Junior Staff A & PC, instead it should be directed to the Registrar.
 - 7 Departments should not re-submit cases for promotion which were earlier rejected without acquiring the needed relevant qualification.
 - 8 Staff posted to a new dept/unit must spend atleast six months before the new unit can assess him/her for promotion. Staff affected by the recent redeployment should therefore, be assessed by their former head of department.
 - 9 Only November/December O/level is acceptable for promotion after appointment.
 - 10 Two (2) copies of the attached forms should be completed and submitted in both hard and soft copy in respect of each candidate.**
 - 11 All submissions and recommendations are to be submitted to the Junior Staff Office on or before **31st May, 2023 late submission would not be entertained.**
- NB:** Officers presenting candidates for promotion shall be required to come and defend their submissions before the Junior Staff A & PC with their departmental files and photocopies of relevant credentials on the scheduled date.

Signed:

Mustapha M. Gide

Secretary

Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee

EXTENSION AND RE-APPOINTMENTS

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has approved the extensions and re-appointments of the underlisted staff of the university.

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE
1	Dr Hafiz Yusuf Imam	Department of Arts and Humanities	Extension of appointment by three months as Head	8 th May, 2023
2	Professor Muhammad Ibn Abdullahi	Department of Education	Extension of appointment by three months as Head	8 th May, 2023
3	Dr Nafiu Hussaini	Department of Science	Extension of appointment by three months as Head	8 th May, 2023
4	Dr Aminu Ahmed	Department of Social Science and Administration	Extension of appointment by three months as Head	8 th May, 2023
5	Dr Hajara Haruna	Department of Plant Biology	Re-appointed as the Head	8 th May, 2023
6	Dr Lawan A. Isa	Department of History	Re-appointed as the Head	8 th May, 2023



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2nd May, 2023

All Provosts,
All Deans of Faculties/Schools,
All Directors,
All Heads of Department/Unit,
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Kano.

2023 PROMOTION EXERCISE

I write to notify you that the following Time-Table for the 2023 Promotion Exercise is approved for your compliance.

<i>S/N</i>	<i>DATE</i>	<i>ACTIVITY</i>
1.	<i>Friday 14th July, 2023</i>	Latest Date for Departmental, Faculty and College A&PCs Meetings.
2.	<i>Friday 28th July, 2023</i>	Latest Date for Colleges/Faculties to make Submissions to the Secretariat.
3.	<i>August, 2023</i>	Secretariat to Collate and prepare submissions for the Central A & PC.
4.	<i>Monday 11th – 15th September, 2023</i>	Central A&PC to Meet and Consider the cases.

Heads of Department should please note the following:

- That staff to be recommended for promotions must have served for at least three/four years as the case may be in their positions by 30th September, 2023 and their appointments duly confirmed;
- That cases of administrative staff in various Faculties/Departments should be routed through the Registry Departmental Appointments and Promotions and General Purposes Committee;
- That cases of Bursary Staff/Stores Officers in various Faculties/Departments should be routed through the Bursary Department;
- That cases of Librarians and Library Officers in various Faculties/Departments should be routed through the University Librarian;
- Cases of Academic Staff and Technologist must pass through the Departmental, Faculty and College A&PC and Minutes of Meeting of the College/Faculty Appointments and Promotions Committee should be attached to the recommendations;
- Cases of all Faculties under the Colleges should be coordinated for submission by the Provosts

- (g) Academic Staff on approved Study Fellowship could be promoted up to the rank of Lecturer I or equivalent, provided that he/she would not be promoted twice in one study fellowship period;
- (h) All submissions should be strictly based on the extant guidelines for the appropriate cadres; Provost and Dean must ensure compliance as the case may be.
- (i) Colleges and Faculties are to forward a soft and **ONE (1)** hard copy of their submissions to the Director, Establishment Matters not later than **28th July, 2023**.
- (j) Original documents for sighting during the meeting should not accompany the submission to the Secretariat.
- (k) **Provosts, Deans and HODs should ensure that all documents for presentation at the A&PC are properly TAGGED and ARRANGED according to the CV for ease of reference.**

Please find attached herewith copies of the assessment forms for both Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff Cadres for guidance.

Signed
Binta Yahaya K/Naisa
Director, Establishment Matters.



(1) Malam Ahmad Shehu, Director General Administration invites members of the University community and general public to the wedding fatiha of his daughter, **Fatima Ahmad Shehu (Ummie)** and her groom, **Abdulhafeez Muhammad**, scheduled as follows:

DATE: Saturday, 13th May, 2023

TIME: 12:00noon

VENUE: Central Mosque, Shehu Shagari College of

Education, Farfaru, Sokoto

(2) Muhammad Ghali of the MSD invites members of the University community and general public to the wedding fatiha of his daughter, **Maryam Muhammad Ghali** and her groom, **Muzzakhir Yahaya Adam**, scheduled as follows:

DATE: Sunday, 14th May, 2023

TIME: 10:00am

VENUE: R/Zaki Gidan Maigari Layin Rumfar Shehu

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY: *PhD SEMINAR*

1ST PRESENTER: Faiza Isa Sheshe

TOPIC: Factors Influencing Under Five Malnutrition in Kano State, Nigeria

CHAIRMAN: Prof. Yusuf M. Adamu

2ND PRESENTER: Tsegaye Girma Bekalo

TOPIC: Importance of Representing Soil Microbial Life Strategies' Traits into Soil Organic Carbon Model to Better Predict the Future Climate: A Review

CHAIRMAN: Prof. Jibrin M. Jibrin

3RD PRESENTER: Lukman Babatunde Adewumi

TOPIC: Analysis of Gully Erosion Impact in Kontagora Local Government Area, Niger State, Nigeria

CHAIRMAN: Prof. Adnan Abdulhamid

DATE: Thursday 18th May, 2023

Time: 10.00 am prompt

Venue: NRM Class, **Geography Department**

NOTE: **Attendance** to seminars is compulsory to all PGDLA, PGDSE, MSc I, MSc II, PhD I and PhD II students

