



CORRIGENDUM

In our last edition (Friday, 24th February, 2023), we inadvertently refer to the appointments of Malam Sheriff Ahmed and Hajiya Binta Yahaya K/Na'isa as substantive Directors for a period of two years.

We have since realised that the appointments are not tenure based.

We regret any inconveniences caused by the error - Editor.

BUK Hosts Workshop on National Integration ...As Stakeholders Call for Change of Attitude Amongst Youth

By Lamara Garba



Participants in a group photograph at the workshop on National Integration

A meeting of stakeholders under the TETFund National Research Fund on inter-faith dialogue hosted by the Bayero University, Kano has called on the youth to imbibe the spirit of national integration and unity as a sure way of promoting peace and development in the country.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the workshop, which took place at the conference hall of the Centre for Islamic Civilisation and Inter-faith Dialogue on Saturday, 4th February, 2023 the Principal Investigator in the program, Professor Muhammad Babangida Muhammad disclosed that the program was part of the initiative of the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) aimed at promoting national unity and cohesion for the overall development of the country.

Professor Babangida who is also the Director, BUK's Centre for Qur'anic Studies, said researchers from the universities in the six geo-political zones were drawn to coordinate the project with students from the two faiths of Islam and Christianity as target groups.

In Bayero University, 25 Muslim students and similar number from the Christian faith were selected as

participants of the workshop, urging them to promote peace, tolerance and understanding among themselves.

According to him, peace is the foundation of every development and this could only be achieved when there is tolerance and understanding. "In this case, I urge our teeming youth to develop nationalistic feelings in all your endeavours."

Professor Muhammad noted that regrettably, the youth who form the critical segment of the population of the country are not directly involved in inter-faith dialogue, a policy, which he said contributed in widening the lacuna in the quest for national integration and harmonious living.

Under the project, he further revealed, it was aimed at promoting as well as inculcating the importance of national integration among the students of tertiary institutions who would eventually be the leaders of tomorrow.

Part of the project would be to develop a curriculum on inter-faith relations which would eventually be a policy document in the Nigerian universities to be promoted by the National Universities Commission under the General

Studies Program offered in universities across the country.

In his address, another co-investigator in the program, Professor Jacob Ayantayo of the Department of Religious Studies, University of Ibadan, explained that the workshop would reawaken the conscious of the students in the coloration between the different faiths so as to explore harmony and unity among the adherents of the two religion.

In addition, he said such a workshop would foster positive communication and promote intercultural learning among the teeming youths from diverse ethnicity and background.

As a human nature, we need one another and nobody can leave in isolation. We can leave interdependently. We discovered that some politicians and other ill-informed religious leaders use religion to divide us, we must put an end to this ugly development,” said Ayantayo.

VC Happy with Peaceful Conduct of Election at Campuses

By Lamara Garba

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas has expressed happiness over the peaceful conduct of election exhibited by the members of the University community and other host communities at the just concluded Presidential and National Assembly elections which took place on Saturday, 25th February, 2023.

Speaking shortly after going round the polling units situated at both the New and Old campuses of the University, Professor Abbas, in particular was delighted with the maturity of the voters, understanding amongst party agents as well as the security personnel who showed good behaviour, friendly posture and peacefulness throughout the period of the election.

“I am very much impressed with your behaviours and this has clearly showed that, we have the interest of our fatherland at heart. We must always bear in mind that peace remains the basic element of our development and by your conduct; it shows the love you have for our dear country. Please keep on this and never allow anyone to make you change from this positive posture,” the VC urged.

Professor Sagir Abbas who also cast his vote at BUK Old Campus polling unit, prayed for Almighty Allah to choose the best leaders for the country and prayed Allah to guide whosoever emerged victorious.

He submitted that for our country to grow and prosper in peace and harmony, the citizen must remove ignorance that has surrounded our religious practices and also, we must remove suspicion, mutual suspicion, fighting and bigotry.

In his presentation, titled *Religion, Ethnicity and National Integration* Dr. Sai'du Ahmad Dukawa the head of Department, Public Administration in Bayero University said the unity of the country is non-negotiable and the citizen must come together to work and live in harmony, trust and understanding in order for the country to grow.

According to him such workshop and dialogue would go a long way in putting the country in to the path of development and progress.

“The forum would raise awareness among the youths and educate them on inter-faith as well as intercultural dialogue in Nigeria,” he also submitted.

He inquired about the availability of working items in which the electoral officials answered in the positive, where they commended security personnel and the university staff who they said cooperated with them maximally in ensuring a peaceful conduct of the election process.

Bayero University's New and Old campuses are situated in Ungogo and Gwale Local governments respectively.



VC, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas inspecting polling units in the University Campuses

CDA Visiting Scholar at Michigan State University Shares Experience

By Nura Garba

A PhD student in the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) Ashafa Salisu Sambo who served as a visiting scholar at Michigan State University, U.S has shared experience of his research project including what he has learned and how he intends to make it beneficial to students of CDA.

Sambo, a PhD in Livelihood and Natural Resource Economics, went for a student exchange program for four months under the Legume Systems Innovation Lab Project.

Speaking on Thursday, 16th February, 2023 at the CDA Conference Room said, the project aims to support the development of a virtual marketplace that users of mobile phones can access across key markets in West Africa.

Ashafa Sambo, while in the Michigan State University explained that he had learnt many things including Data analysis using STATA, how to use Latex/Overleaf software and how to conduct literature review to identify research gap in international literature.

He said that he was determined to teach and train CDA and AEE students on what he has learned on the use of STATA, the use of the Latex/Overleaf and would be open to students to provide guidance on how to conduct literature search and review.

Principal Investigators from Michigan University are: Dr. Eric Crawford, Dr. Mywish Maredia and Dr. Michael Olabisi, while the Nigerian Research Partners are Dr. Hakeem Ajeigbe of ICRISAT, the Center for Dryland Agriculture, Bayero University Kano, Nigeria and Dr.

Toyin Ajibade of University of Ilorin, Ilorin Nigeria. Equally, the Technical Partners are Venture Garden Group (VGG), Lagos Nigeria and Dennis Phillips (Dept. of Computer Science – Michigan State University (USA).

The Director, Centre for Dryland Agriculture, Prof. Jibrin M. Jibrin who was in attendance expressed delight at the presentation. Also in attendance are Deputy Director CDA, Outreach and Publication, Prof. Amina Mustapha, Management staff and postgraduate students of CDA among others

ACEPHAP Organizes Workshop on Basic Emergency Obstetric Care

By Bala G. Abdullahi

A 5-Day Capacity Building Workshop on Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care (EmONC) was organised by Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) in collaboration with Reproductive Rights, Advocacy, Safe Spaces and Empowerment (RAISE FOUNDATION).

The workshop which started on Monday, 30th January ended on Friday, 3rd February, 2023. It took place at



Director of ACEPHAP, Prof. Hadiza Galadanci (3rd right) in a group photograph with workshop participants

Brighter Suites Hotel, Minna, Niger State.

The objective of the workshop was to build the capacity of healthcare service providers at the primary healthcare level, who handle emergency cases as regards delivery. They are expected to put into practice the knowledge, information and skills acquired to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality in Niger State.

Declaring the workshop open, the wife of the Niger State Governor, Dr. Amina Abubakar Sani Bello, reviewed the purpose and objectives of the workshop. She called on the participants to seize with both hands the opportunity the training was affording them to learn from the best hands in the field, pointing out that the lead facilitator, Professor Hadiza Galadanci and other resource persons are household names in the field of health care in the country.

In her address, the Director of Africa Center of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP), Professor Hadiza Galadanci x-rayed the activities and major achievements recorded by the Centre in the areas of

maternal and child health as well as advanced the main reason why the workshop was organized to train health personnel who are expected to use the knowledge gained to reduce maternal and neonatal mortality in Niger State. She also introduced the ACEPHAP Team.

Papers were presented during the 5-Day workshop including Introduction to Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care, by Dr. Sule Gaya, Respectful Maternity Care by Chioma Judith Mba and Dr. Khadija Nuhu Nasidi and Dr. Hadiza Ashiru presented Care of Women in Labour and Essential Care of Newborn respectively. Professor Hadiza Galadanci spoke extensively on Postpartum Haemorrhage and Dr. Khadija Nuhu Nasidi spoke on Management of Retained Placenta as well as a presentation on Manual Vacuum Aspiration by Dr. Murtala Yusuf among several other papers. The participants were however taken on a practice on MVA.

Statistics on global maternity deaths according to World Health Organisation (WHO), shows that Nigeria accounts for 20% of global maternal deaths. Despite some progress made during the last few years, maternal mortality rate in Nigeria is still as high as 821 per 100,000 live births while 1463 per 100,000 live birth is the case in Niger State.

Findings from RAISE Foundation's Maternal, Child Health and Education Status of Girls and Women in Niger State 2015 Assessment showed that in Niger State, 1 in every 95 women die during pregnancy and childbirth which translates to an annual estimate of 1,934 deaths from pregnancy-related complications.

It observed with concern that majority of these deaths occurred in rural areas which are in hard-to-reach communities due to the terrain of the state. There was evidenced low capacity among health care service providers at the primary health care level, especially in handling emergency cases as regards delivery.

It is against this background that Africa Center of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) Supported RAISE Foundation in building the capacity of health care service providers on Emergency Obstetric and Neonatal Care (EmONC) in Niger State.

APPOINTMENTS AND RE-APPOINTMENT

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has approved the appointments and re-appointment of the underlisted staff to various positions:

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE
1	Professor Sani Muhammad Gumel	Vice Chancellor's Office	Reappointed as Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics)	1 st March, 2023 to 28 th February, 2025
2	Professor Mahmoud Umar Sani	Vice Chancellor's Office	Reappointed as Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services)	1 st March, 2023 to 28 th February, 2025
3	Professor Abdullahi Sule-Kano	Vice Chancellor's Office	Reappointed as Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Development)	1 st March, 2023 to 28 th February, 2025
4	Professor Sani Abdullahi Shehu	Department of Veterinary Anatomy	Reappointed as Head, Department of Veterinary Anatomy	14 th December, 2022
5	Dr Mohammed Hassan	Department of Software Engineering	Appointment as Head, Department of Software Engineering	27 th February, 2023
6	Dr Idris Dauda Adamu	Department of Physics	Reappointed as Head, Department of Physics	15 th February, 2023
7	Dr Hadiza Lawal Abdullahi	Department of Veterinary Physiology and Biochemistry	Reappointed as Head, Department of Veterinary Physiology and Biochemistry	14 th December, 2022
8	Dr Nuruddeen Abba Abdullahi	Department of Banking and Finance	Appointed as Head, Department of Banking and Finance	3 rd March, 2023
9	Dr Abubakar Tabiu	Department of Public Administration	Appointed as Head, Department of Public Administration	27 th February, 2023
10	Dr Abdulkadir Muhammad Nura	Department of Physics	Appointed as Deputy Dean (Faculty of Physical Sciences)	1 st March, 2023
11	Dr Abdulfatah Shehu Muhammad	Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry	Sub Dean (Academics)	1 st March, 2023
12	Dr Ayuba Abdullahi Muhammad	Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry	Sub Dean (Facilities)	1 st March, 2023
13	Dr Saifullahi Shehu Imam	Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry	Faculty Examination Officer	1 st March, 2023

International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance: M.Sc IBF External Defence

Candidate 1: Ali Audu Sheriff (SPS/16/MIF/00004)

Topic: Validating the Acceptance of Islamic Micro-Financing Model for Micro Enterprises Financing in Gombe State, Nigeria

Internal Examiner: Prof Kabiru Isah Dandago

Candidate 2: Ahmad Abdullahi Mati (SPS/16/MIF/00003)

Topic: Impact of Waqf on Socio-Economic Welfare of Beneficiaries: A study of Islamic Education Trust Fund (IET) Minna – Niger State

Internal Examiner: Professor Kabir Tahir Hamid

Candidate 3: Mohammed Gambo Abubakar (SPS/15/MIF/00013)

Topic: Adopting Islamic Microfinance for Poverty Alleviation in Yobe State: A survey of Expectation of the Client

Internal Examiner: Professor Usman Muhammad Shuaibu

Candidate 4: Ramota Abiola Ladejobi (SPS/16/MIF/00014)

Topic: Impact of Non-Interest Bank Financing on SME's Performance in Sharada Residential Area, Kano State

Internal Examiner: Dr. Farida Mohammed Shehu

Candidate 5: Sulaiman Ishaq (SPS/16/MIF/00023)

Topic: Factors Influencing Intention on Cash Waqf among BUK Muslim Staff

Internal Examiner: Professor Aminu Kado Kurfi

Candidate 6: Shehu Nasiru Muhammad (SPS/17/MIF/00002)

Topic: Prospects of Micro-Takaful in Management Risk of Small Scale Farmers in Hadejia, Jigawa State

Internal Examiner: Professor Kabir Tahir Hamid

Candidate 7: Bashir Yaya Musa (SPS/15/MIF/00005)

Topic: Determinants of Attitude of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Towards Non-Interest Banking in Maiduguri Metropolis

Internal Examiner: Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim Abdullahi

Candidate 8: Ibrahim Muhammad Baba (SPS/16/MIF/00007)

Topic: Potentials and Challenges of Issuing Sukuk Al-Ijarah for Housing Development Financing in Yobe State

Internal Examiner: Professor Mansur Idris

Chairman: Professor Usman Muhammad Shuaib, Director IIIBF

External Examiner: Professor Ahmad Bello Dogarawa – Department of Accounting, Ahmadu Bello University, A.B.U. Zaria-Kaduna State, Nigeria

Date: 15th and 16th March, 2023 (Wednesday and Thursday)

Time: 10:00am

Mohammed Aliyu Fagge (JP 13976) is Dead

This is to inform the University Community that **Muhammad Aliyu Fagge** attached to Faculty of Physical Sciences has passed away after a brief illness. He died on Sunday 26th February, 2023. He has been buried according to Islamic rites.

NOTICE

This is to notify the University community and the general public that as part of the implementation of disclosure for construction of Regional Innovation, Training and Entrepreneurship Accelerator (RITEA) Project at African

Centre of Excellent, Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), an Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) has been placed at Abubakar Rasheed Senate Building, as directed by the policy of environmental agencies.

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