



One World, Different Nations: Tanko Advocates Context-Based Development, Urges Action on Youth Unemployment, Insecurity

By Lamara Garba



Prof. Adamu Idris Tanko delivering his Professorial Inaugural lecture

A Professor of Geography at Bayero University Kano (BUK), Adamu Idris Tanko, has called for a deeper, context-driven approach to global development, warning against the adoption of one-size-fits-all policies while urging Nigeria to confront youth unemployment, insecurity and environmental challenges as urgent priorities for sustainable growth.

Professor Tanko made the call on Thursday, 30 April, 2026 while delivering the 59th Professorial Inaugural Lecture of the university, titled *“One World, Different Nations: Lessons to be Learnt,”* at the Convocation Arena, New Campus.

In the lecture, the geographer challenged the growing assumption that development models can be universally applied across nations, stressing that despite increasing global interconnectedness, countries must be understood

within the framework of their unique cultural, environmental and socio-political realities.

“The idea of a global village should not blind policymakers into assuming that what works in one part of the world will automatically succeed in another,” he said, noting that meaningful development can only emerge from policies that reflect local peculiarities.

He explained that geographical factors, including climate conditions, natural resource distribution and population dynamics play a decisive role in shaping national development outcomes.

According to him, the failure to properly account for these variables has led to repeated policy setbacks, particularly in developing countries.

Drawing examples from Africa and beyond, Professor



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Tanko observed that many nations struggle not for lack of ideas, but due to the adoption of externally driven frameworks that do not align with their internal structures.

Tanko who is now the Vice Chancellor of Baba Ahmed University, Kano further advocated for homegrown solutions rooted in indigenous knowledge systems and strengthened by empirical research.

The professor emphasized that universities must function as active think tanks, producing research that directly informs public policy and addresses real societal challenges. He called for stronger collaboration between academic institutions and government agencies to ensure that research findings are effectively translated into actionable strategies.

While acknowledging the benefits of globalization, he cautioned against its uncritical acceptance, urging nations to engage global systems on their own terms while safeguarding their identities and development priorities.

Shifting focus to Nigeria and the broader African context, Professor Tanko described youth unemployment and insecurity as “eminent dangers” undermining development efforts.

He noted that despite the country's abundant human and natural resources, low levels of development persist, largely due to structural challenges and policy gaps.

Professor Tanko stressed that addressing youth unemployment must be central to any meaningful development agenda, identifying it as a key driver of social unrest and economic stagnation.

According to him, deliberate and sustained investments in youth-oriented sectors are critical to reversing the trend.

Professor Tanko also highlighted the role of environmental management in shaping development outcomes, warning that poor handling of environmental resources could further aggravate socio-economic challenges.

He urged policymakers to integrate research-based evidence into planning processes, particularly in areas such as disaster management, resource allocation and environmental sustainability.

“Advancing scientific knowledge through systematic investigation enables us to develop solutions to human and

environmental problems, while also helping to predict future demographic and environmental trends,” he stated.

As part of his recommendations, the scholar called for increased focus on the service sector as a viable pathway for economic expansion and job creation. He particularly underscored the potential of sports development, noting that beyond employment, it fosters discipline, leadership and social cohesion among young people.

According to him, strategic investment in sports and other youth-driven initiatives would not only reduce unemployment but also help curb insecurity and promote national productivity.

Professor Tanko concluded by urging policymakers, academics and development practitioners to work collaboratively in designing and implementing policies that are both research-driven and context-specific.

Professor Tanko reiterated that while nations share a common aspiration for improved economic conditions, personal well-being and social progress, their paths to development must reflect their distinct realities. “Understanding the world begins with understanding ourselves,” he said.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University Kano, Professor Haruna Musa, represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni, reaffirmed the institution's commitment to promoting excellence in teaching and research.

Professor Tsauni noted that inaugural lectures remain a vital academic tradition through which universities showcase intellectual depth and contribute meaningfully to national development discourse. He added that the university will continue to prioritize innovation, critical thinking and impactful research capable of shaping policy and advancing societal progress.

The lecture attracted academics, policymakers, students and members of the wider community, many of whom commended its depth, clarity and strong policy relevance.

Department of Geography: *PhD Seminar*

1st PRESENTER: Usman Yahaya

TOPIC: Spatio-Temporal Encroachment of Various Land Uses into the Right of Way of National Power Grid in Kano Metropolis, Nigeria

CHAIRMAN: Prof. Ibrahim Badamasi Lambu

2nd PRESENTER: Abdulrahman Garba Abdulkareem

TOPIC: Assessing Rainfall Pentad Variability, Soil-Climate Interactions, and Maize Production Dynamics in Northern Gombe State, Nigeria

CHAIRMAN: Prof. Maharazu A. Yusuf

3rd PRESENTER: Salihu Baba Hassan

TOPIC: Artisanal Mining in Kwara State: Environmental Impact and Locally Driven Strategies for Remediation and Reclamation of Hotspots and Derelict lands

CHAIRMAN: Prof. Salisu Mohammed

DATE: Thursday, 7th May, 2026

TIME: 10.00 am prompt

VENUE: NRM Class, Geography Department

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MDCN Registrar Urges New Doctors to Embrace Discipline, Integrity and Compassion ...As BUK Inducts 149 New Doctors, Dentists

By Hamza Usman and Halima Muhammad Aminu

The Registrar of the Medical and Dental Council of Nigeria (MDCN), Fatima Kyari, has charged newly inducted medical doctors to see their calling as a demanding moral and professional journey guided by discipline, integrity and compassion, warning that the integrity of their licenses must never be compromised.

Administering the oath at the induction ceremony held at Bayero University Kano (BUK), on Wednesday, 29th April,

strong ethical foundation, noting that patients entrust their lives and dignity into the care of physicians.

According to her, any breach of this trust, whether through negligence, misconduct, or unethical behavior can have grave consequences for individuals and the healthcare system at large.

Professor Kyari emphasised the need for consistent self-discipline and professionalism, urging the inductees to guard against actions capable of eroding public confidence in the medical profession. She explained that professionalism is reflected not only in diagnosis and treatment, but also in communication, empathy, and respect for patient confidentiality.

Highlighting the evolving nature of medical science, she encouraged the graduates to embrace lifelong learning in order to remain relevant in a rapidly changing field. She noted that continuous education and skill development are essential for effective service delivery and improved patient outcomes.

The Registrar also called for teamwork and collaboration within the healthcare system, stressing that quality healthcare depends on synergy among professionals. She urged the new doctors to respect the roles of other healthcare workers and cultivate cooperation in their places of practice.

Representatives of the Nigerian Medical Association and the Nigerian Dental Association in Kano reinforced the call for strict adherence to professional ethics. They advised the inductees to place patient care above financial considerations and to protect the trust society has placed in them.

The Vice-Chancellor of BUK, Professor Haruna Musa, represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Development), Professor Amina Mustapha, congratulated the graduates and their families, describing the induction ceremony as both a celebration of excellence and a call to higher responsibility.

Professor Mustapha, said the university takes pride in producing graduates who are not only academically sound but also morally grounded and socially responsible. She noted that Bayero University Kano has continued to invest in improving its teaching, research, and clinical training



2026 at the Convocation Arena, Professor Kyari described the occasion as a defining moment in the lives of the graduates who had successfully navigated the rigours of medical and dental training.

She stressed that their transition from students to professionals comes with enormous responsibility, urging them to uphold accountability and demonstrate utmost respect for human life reminding the new doctors that beyond clinical knowledge, the profession demands a

facilities to ensure that its graduates can compete globally while remaining responsive to local healthcare needs.

She urged the new doctors to see themselves as ambassadors of the institution, carrying its values of discipline, service, and integrity into every community they serve. According to her, the university expects them to distinguish themselves through professionalism, humility, and a deep sense of duty to humanity.

Professor Mustapha also acknowledged the sacrifices made by parents, guardians, and lecturers in shaping the graduates' journeys, noting that their success is a collective achievement. She encouraged the inductees to remain connected to their alma mater and contribute to its growth through excellence in their various fields.

“Today, we celebrate 131 MBBS and 18 BDS graduates, some of whom have distinguished themselves with special honours,” she said, while commending the Faculties of Clinical Sciences and Dentistry for producing graduates found worthy in both character and learning.

In his remarks, former Vice-Chancellor of Obafemi Awolowo University, Professor Eyitope Ogunbodede, who served as medical elder, advised the inductees to embrace lifelong learning, noting that their qualification marks the beginning, not the peak of their professional journey.

Also speaking, the Chief Medical Director of Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, Professor Abdulrahman Abba Sheshe, represented by Professor Abba Suwaid, attributed the graduates' success to discipline and hard work. He urged them to serve society with empathy and a strong sense of responsibility.

Earlier, the Acting Provost, College of Health Sciences and Dean, Faculty of Clinical Sciences, Kamilu Musa Karaye, alongside the Dean, Faculty of Dentistry, Kelvin Omeje, advised the new doctors to uphold the dignity and sanctity of their professions, while acknowledging the support of the university management in strengthening medical training facilities. A total of 149 graduates comprising 131 medical doctors and 18 dental surgeons were inducted into the medical profession, marking the beginning of their journey into service.

Ndukwuba Decries Academic–Professional Divide in Medical Practice, Calls for Policy Reform

By Lamara Garba

The President of the Medical and Dental Consultants Association of Nigeria, Professor Appolus Chidi Ndukwuba, has expressed concern over what he described as a persistent and harmful dichotomy between academic qualifications and professional competence among medical practitioners in Nigeria.

Professor Ndukwuba made this known during a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University Kano, Professor Haruna Musa, on Monday, April 27, 2026.



DVC Academics, Prof. Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni (left) presenting a souvenir to the President Medical and Dental Consultants Association Professor Appolus Chidi Ndukwuba

He argued that the growing preference for academic qualifications—particularly the PhD—over professional certifications is gradually undermining the medical profession. According to him, certain professional qualifications possess equal, if not greater, value than academic degrees in terms of practical relevance and impact within the healthcare system.

“Not all professionals need to pursue a PhD to prove competence,” he stated. “In many cases, professional qualifications are more aligned with the demands of medical practice and service delivery.”

He noted that the current trend, which pressures medical doctors to choose between pursuing consultancy training and enrolling in PhD programmes, is creating an unhealthy divide that could weaken the profession if not urgently addressed.

Professor Ndukwuba further lamented the rising cases of infant and maternal mortality in the country, describing the situation as alarming. He called for a comprehensive review of Nigeria's health policies to tackle systemic challenges and align the sector with global standards, particularly the principles of Universal Health Coverage.

“The Nigerian health system requires a thorough overhaul if we are to meet the expectations of universal health coverage and ensure quality care for all citizens,” he said.

On the issue of remuneration, the MDCAN President highlighted disparities between salary structures for university-based medical personnel and their counterparts in the general healthcare system. He observed that poor remuneration has continued to discourage young doctors from taking up roles within universities.

He advocated for the placement of medical and health workers in universities on the same salary structure as those in the broader health sector, insisting that such a

move would help attract and retain skilled professionals in academic medicine.

Professor Ndukwuba, however, commended the management of Bayero University Kano for what he described as its responsiveness to staff and student welfare. He specifically praised the institution's medical support services, noting that its ambulance system stands out as a model worthy of replication across Nigerian universities.

“We are proud of Bayero University for its commendable welfare package,” he said. “The ambulance services here are exemplary, and I urge that this be shared as a best practice among vice-chancellors nationwide.”

BUK Researchers Demand Urgent Global Funding to Combat Deadly Snakebite Crisis in West Africa

By Nura Garba

A comprehensive body of research has now brought to light the devastating impact of snakebite envenoming across sub-Saharan Africa, unmasking it as a catastrophic neglected tropical disease that demands immediate action.

Speaking during a webinar organized by the Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership (DRIP) in collaboration with the Faculty of Clinical Sciences at the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) on Wednesday, 29th April, 2026, Professor Abdulrazak Garba Habib presented the extensive studies spearheaded by researchers from the Bayero University Kano and Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital titled: Contributions Toward Characterization and Control of Snakebite Envenoming in Sub-Saharan Africa.

He emphasized that this collaborative effort represents the first robust quantification of this public health crisis, underscoring an urgent and undeniable need for increased funding, equitable resource allocation, and expanded access to life-saving antivenoms.

Professor Habib shared alarming statistics that paint a clear picture of the danger. He stated that in sub-Saharan Africa alone, there are over 268,000 snakebites annually, resulting in more than 12,000 deaths and nearly 15,000 amputations. The professor noted that Nigeria bears a massive portion of this burden, accounting for nearly 16 percent of the total impact in the region. He added that in Nigeria alone, there are an estimated 40,000 bites and over 2,000 deaths every year. Professor Habib highlighted that the "Big Four" snakes, particularly the Carpet Viper, are responsible for the vast majority of these incidents, with the Carpet Viper alone causing over 90 percent of bites and 60 percent of deaths.

Professor Habib drew attention to specific communities that are hit the hardest. He pointed to places like Kaltungo in Gombe State, Alkaleri, Lantang, and Lokoja as hotspots for snakebites. He shared that at Kaltungo General Hospital alone, thousands of patients are admitted for snakebites, many of whom are young, productive farmers bitten while working in the fields. The professor explained that when a farmer loses a limb or their life to a snakebite,

Responding on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics), Professor Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni, expressed appreciation for the visit and the association's constructive observations.

He acknowledged the concerns raised regarding the imbalance between academic and professional qualifications and assured that the university management would advocate for a policy review in that regard.

Professor Tsauni reaffirmed the institution's commitment to staff welfare and the continuous improvement of its healthcare and academic systems, noting that such engagements are vital for shaping responsive and effective policies in the education and health sectors..

their entire family suffers, pushing rural communities deeper into poverty. He described the horrific consequences victims face, including severe bleeding, flesh-destroying wounds that lead to amputations, and profound psychological trauma.

Despite the grim reality, Professor Habib offered a message of hope, stating that snakebites can be cured if treated properly. He revealed that providing effective antivenom can reverse the poisonous effects within six



Cross section of participants

hours and prevent death in over 75 percent of cases. Furthermore, his research team proved that treating snakebites with antivenom is highly cost-effective across sixteen West African countries. He stated that the cost of saving a life or preventing a severe disability is incredibly low compared to the economic benefit, making it a smart investment for governments and health organizations.

However, Professor Habib expressed deep frustration over how the world ignores this crisis. He emphasized that while massive global funds are dedicated to fighting diseases like HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, and malaria, snakebite victims—often the poorest of the poor—are left behind. To save what he called the "bottom billion," he demanded a major shift in how global health money is spent. Professor

Habib advocated for a combined approach: providing affordable antivenom, teaching communities how to prevent bites, using radio and mobile phones for public awareness, and continuous advocacy. He concluded by stressing that the world must act now to halve the burden of snakebites and stop this preventable suffering.

In her opening address earlier, Deputy Vice-Chancellor Research and Development Professor Amina Mustapha underscored the urgency of the crisis, describing snakebite as one of Nigeria's most pressing public health challenges. She stressed that targeted research initiatives are essential to address this growing threat and protect vulnerable communities.

Emeritus Professor Jose M. Gutierrez from the University of Costa Rica brought an international perspective to the discussion, highlighting that Africa, Asia, and Latin

BUK Advocates Stronger Global Cooperation Through Multilateralism

By Fausat A. Opayomi

Bayero University Kano has called for deeper global cooperation and renewed commitment to multilateralism as a pathway to sustainable peace in an increasingly fragmented world.

The Vice-Chancellor, Haruna Musa fsi, made the call during a symposium marking the International Day of Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace, held on Friday, April 24, 2026, at the university's CBN Centre of Excellence. The event was themed “*Advancing Multilateralism and Diplomacy for Peace in a Fragmented and Fast-Changing Global Order.*”

Represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni, the Vice-Chancellor stressed that no nation can address global challenges in isolation. He described universities as critical platforms for dialogue and solution-driven research, particularly at a time marked by rising insecurity and global polarization.

He reaffirmed the university's commitment to advancing knowledge through research, conferences, and strategic partnerships, noting that such engagements broaden students' perspectives while fostering context-specific solutions to global challenges.

Prof Musa also commended the keynote speaker, Tijjani Muhammad-Bande a former President of the United Nations General Assembly, for his distinguished service to Nigeria and the international community.

Delivering the keynote address, Bande called for a strategic review of Nigeria's foreign policy to align with evolving global realities. He observed that intensifying rivalry among major powers has reshaped the international system, with ongoing conflicts in regions such as Gaza, Iran, and Ukraine signalling a shift in the global order.

He urged Nigeria to clearly define its foreign policy priorities while strengthening its traditional leadership role

America all face similar public health crises rooted in snakebite envenoming. He emphasized that these challenges can only be effectively tackled through rigorous scientific research and clinical evaluation. Professor Gutierrez, who delivered the second presentation on Development of Snake Antivenoms for Developing Countries, called for a multidisciplinary approach that brings together researchers, government authorities, healthcare workers, and the affected communities themselves, arguing that any lasting solution must be comprehensive and inclusive of the voices of those suffering most from this disease.

The webinar concluded with remarks from Professor Kamilu Musa Karaye, Dean of the Faculty of Clinical Sciences and co-host of the programme, and the Director of the Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership (DRIP), who served as the host of the event.

in promoting peace across West Africa, the African continent, and within the United Nations system.

In her presentation, the Director of the Centre for Gender Studies, Ambassador Dr. Safiya Ahmad Nuhu, examined the intersection of gender, peace, and multilateralism. She emphasised the need for inclusive frameworks that promote equity and participation in global peacebuilding efforts.



Some of the dignitaries at the workshop in a group photograph

Dr. Nuhu noted that while enforcement remains a challenge, adherence to international rules is essential for guiding state behaviour and ensuring accountability. She added that evolving global dynamics present an opportunity to reform existing systems or develop new frameworks that reflect fairness and inclusivity.

The Vice-Chancellor also commended the organisers, the Centre for Gender Studies and the Department of International Law and Jurisprudence for convening the symposium, expressing confidence that its outcomes would contribute meaningfully to national and global peace efforts.

Kantudu Joins National Reporting Board, Strengthens Push for Financial Transparency

By Lamara Garba

Professor Aliyu Suleiman Kantudu of the Department of Accounting, Bayero University Kano, has been appointed into the Board of Trustees of the Nigerian Integrated Reporting Committee (NIRC), in a development seen as a significant boost to Nigeria's financial reporting and corporate governance architecture.

The appointment, facilitated by the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria as part of the ongoing reconstitution of the NIRC governance structure, places the renowned



Professor
Aliyu Suleiman Kantudu

academic at the centre of national efforts to strengthen transparency, accountability, and sustainability in corporate reporting.

Professor Kantudu, a distinguished scholar and seasoned professional in accounting and financial management, brings with him a wealth of experience spanning teaching, research, and industry practice. His elevation to the board underscores the increasing role of academia in shaping policy and guiding institutional reforms in Nigeria's financial ecosystem.

The Nigerian Integrated Reporting Committee is a strategic platform designed to promote integrated reporting an emerging global framework that encourages organisations to provide a comprehensive account of their financial and non-financial performance, including

BUK Reinforces Zero Tolerance for Corruption as ACTU Hosts Open Day and Systems Review

By Hamza Usman

Bayero University Kano (BUK) has reaffirmed its firm stance against corruption, with a renewed commitment to transparency, accountability, and institutional reform, as the Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU) held its 2026 Open Day and Systems Review on Thursday, 30th April 2026.

Declaring the event open, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, stressed that for universities to effectively fulfil their mandate of teaching, character formation, and nation building, their policies, practices,

environmental, social, and governance considerations.

Observers note that the reconstitution of the NIRC governance structure reflects a renewed commitment by regulators to entrench best practices in corporate disclosures and align Nigeria's reporting standards with global expectations.

At the forefront of this effort is the Financial Reporting Council of Nigeria, the apex body responsible for developing and enforcing accounting and financial reporting standards in the country. The Council has played a pivotal role in the adoption of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), ensuring compliance with reporting requirements, and strengthening corporate governance practices across sectors.

Stakeholders in the accounting and regulatory community have described Professor Kantudu's appointment as timely, given the increasing demand for transparency and accountability in both public and private institutions. His intellectual depth and professional insight are expected to enrich the board's work, particularly in navigating the evolving landscape of integrated reporting.

For Bayero University, Kano, the appointment is yet another affirmation of its standing as a leading institution producing scholars who contribute meaningfully to national development. Within academic circles, Professor Kantudu is regarded as a committed educator and thought leader whose work consistently bridges theory and practice.

As Nigeria continues to respond to the demands of a dynamic global economy, the inclusion of credible and experienced professionals in regulatory structures remains critical. With Professor Kantudu now serving on the NIRC Board of Trustees, expectations are high that his contributions will help deepen trust in financial reporting and enhance the credibility of corporate disclosures nationwide.

The inauguration of the reconstituted board is expected to usher in a new phase of coordinated action aimed at strengthening Nigeria's integrated reporting framework and reinforcing the principles of accountability and transparency in governance.

procedures, and systems must remain transparent, accountable, and resistant to abuse. Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), Professor Aliyu Muazu, mni, the Vice Chancellor described the forum as both timely and necessary, noting that it provides a platform for critical reflection and meaningful reform.

He commended the initiative of convening a panel of seasoned academics and administrators to interrogate institutional processes with honesty and candour,

describing it as a clear expression of the university's commitment to integrity and good governance.

“At Bayero University Kano, we remain resolute in our zero tolerance for corruption. We recognize that corruption in whatever form erodes trust, compromises standards, and undermines the quality of education we offer,” the Vice Chancellor stated.

Professor Musa further assured that his administration would continue to support ACTU and other compliance organs within the university to deepen a culture of due process, transparency, and efficient service delivery. He emphasized that the outcomes of the deliberations would not be reduced to mere documentation, pledging that recommendations would be carefully reviewed and implemented where feasible to strengthen institutional systems and reduce vulnerability to abuse.

In his remarks as Chairman of the occasion, Professor Ibrahim Rufa'i Ahmad described the Open Day and Systems Review as a vital intellectual and administrative exercise that speaks to the heart of institutional survival and credibility. He noted that universities occupy a moral high ground in society, and as such must constantly subject their internal processes to scrutiny in order to preserve public trust and academic integrity.

Professor Rufa'i Ahmad further observed that corruption within academic environments often manifests in subtle but damaging ways, ranging from procedural lapses to ethical compromises. He stressed that confronting such challenges requires courage, consistency, and collective responsibility, urging participants not to treat the forum as a routine gathering but as a sincere opportunity to initiate reforms that would stand the test of time.

Earlier, the Chairman of the Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit, Professor Nu'uman Habeeb, explained that the Open Day forms part of ACTU's broader mandate to promote transparency, prevent corruption, and strengthen institutional systems through periodic review and stakeholder engagement. He said the exercise was deliberately designed to encourage open dialogue on existing procedures, identify gaps, and propose practical solutions that can enhance efficiency and accountability.

Professor Habeeb added that ACTU remains committed to working collaboratively with all units and departments within the university to institutionalize best practices and build a culture where ethical conduct is not only expected but sustained. He emphasized that the success of anti-corruption efforts depends largely on the willingness of individuals and units to embrace reforms and uphold standards in their daily operations.

The event, held at the Conference Hall of the Centre of Excellence, brought together key stakeholders across the university system, including former university administrators, senior academics, and management staff, all contributing perspectives on strengthening governance

structures and improving operational efficiency.

In her remarks, the former Vice Chancellor of Khadija University, Majia, Professor Hassana Sani Darma, expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve as the pioneer Vice Chancellor of the institution, attributing her successes to prudent resource management and inclusive staff engagement. She noted that assigning responsibilities to staff members fostered ownership and enhanced institutional productivity.

Also speaking, the former Vice Chancellor of Northwest University Kano, Professor Mustapha Ahmad Isa, commended BUK for sustaining its reputation as a leading institution. He, however, identified areas requiring attention, including improved funding mechanisms across departments, structured mentoring for newly recruited staff, and the need for regular self-assessment and evaluation. He also advocated for a review of the process of appointing Deans and Heads of Departments, suggesting a shift from elections to appointments.

The former Vice Chancellor of Federal University of Kashere, Professor Umaru Pate, highlighted the importance of institutional discipline and accountability. He called for strict adherence to the completion of Annual Performance Appraisal Reports as a prerequisite for promotion exercises and recommended the introduction of Training of Trainers programmes for postgraduate supervisors before being assigned supervisory roles. He further stressed the need for adequate funding to enable heads of departments and units to effectively discharge their responsibilities.

Contributing, the Registrar of Bayero University Kano, Malam Haruna Aliyu, observed that challenges within the university system are not solely tied to funding limitations but also to the efficient utilization of available resources. He shared his experience in addressing transcript backlogs through the deployment of modern technology upon assuming office, and called for increased investment in digital systems and staff training. He also emphasized that committee memberships should be based on competence rather than rank, while advocating greater institutional autonomy for universities.

The former Bursar of Sa'adatu Rimi College of Education, Malam Ibrahim Rabi'u Maitafsir, reflected on leadership challenges within tertiary institutions, identifying political interference as a major obstacle to effective administration. He urged stakeholders to discourage such practices in order to safeguard institutional integrity and independence.

The programme concluded with an interactive session, where participants engaged in robust discussions, offering insights and recommendations aimed at strengthening governance, promoting transparency, and enhancing the overall performance of the university system.

