



BUK Inaugurates Technical Committee for 500-Unit FMB Housing Project

By Nura Garba



Group photograph of the inaugurated Technical Committee to supervise the 500 FMB project for staff of BUK

The Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, inaugurated a Technical Committee to oversee the development of a 500-unit housing project for staff, under a partnership with the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria (FMBN).

The committee is chaired by Professor (Arc.) Sani Ali of the Department of Architecture.

Inaugurating the Committee, Professor Musa recalled that the University Management initiated discussions with the Federal Mortgage Bank in December last year to facilitate the construction of the housing units. He explained that the scheme is structured to allow staff to finance their homes through repayments spread across their remaining years of service.

He disclosed that the initial tranche of funding had already been released to the developer, adding that three prototype houses were nearing completion at the time of the inauguration.

The Vice-Chancellor further explained that the housing

project comprises three categories: three-bedroom bungalows, two-bedroom bungalows, and expandable two-bedroom units designed for future upgrade to three-bedroom structures. He noted that the project site is located approximately a 10-minute drive from the New Campus, after the Nigeria Correctional Service facility.

Professor Musa emphasized the importance of establishing a dedicated technical team to ensure strict compliance with approved designs, specifications, and quality standards. He said the committee, made up of seasoned professionals, would provide continuous supervision and submit periodic progress reports.

He also revealed that the University Management is pursuing the allocation of 1,000 plots of land for staff who may prefer to embark on independent housing projects based on their personal designs and specifications.

According to him, a separate management committee will be constituted in due course to handle applications, process submissions, and make recommendations to the Federal Mortgage Bank for approval.

The terms of reference of the Technical Committee include liaising with the project developer to obtain all necessary documentation, ensuring adherence to approved designs and specifications, and maintaining quality standards throughout the execution of the project.

Speaking on behalf of the committee, Professor (Arc.) Sani Ali, expressed appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor for the confidence reposed in the team. He assured that members would carry out their responsibilities with diligence and professionalism.

Centre for Disability Studies Underway at BUK

By Suleiman Saliyu and Halima Muhammad Aminu

The Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, has reaffirmed his administration's commitment to establishing a Centre for Disability Studies, aimed at enhancing inclusion and support for students with special needs.

Professor Musa made this known on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, while receiving a delegation from the British Council on an intervention programme focused on entrepreneurship and innovation training for students with special needs, particularly those with hearing impairment.



Members of the British Council Delegation with the management of BUK, during a courtesy visit

The Vice-Chancellor noted that the initiative aligns with his administration's policy direction of promoting innovation and the commercialization of research outputs. He assured the delegation of the University's full support toward the successful implementation of the programme.

He commended the team leader, Professor Mukhtar Halliru, and the British Council for selecting BUK among the few northern Nigerian universities to benefit from the initiative, especially in empowering physically challenged students.

Highlighting the University's existing efforts in promoting inclusiveness, Professor Musa disclosed that BUK had established a modern, fully equipped disability laboratory to support students with special needs. He added that the creation of a dedicated JAMB centre for physically challenged candidates at the School for Continuing Education has significantly addressed challenges previously faced by such candidates in accessing examination facilities in northern Nigeria.

He noted that the committee brings together a multidisciplinary team of experts, including a civil engineer, quantity surveyor, electrical engineer, estate manager, and other professionals critical to the successful delivery of the project.

Other members of the committee are Dr. Babangida Danfulani, Dr. Aminu Tsanyawa, Dr. Musa Alkali, Engr. Sa'ad Gobir, Engr. Bashir Dan Umma, Professor Murtala Umar, with Ali Umar Yakasai serving as Secretary.

On workforce inclusivity, the Vice-Chancellor further assured that the University would continue to create opportunities for persons with disabilities to be part of its workforce.

Speaking earlier, the team leader, Professor Mukhtar Halliru, explained that the programme is designed to support students with special needs, particularly hearing-impaired undergraduate students, by equipping them with entrepreneurial and innovation skills.

He identified the initiative as the African Students Commercialization Network Development (ASCND), noting that it involves 21 universities across Nigeria and Ghana. He added that BUK is the only university from northern Nigeria selected to participate in the forthcoming Hackaholics competition scheduled to take place in Ghana.

Professor Halliru explained that the programme aims to connect students with venture capitalists who can invest in their ideas, thereby transforming innovative concepts into viable business ventures. He noted that the initiative is being implemented through the University's Centre for Entrepreneurship Research and Training (CERT).

In his remarks, Zilkifilu Aminu Adam, a Level 400 student, who spoke on behalf of students with special needs, expressed appreciation to the University Management for its sustained support. He assured that the students are determined to excel at the competition in Ghana.

He added that, with support from the University through the Centre for Renewable Energy and Sustainability Transitions (CREST), CERT, and the British Council, the students aim to train about 100 participants on small-scale business development, including the use of an innovative electricity device developed to address power challenges in Nigeria.

Earlier, the Director of CERT, Professor Bala Ado Kofarmata, introduced the delegation to the Vice-Chancellor. He explained that the programme, domiciled in the University, is designed to provide training in entrepreneurship, innovation, business development, and digital skills for hearing-impaired students.

He added that the initiative is also intended to strengthen innovation capacity, promote inclusive enterprise, and enhance international collaboration between BUK and institutions in the United Kingdom.

Aminu Kano Memorial Lecture: Regional Cooperation Emerges as the Defining Cure to West Africa's Insecurity

By Fausat A. Opayemi, Hauwa Mustapha Ahmad & Halima Muhammad Aminu

Insecurity in West Africa cannot be defeated in isolation, but through deliberate, sustained and people driven regional cooperation. This formed a strong consensus among policymakers, scholars and security experts who converged at the 24th Aminu Kano Memorial Symposium held at Mambayya House, Centre for Democratic Studies, Bayero University, Kano.

The gathering, which drew participants from across academic, policy and security circles, placed the region's persistent instability under rigorous scrutiny and advanced a unifying argument that collective action remains the most credible path to lasting peace. At the centre of the discourse was the urgent need to move beyond fragmented national responses and build a coordinated regional framework capable of addressing both the symptoms and root causes of insecurity.

Delivering the keynote address on Friday, April 17, 2026, the immediate past Commissioner for Internal Services at ECOWAS, Professor Nazifi Abdullahi Darma, FNES, articulated a far reaching vision anchored on selfless leadership, inclusive governance and strengthened regional institutions. Speaking on the topic, "The ECOWAS and Regional Peace in West Africa: The Security and Economic Implications for Nigeria," he examined the evolving role of ECOWAS as a central actor in maintaining peace and stability across the sub region.

Professor Darma explained that the transformation of ECOWAS from an economic bloc into a security conscious institution reflects the realities of a region where threats are increasingly transnational. He argued that economic integration and security are closely intertwined, noting that stability creates the conditions necessary for trade, investment and development, while instability disrupts livelihoods and entrenches poverty, thereby sustaining cycles of violence.

He maintained that for Nigeria and other member states, strengthening ECOWAS mechanisms for peacekeeping, conflict prevention and economic collaboration is not optional but essential. According to him, Nigeria's leadership role within the regional body carries both strategic and moral weight. Strategically, fostering stability across neighbouring countries reduces domestic security risks, while morally, it aligns with the country's longstanding commitment to African solidarity and shared progress.

Beyond institutional frameworks, Professor Darma drew attention to the enduring relevance of Malam Aminu Kano's political philosophy, which places justice, accountability and the welfare of ordinary citizens at the

heart of governance. He stressed that military responses alone cannot resolve insecurity, as the roots of conflict often lie in inequality, marginalisation and governance deficits. Addressing these structural issues, he argued, is key to building durable peace.

This position resonated strongly with other contributors at the symposium, who emphasized driven. Policies, they noted, must translate into tangible improvements in the lives of citizens, particularly in communities most affected by violence and deprivation. By expanding economic opportunities and strengthening social inclusion, governments can reduce the appeal of extremist ideologies and restore confidence in public institutions.



The DVC Management Services, Prof. Aliyu Mu'azu, *mni* and the Director Mambayya House Prof. Habu Mohammed at the Aminu Kano symposium

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Professor Haruna Musa, represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Management Services, Professor Aliyu Mu'azu, described the symposium as a vital platform for shaping informed responses to pressing regional challenges. He reaffirmed the university's commitment to fostering dialogue that bridges scholarship and policy, particularly on issues with far reaching implications for peace and development.

Chairman of the occasion, Lt. Gen. Tukur Yusuf Buratai (rtd), reinforced the central message of unity and collective responsibility. He stressed that no single country can effectively tackle the complex web of security threats confronting the region. According to him, only through shared vision, coordinated strategies and selfless leadership can West Africa overcome the forces driving instability.

Providing further insight into practical measures, former

Comptroller General of the Nigeria Immigration Service, Alhaji Muhammed Baban Dede, called for a shift from rigid border control approaches to more dynamic systems based on intelligence sharing and institutional cooperation. He cautioned against over reliance on physical barriers, arguing that effective security lies in information exchange, trust and coordinated action among states.

Adding a historical dimension to the discourse, Professor Samaila Suleiman highlighted that pre colonial West Africa experienced stronger forms of integration built on shared culture, commerce and mutual trust. He suggested that revisiting these historical foundations could offer valuable lessons for contemporary strategies, particularly in fostering cooperation that transcends political boundaries.

Mambayya House Unveils Research Findings, Calls for Data-Driven Policies in Northern Nigeria ...Stakeholders Advocate Culturally Aligned Reforms

By Bala G. Abdullahi

Stakeholders have called on policy-makers and government institutions to design and implement policies that reflect the socio-cultural realities of communities in Northern Nigeria, warning that solutions imposed without evidence-based insights often fail to achieve meaningful impact.

The call formed the major outcome of a one-day dissemination workshop on a research report titled *“Understanding Influence and Behaviour in Northern Nigeria,”* organised by the Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Studies (Mambayya House), Bayero University, Kano.

Participants at the event stressed that effective public policies must be rooted in a deep understanding of people's norms, values, beliefs, and behavioural patterns. They noted that top-down approaches that ignore these factors frequently result in poor outcomes and wasted resources.

The research, which covered all 19 Northern states, revealed that persistent gaps in healthcare access, financial inclusion, and economic empowerment are largely driven by a trust deficit between communities and formal institutions. The findings highlighted the need for governments and development partners to leverage trusted structures such as religious and traditional institutions to bridge these gaps.

A key outcome of the study showed that a significant number of women in the region remain excluded from both formal and informal financial systems. To address this, the report recommended targeted interventions, including training and mentorship programmes to prepare women and girls for leadership roles, as well as policies that promote workplace inclusion, such as flexible working conditions for mothers.

The researchers further called for deliberate efforts to enhance women's economic participation through

Across all presentations and discussions, the message remained consistent and unmistakable. The region's insecurity is interconnected, and so too must be its solutions. Fragmented efforts risk prolonging the crisis, while coordinated regional action offers a pathway toward sustainable peace and development.

In echoing the legacy of Malam Aminu Kano, whose ideas continue to inspire conversations on justice and governance, the symposium served as both a moment of reflection and a call to action. It challenged leaders across West Africa to embrace cooperation not as a diplomatic formality, but as a practical necessity for securing the future of the region.

improved access to credit, skills acquisition initiatives, and sustained support for women-owned enterprises. Strengthening financial literacy programmes and establishing sustainable funding mechanisms were also identified as critical steps toward improving access to economic resources.

Speaking at the event, the Vice-Chancellor of Bayero



Dignitaries display copies of the reserach report at Mambayya, Abuja workshop

University, Kano, Professor Haruna Musa, represented by Professor Yusuf Garba, noted that the study was aimed at deepening understanding of how social norms influence behaviour and access to financial services in Northern Nigeria. He explained that the research provides a strategic foundation for informed policy decisions capable of addressing developmental challenges in the region.

He added that the project, supported by the Gates Foundation, aligns with the university's commitment to advancing research that contributes to socio-economic development. According to him, Bayero University is

increasingly emerging as a key hub for research collaborations in sub-Saharan Africa.

Also speaking, the Chairperson of the occasion and Chief Executive Officer of Enhancing Financial Inclusion and Advancement, Mrs. Foyinsolami Akinjayeju, described financial inclusion as both a moral obligation and an economic opportunity. She emphasized the need for stronger collaboration among government, financial institutions, and development partners to translate research findings into actionable policies.

In his remarks, the Director of the Centre, Professor Habu

Muhammad, described the study as a significant step toward understanding the structural and cultural barriers limiting financial inclusion, particularly among women. He stressed that bridging financial access gaps, especially through financial technology would accelerate grassroots economic development across the region.

The workshop concluded with a shared commitment among stakeholders to translate the research findings into practical, inclusive, and culturally responsive policies capable of driving sustainable development in Northern Nigeria.

Eight BUK Academics Emerge Charter Members of National Ranking Professionals Body

...Excel in nationwide training on global university visibility

By Lamara Garba

Eight senior academics from Bayero University, Kano (BUK) have been admitted as charter members of the Association of Ranking Professionals of Nigeria (ARNP) following their successful completion of a rigorous capacity-building programme on university rankings.

The recognition came after the scholars participated in a six-week intensive training titled “*Mastering University Rankings for Global Visibility*,” organised by the Virtual Institute for Capacity Building in Higher Education (VICBHE) in collaboration with the National Universities Commission (NUC), the National Open University of Nigeria (NOUN), and the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund). The programme ran from 17 February to 31 March 2026.

As part of the training, **Module 12: “Mastering University Rankings for Global Visibility”** was facilitated by the Facilitator-General of VICBHE, Distinguished Professor Emeritus Peter Akinsola Okebukola, whose expertise provided participants with deep insights into global ranking frameworks and institutional positioning.

The training attracted over 1,000 academics drawn from about 120 tertiary institutions across Nigeria and parts of West Africa, underscoring the growing importance of global ranking systems in shaping institutional reputation, research impact, and international competitiveness.

Among the BUK participants, Professor Aliyu Sulaiman Kantudu and Dr. Umar Yunusa earned Distinction Plus classifications. Professors Kabir Tahir Hamid and Juwayriya Badamasiyu, alongside Mrs. Zubaidat Adeola Ibrahim, obtained Distinction, while Mr. Muhammad Ahmad graduated with Credit. Professors Ibrahim Ahmad Rufai and Mohammed Shu'aibu Abubakar were also successfully certified upon completion of the programme.

The admission of the eight scholars as charter members of ARPN is expected to strengthen Bayero University's strategic positioning in global ranking metrics, particularly in areas such as research visibility, citation impact, international collaboration, and academic reputation.

The training programme focused on equipping participants with practical knowledge and analytical tools required to understand, interpret, and improve university ranking performance across major global ranking frameworks. It also emphasised data management, research output optimisation, and institutional branding.



This achievement reflects Bayero University's growing commitment to enhancing its global visibility and competitiveness through staff development and strategic engagement with emerging trends in higher education.

With this milestone, the university is better positioned to align its academic and research activities with international best practices, while contributing meaningfully to the evolving discourse on university rankings in Nigeria and beyond.

NILEST Partners BUK to Launch Undergraduate Degree Programmes

By Nura Garba

Bayero University, Kano (BUK) has strengthened its drive for academic expansion and industry collaboration by formalising a partnership with the Nigerian Institute of Leather and Science Technology (NILEST), Zaria, for the establishment of two undergraduate programmes at the institute.

The collaboration was sealed through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at a ceremony held on Monday, April 20, 2026, at the Vice-Chancellor's Committee Room of the university.

Speaking at the event, the Director-General of NILEST, Dr. Mustapha Auwalu, described the agreement as a significant milestone in advancing the institute's mandate of combining research with training. He noted that the partnership would enhance human capacity development and strengthen technical education in line with national priorities under the Federal Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology.

The MoU is expected to provide a framework for academic cooperation, enabling the two institutions to jointly deliver undergraduate programmes that blend theoretical knowledge with practical, industry-oriented skills.

The initiative also reflects a growing emphasis on collaboration between universities and specialised research institutes to bridge the gap between academic learning and industrial application, particularly in sectors critical to Nigeria's economic development.

With the agreement in place, both institutions are poised to leverage their respective strengths to produce highly skilled graduates capable of contributing to innovation and growth in the leather and science technology industries.

Dr. Auwalu explained that NILEST's established Act empowered it to award degrees, noting that efforts had been underway to secure approvals from regulatory bodies, including JAMB and the National Universities Commission (NUC). He added, however, that the institute was advised to commence degree programmes through affiliation with an established university.

“Our Act clearly provides for degree-awarding status, but starting independently requires structures such as a Senate and a critical mass of professors. While we already have the necessary infrastructure, manpower and other resources, as confirmed during your team's inspection, the affiliation route offers a practical pathway to begin,” he said.

He described Bayero University as the ideal partner, citing its academic pedigree, strong quality assurance culture and national reputation for excellence. Drawing from his experience as an alumnus, Dr. Auwalu noted that BUK's commitment to high standards had long been evident.

The NILEST Director-General expressed confidence that the collaboration would further elevate both institutions, assuring that the institute would strictly adhere to the terms of the agreement and uphold BUK's academic standards.

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, congratulated Dr. Auwalu on his appointment and welcomed the NILEST delegation, describing the occasion as a significant milestone in institutional collaboration. He confirmed that the MoU covered the commencement of two programmes at NILEST: BSc Industrial Chemistry and BSc Environmental Management.

The Vice-Chancellor highlighted BUK's rising global profile, noting that, according to the 2026 Times Higher Education Rankings, the University was ranked third in



VC, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi (2nd right) and DG NILEST (2nd left) displaying the signed MoU, while Registrar, Malam Haruna Aliyu (right) features in the picture

Nigeria and the highest in Northern Nigeria. He added that BUK had maintained its position as the leading Nigerian university in international outlook for three consecutive years, with a global ranking bracket of 1,001–1200, while continuing to strive for greater heights.

He emphasized that the affiliation represented an opportunity to strengthen global visibility, deepen academic collaboration and expand institutional partnerships.

Professor Musa further described the collaboration as timely and strategic, assuring that under his leadership as the 12th Vice-Chancellor, the partnership would be sustained and strengthened for mutual benefit.

Earlier, the Chairman of BUK's Affiliation Committee, Professor Salihu Lawal Malumfashi, introduced the visiting delegation and confirmed that all the necessary procedures had been duly completed for the commencement of the two programmes, BSc Industrial Chemistry and BSc Environmental Management at NILEST.

BUK Moves to Upgrade Physiotherapy Training as NUC Conducts Resource Assessment

By Nura Garba

Bayero University, Kano (BUK) has taken a major step toward advancing healthcare education as it hosted a resource verification team from the National Universities Commission (NUC) for the proposed Doctor of Physiotherapy programme.

The assessment exercise, held on Monday, April 20, 2026, is aimed at evaluating the university's readiness to



A group photograph of NUC Resource Assessment Team for Doctor of Physiotherapy and University Management

commence the programme, with a focus on the availability and adequacy of human and material resources.

Leading the NUC delegation, Professor Christopher Olusanjo Akosile of Nnamdi Azikiwe University explained that the exercise was designed to ensure that the

institution meets the required standards for the take-off of the Doctor of Physiotherapy degree. He noted that the verification process would critically examine staffing, facilities, and overall departmental preparedness.

Welcoming the team, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, described the transition from the Bachelor's degree to the Doctor of Physiotherapy as a strategic and timely development. He said the move would strengthen professional training and help address gaps in Nigeria's healthcare delivery system.

Professor Musa further noted that the verification exercise, as a peer review mechanism, provides an opportunity for the university to identify areas that require improvement. He assured the team of BUK's readiness and commitment to meeting all stipulated requirements for the successful take-off of the programme.

The proposed upgrade is in line with the Core Curriculum and Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS), which mandates Nigerian universities to transition from the Bachelor of Physiotherapy to the Doctor of Physiotherapy qualification, in a bid to enhance the quality and global relevance of physiotherapy education in the country.

Other members of the NUC team included Alhaji Umar Lapai, the Deputy Director of Academic Planning at the Commission and the panel secretary, Malam Nazifi Jamilu.

Pate Book Launch: FUK Pro-Chancellor Pushes Result-Driven Leadership as BUK VC Buys N1m Copies, Kalu Splashes N20m

By Lamara Garba

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of Council of the Federal University of Kashere in Gombe State, Professor William Olu-Aderounmu, has urged aspiring leaders in Nigeria's university system to place greater emphasis on impact, integrity, and accountability, rather than titles or personal gain.

He made this call at the official launch of a book in honour of the immediate past Vice-Chancellor of Federal University of Kashere, Professor Umaru A. Pate which took place at the Idris Abdulkadir Auditorium at NUC in Abuja on Thursday, 23rd April, 2026.

"Leadership is not about title; it is about impact. It is about results, responsibility, courage, and accountability. Leadership is temporary, but its consequences are permanent," Olu-Aderounmu stated.

The book, titled "*Umaru A. Pate: An Icon of Visionary Leadership, Knowledge, Transformation and Impactful Change*," chronicles Professor Pate's achievements and leadership philosophy during his five-year tenure,



BUK, VC, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi delivering a remark at a book launch in honour of Prof. Umaru A. Pate at the NUC Idris Abdulkadir Auditorium on Thursday

highlighting reforms that shaped the institution's academic and administrative landscape.

Olu-Aderounmu described Pate as a humble and result-oriented scholar whose contributions significantly transformed the university. He noted that the publication

goes beyond a mere tribute, serving as a scholarly effort to preserve institutional memory while inspiring a new generation of university administrators.

In a major highlight of the event, the Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University Kano, Haruna Musa, purchased 10 copies of the book at the cost of N1 million, while the Chief Launcher, Senator Orji Uzor Kalu, purchased copies worth N20 million. Kalu was represented at the event by Aliyu Boya Wakili, member representing Fufure/Song Federal Constituency of Adamawa State who also gave a personal donation of N5 million.

Also speaking at the event, the Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission, Abdullahi Yusuf Ribadu, described Professor Pate as one of the finest academics he has encountered, noting that his contributions to knowledge and the development of education extend beyond Nigeria with a global impact.

A reviewer of the book, Umar Buratai, commended the work for its multi-perspective approach, noting that it draws insights from contributors across different sectors and countries to present a comprehensive account of Pate's leadership and influence.

In his remarks, Professor Pate expressed appreciation for the recognition and reflected on his administration's focus on academic development, staff welfare, and enhancing the university's global visibility. He emphasised the need to align education with contemporary realities through digital innovation and reaffirmed his confidence in Nigeria's

CDA, NASC Train Community Seed Producers to Strengthen Nigeria's Seed System

By Nura Garba

The Centre for Dryland Agriculture has intensified efforts to improve seed quality and agricultural productivity through training community-based seed producers in collaboration with the National Agricultural Seeds Council.

The training, held on April 22nd 2026, brought together participants from farming community groups across Kano and Bauchi States alongside the representatives of five seed companies. It was designed to equip the participants with the technical knowledge and practical skills required to produce and maintain high-quality seeds within Nigeria's agricultural value chain.

In his welcome address, the Director of CDA, Prof. Sanusi Gaya Mohammed, urged the participants to maximize the opportunity provided by the programme, stressing that competence in seed production was critical to addressing the persistent challenge of poor-quality seeds in the country. He noted that strengthening local capacity remained a key pathway to enhancing food security and sustainable agriculture.

Delivering the keynote address, the Director-General of NASC, Fatuhu Mohammed, represented by Assistant Director, Enterprise Development, Esther Madi Aliyu, emphasized that Nigeria's agricultural future depended not only on large-scale commercial seed systems but also on

ability to produce globally competitive graduates.

The Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Professor Haruna Musa, described Professor Pate as a hardworking, disciplined, and committed academic whose leadership left a lasting imprint on the university system.

Professor Musa noted that Pate's tenure was marked by a rare blend of vision and execution, adding that he consistently demonstrated the ability to translate ideas into measurable outcomes. According to him, Pate's leadership approach combined intellectual depth with administrative competence, making him a reference point for effective university governance.

He further observed that beyond his administrative achievements, Pate has continued to distinguish himself as a mentor and nation builder, nurturing younger academics and promoting a culture of excellence. He added that such qualities have not only strengthened institutions but have also contributed to the broader development of Nigeria's higher education sector.

Chairman of the occasion, Danjuma Goje, said Professor Pate is a personality many people are eager to associate with, owing to his integrity, humility, and professional accomplishments.

The event attracted academics, government officials, and other stakeholders, reflecting the enduring influence of Professor Pate's leadership and his contributions to the growth of higher education in Nigeria.



Director CDA, Prof. Gaya Mohammed (right), NASC Assistant Director Enterprise Development, Esther Madi Aliyu (left) and participants of the training

empowered community-based producers operating within rural economies.

He commended CDA for its growing reputation as a centre of excellence in dryland agriculture, highlighting its contributions to climate-smart farming, capacity building and research innovation. According to him, the Centre had trained thousands of farmers, extension agents and agripreneurs, while advancing research on drought-tolerant crops suited to arid and semi-arid environments.

The NASC Director-General further described the partnership between CDA and NASC as a strategic alignment of the research and regulation necessary for building a resilient seed system. He stressed that the success of the trainees would depend on strict adherence to quality standards and certification requirements.

The training featured four technical modules, including *Producing Quality Seed: Best Agronomic Practices for Community-Based Seed Producers* and *Guidelines and Criteria for Community-Based Seed Production*, aimed at strengthening participants' practical capacity and compliance with national seed standards.

CDA, eHealth Africa Partner to Strengthen GIS Capacity in Kano Health Sector

By Nura Garba

The Centre for Dryland Agriculture at Bayero University, Kano has partnered with eHealth Africa to strengthen geospatial capacity within Kano State's health sector, following the successful completion of a pilot geospatial curriculum for health professionals.

The initiative, supported by the Kano State Ministry of Health and the State Primary Health Care Board, is designed to enhance the application of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) in health programmes, with a focus on improving planning, resource allocation and service delivery across the state. Backed by the Umbrella

immunization micro planning and resource distribution.

For Bayero University, the collaboration represents a long-term academic commitment. Deputy Director, Training of the Centre for Dryland Agriculture, Professor Murtala Mohammed Badamasi, stated that the university was already taking steps to institutionalize the curriculum as part of its formal training programmes. He noted that the partnership demonstrated the value of collaboration between academia and non-governmental organisations in delivering practical, sustainable solutions through shared expertise.

Project Manager at eHealth Africa, Comfort Audu, described the initiative as timely and inclusive, noting that participants were drawn from a wide range of Ministries, Departments and Agencies, including National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control, Veterinary Services, Digital Health, Environment and food and drug regulatory bodies. According to her, this reflected the growing relevance of the One Health approach in addressing complex public health challenges.

Also speaking, the Associate Manager for GIS and Data Analytics at eHealth Africa, Victor Idakwo, said the programme was developed to address fragmented training approaches in the sector. He explained that the standardised curriculum, delivered in partnership with an accredited

Nigerian university, provided a unified platform for capacity building across institutions, ensuring consistency and quality in geospatial training.

Participants at the training also highlighted its impact. Bashir Abubakar Abdullahi of the State Emergency Operations Centre said the programme had significantly reshaped his understanding of data, noting that geospatial tools provided deeper insight for monitoring disease patterns and guiding resource allocation.

Similarly, Kasim Ibrahim of NAFDAC, who participated at the basic level, said the training marked his first exposure to GIS tools beyond basic applications, such as Google Maps. He added that the shift from analogue methods to digital systems would greatly improve data accuracy and field operations.

eHealth Africa, a non-profit organisation operating across 24 African countries, continues to play a critical role in



CDA and e-Health teams in a group photograph at the CDA Conference Hall

Fund, the project forms part of broader efforts to institutionalize geospatial tools within the health system.

At its core, the programme responds to a longstanding gap in health decision-making, where critical interventions are often carried out without sufficient geographic context. By equipping frontline health workers, programme officers and planners with practical GIS skills, the initiative aims to enable more precise identification of service gaps, disease patterns and priority areas, particularly in underserved and hard-to-reach communities.

The four-day pilot training, held between March 4 and 7, 2026 at the Centre for Dryland Agriculture, brought together 41 participants drawn from government institutions and partner organizations. The training was structured across three levels, the basic, the intermediate and the advanced—covering essential competencies, such as map reading, GPS usage, digital data collection, spatial analysis and the application of GIS in disease surveillance,

strengthening health systems through data-driven solutions, while the Centre for Dryland Agriculture remains a key hub for research, training and innovation.

DG Energy Commission sponsors North-West Basketball Tourney, Boosts Grassroots Development

By Lamara Garba

The Director-General of the Energy Commission of Nigeria, Mustapha Abdullahi, has reaffirmed his commitment to youth empowerment and grassroots sports development with the successful organisation of a regional basketball competition for the North-West under the auspices of the DAM Foundation.

The tournament, which teed off at the DAM Foundation Recreation Centre in Na'ibawa, Kano, drew wide participation and enthusiasm, marking a significant investment in nurturing young sporting talents across the region.



DG Energy Commission of Nigeria, Dr. Mustapha Abdullahi cutting tape to commission the sports Arena

Speaking at the event, Abdullahi, who sponsored the competition, said the initiative was designed to provide a platform for young and talented players to showcase their skills, gain exposure, and access professional opportunities in the sport.

According to him, sports remain a vital tool for youth engagement and national development, adding that the competition reflects a deliberate effort to harness the potential of young people and channel it toward productive ventures.

The tournament featured 12 teams, eight male and four female competing for prizes worth over N14 million. In the male category, the winning team received a grand prize of \$5,000, while the first and second runners-up took home \$2,000 and \$1,000 respectively. In the female category, the champions earned \$1,500, with the runners-up receiving \$500.

In a closely contested final of the female category, D. SUNS Basketball Club of Kano defeated Bukavu Blinks

Queen by 40 points to 38. The thrilling encounter kept spectators on the edge of their seats, with both teams displaying remarkable skill, resilience, and determination.

In the male category, Jigawa Golden Stars emerged champions after edging out Fresh Stars of Kaduna in another nail-biting final, winning by 40 points to 38.

D. SUNS Basketball Club, coached by Sunusi Shuaibu, popularly known as Badway, is largely made up of students from Bayero University Kano, further highlighting the institution's growing presence in sports development.

Coach Badway expressed happiness over the victory, describing it as a reward for hard work, discipline, and teamwork. He commended his players for their resilience and dedication throughout the tournament, noting that the triumph would serve as motivation for greater achievements in future competitions.

At the closing ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Haruna Musa, commended Dr Abdullahi for his foresight and commitment to youth development through sports.

Professor Musa noted that initiatives such as the competition not only promote physical fitness and talent discovery but also contribute to building character, discipline, and teamwork among young people. He stressed that sports play a critical role in complementing academic pursuits, especially within university environments.

He further observed that the involvement of students from Bayero University in the competition underscores the institution's dedication to producing well-rounded graduates who excel both academically and in extracurricular activities. According to him, such platforms provide students with opportunities to develop confidence, leadership skills, and national exposure.

The Vice-Chancellor added that sustained investment in grassroots sports would go a long way in strengthening Nigeria's sporting ecosystem and creating pathways for young athletes to compete at national and international levels.

The competition, which attracted spectators and sports enthusiasts from across the region, stands as a testament to the growing role of private and institutional partnerships in advancing sports development in Nigeria.

SEMINARS

Department of Geography: PhD Seminar

1st PRESENTER: Sulaiman Ahmad Muhammad

TOPIC: Faecal Sludge Management Practices and Factors Influencing Disposal Behavior in Kano Metropolis

CHAIRMAN: Prof. Adnan AbdulHamid

2nd PRESENTER: Aisha Sada

TOPIC: Impact of Higher Educational Institution on Landuse and Land cover in Katsina Metropolis, Katsina State, Nigeria

CHAIRMAN: Prof. Nuratu Mohammed

3rd PRESENTER: Babangida Garba

TOPIC: Assessment of Climate Smart Water Management for Sustainable Irrigation in the Hadejia Nguru Wetland Yobe State, Nigeria

CHAIRMAN: Prof. Tasiu Yalwa Rilwanu

DATE: Thursday, 30th April, 2026

TIME: 10.00 am prompt

VENUE: NRM Class, Geography Department

NOTE: Attendance to Seminar is Compulsory to all MSc 1, MSc 11, and PhD1 and PhD 11.

Department of Mass Communication: M.Sc. Proposal/Internal Defense

Candidate 1: Gloria Xavier Ikpe (SPS/19/MMC/00013)

Topic: The Efficacy of Radio in Promoting Girl-Child Education in Kano: A Study of Guarantee FM AGILE Project Radio Programme

Supervisor: Professor Suleiman M. Yar'Adua

Candidate 2: Aminu Adamu Naganye (SPS/20/MMC/00005)

Topic: Exploring Discourses on Climate Change Mitigation, Adaptation, and Resilience in *Daily Trust* and *The Cable* Newspapers

Supervisor: Dr. Ruqayya Yusuf Aliyu

Candidate 3: Bashir Abdullahi Muhammad (SPS/20/MMC/00007)0

Topic: An Examination of Knowledge and Application of Digital Literacy among Radio Journalists in Kano State

Supervisor: Dr. Ashiru Tukur Inuwa

Candidate 4: Faruk Tahir Maigari (SPS/19/MMC/00012)

Topic: The Rise and Transformation of Triumph Newspaper from (1980 to 2023)

Supervisor: Professor Gausu Ahmad

Candidate 5: Hauwa Aliyu SPS/23/MMC/00012

Topic: The Impact of Social-Media Fake News on Women's Political Participation in Kano Metropolis

Supervisor: Professor Hajara Umar Sanda

Candidate 1: Adamu Salisu (SPS/23/MMC/00019)

Topic: Motivation and Job Satisfaction among Staff of the National Broadcasting Commission (NBC) in North-Western Nigeria

Supervisor: Dr. Ashiru Tukur Inuwa

Chairman: Dr. Gambo Shehu Nababa

Date: Thursday 30th April, 2026

Time: 9:30am

Venue: Mass Communication Departmental Board Room

INVITATION: ACTU OPEN DAY & SYSTEMS STUDY Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU), Bayero University, Kano

To all Head of Departments, Directors/Heads of Unit

The Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU) cordially invites all **HODs, Deans, Directors, and Heads of Units** to a constructive dialogue on institutional integrity and service delivery.

The Objective

Following the ICPC University Systems Study and Review, this event aims to honestly interrogate departmental administration, academic standards, and financial management to consolidate best practices and address systemic lapses within the University.

Event Details

- **Date:** Thursday, April 30th, 2026
- **Time:** 10:30 a.m. Prompt
- **Venue:** Centre of Excellence, New Campus
- **Chairman:** Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*

Theme: *Leading by Example: Walking the Talk of Transparency and Accountability.*

Note: While the event is open to all staff and students, the presence of University leadership is vital to championing a culture of uprightness and impactful service delivery.



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Date:

Thursday,
 30th April, 2026

Time:

2:00pm

Venue:

Convocation Arena,
 BUK New Campus

Virtual Event ZOOM

Meeting ID: 939 3053 8888
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Date 28th April 2026 **Time** 10am **Venue** Convocation Arena Buk New Campus,
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