



Indonesian Scholar Advocates Waqf-Driven Model to Transform Almajiri Education, Tackle Poverty

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An Indonesian Islamic scholar and a philanthropist, Dr. Umi Waheedah Bint Abdul Rahman, has called for the adoption of a sustainable, Waqf-driven model of education and community development in Nigeria, drawing on her experience of building a network of Islamic boarding schools that combines free education with entrepreneurship, vocational training and productive investments.

Dr. Waheedah made the call on Friday, October 16, 2026, while delivering a public lecture titled “Sustainable Community Empowerment through Waqf: Experiences, Lessons, and Prospects” at the CBN Centre of Excellence, Bayero University, Kano.

She explained how Islamic charitable endowments, known as Waqf, could be transformed into productive economic



Dr. Umi Waheedah Bint Abdulrahman delivering her lecture

assets capable of financing education, creating employment, reducing poverty and equipping vulnerable children with practical skills for independent living.

Sharing her experience of establishing free Islamic boarding schools in Indonesia with her late husband in 1998, Dr. Waheedah said the initiative was conceived during a period of economic and social hardship, with the aim of providing vulnerable children with access to education and essential social services.

The schools provide free education, food, accommodation and healthcare, demonstrating how a properly managed charitable institution can address multiple dimensions of poverty while protecting the dignity and future of

disadvantaged children.

According to her, the initiative had expanded to serve approximately 23,000 students by 2010, ranging from early childhood to university level. Following her husband's death that year, the programme was streamlined to accommodate about 15,000 students.

She recalled that taking over the institution after her husband's death presented enormous financial challenges, including substantial debts and unpaid staff salaries. Faced with the responsibility of sustaining the schools and meeting outstanding obligations, she sold her personal jewellery and vehicles while preserving the Waqf assets that supported the institution.

The experience, she explained, reinforced the importance of protecting endowed assets while managing them productively to generate sustainable income.

The institution's assets include rice fields, rice-processing factories, coffee farms, timber plantations, a bread factory and other agricultural and commercial enterprises. She disclosed that the organisation, which initially operated 25 business units, eventually expanded to 73.

Dr. Waheedah stressed that Waqf should not be understood merely as an avenue for charitable donations but as a sustainable economic system capable of generating the resources needed to finance social services over the long term.

She explained that by combining Islamic charitable endowments with social entrepreneurship, sound business management and vocational education, the organisation had developed a model in which economic activities support educational services, while students acquire skills that prepare them for productive lives.

The model integrates agriculture, food production, energy, water management and waste recycling to reduce operational costs, generate additional income and create practical learning opportunities.

Its enterprises include rice processing, noodle production, soya milk manufacturing, farming, fisheries, livestock and poultry production. The organisation also operates a poultry enterprise with 10,000 laying chickens and produces animal feed to support its agricultural activities.

In an innovative approach to waste management, food waste is converted into larvae for feeding poultry and fish, while discarded plastics, eggshells, sweet wrappers and other materials are recycled into yarn, crafts, ornaments and paving blocks.

The initiative's philosophy is captured in its motto: "There's no trash, but cash."

According to Dr. Waheedah, the approach demonstrates how materials often discarded as waste can become valuable resources, creating economic opportunities while promoting environmental sustainability.

Students participate directly in producing items such as caps, soap, socks and other goods for use within the institution and for sale to external customers. Some products, including traditional caps known as kofia, have reached international markets, including Senegal.

Beyond generating revenue, she David these activities expose students to the practical realities of production, marketing, business management and entrepreneurship.

Dr. Waheedah explained that the institution provides vocational training in agriculture, fisheries, sewing, beauty-product production and other trades, enabling students to develop practical competencies alongside their formal and religious education.

The guest Speaker, emphasised that the ultimate objective was to prepare young people to become job creators rather than depend entirely on paid employment, charitable donations or government assistance.

Her experience, she suggested, offers valuable lessons for Nigeria, particularly Northern Nigeria, where strengthening Almajiri education remains an important development priority.

She encouraged Nigerian communities to develop similar initiatives based on their available resources and local needs, stressing that sustainable solutions could emerge when communities organised their assets, skills and resources around clearly defined objectives.

Rather than waiting exclusively for government intervention, she advocated that communities could take practical steps towards addressing educational and economic challenges through collective action, responsible management and productive investment.

She advocated that, Waqf, when supported by productive investments, vocational education and effective management, could evolve from a traditional charitable practice into a sustainable instrument of social transformation.

For Nigeria, particularly the North, the experience shared by Dr. Waheedah offers a practical framework for rethinking Almajiri education: preserving its Islamic foundation while introducing economic opportunities that enable schools to sustain themselves and prepare children for productive, dignified lives.

Dr. Waheedah also disclosed that the organisation receives support from the Central Bank of Indonesia to establish businesses within Islamic boarding schools across the country, particularly in drinking-water production, waste recycling and biogas generation from cow waste.

She expressed interest in promoting similar partnerships in Nigeria, especially in support of Almajiri schools, through

collaboration among financial institutions, universities and Islamic organisations.

Under the proposed arrangement, financial institutions could provide funding, universities could contribute research and technical expertise, while Islamic organisations could coordinate implementation within their communities.

Ealier in his welcome remarks the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics), Professor Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni, said the model presented offered significant opportunities for addressing poverty, educational disadvantage, unemployment and other social challenges.

He noted that Nigeria continued to grapple with problems including out-of-school children, youth unemployment, orphanhood and the displacement of vulnerable populations, stressing that Waqf could provide sustainable responses when managed with transparency, accountability and a clear development strategy.

The Vice Chancellor said BUK will collaborate with Dr. Waheedah by providing postgraduate fellowships to study her development model and exploring institutional partnerships to facilitate research, knowledge exchange and practical application.

He also disclosed that the University had concluded plans to offer the guest lecturer a pro bono appointment to engage with students virtually, allowing them to benefit from her experience.

Also speaking, the chairman of the occasion, Dr. Sirajo Salisu, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Summit Bank Limited, announced a commitment to support outstanding graduates and provide professional guidance to students.

Dr. Salisu said the bank planned to offer automatic employment over the next five years to the best graduating male and female students in Islamic Banking and Finance or Economics, subject to the University's decision on the selection arrangement.

He further offered to engage voluntarily with undergraduate and postgraduate students every two weeks to share professional experience and prepare them for future career opportunities.

Discussing the implications of Dr. Waheedah's presentation for Almajiri education, Professor Binta Tijjani Jibril advocated an integrated system that combines Qur'anic instruction with vocational training, entrepreneurship and professional education.

Professor Binta Jibril a former Director of the International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance (IIIBF) said school-based enterprises could generate income, reduce operating costs and equip learners with practical skills, while stronger governance and community participation would improve the sustainability of Almajiri institutions.

Professor Jibril also identified digital and financial technologies as opportunities for mobilising resources, strengthening accountability and extending the model to communities with limited resources.

Similarly, another discussant, the Director General Economic & Social Reforms Coordination, Gombe state, Dr. Abdullahi Abubakar Lamido, called for practical action to translate the principles of Waqf into sustainable solutions for education, healthcare, employment generation and community development.

He noted that Islamic history offered examples of charitable endowments being used to meet public needs, urging individuals, families and communities to organise their charitable contributions around specific development priorities.

VC Fetes Students, Reaffirms Commitment to Welfare and University Development

By Dr. Nura Garba

The Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, has hosted student leaders to an interactive dinner as part of efforts to strengthen engagement with students and address issues affecting their welfare.

Speaking at the dinner, attended by the Students' Union Government (SUG), the Vice-Chancellor reaffirmed his administration's commitment to improving students' welfare, expanding infrastructure and strengthening the University's global standing.

The engagement, held on Sunday, 11 October 2026, at Frenchies Restaurant and led by the SUG President, Comrade Abdulmutallab Kalli, brought together the University Management and student leaders to discuss issues affecting students and the continued development of

dispute with the Rimin Zakara community is resolved.

The Vice-Chancellor disclosed that rehabilitation of the remaining student hostels would commence immediately after the second-semester examinations and that the University was also pursuing Public-Private Partnership arrangements to increase hostel accommodation. He added that five students' common rooms across the campuses would be fully renovated and equipped with modern facilities, including air-conditioning systems and large-screen televisions.

Professor Musa further highlighted ongoing efforts to solarize the University, including the upgrade of the Old Campus solar plant, construction of an additional solar plant, installation of hundreds of solar-powered streetlights and the continued solarization of reading halls. He noted that these projects would significantly reduce energy costs and improve electricity supply across student hostels and academic areas.

He also revealed that the University currently spends about ₦2.8 billion annually on electricity and diesel, stressing that the ongoing renewable energy projects would ease the financial burden and enhance service delivery.

On students' welfare, the Vice-Chancellor assured students of improved healthcare services through closer collaboration with Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital, the review of athletes' travelling allowances, rehabilitation of the New Campus stadium, improved access to sporting facilities, renovation of the SUG Secretariat and timely release of students' union funds.



Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi with representatives in a group photograph

the institution.

The meeting was attended by the Dean of Students Affairs, Professor Mukhtar Ridwan Bunza; the Deputy Dean (Female), Dr Binta Abba; the Registrar's representative, Adamu Saleh; the Deputy Dean, Old Campus, Dr Sani Saidu; the speaker and members of the Students' Representative Assembly, alongside other student leaders.

Responding to issues raised by the students, Professor Haruna Musa assured them that the University was implementing both immediate and long-term measures to address electricity and water supply challenges. He said ongoing geological surveys would facilitate the construction of additional boreholes on the New Campus, while the proposed earth dam project would provide a lasting solution to water supply once the lingering land

Addressing security concerns, Professor Musa said the University had commenced a comprehensive review of its security architecture, appointed a new Director of Security and was finalizing arrangements to establish Star Guards Limited, a University-owned security company, to strengthen safety across its campuses.

The Vice-Chancellor also informed the students that Bayero University had recently been ranked among the world's top 1,001-1,200 universities, while four of its researchers were recognized among the world's top two per cent most cited scholars.

He said these achievements reflected the University's commitment to its strategic priorities of Integrity, Innovation, Impact and Inclusivity, adding that the institution was now benchmarking itself against leading global universities.

Looking ahead, he announced that the University's Golden Jubilee celebration next year would feature the launch of its maiden Endowment Fund to mobilize resources for infrastructure, research, teaching and learning. He also disclosed that the Aliko Dangote Foundation had expanded its partnership with the University by extending its scholarship programme to undergraduate students after its earlier intervention for postgraduate students at the Dangote Business School.

Professor Musa assured the students that his administration would continue to engage and collaborate closely with the Students' Union Government in

addressing issues affecting students and advancing the University's development.

Earlier, the Dean of Students Affairs, Professor Mukhtar Ridwan Bunza, commended the Vice-Chancellor for the numerous completed and ongoing projects, describing them as major interventions that have significantly improved students' welfare and campus life.

In his remarks, the SUG President, Comrade Abdulmudallib Kalli, described Professor Haruna Musa as a student-centred Vice-Chancellor who remained accessible to students, listens to their concerns and continues to implement impactful projects that enhance their academic experience and overall well-being.

COREN President Urges Northwest to Adopt Smart Irrigation for Food Security

By Lamara Garba

The President of the Council for the Regulation of Engineering in Nigeria (COREN), Professor Sadiq Z. Abubakar, has called for an integrated approach to irrigation development in Northwest Nigeria, advocating the adoption of smart technologies, renewable energy and improved water management to boost agricultural productivity, strengthen climate resilience and enhance food security.

Professor Abubakar said the region must move beyond the construction of dams and canals to developing productive and sustainable agricultural systems that integrate water infrastructure, energy, drainage, digital technologies, agricultural production, market access and institutional capacity.

He made the call at the maiden Northwest Conference of the Nigerian Institution of Agricultural Engineers (NIAE) and the Nigeria National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (NINCID), hosted in Bayero University, Kano which was held virtually. The conference focused on addressing agricultural challenges in Northern Nigeria, where experts, policymakers, researchers, industry representatives and farmers examined strategies for improving irrigation, drainage, mechanisation and climate-smart agriculture.

The COREN President identified poor operation and maintenance, high energy costs, water degradation, inadequate infrastructure, insecurity and fragmented institutional arrangements as major constraints affecting the performance and sustainability of irrigation schemes across the region.

He said addressing these challenges required coordinated planning, effective management and adequate investment in supporting infrastructure to ensure that irrigation projects delivered tangible benefits to farmers and the wider agricultural sector.

To achieve this, Professor Abubakar proposed the establishment of a Northwest Irrigation Development Council comprising the seven state governments in the region, River Basin Development Authorities, the

Nigerian Institution of Agricultural Engineers (NIAE), the Nigerian National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (NINCID), universities, farmers, private investors and relevant federal agencies.

According to him, the proposed council would coordinate the rehabilitation of irrigation schemes, improve water-resource management, promote renewable energy and strengthen farmer-led governance.

He said bringing the relevant stakeholders together would help reduce institutional fragmentation, improve



Engr. Prof. Sadiq Zubair Abubakar, FNSE, FAEng
President of COREN

accountability and ensure that irrigation investments were aligned with the agricultural and economic needs of the region.

Professor Abubakar also advocated the adoption of solar-powered irrigation systems to reduce dependence on expensive energy sources and make irrigation more affordable, particularly for smallholder farmers.

He further recommended the use of digital irrigation systems, remote sensing, Internet of Things (IoT) technology and artificial intelligence to improve water-use efficiency, support irrigation scheduling and strengthen

farmers' ability to respond to changing climatic conditions. He stressed that irrigation development should be assessed not merely by the number of hectares brought under cultivation but by its measurable impact on crop yields, farmers' incomes, employment generation, agricultural value addition, food supply and returns on investment.

According to him, the ultimate objective should be to establish productive agricultural systems that improve livelihoods, strengthen rural economies and contribute to long-term food security.

Also speaking, the Kano State Commissioner for Agriculture, Dr Danjuma Mahmoud, pledged the state government's support for initiatives aimed at improving irrigation, drainage, mechanisation and climate-resilient agriculture.

Mahmoud stated this in a goodwill message delivered on his behalf by the Director of Irrigation at the conference. He said changing rainfall patterns, prolonged dry spells, flooding, rising temperatures, land degradation and water scarcity were placing increasing pressure on farmers and agricultural production, making investments in modern and efficient agricultural systems imperative.

He advocated the adoption of modern irrigation technologies, efficient water application methods, improved irrigation scheduling, appropriate crop selection, water harvesting and access to reliable climate information to enable farmers to sustain production throughout the year.

The commissioner emphasised that effective drainage infrastructure was equally important to sustainable irrigation, noting that poorly managed drainage systems could undermine agricultural productivity and compromise the long-term benefits of irrigation investments.

He also called for agricultural mechanisation that was affordable, environmentally responsible and suited to the needs of smallholder farmers, who play a central role in food production across the country.

Mahmoud noted that infrastructure alone could not guarantee sustainable agricultural development without effective maintenance, functional extension services, quality agricultural inputs, affordable financing, accessible markets and appropriate institutional arrangements.

He stressed the need for a comprehensive approach that combines infrastructure development with farmer support services and effective management systems to ensure that investments translate into improved productivity and better livelihoods.

Earlier in his speech, the Chairman of the Local Organising Committee, and the immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Bayero University, Kano, Professor Mohammed Shu'aibu Abubakar, said the conference brought together professionals, policymakers, academics, researchers, industry players and farmers to develop practical solutions to agricultural challenges in Northern Nigeria.

He explained that the gathering provided an opportunity for stakeholders to exchange ideas, share experiences and explore strategies for improving irrigation infrastructure, strengthening agricultural production and promoting climate-smart farming practices.

Professor Abubakar expressed the hope that the conference recommendations would inform government policies, guide investment decisions and support practical interventions in irrigation, drainage, mechanisation and climate-resilient agriculture.

The conference called for stronger collaboration among governments, universities, professional institutions, research organisations, farmers, financial institutions, development partners and the private sector to accelerate agricultural transformation across Northern Nigeria.

Participants emphasised the importance of translating research and technical expertise into practical solutions that respond to farmers' needs, improve water-use efficiency, expand agricultural opportunities and strengthen rural livelihoods.

The discussions underscored the need for a coordinated regional strategy that combines modern irrigation technologies, reliable infrastructure, effective governance and private-sector participation to address the challenges facing agricultural production.

The conference concluded with a call for sustained investment in irrigation and climate-smart agriculture, with stakeholders emphasising that effective collaboration and improved resource management would be essential to strengthening food security and building a more resilient agricultural sector across Northwest Nigeria.

BUK Appoints Aminu A. Yakasai as Desk Officer for Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria

Bayero University, Kano (BUK), has appointed Aminu Abdullahi Yakasai of the Bursary Department as the University Desk Officer for the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria (FMBN).

The appointment, which takes effect immediately, was conveyed in a letter signed by the Registrar, Malam Haruna Aliyu.



Following the appointment, members of the University community are advised to contact the newly appointed Desk Officer for enquiries, clarifications, and updates on matters relating to the Federal Mortgage Bank of Nigeria (FMBN).

The appointment is expected to facilitate access to relevant information and enhance communication between the University community and the Bank.

BUK VC Congratulates , Jigawa Governor, WOFAN Founder, Prof. Auwal Hussaini on CSSN Fellowship

By Lamara Garba & Dr. Nura Garba

The Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, has congratulated the Governor of Jigawa state Alhaji Umar Namadi Danmodi, the Founder and Global Advocate of the Women Farmers Advancement Network (WOFAN), Dr Salamat Garba, and the immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Professor Muhammad Auwal Hussaini, on their investiture as Fellows of the Crop Science Society of Nigeria (CSSN).

The Vice-Chancellor described the honours as well deserved, noting that the recognition reflected the recipients' outstanding contributions to agricultural development, crop production, education, research, youth development and the empowerment of women and smallholder farmers in Nigeria.

Professor Musa conveyed the University's congratulations

Professor Musa noted that Dr Garba chairs the Sectoral Industry Advisory Board of the university's Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), a partnership that has continued to create opportunities for collaboration between academic institutions and development organisations.

The Vice Chancellor also congratulated Professor Muhammad Auwal Hussaini the immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture on his Fellowship, describing the honour as a significant milestone in his academic career and a source of pride to Bayero University. He acknowledged the professor's contributions to agricultural education, research and development, noting that the recognition reflected his professional accomplishments and service to the university and the wider agricultural sector.

Also speaking at the event, the Director of the Centre for Dryland Agriculture, Professor Sanusi Gaya Mohammed, congratulated both recipients and commended their contributions to agricultural development and human advancement.

Professor Mohammed noted that Dr Garba had maintained a partnership with the Centre since 2014, describing her recognition by the CSSN as a fitting acknowledgement of her longstanding commitment to agricultural development and service to humanity.

He explained that the partnership between WOFAN and the Centre had continued to expand through initiatives designed to bridge the gap between university education and practical agricultural experience. He identified the SIBLING Project as one of the significant outcomes of the collaboration, reflecting the university's commitment to building strategic partnerships that equip students with relevant professional and entrepreneurial skills.

He described Professor Hussaini as a committed scholar whose contributions to agricultural education, research and development had earned him recognition within the profession. He said the CSSN Fellowship was a well-deserved acknowledgement of his scholarly achievements and service to the university and the agricultural community.

Among the other distinguished recipients was the Executive Governor of Jigawa State, Malam Umar A. Namadi, whose recognition highlighted the importance of leadership and institutional support in advancing agricultural development.

The President of CSSN, Professor Aminu Ahmad Muhammad, described the Fellowship as the society's highest honour, reserved for individuals who have made exceptional contributions to crop science, agricultural research and development.



DVC Research and Development Professor Amina Mustapha in a group photograph with the newly inducted fellows

on Monday, during the society's five-day 11th National Conference and Annual General Meeting, which runs from 12 to 16 October 2026 in Dutse, Jigawa State. The conference is themed *“Advancing Sustainable Crop Production and Climate-Smart Technology for Food Security and Economic Growth.”*

Represented at the occasion by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Development, Professor Amina Mustapha, the Vice-Chancellor said fellowship of a professional body represented an important recognition of excellence, professional commitment and contributions to the advancement of one's field.

He particularly commended the Governor and Dr Garba for their sustained efforts to improve agricultural productivity, strengthen smallholder farming and promote sustainable livelihoods among farming communities. He described WOFAN Director as a valued partner of Bayero University, highlighting her longstanding collaboration with the institution through WOFAN.

He noted that Dr Garba's recognition reflected both her professional accomplishments and the far-reaching impact of her interventions among farming communities. He also expressed the society's readiness to collaborate with WOFAN in translating scientific research into practical solutions that would improve agricultural productivity and strengthen farmers' livelihoods.

Speaking after receiving the honour, Dr Garba described the recognition as an affirmation that sustained service and commitment to humanity would eventually be acknowledged.

A trained plant pathologist, she recalled that her journey began in 1993 when she worked with 28 people in a classroom, before gradually expanding her efforts into community-based programmes that, according to her, have reached more than seven million beneficiaries.

"I started in the classroom, but I wanted my support to go beyond just the students. Today, I am still the same plant scientist, but using the science in a different way to touch millions of lives," she said.

Through WOFAN, Dr Garba has championed programmes aimed at improving agricultural productivity, strengthening household incomes and expanding economic opportunities, particularly for women and young people in farming communities. The organisation's interventions combine agricultural support, capacity building, livelihood development and community empowerment to help vulnerable groups become more productive and economically self-reliant.

Governor Namadi, who was also honoured with the Fellowship, described the conference theme as timely in view of the challenges confronting agricultural production,

including climate variability, declining soil fertility, pests and diseases, rising production costs and the limited adoption of improved technologies.

He called on crop scientists to intensify research into improved crop varieties, promote efficient soil and water management, strengthen integrated pest management and expand the adoption of climate-smart agricultural practices.

The governor also emphasised the need to translate research findings into affordable, accessible and practical solutions for smallholder farmers, who remain central to Nigeria's food production system. He advocated stronger partnerships among universities, research institutions, government agencies, the private sector and farming communities to accelerate the adoption of agricultural innovations and improve productivity.

He further stressed the importance of mentoring young scientists to sustain research, innovation and professional development in crop science.

The CSSN recognition of Dr Garba and Professor Hussain highlights the importance of connecting scientific knowledge, academic research and practical interventions to address the challenges facing Nigeria's agricultural sector. It also reinforces the need for stronger collaboration among universities, professional bodies, development organisations and government institutions to promote food security, climate resilience and sustainable livelihoods.

Professor Sani Miko, Chairman of the WOFAN Board, and Professor Mahmud Ibrahim Daneji, a member of the Board, attended the event alongside other members of the Faculty of Agriculture, Bayero University, and representatives of the agricultural community.

Dutsin-Ma VC Calls for Agricultural Mechanisation to Boost Food Security

By Lamara Garba

The Vice-Chancellor of Federal University Dutsin-Ma, Professor M.K. Othman, has called for an integrated approach to irrigation, agricultural mechanisation and climate-smart technologies to unlock the agricultural potential of Northwest Nigeria, boost food production and address persistent food insecurity.

Othman, a Professor of Agricultural and Bio-Resources Engineering, made the call while delivering the keynote address at the maiden Northwest Conference of the Nigerian Institution of Agricultural Engineers (NIAE) and the Nigeria National Committee on Irrigation and Drainage (NINCID), held virtually from Monday to Tuesday.

The conference hosted in Bayero University, was themed "Advancing Climate-Smart Irrigation, Drainage and Agricultural Mechanization for Sustainable Food Security and Economic Development in Northern Nigeria."

Othman said the Northwest, comprising Kano, Kaduna, Katsina, Kebbi, Sokoto, Jigawa and Zamfara states,



Prof. M. K. Othman, VC, FUDMA

possesses enormous agricultural potential but continues to face challenges including low productivity, rural poverty, food insecurity, unemployment and increasing vulnerability to climate change.

He maintained that these challenges could be addressed more effectively if irrigation, mechanisation, drainage and

climate-smart technologies were developed as interconnected components of a comprehensive agricultural transformation strategy.

According to him, Nigeria has an estimated irrigation potential of 3.14 million hectares, with more than 40 per cent located in the Northwest. However, only about 15 per cent of this potential has been developed, leaving significant opportunities for expanding agricultural production and improving rural livelihoods.

The Vice-Chancellor attributed the underperformance of some irrigation schemes to inadequate maintenance, deteriorating canals, faulty gates and pumps, and weak drainage systems.

He warned that irrigation without effective drainage could damage agricultural land and undermine long-term productivity.

“Continuous surface irrigation can lead to waterlogging, salinity and sodicity, ultimately resulting in land abandonment,” he said.

Othman therefore advocated the integration of modern drainage infrastructure and efficient water-management technologies into irrigation development to prevent soil degradation and ensure sustainable agricultural production.

He also identified inadequate mechanisation as a major constraint to agricultural productivity, noting that many Nigerian farmers still depend heavily on manual labour, while post-harvest losses remain between 30 and 40 per cent.

Citing Nigeria's tractor density of approximately 0.027 horsepower per hectare, compared with the 1.5 horsepower per hectare recommended by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), he said the mechanisation gap significantly limits the country's ability to expand agricultural production and meet growing food demands.

To address these challenges, Othman proposed establishing Northwest Centres of Excellence for irrigation, agricultural mechanisation and smart agriculture at selected institutions, including Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria; Federal University Dutsin-Ma; Bayero University Kano; and Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto.

He said the centres would strengthen research, develop appropriate technologies and promote collaboration among universities, government institutions, farmers and private-sector operators to accelerate agricultural innovation.

The professor also recommended establishing Climate-Smart Village demonstration sites where farmers could access and adopt technologies suited to local environmental conditions.

Other proposals included geographical information system mapping of salinity, sodicity and waterlogging, alongside increased research into solar-powered irrigation, precision agriculture, smart drainage, hydroponics, laser land levelling and soil-carbon management.

He further urged NIAE and the National Centre for Agricultural Mechanization to develop standards for agricultural machinery, particularly solar irrigation pumps, low-horsepower power tillers and two-wheel tractors.

According to him, appropriate standards would protect farmers from substandard equipment while encouraging the adoption of affordable, reliable and efficient technologies.

Othman also called on the Northwest chapter of NIAE to develop a regional policy and implementation blueprint covering irrigation, mechanisation and smart agriculture in collaboration with the Northwest Development Commission.

ACEPHAP Celebrates First Year Achievements of its Project on Making Caesarean Sections Safe In Kano

By Bala G. Abdullahi

First year results of making caesarean Section Safe Project in Kano were officially presented on October 9th, 2026, during a dissemination meeting between ACEPHAP, the Kano State Ministry of Health and participating healthcare facilities.

The findings highlighted significant improvements achieved through capacity-building efforts carried out by ACEPHAP in partnership with the Global Surgery Foundation (GSF). These efforts had enabled multidisciplinary hospital teams to provide higher-quality care to patients.

Dr. Maryam Lawal Wada, the Co-PI of the project noted that adherence to the World Health Organization's Surgical Safety Checklist (SSC) increased from 0% at baseline in June 2025 to 78.4% across 3,358 tracked caesarean sections. In addition, rates of Surgical Site Infections (SSI) dropped from 9.2% to 4.8%.



Participants at the dissemination meeting in a group photograph

In his opening remarks, the Kano State Commissioner of Health, Dr. Abubakar Labaran Yusuf, commended Prof.

Hadiza Shehu Galadanci, emphasizing her dedication to saving women's lives in Kano, Nigeria and across Africa. He praised her relentless efforts and support in improving the healthcare system. He noted that the impressive numbers alone speak volumes about the success of the Safe CS project. The commissioner reaffirmed that caesarean sections are life-saving procedures that, when performed correctly, could save many more lives in Kano.

He then directed Mrs. Mansura Yahaya, the MNCH Coordinator at the State Ministry of Health, to ensure that the Safe CS project's Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) and training curricula were adopted across all secondary and tertiary health facilities in Kano.

In her address, the Director of ACEPHAP, Prof. Hadiza Shehu Galadanci revealed that one of the project's major achievement was the widespread adoption of the Surgical Safety Checklist, which had significantly reduced CS complications. She added that surgeons from other specialties had applauded the checklist and are beginning to incorporate it into their practice. She also announced plans to extend the intervention to Jigawa State later this year.

She also highlighted that the project supplied complete CS sets, drape sets and periodic supply of povidone iodine to

all ten facilities. Plumbing works at Sheikh Jidda General Hospital, Sink Installation at Bamalli Nuhu Maternity Hospital. Other supplies included the provision of suction machines, patient monitors, autoclaves, air conditioners and oxygen concentrators were distributed to participating facilities. This was in response to the requests made during the quality improvement plan for all facilities during the leadership training that took place in July at ACEPHAP.

She stated that over 215 healthcare workers had been trained through step-down training sessions. Furthermore, more than 500 healthcare providers had been positively impacted and 59 individuals received leadership training across various multidisciplinary specialties.

Representatives from participating hospitals expressed their satisfaction with the project, acknowledging the vital support from ACEPHAP, GSF and the Kano State Ministry of Health.

In their various remarks, the hospitals under the study expressed their satisfaction with the ongoing project, the support of ACEPHAP and the commissioner as well as GSF for the successful implementation of the project. The assured of their full commitment towards realizing more successes of the project.

Health Is a Condition for National Development, Says Former NUC Executive Secretary, Abubakar Adamu Rasheed

By Lamara Garba

The former Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC), Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, has called for greater recognition of health as a fundamental condition for national development, stressing that a nation's progress depends largely on the health and wellbeing of its people.

Professor Rasheed made the call while delivering the maiden convocation lecture of the Federal University of Health Sciences, Azare (FUHSA), Bauchi State, on Friday, 16 October 2026. The lecture was titled *"From Medical Education to National Wellbeing: The Promise of Universities of Health Sciences in Nigeria."*

He observed that national development was often discussed in terms of roads, electricity, technology and economic growth, noting that although these were necessary pursuits, the people responsible for building, operating and benefiting from such infrastructure must be healthy enough to contribute meaningfully to national progress.

"We often speak of national development in the language of roads, power, technology and economic growth. These are necessary pursuits," he said, adding that the people who build, operate and benefit from them must be able to work and live in good health.

Professor Rasheed argued that health should not be treated merely as a sector requiring attention after economic development had taken place. Rather, he maintained that it should be recognised as one of the essential conditions that make development possible and, therefore, deserve

priority in national planning and policy formulation.

He explained that this understanding reinforced the importance of establishing specialised institutions dedicated to training health professionals, describing the creation of universities of health sciences as a



Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, MFR, mni (right) with Vice Chancellor, Federal University of Health Sciences Azare, Professor Baka Mohammed Audu (left)

consequential policy decision that could help Nigeria address its healthcare workforce needs.

According to him, such institutions provide the country with an opportunity not only to increase the supply of qualified health personnel but also to rethink the relationship between professional training, healthcare delivery and the broader needs of society.

He further emphasised that a serious national development

strategy must recognise the interdependence of health and other sectors, including education, agriculture, water, sanitation and employment.

Professor Rasheed maintained that policies across these sectors must be designed to reinforce one another if Nigeria is to achieve sustainable improvements in the living conditions and wellbeing of its citizens.

The former NUC Executive Secretary also called on universities of health sciences to adopt distinctive approaches to teaching and learning, given the complex demands of the health professions.

He noted that healthcare professionals require more than technical knowledge in their respective disciplines, as effective healthcare delivery increasingly depends on their ability to understand the social, economic and environmental factors that influence health outcomes.

He, therefore, stressed the importance of interdisciplinary education in preparing health professionals to respond effectively to the diverse challenges confronting the Nigerian healthcare system.

Professor Rasheed also paid glowing tribute to the individuals who initiated the establishment of specialised universities of health sciences in Nigeria, particularly commending former Minister of Education, Malam Adamu Adamu, for his foresight and visionary leadership in the education sector.

He acknowledged the significance of the policy direction that led to the establishment of such institutions, noting that they could play a vital role in strengthening medical education, expanding the country's health workforce and improving national wellbeing.

Earlier, the Chairman of the occasion, Alhaji Mahmoud Yayale Ahmed, Ajiyan Katagum, expressed appreciation to the Federal Government for establishing the university

in Azare, describing the institution as a source of pride to its host community and the entire North-East region.

He noted that the university's presence in Azare represented an important investment in education and healthcare development, with the potential to contribute to the growth of the region and improve access to specialised health education.

Alhaji Yayale Ahmed also commended the pioneer management of the university for laying a solid foundation for the institution and positioning it for sustainable growth.

He acknowledged the efforts of the university's leadership in establishing its administrative and academic structures, noting the importance of a strong institutional foundation in achieving the objectives for which the university was created.

In his welcome address, the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Health Sciences, Azare, Professor Bala Mohammed Audu, expressed appreciation for the support and cooperation he had received from members of the Katagum Emirate community, as well as the people and government of Bauchi State.

Professor Audu said the goodwill and cooperation had contributed significantly to the successful discharge of his responsibilities as the university's pioneer Vice-Chancellor.

He acknowledged the importance of cordial relations between the university and its host community, noting that the continued support of stakeholders remained essential to the institution's development and the fulfilment of its mandate in health education and research.

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano Professor Haruna Musa, fsi was represented by the University Librarian, Dr Kabir Dahiru Abbas

AMR Club Celebrates Achievements, Inaugurates New Leadership

By Muhsinat Nu'uman Habeeb

The Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Club of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), has celebrated its achievements in public health advocacy and awareness creation while formally transferring leadership from its pioneer executive council to a new team headed by Abubakar Salmanu.

The ceremony, held on Wednesday, 7 October 2026, at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Old Campus, BUK, featured the presentation of awards, goodwill messages and a review of the club's activities since its establishment in 2024.

In his farewell address, the outgoing President, Yahya Lawan Rimin Kebe, said the club emerged from a shared concern among four students over the growing threat of antimicrobial resistance and the need to promote public awareness of its dangers.

He explained that what began as a modest student initiative had developed into a platform for public health advocacy, scientific awareness and youth leadership, with activities



extending beyond the university community.

Mr Rimin Kebe highlighted the club's achievements, including awareness campaigns during World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week, community

outreach programmes, the establishment of a governance structure and partnerships with professional organisations, academic departments and media outlets.

He expressed appreciation to the club's patrons, staff advisers and partners for their support, urging the incoming President, Abubakar Salmanu, and his executive team to sustain and expand the achievements recorded by the pioneer leadership.

“Leadership is a trust. It is an *amanah*. Guard it, build on the foundation we have laid and take the AMR Club to even greater heights,” he said.

Earlier, the Acting Secretary-General, Abba Abubakar, presented an overview of the club's activities and achievements, disclosing that it was officially launched on 22 August 2024, following the Antimicrobial Resistance Interservice Training Programme, which attracted more than 250 students and staff.

He said the club had since registered more than 2,201 members and directly reached over 3,000 people through awareness campaigns and sensitisation programmes in primary and secondary schools, healthcare centres, local markets and religious institutions.

Mr Abubakar identified collaborations with organisations such as the Pharmaceutical Association of Nigerian Students, BUK Chapter, and the Centre for Dryland Agriculture as important to the club's growth and outreach efforts.

Despite its achievements, he noted that financial

constraints and competing academic responsibilities remained major challenges to the club's activities.

He outlined the club's future priorities, which include expanding community outreach, promoting student-led research and strengthening engagement with policymakers and the media to improve public understanding of antimicrobial resistance.

As part of the ceremony, special recognition awards were presented to individuals who had supported the club's activities and contributed to its development. The recipients included Dr Aisha Mohammad, former Dean of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences and patron of the club; Dr Murtala Isa Umar, Chairman of the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria (PSN), Kano State Chapter; Pharm. Dr Zubair Abdulqadir; and Dr Ibrahim Adamu Ingawa.

The ceremony marked a significant milestone for the student-led organisation, providing an opportunity to recognise the contributions of its pioneer leadership while reaffirming its commitment to raising awareness of antimicrobial resistance and promoting responsible antimicrobial use.

The transition also placed responsibility on the new executive council to build on the foundation laid by its predecessors, strengthen existing partnerships and expand the club's contribution to public health advocacy within and beyond Bayero University.

ACEPHAP Deepens Collaboration with AIM MNCNH Partners on Maternal and Newborn Health

By Bala G. Abdullahi

The Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) Advocacy and Implementation of Maternal Newborn Child Nutrition and Health (AIM

and agree on priorities for aligning the consortium's work with the TEAM-OB/NEO program.

The two-day meeting took place on Monday 28th and Tuesday 29th September 2026 in Kano and it brought together representatives from Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP), Pathfinder, Medical Women's Association of Nigeria (MWAN) and Center for Communication and Social Impact (CCSI).

The meeting was aimed at providing a platform for partners to review the two-year AIM-MNCHN advocacy activities, assess progress, identify lessons and challenges and develop recommendations to strengthen future advocacy efforts. A key focus of the meeting was the orientation of partners to the TEAM-OB/NEO structure, alongside the development of a new Theory of Change and actionable work plan.

In her welcome address at the meeting, the ACEPHAP Director, Prof. Hadiza Shehu Galadanci, provided context for the transition from AIM-MNCHN advocacy to TEAM-OB/NEO. PATHFINDER, led by Dr. Olufemi Ibitoye made a presentation on advocacy implementation and policy alignment, while CCSI, led by Dr. Kanayo Omonuju, focused on strategic communication. MWAN team, led by Prof. Rosemary Ogbu shared insights on



ACEPHAP Director, Prof. Hadiza Galadanci

MNCHN) consortium partners convened a strategic meeting to review implementation progress, share experiences and lessons from ongoing advocacy activities

clinical and community advocacy outreach support, highlighting the role of advocacy in strengthening engagement around maternal and newborn health.

During the meeting, Dr. Aminu Wakili of ACEPHAP and Program Manager, provided an overview of TEAM-OB/NEO, including its program structure, framework and objectives. He also outlined what the transition and re-scoping would mean for the consortium's ongoing advocacy work, with particular emphasis on ensuring continuity while aligning future activities with TEAM-OB/NEO priorities.

The discussions reaffirmed the consortium's commitment to the Foundation's Policy, Advocacy and Communications (PAC) priorities, with activities focused on contributing to reductions in maternal, newborn and child mortality through evidence-informed policy engagement, context-responsive and localized advocacy, stronger political commitment and sustainable investments in healthcare.

A key focus of the meeting was ensuring that the advocacy platform and partnerships already established through AIM MNCNH continue to support the evolving maternal and newborn health agenda. This included strengthening the use of evidence to inform policy and implementation, supporting champions and decision-makers and promoting learning and collaboration across participating settings.

As an important outcome of the meeting, consortium partners jointly developed an updated Theory of Change (ToC), Results Framework (RF) and detailed work plan to guide subsequent advocacy and policy engagement activities. These tools would provide a common framework for coordinating implementation, monitoring progress and measuring results across the consortium.

The meeting marked an important step in repositioning the AIM MNCNH advocacy work to complement TEAM-OB/NEO while sustaining the partnerships, advocacy structures and learning generated through the consortium.

DPA Pioneers Celebrate Milestone, Honour Vice-Chancellor and Registrar

By Adamu Garba

The pioneer graduates of the Doctor of Public Administration (DPA) programme celebrated the successful completion of their studies at a graduation dinner held on 11 October 2026 at Armani Event Center, Nassarawa G.R.A.

The event brought together the graduates, university officials, academic staff and invited guests to mark a significant milestone for the programme's first cohort. The dinner also provided an opportunity to recognise the leaders and academics whose support helped advance the programme.

The pioneer students honoured the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Haruna Musa, and the Registrar, Mal. Haruna Aliyu, in appreciation of their contributions to the university and their support for the DPA programme.

In his remarks while receiving the awards on behalf of the Vice Chancellor and the Registrar, the Head of the Department of Public Administration, Dr. Usman Abbo, urged the graduates to be good ambassadors of the university and the department. He also encouraged them to maintain strong links between academia and industry.

The graduates also acknowledged Dr. Abbo and the programme coordinator, Prof. Abubakar Tabiu, for their academic leadership and commitment to the students' learning and professional development. Awards were also presented to lecturers in recognition of their contributions to teaching and the students' academic development.

In a gesture of support for the department, the graduates donated a photocopying machine and a heavy-duty printer.

They also donated ₦200,000 to Auwal Mohammed, a cleaner, to support him in furthering his education.

The graduates' achievement represents an important step for the DPA programme and reflects their dedication to advanced study in public administration. Their completion of the programme adds to the pool of highly trained professionals equipped to contribute to public-sector



HoD, Dr. Usman Abbo receiving the award on behalf of the Vice Chancellor and Registrar

leadership, policy and administration.

The dinner concluded with a celebration of the graduates' accomplishment and recognition of the university community's role in supporting the programme's pioneer cohort.

BUK Postgraduate Students Honour Professor Yusuf M. Adamu

By Lamara Garba

Postgraduate students of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), have organised a special gathering to honour Professor Yusuf M. Adamu, Distinguished Professor of Medical Geography, in recognition of his contributions to scholarship, mentorship and human development following his 63rd Inaugural Professorial Lecture.

The event, held at Ten-to-Ten Restaurant along Zoo Road, Kano, was organised by the 31 MSc and PhD students supervised by Professor Adamu. It brought together more

took turns to recount their experiences with him, highlighting his dedication to teaching, commitment to academic excellence, humility and concern for the development of others.

The celebration followed Professor Adamu's 63rd Inaugural Professorial Lecture, delivered on Thursday, 24 September 2026, at BUK under the title, *"Putting Health and Disease in Place: My Story and Legacy."* The lecture examined more than three decades of his contributions to medical geography, research and scholarship, while reflecting on the experiences and achievements that have shaped his academic career.

Professor Adamu attained the rank of professor in 2010 and has since established himself as a scholar whose work extends beyond teaching and research to institutional service and mentorship. His students' decision to organise the event provided an opportunity to acknowledge the personal and professional impact of his guidance, particularly on those whose postgraduate studies and academic careers he has supervised.

The programme featured goodwill messages, poetry, the sharing of memories and the presentation of gifts, as speakers celebrated the professor's character and professional accomplishments. Their accounts portrayed him as an approachable and patient mentor who combines high academic standards with a genuine interest in the welfare and success of his students and colleagues.

Beyond celebrating the delivery of his inaugural lecture, the gathering served as an expression of gratitude from those who have benefited from his teaching and mentorship. The tributes also highlighted the enduring relationships he has built throughout his career and the influence he continues to exert on students, colleagues and associates across different fields of endeavour.



Prof. Yusuf Adamu receiving the award from his students

than 100 people, including family members, friends, colleagues and former students, to celebrate the academic's achievements and acknowledge his influence on generations of students.

The gathering attracted guests from different parts of the country, including Nasarawa, Kogi, Benue, Niger, Sokoto and Borno states, reflecting the wide reach of Professor Adamu's academic and personal relationships. Participants

COMMITTEE FOR THE RE-STRUCTURING OF THE CENTRE FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (CIT) CALL FOR MEMORANDA

Members of Bayero University, Kano (BUK) community may be aware of the constitution of the aforementioned Committee by the University Management to advise it on the most effective ways of strengthening the CIT. The main objective of the exercise is to re-position the CIT and enable it deliver need-driven services for effective academic and administrative operations of Bayero University. The exercise is expected to contribute to improved internet and intranet connectivity, improved teaching and learning experiences, enhanced records management, effective internal communication, and improved job productivity in Bayero University.

In view of the above, the Committee is requesting all internal stakeholders for memoranda, with suggestions and

recommendations, that could contribute to re-position the CIT to meet the aspirations of an IT-driven Bayero University. Individual members, groups of units of the University are requested to submit their memoranda (if any) in soft or hard copy not later than Friday, October 23, 2026. The soft copy can be submitted here: <https://forms.gle/HPenhwMorT9t35Lc6>

If the submission is in hard copy, it can be submitted to the following:

1. Committee Secretary, Engr. Abdullahi Yakubu Ibrahim (0813 683 0434), Data Unit, Abubakar Adamu Rashid Senate Building.
2. Assistant Secretary, Mal. Yusuf Yahuza Ibrahim (0806 688 0054).

VC Commends Geology Department's Achievements, Pledges More Support

By Lamara Garba

The Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University Kano (BUK), Professor Haruna Musa fsi, has pledged additional support for the Department of Geology, commending its achievements and infrastructural development as part of efforts to strengthen teaching, research and academic excellence.

Professor Musa gave the assurance on Thursday, 15 October 2026, during a visit to the department, where he inspected its laboratories, staff offices, common room and solar power facility.

The Vice-Chancellor praised the teaching and non-teaching staff for their contributions to the department's progress, particularly acknowledging the leadership of the Head of Department, Dr Babangida Mohammed SYD.

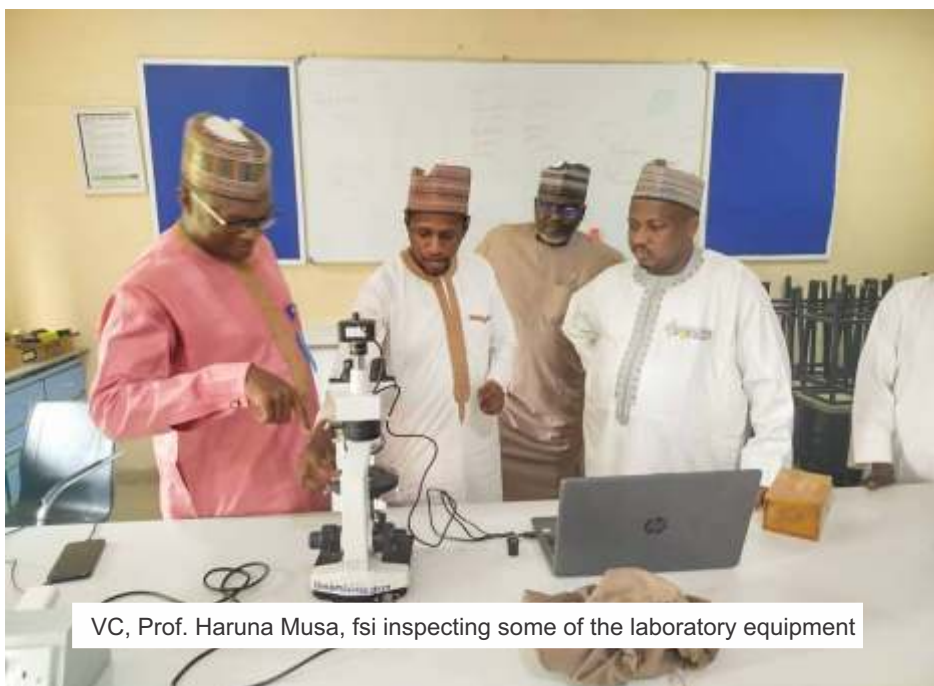
He reaffirmed Management's commitment to providing additional facilities to enhance the department's operations and create an enabling environment for effective teaching, research and other academic activities.

As part of his support, Professor Musa donated a new Optoma projector and smart digital projection screen to the department to improve classroom instruction, seminars, academic presentations and other scholarly engagements.

Responding, the Head of Department, Dr Babangida Mohammed SYD, commended the Vice-Chancellor for what he described as purposeful leadership, noting that his administration had contributed to positioning BUK among the leading universities in the country.

Dr Babangida expressed particular appreciation for the Vice-Chancellor's visit, encouragement and promise of additional support, describing them as significant motivation for the department to sustain its achievements and pursue greater academic milestones.

He also appreciated the University Management for recognising the department's efforts and supporting its commitment to advancing teaching, research and



VC, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi inspecting some of the laboratory equipment



VC, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi in a group photograph with staff of the Geology Department

professional training in geology.

The department expressed optimism that the Vice-Chancellor's assurances and the donated equipment would further strengthen its academic activities and contribute to the University's pursuit of excellence.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO STUDENTS ON NELFUND 2026/2027 APPLICATIONS AND REFUND CLAIMS

This is to inform all students of Bayero University, Kano, that the Nigeria Education Loan Fund (NELFUND) has commenced applications for the 2026/2027 academic session.

Students who wish to apply for the NELFUND student loan are advised to visit the official NELFUND portal:

<http://portal.nelf.gov.ng>

Students with Change of Course or Change of Institution requests are required to complete the designated Google Form through the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc45Q9NUEQo1ti4isxLWrg2_1GJyaV_isGHo7aXKu64_qo_jg/viewform?usp=publish-editor

Students are advised to provide accurate and complete information when submitting their applications and forms to ensure proper processing.

The application exercise will remain open until 31 December 2026.

Meanwhile, students with outstanding NELFUND refund claims are advised to submit their Remita payment receipts or Statements of Result to the NELFUND Desk Office, 3rd Floor, Senate Building, commencing Monday, 5 October 2026.

All concerned students are advised to take note of the above information and ensure that the necessary requirements are completed within the stipulated period.

Signed:
Lamara Garba, mnipr
Director of Public Affairs
For: Registrar

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENT

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, has approved the appointments of the underlisted staff:

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE
1	Professor Mahmud M. Lawal	Department of Political Sciences	Appointed as Director, Aminu Kano Center for Democratic Studies, (Mambayya House)	27th October, 2026 to 26th October, 2028
2	Dr Zahrau Ibrahim Waya	Department of Linguistics and Foreign Language	Appointed as Deputy Director, Center for Research in Nigerian Languages and Folklore	12th October, 2026 to 17th October, 2028
3	Dr Nura Lawal	Department of Nigerian Languages	Appointed as Deputy Director, Center for Research in Nigerian Languages and Folklore	12th October, 2026 to 17th October, 2028
4	Dr Aminu Yusuf Fardami	Department of Environmental Health Sciences	Appointed as Head, Department of Environmental Health Sciences	21st October, 2026 to 20th October, 2028
5	Aminu Abdullahi Yakasai	Bursary Department	Appointed as FMB Desk Officer	Immediate Effect
6	Prof. Ahmad Audu Maiyaki	Department of Business Administration	Appointed as Director, International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance (IIIBF)	1 st November, 2026 to 31 st October, 2028
7	Dr. Gali Abaka Umaru	Department of Veterinary Microbiology	Re-appointed as Head, Department of Veterinary Microbiology	20 th July, 2026 to 19 th July, 2028

SEMINARS

Department of Arts and Humanities School of Continuing Education: *Departmental Seminar Series*

Presenter 1: Dr. Muhammad AL-Amin Aliyu

Title: The Impact of Empowerment in Islam: A study of AYM Shafa Limited Company to its Staff in Bauchi State

Discussant: Dr. Mukhtar Bala Yaya

Presenter 2: Dr. Salihi Ashiru Musa

Title: Sharh Hadith Ma 'akala Ahadun Da'aman Qaddun Khairan min an Ya' akula min 'Amali Yadihi

Discussant: Dr. Abdulqadir Usman Isma'il

Chairman: Dr. Abdulqadir Usman Isma'il

Date: 22nd October, 2026

Venue: Departmental Seminar room

Department of Geography: *PhD Seminar*

1st PRESENTER: Tijjani Bukar Lawan

TOPIC: Green Economic Transition on Climate Sensitive Livelihoods: A Review

CHAIRPERSON: Prof. Maharazu A. Yusuf

2nd PRESENTER: Catherine Iyabode Asaju

TOPIC: Assessment of Sense of Place in the Context of Rural Mining Communities in Oworo District Lokoja Local Government Area, Kogi State, Nigeria

CHAIRPERSON: Prof. Nuratu Mohammed

3rd PRESENTER: Najibullahi Yusha'u

TOPIC: Analysis of spatio-Temporal Disparities of Divorce in Katsina State, Nigeria

CHAIRPERSON: Prof. Nuratu Mohammed

4th PRESENTER: Momath Diankha

TOPIC: Assessment of Trees Composition, Diversity and Ecological Service Values in Urban, Peri-urban Forests and Sacred Groves of Oussouye, Senegal

CHAIRPERSON: Prof. Maharazu A. Yusuf

DATE: Thursday, 22nd October, 2026

TIME: 9.00 am prompt

VENUE: NRM Class, Geography Department

NOTE: Attendance to Seminar is Compulsory to all PGD, MSc I & II and PhD I & II Students.

Department of Agricultural and Environmental Engineering: *Postgraduate Students' Proposal/Seminar Presentations*

Presenter 1: Muhammad Abdullahi

(SPS/20/MAE/00010)

Title: Simulation of Climate Change Effect on Rice Production in Kano River Irrigation Scheme (KRIS) Using APSIM Model.

Presenter 2: Hussaini Musa Suleiman

(SPS/20/PAE/00005)

Title: Volarization of Sisal Plant Leaf for Sustainable Food Packaging Development.

Presenter 3: Abdulkadir Lawan Suleiman

(SPS/23/MAE/00009)

Title: Assessing the Impact of TRIMING Project Interventions on Kano River Irrigation Scheme Performance.

Presenter 4: Muhammad Hadi Ayagi

(SPS/20/PAE/00004)

Title: Development of a Monolith Bioreactor for Bioethanol Production from Sweet Sorghum Juice: A Bioprocess Engineering Approach.

Date: Tuesday, 27th October 2026.

Time: 9:00 am

Venue: B1-117: Departmental Seminar Room



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BUK/REG/PU/001

15th October, 2026

To: All Members of the University Community
Bayero University, Kano.

Dear Sir/Madam,

REQUEST FOR NOMINATION OF PARTICIPANTS FOR AGRIPRENEURSHIP WORKSHOP FOR POTENTIAL RETIREES

The University Community is hereby informed that the Industrial Skills Training Centre (ISTC), Kano, in line with the Fund's mandate to promote human capital development in both the public and private sectors of the national economy, is organising an Agriprenurship Workshop for potential retirees.

The programme is designed to equip employees approaching retirement with the knowledge, skills, and entrepreneurial mindset required to establish and manage profitable agricultural enterprises before and after retirement.

In view of the above, interested employees approaching retirement who wish to invest in agriculture are invited to obtain nomination forms from the Pension Unit, 4th Floor, Abubakar Adamu Rasheed Senate Building, to attend the training on a **self-sponsorship** basis.

The programme details are as follows:

Date: 27th – 29th October, 2026

Venue: ITF/ISTC, Sheikh Ja'afar Road, Dorayi, Kano.

Course Fee: ₦100,000.00

Interested and eligible employees are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to acquire practical skills for a productive and financially sustainable retirement.

Thank you.

Yours faithfully,

Signed

Naziru Bello

Deputy Registrar (Pension)

For: Registrar

INVITATION TO THE DISPOSAL OF UNSERVICEABLE ITEMS

The Board of Survey wishes to inform members of the university community that a disposal exercise of unserviceable items is scheduled to take place as follows:

LOCATION	DATE	TIME
NEW CAMPUS, OLD POWER HOUSE	TUESDAY, 10 th NOVEMBER, 2026	9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

The exercise will be carried out by way of sale to university staff at set prices through an independent agent. Only university staff are invited to participate in this disposal exercise. Items to be disposed include wooden and metallic junks, unserviceable electronic equipment and various scrap items.

We kindly solicit for your cooperation and participation in this exercise, as it aligns with our commitment to maintaining an organized and resource efficient university environment.

Signed:
Secretary Board of Survey
For: Chairman, Board of Survey

BAYERO UNIVERSITY, KANO

Directorate of SERVICOM

The Director of the Directorate of SERVICOM, **Prof. Sani Ibrahim**,
 on Behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, **Prof. Haruna Musa fsi**

Cordially Invites

the General University Community to a

One-Day

SENSITIZATION WORKSHOP
 on Effective Service Delivery in the University

Date: Wednesday, 21st October, 2026

Venue: Convocation Arena, New Campus, BUK

Time: 9:00 a.m.



BAYERO UNIVERSITY KANO

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICAL AND PETROLEUM ENGINEERING

Cordially invites you to a

SEMINAR PRESENTATION

TO BE PRESENTED BY

Ibrahim Amir Bako | Salihu Mubarak

TOPIC 1

Simultaneous Removal of Chromium ions from Tannery Wastewater using Acid-Base Activated Biomass



TOPIC 2

Empirical Study of Grewia Gel as an Alternative Viscosifier in Hydraulic Fracturing Fluid



Date:
20/10/2026
(Tuesday)



Time:
11:00 AM



Venue:
Departmental Board Room,
Chemical and Petroleum
Engineering Department

All are cordially invited





BAYERO UNIVERSITY, KANO Annual Report Committee

VICE-CHANCELLOR: Professor Haruna Musa; FSI, PhD (Bristol, UK); MSc, BSc. (BUK)

REGISTRAR: Haruna Aliyu; BSc., MSc., MBF, (BUK), FCAI

17th September, 2026

To All Provosts/ Deans/Directors,
Bayero University,
Kano.

SUBMISSION OF 2026 ANNUAL REPORT MANUSCRIPT

This is to notify Provosts of Colleges, Deans of faculties and Directors of Centers and Administrative Units that the University Annual Report Committee has initiated the process of compiling the 2026 Annual Report. In view of this, the Committee is requesting the usual support and cooperation of all to endeavor to submit the reports of their activities for the **year 2026**

Please take note that the deadline for the submission of the reports is **Tuesday 20th October, 2026**.

Templates to guide and assist you in compiling your reports have been shared through your email addresses and WhatsApp platforms. Please endeavor to strictly abide by the templates.

Thank you

Signed:

Bala G. Abdullahi

Committee Secretary



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