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Green Economy, Good Governance Key to Africa's Sustainable Development

By Lamara Garba

Africa's quest for sustainable development must be anchored on a green economy, sound governance, strong institutions and sustained investment capable of creating jobs, reducing poverty, strengthening communities and improving the quality of life of its people.

The Chairman of the occasion at the 5th International Conference and Doctoral Colloquium of the Faculty of Economics and Management Sciences, Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Professor Mansur Mukhtar, made this submission while speaking on the theme of the conference, *"Sustainable Governance and the Green Economy: Strategies for Addressing Insecurity and Promoting Inclusive Development in Africa."*

Mukhtar, former Minister of Finance and Chairman of the Bank of Industry (BOI), said sustainable development could not be achieved on weak institutional foundations, stressing that sound governance, strong institutions and sustained investment were essential to building resilient economies and societies.

According to him, the green economy should not be viewed merely as an environmental agenda, but as a major pathway to economic transformation, employment generation, technological innovation and improved living standards.

"One lesson stands out above all others. Sustainable development cannot be built on weak foundations. It rests on three pillars that no nation can afford to neglect: sound governance, strong institutions and sustained investment," he said.

He explained that although financial resources, technology and infrastructure remained important drivers of development, their impact would be limited without accountable leadership, capable institutions and citizens equipped with education, skills and opportunities.

Mukhtar emphasised that the transition to a green economy must be connected to the realities and needs of local communities, arguing that the true measure of development should not be the sophistication of policies or the volume of investments alone, but the extent to which they improve people's lives.



DVC Academics, Prof. Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni with Sarkin Ban Kano and District Head of Danbatta, Dr. Mansur Mukhtar, OFR along with other dignitaries in a group photograph

He said a successful green economy should result in safer communities, expanded economic opportunities, reduced poverty, improved livelihoods and a more prosperous future for present and future generations.

The former Finance Minister also identified research and knowledge as critical to Africa's transition towards sustainable development, urging doctoral students and academics to focus their research on practical challenges confronting society.

He said universities must produce scholarship capable of influencing public policy, strengthening institutions and providing workable solutions to economic, environmental and security challenges.

Mukhtar further challenged participants at the conference to move beyond academic discussions by translating research findings into policies, institutional practices and community-based interventions.

He urged the participants to use the conference to establish partnerships, challenge existing assumptions and develop practical strategies that could accelerate Africa's transition to a more sustainable and inclusive economy.

Speaking on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor of BUK, Professor Haruna Musa, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics), Professor Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni, said the university was committed to strengthening academic programmes and research that responded to emerging economic, environmental and societal challenges.

He called on the Faculty of Economics and Management Sciences to develop innovative and demand-driven programmes that would equip graduates with the knowledge and skills required to participate effectively in the emerging green economy.

Tsauni identified renewable energy, green finance, climate-resilient infrastructure and sustainable resource management as areas that deserved greater attention in curriculum development and academic research.

He said Africa's interconnected challenges could not be effectively addressed through isolated interventions, stressing the need for interdisciplinary research and stronger collaboration among universities, government institutions, the private sector and development organisations.

The Vice-Chancellor also emphasised the importance of making sustainable economic development inclusive by ensuring that women, young people, rural communities and other vulnerable groups were able to participate in and benefit from emerging economic opportunities.

"Addressing these complex challenges requires accountability. It requires effective leadership and development strategies that combine environmental sustainability with social inclusion," he said.

Professor Musa further encouraged the faculty to strengthen its research and communication culture through regular seminars, research presentations and collaborative publications, particularly among academic staff and postgraduate students.

He also noted the growing national and international profile of BUK, attributing the university's progress to its commitment to academic excellence, impactful research, innovation and international partnerships.

Earlier, the Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Management Sciences, Professor Muhammad Aminu Isa, said the conference was taking place at a critical period when African countries were confronting multiple challenges, including insecurity, climate change, financial instability, unemployment and the urgent need for sustainable economic transformation.

He said the conference provided an important platform for academics, policymakers, industry leaders and development experts to exchange ideas and develop practical strategies capable of addressing the continent's development challenges.

According to him, more than 139 papers had been accepted for presentation during the technical sessions and doctoral colloquium, reflecting the strong scholarly interest generated by the conference.

Isa said the organisers had also introduced both physical and virtual participation to broaden access and encourage wider national and international engagement.

He explained that discussions at the conference were expected to produce policy-oriented recommendations covering sustainable governance, insecurity, climate finance, entrepreneurship, digital transformation and green economic development.

The Dean said outstanding papers would also be considered for publication in the faculty's and departmental peer-reviewed journals, subject to the required editorial and review processes.

He expressed appreciation to the university management, sponsors and partners, including the Bank of Industry, Securities and Exchange Commission, Nigerian Exchange Group, Nigerian Deposit Insurance Corporation, Dala Foods Nigeria Limited, Jigawa State Government and Nisar Microfinance Bank, for supporting the conference.

He also commended members of the organising committee, faculty staff, students and alumni for their contributions towards the successful organisation of the event.

Reflecting on his professional journey, Mukhtar expressed delight at returning to BUK, where he began his academic career as a graduate assistant and subsequently rose through the ranks to become a lecturer, senior lecturer and Head of the Department of Economics.

He described the university as an institution that played a significant role in shaping his intellectual and professional development, while commending its continued growth as a centre of scholarship, research and public engagement.

The conference brings together academics, policymakers, industry leaders and development experts to explore how green economic practices, responsible governance, research, innovation and inclusive policies can combine to create a more sustainable, secure and prosperous future for Africa.

Gombe State Targets Reduction in Maternal And Newborn Deaths Through Project EMBRACE

By Bala G. Abdullahi

Gombe State Government in collaboration with the Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) of Bayero University and Technical Advice Connect (TAConnect) on Thursday 29th October, 2026 launched Project EMBRACE in Gombe state. The initiative which is supported by Bloomberg Philanthropies is aimed at reducing maternal and newborn deaths.



ACEPHAP, Taconect and Gombe State Government representatives at the launch of Project EMBRACE

Speaking at the official launch of the project which took place at Travel View hotel Gombe, T.A Connect Technical Director, Dr. Layi Jayola, said the five-year initiative had the objective of improving access to quality emergency healthcare for mothers and newborns. He explained that the initial implementation would cover 18 health facilities across the following local governments of Balanga, Yamaltu-Deba and Dukku including 15 primary health centers and three secondary facilities.

Dr. Jayola added that the project would upgrade health facilities, provide medical equipment, train healthcare workers and strengthen emergency referral systems, adding that the initial phase would demonstrate the project's impact before expanding to other local government areas across the state.

In his goodwill message, the Gombe State Commissioner for Health, Professor Danladi Adamu Bojude, represented by the Permanent Secretary, Engineer Yan Biyu Idris Buba, welcomed the initiative and called for its sustainability. He also commended the development partners for supporting efforts to reduce maternal and child mortality.

Other development partners, including Dr. Olayinka Badmus of Bloomberg Philanthropies and Dr. Ochi Ibe, also delivered remarks highlighting the project's importance, adding that the initiative was expected to strengthen maternal and newborn healthcare services through collaboration between the government, health institutions and local communities.

Centre for Islamic Civilization and Interfaith Dialogue Holds Second Academic Seminar on Interfaith Dialogue and Da'wah

By Halima Muhammad Aminu

The Centre for Islamic Civilization and Interfaith Dialogue (CICID), Bayero University, Kano held its Second Academic Seminar to examine the relationship between interfaith dialogue and Da'wah in Islam, with emphasis on peaceful coexistence, religious understanding and the preservation of Islamic beliefs.

The seminar which took place on Wednesday, 4th November 2026, featured the presentation of a paper titled: "Interfaith Dialogue from Islamic Outlook, with Particular Reference to Surat al-Kafirun: A mis conceptional Analysis of Da'wah," presented by Dr. Mukhtar Bala Yaya of the Department of Islamic Studies and Shariah, Bayero University, Kano.

In his welcome address, the Deputy Director of CICID, Dr. Aminu Ismail Sagagi, described the establishment of the Centre as a pioneering academic initiative committed to promoting research and presenting diverse academic perspectives in areas such as civilization, philosophy, thought and general culture.

He explained that the Centre sought to generate ideas and solutions to political, social, economic and security challenges facing society. He noted that research findings and recommendations from the Centre and other Nigerian universities could serve as remedies to the challenges confronting African countries if properly implemented.

Dr. Sagagi called on governments at all levels, civil institutions, associations and religious organizations to strengthen their relationships with universities and



Workshop participants in a group photograph

research centers, stressing that such collaboration was essential to building peaceful, knowledgeable and prosperous African societies.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the seminar, Professor Usman Sani Abbas of the Department of Islamic Studies and Shariah, BUK, described the topic as timely and relevant, particularly in view of the relationship between interfaith dialogue and the Islamic obligation of Da'wah.

He urged the presenter to explain key concepts, including Islam, Islamic civilization and interfaith dialogue, as well as their significance and position within Islamic teachings. He also called for an examination of the historical experiences of early Muslims, particularly the Constitution of Madinah and the Treaty of Hudaybiyyah, as examples of how Islamic teachings provide guidance on relations with people of other faiths and peaceful coexistence.

Professor Abbas further encouraged the presenter to address the place of interfaith dialogue in contemporary Da'wah in Nigeria, including its processes, challenges, prospects and benefits. He advised him to summarize the paper rather than read it in full and encouraged participants to contribute through questions and observations.

In his presentation, Dr. Mukhtar Bala Yaya explained that interfaith dialogue involved constructive communication among people of different religious backgrounds to promote mutual understanding, respect and peaceful coexistence. He noted that Muslims could engage in such dialogue without compromising their religious beliefs or identity.

Referring to Surat al-Kafirun, the presenter explained that the chapter clearly established the distinction between Islamic monotheism (Tawhid) and the worship of other deities. He said the verse, "For you is your religion, and for me is my religion," recognizes religious differences while affirming that Muslims must remain firm in their beliefs.

Dr. Yaya emphasized that Da'wah remained an essential responsibility in Islam, serving as a means of preserving faith, promoting moral development and transmitting Islamic teachings. He maintained that participating in interfaith dialogue did not mean accepting other religious beliefs as equal to Islamic teachings, but rather provided an opportunity for respectful engagement while upholding the principles of Islam.

He further explained that dialogue and Da'wah could help address misinformation, cultural prejudices and misconceptions about Islam through education and respectful communication. Citing Qur'an 2:256, which states that there is no compulsion in religion, he stressed that faith should come through genuine conviction rather than force.

The presenter also referred to Qur'an 60:8, which encouraged justice, kindness and good relations with people who do not fight Muslims on account of their religion. He urged Muslims to make effective use of modern communication platforms, including radio, television, websites and social media to disseminate Islamic teachings with authenticity and in accordance with Islamic ethics.

While discussing the paper, Dr. Muhammad Auwal Ishaq commended the presenter for highlighting the importance of Da'wah and explaining how Muslims could maintain their religious commitments while engaging constructively with people of other faiths. He emphasized that Islam is a complete way of life that guides every aspect of human existence, adding that the concept of maslahah (public interest or common good) encouraged Muslims to embrace beneficial ideas and solutions regardless of their origin, provided they are consistent with the Qur'an and Sunnah.

He further noted that although the idea of interfaith dialogue might have originated outside the Islamic tradition, Muslims could engage with it in a manner that accommodates Da'wah and remains within the principles of Islam. He also cited the Constitution of Madinah as an example of an arrangement established to promote the common good and peaceful coexistence among different communities.

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Dr. Ishaq recommended some improvements to strengthen its academic quality and publication prospects. He suggested reviewing the title, improving the abstract and introduction by including the research methodology, statement of the problem, objectives, scope, findings and recommendations, as well as supporting the discussion with relevant academic sources and Qur'anic exegesis. He also advised the presenter to distinguish clearly between individual and communal responsibilities in Da'wah, address grammatical issues, harmonize overlapping sections and ensure that the research findings were linked to relevant Qur'anic verses. He further recommended including concrete recommendations to strengthen the paper's overall contribution.

The seminar provided an opportunity for academic exchange and constructive engagement on the relationship between Islamic teachings, interfaith relations, Da'wah

SSANU BUK Empowers Newly Recruited Staff With Digital Skills, AI Training

By Hauwa Mustapha Ahmad

The Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), Bayero University Kano (BUK) Branch, has successfully concluded a four-day Information and Communication Technology (ICT) capacity-building training for 33 newly recruited staff members, aimed at strengthening digital competence, improving workplace productivity and enhancing service delivery across the university.

The training, which commenced on Monday, October 26th and ended on Thursday, October 29th 2026, was held at the Registry ICT Training Laboratory, BUK, under the theme, "Building Digitally Empowered University Staff for Effective Service Delivery."



Participants of SSANU-BUK Training workshop in a group photograph

The programme focused on computer appreciation and digital productivity, professional document preparation using Microsoft Word, cybersecurity and information security awareness, as well as the responsible use of artificial intelligence (AI) in university administration.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Chairman of SSANU BUK Branch, Comrade Mustapha Aminu, commended the initiative, describing it as an important step towards equipping newly recruited members with the digital skills required for effective performance in their respective areas of responsibility.

He explained that the programme was developed through collaboration among the association's Capacity-Building Committee, the ICT coordinator and other stakeholders as part of SSANU's commitment to staff development and improved service delivery.

Earlier, the Vice-Chairman of SSANU BUK Branch and Chairman of the Capacity-Building Committee, Comrade Mahfuz Zubair Ibrahim, said the training was designed to address the digital skills needs of newly recruited staff and prepare them for the demands of the modern university environment.

He noted that the programme went beyond conventional computer appreciation training by incorporating broader ICT competencies and emerging digital technologies.

Comrade Mahfuz welcomed the participants and encouraged them to take full advantage of the opportunity to improve their professional capabilities.

In his briefing, the Computer Training Coordinator, Malam Abubakar KafinSoli Usman, explained that the training was structured around four major areas: computer appreciation and digital productivity; Microsoft Word and digital office productivity; cybersecurity and information security awareness; and the responsible application of artificial intelligence in university administration.

He emphasized that digital technology had become integral to modern professional practice, noting that university staff needed the skills to handle institutional information securely, prepare professional documents and utilise digital tools effectively.

He added that the training adopted a practical, hands-on approach to enable participants to apply the knowledge acquired directly to their daily responsibilities.

At the closing ceremony on Thursday, Kafin Soli disclosed that all 33 staff members nominated for Stream A attended the programme throughout the four days, recording 100 per cent attendance.

He commended the participants for their commitment and enthusiasm, urging them to translate the knowledge gained into improved productivity and professional effectiveness in their respective workplaces.

The coordinator also encouraged participants to embrace continuous learning, observe cybersecurity best practices and use digital tools and artificial intelligence responsibly to support effective service delivery.

He expressed appreciation to the branch chairman and executive committee for their support, particularly the approval of the training budget, as well as to the Capacity-Building Committee, facilitators and other contributors whose efforts ensured the successful completion of the programme.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the Capacity-Building Committee, Comrade Mahfuz Zubair Ibrahim, expressed gratitude to the branch leadership for its support, noting that the approval of the training budget demonstrated its commitment to the professional development of members.

He expressed optimism that similar support would be extended to future capacity-building initiatives, adding that the provision of computers for subsequent training programmes would further strengthen members' digital

competence when the association's financial resources permitted.

The Head of Human Resources, Hajiya Aisha Dahiru, was also present at the closing ceremony.

During the training, Dr Nura Garba introduced participants to a range of artificial intelligence tools and demonstrated their practical applications, while emphasising the responsible and ethical use of AI to enhance workflow, productivity and service delivery.

The event culminated in the presentation of certificates to the 33 participants, marking the successful completion of Stream A. The remaining Streams B, C and D are expected to provide similar training opportunities for other newly recruited SSANU members.

CCMAS Introduces Seven Parameters for University Accreditation, Says NUC Team Leader

By Muhsinat Nu'uman Habeeb

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has introduced seven assessment parameters to guide the accreditation of academic programmes in Nigerian universities following the transition to the Core Curriculum and Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS).

The Team Lead of the NUC accreditation team, Professor Gabriel Egbé, disclosed this on Thursday, November 5, 2026, during a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Professor Haruna Musa, ahead of the accreditation assessment of the university's Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) English and B.A. Linguistics programmes.

Professor Egbé explained that the assessment was part of the Commission's mandate to promote quality assurance in Nigerian universities through peer review and compliance with established academic standards.

He noted that the transition to CCMAS had introduced significant changes to the accreditation process, with the seven assessment parameters providing the framework for evaluating academic programmes and ensuring compliance with the required standards.



Members of NUC Accreditation Team in a group photograph with BUK Management

The team leader commended Bayero University for preparing the required self-study forms and other accreditation documents ahead of the team's arrival, describing the preparation as an important step towards a successful assessment.

The accreditation team was received at the Senate Chamber, Senate Building, by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academics, Professor Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni, who represented the Vice-Chancellor.

The delegation comprised Professor Gabriel Egbé, Professor Rebecca Daniel and Fatima Manu, representing the NUC.

In his response, Professor Tsauni welcomed the team on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor and the university management, assuring the assessors of the university's full cooperation throughout the exercise.

He described accreditation as an important quality assurance mechanism that enables universities to identify their strengths and weaknesses and implement recommendations for improvement.

Professor Tsauni further assured the team that the university would carefully consider the assessment's findings and take appropriate measures to address any identified shortcomings.

He commended the Dean, Heads of Departments and other faculty members for their efforts in preparing for the exercise, while acknowledging the Director of Academic Planning for coordinating the accreditation process between the university and the NUC.

The courtesy visit provided an opportunity for the university management and the accreditation team to discuss the assessment process and reaffirm their commitment to maintaining academic standards.

The team is expected to assess the B.A. English and B.A. Linguistics programmes in line with the NUC's accreditation requirements.

Postgraduate Students Advocate Multi-Stakeholder Approach to Tackling Drug Abuse, Phone Snatching

Postgraduate students of the Department of Adult Education and Community Services, Bayero University, Kano (BUK), have called for stronger collaboration among government agencies, security institutions, traditional and religious leaders, civil society organisations and other stakeholders to tackle drug abuse and phone snatching in Northern Nigeria.

The call was made at the 3rd Mini Workshop for the Advanced Group Dynamics course, themed *"Addressing Drug Abuse and the Phenomenon of Phone Snatching through Multi-Stakeholder Engagement in Northern Nigeria,"* held on Thursday, October 29, 2026, at the university.

The workshop brought together representatives of the Nigerian Army, Nigeria Police Force, War Against Drug Abuse (WADA), Hisbah Board, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), traditional and religious institutions, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), students and other relevant stakeholders.



A section of the participants of the workshop

In his welcome address, the Course Coordinator, Dr Usman Abba Idris, said the workshop demonstrated the department's commitment to extending academic knowledge beyond the classroom to address pressing societal challenges.

He described drug abuse and phone snatching as interconnected social problems with far-reaching consequences for public safety, families, education and peaceful coexistence. He identified peer influence, unemployment, social exclusion and inadequate support systems as some of the factors contributing to the challenges.

Dr Idris urged participants to develop practical and evidence-based recommendations that would address the root causes of the problems and promote sustainable community-driven interventions.

The Chairman of the Occasion, Professor Muhammad Bello Shittu, commended the students and their facilitator for organising the workshop, noting that such engagements provide valuable opportunities to connect academic knowledge with real-life societal challenges.

He encouraged community and religious leaders to take the messages from the workshop to their respective communities and urged participants to share the knowledge gained with others. He also requested that feedback be submitted to the organising committee within two months.

In his keynote address, Dr Musa Abdullahi Sufi, speaking on the topic *"Beyond Problem Identification: Mobilising Communities, Driving Social Innovation and Advancing Accountable Leadership to Address Drug Abuse and Phone Snatching,"* emphasised the need to move beyond identifying societal problems to developing practical and sustainable solutions.

He explained that addressing drug abuse required a comprehensive approach involving prevention, counselling, treatment, rehabilitation and reintegration. He further observed that phone snatching had consequences beyond the loss of mobile devices, as victims could also lose access to banking applications, personal information, contacts and educational materials stored on their phones.

Dr Sufi advocated community intelligence gathering, youth mentorship, early intervention and stronger institutional collaboration. He also stressed the importance of ensuring that interventions were measurable, transparent and accountable.

Delivering a goodwill message, Dr Ibrahim Garba Muhammad, Executive Secretary of the Kano State Consumer Protection Council and Secretary of the Kano State Multi-Agency Task Force on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, said the task force was established by the Kano State Government to strengthen the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking.

He emphasised that drug abuse was a societal challenge that required coordinated efforts among relevant institutions rather than isolated interventions by individual agencies.

Also speaking, the Public Relations Officer of the Kano State Police Command, CSP A.H. Kiyawa, disclosed that more than 75 per cent of the 3,050 suspects arrested for major crimes in the state in 2025 had links to drugs.

He commended the Kano State Government for establishing the Multi-Agency Task Force on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking and appreciated the university for providing a platform for stakeholders to discuss practical approaches to addressing the challenges.

The workshop featured presentations by postgraduate students, focusing on different dimensions of drug abuse and phone snatching and proposing strategies for addressing the problems.

Faosat Aliu and Tabitha Nghuer presented a paper titled *"Drug Abuse and Youth Criminality: Examining the Pathways to Phone Snatching in Northern Nigeria."* The presentation examined the relationship between substance abuse and youth involvement in criminal activities. The presenters recommended preventive education, rehabilitation programmes, community policing and stricter verification of device ownership by phone dealers.

In another presentation, Muhammad Ibrahim Shehu examined *"From Prevention to Rehabilitation: A Multi-Stakeholder Approach to Tackling Drug Abuse."* He highlighted the importance of early identification, treatment, rehabilitation and reintegration, calling for coordinated interventions involving families, schools, health professionals, security agencies and government institutions.

Similarly, Jebson Pwakulti Lydia presented a paper titled *"Community Policing and Collaborative Security: Rethinking the Prevention of Phone Snatching."* She advocated stronger partnerships between security agencies and local communities to promote trust, improve information sharing and strengthen crime prevention efforts.

The programme also featured a plenary discussion facilitated by Dr Awalu Halilu, with contributions from representatives of the police, NDLEA, traditional institutions, students and the media.

Another presentation by Nasiru Shuaibu, titled *"Multi-Stakeholder Engagement as a Framework for Sustainable Solution to Drug Abuse and Phone Snatching,"* emphasised that government and security agencies could not tackle the challenges in isolation.

He called for broader participation by the private sector, telecommunications companies, pharmaceutical institutions, civil society organisations and the media in developing sustainable solutions.

The workshop concluded with a renewed call for sustained stakeholder collaboration, evidence-based interventions, youth empowerment and active community participation in addressing drug abuse and phone snatching in Northern Nigeria.

CDA Trains Groundnut Farmers, Extension Agents on Quality Seed Production, Aflatoxin Prevention

By Hauwa Mustapha Ahmad And Halima Muhammad Aminu

The Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), Bayero University Kano (BUK), held a one-day training workshop for groundnut farmers and agricultural extension agents to strengthen seed production, promote food safety, reduce post-harvest losses and improve farmers' access to profitable markets.

The workshop which took place on Monday, November 2nd 2026, at the CDA Conference Hall, BUK, was themed "Enhancing Groundnut Seed Production for Quality, Safety and Market Access: Aflatoxin Prevention, Responsible Crop Protection and Improved Postharvest Management."

Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Director of CDA, Professor Sanusi Gaya Mohammed, welcomed participants and resource persons, noting that the training was designed to address critical challenges affecting agricultural productivity and farmers' profitability. He emphasized the need for farmers to adopt improved agricultural practices, use quality inputs and strengthen their understanding of proper crop management to minimize losses and maximize returns.

He also highlighted the importance of collaboration between researchers, agricultural experts, extension agents and farmers in addressing challenges within the agricultural value chain.

In her presentation, the Deputy Director of CDA, Professor Amina Lawan Mustapha, highlighted the importance of adopting improved crop production practices, preventing post-harvest losses and managing aflatoxin contamination to ensure the safety and quality of agricultural produce.

She encouraged farmers to pay close attention to expert recommendations, adopt improved seed varieties and embrace appropriate harvesting, handling and storage techniques. She further stressed the importance of strengthening market linkages to enable farmers to access better markets and obtain competitive prices for their produce.



Director of CDA, Prof. Sanusi Gaya Mohammed, addressing the participants and resource persons

Similarly, Dr Hakeem A. Ajeigbe discussed different categories of seeds, including breeder, foundation and certified seeds, explaining their importance in ensuring quality seed production and improved agricultural yields.

He drew attention to major challenges affecting crop production, including climate variability, drought, pest and disease attacks and aflatoxin contamination. He

emphasized that using certified seeds with high genetic purity was essential for achieving better crop performance, improved harvest quality and increased profitability.

The final presentation by SG Haruna focused on aflatoxin contamination, a serious food safety concern caused by toxins produced by certain fungi, particularly Aspergillus species, which commonly affect crops such as groundnuts and maize.

He explained that aflatoxin contamination poses significant risks to human health, including liver damage, liver cancer and weakened immune systems. He also highlighted its economic implications for farmers, as contaminated produce may suffer reduced market value or become unsuitable for consumption.

He advised farmers to adopt proper harvesting, drying, handling and storage practices, stressing the importance of keeping agricultural produce in clean, cool and dry environments to minimize the risk of fungal growth and contamination.

The workshop provided an opportunity for farmers and agricultural extension agents from different communities to interact with experts, exchange experiences and gain practical knowledge on improving groundnut production, protecting crop quality and reducing avoidable losses.

The training underscored CDA's commitment to promoting sustainable agricultural practices, strengthening farmers' capacity and supporting improved food safety, productivity and market competitiveness.

BUK Reaffirms Commitment to Academic Standards

Sabitu M. Jinjiri

The Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, has reaffirmed the university's commitment to sustaining high academic standards and implementing recommendations of the National Universities Commission (NUC) accreditation team to further strengthen the quality of its academic programmes.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academics, Professor Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni, gave the assurance while receiving the NUC accreditation team during an exit visit on November 3, 2026, following its assessment of the BA Public Administration programme.



Members of the NUC accreditation team in a group photograph with DVC Academics, Prof. Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni and other Management staff

Professor Tsauni assured the team that the university management would carefully consider its observations and recommendations and translate them into practical measures to address identified gaps and improve the programme.

He expressed appreciation to the accreditation team for its thorough assessment, constructive observations and demonstrated concern for the continuous improvement of teaching and learning at the university.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor further assured the team that the university would sustain its commitment to improving the quality of its academic programmes and work closely with the Department of Public Administration to address areas requiring attention and ensure continued compliance with national academic standards.

On the team's recommendation that the university should encourage and accommodate lecturers from other institutions on sabbatical leave, Professor Tsauni promised to convey the request to the Vice-Chancellor upon his return from an official trip.

He also called on staff and students to continue supporting the university management's efforts to maintain high academic standards, expressing optimism that the successful implementation of the recommendations would further strengthen the university's reputation as one of Nigeria's leading centres of higher learning.

Earlier, the Head of the NUC accreditation team, Professor Madu Tela, urged the university management to strengthen efforts to ensure that every student receives a copy of the institution's rules and regulations to improve awareness of their rights and responsibilities.

Professor Tela, however, commended the university for its BA Public Administration curriculum, which he described as comprehensive. He also expressed satisfaction with the methods adopted by the department in testing and examining students.

The NUC team visited the university to assess the BA Public Administration programme as part of the Commission's statutory quality assurance and accreditation responsibilities.

The exercise involved a review of academic facilities, staffing, teaching and learning resources, curriculum content and student assessment procedures.

NUC accreditation is designed to ensure that academic programmes in Nigerian universities meet the minimum academic standards required for the award of recognised degrees.

Dress Code Committee Calls for Stricter Enforcement

By Hauwa Mustapha Ahmad

The Chairman of Bayero University, Kano (BUK) Dress Code Committee, Professor Nu'uman Habib, has called for stricter enforcement of the university's dress code, urging the Security Division to intensify efforts to ensure compliance, particularly at the university's entry points.

Professor Habib made the call during an advocacy visit to the Director of Security, ACP Sagir Abubakar (Rtd.), at his office on Wednesday, November 4, 2026.



Chairman BUK Dress Code Committee, Prof. Nu'uman Habeeb and other member, Prof. Muhammad B. Muhammad during a visit to Director Security, ACP Rtd, Sagir Abubakar

He expressed concern over the increasing disregard for the university's dress code, noting that individuals dressed inappropriately were becoming more visible on campus. He stressed the need for consistent monitoring and enforcement to ensure that members of the university community adhere to the established regulations.

The Chairman emphasised that access to university facilities and participation in academic and extracurricular activities, including lectures, examinations, registration, library services, sports and recreational activities, should be guided by compliance with the dress code.

He further explained that the regulations apply to everyone accessing the university, including students, staff, visitors, guests, suppliers, vendors and contractors.

As part of the proposed enforcement measures, Professor Habib urged security personnel to engage violators politely, draw their attention to the dress code provisions displayed on banners at the university's main gates and advise them to correct any dressing that contravenes the regulations.

Responding, the Director of Security, ACP Sagir Abubakar (Rtd.), assured the committee of the Security Division's full cooperation and commitment to supporting the effective implementation of the dress code across the university.

Also speaking, the Officer-in-Charge of BUK New Site, Malam Sa'idu Ibrahim, disclosed that security personnel had already commenced enforcement efforts by engaging individuals found violating the regulations and inviting them to the Security Office. He added that, where necessary, arrangements were made for appropriate clothing to be brought from their hostels to enable them to comply with the dress code.

The advocacy visit was aimed at strengthening collaboration between the Dress Code Committee and the Security Division to promote discipline, decency and a conducive teaching and learning environment across the university.

University Pledges Sustained Commitment to Quality Assurance, Academic Excellence

By Sabitu M. Jinjiri

The Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Professor Haruna Musa, has reaffirmed the university's commitment to sustaining quality assurance and academic excellence, pledging to work closely with the Directorate of Academic Planning (DAP) and the Quality Assurance Unit to implement recommendations made by the National Universities Commission (NUC).

The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academics, Professor Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni, gave the assurance during an exit briefing by the NUC accreditation team that assessed the BSc Electronics with Physics programme on November 3, 2026.

Professor Tsauni expressed appreciation to the accreditation team for identifying areas requiring improvement in the programme, noting that the recommendations would not only benefit the department but could also serve as a guide for strengthening other academic programmes across the university.



DVC Academics, Prof. Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni along with other Management staff in a group photograph during the courtesy visit by the NUC accreditation team

He described the observations and recommendations as evidence of the NUC's commitment to improving the

quality of university education and supporting institutions in meeting established academic standards.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor assured the team that the university management would give priority to the identified areas of concern and establish a clear timeline for addressing the deficiencies. He explained that the Directorate of Academic Planning and the Quality Assurance Unit would jointly monitor progress to ensure that all recommendations were adequately implemented before the next accreditation exercise.

He emphasised that accreditation should not be regarded as a routine exercise but as an important mechanism for sustaining academic standards, improving the quality of graduates and protecting the reputation of the institution.

Professor Tsauni further reaffirmed the university's commitment to improving its teaching and learning facilities, laboratories and workshops to ensure that its academic programmes meet both national and international standards.

Earlier, the Head of the NUC accreditation team, Professor Rabiu Nasiru, highlighted some areas requiring attention following the team's assessment of the BSc Electronics with Physics programme.

He particularly identified the need to upgrade the mechanical workshop and improve certain facilities supporting the programme. On student assessment, he recommended that the department provide a detailed breakdown of marks awarded in examination scripts to ensure transparency and proper justification of grades.

Other recommendations included improving student seating arrangements and lighting in the programme's library, as well as providing an uninterrupted power supply to the skill acquisition laboratory.

Professor Tsauni commended the accreditation team for its professionalism, diligence and constructive observations, assuring the Commission of the university's continued cooperation in strengthening academic quality and standards.

In his remarks, Professor Nasiru thanked the university management for the warm reception accorded to his team and expressed optimism that the institution would take the necessary steps to implement the recommendations.

NAAS Urges BUK Agriculture Students to Embrace Agribusiness and Wealth Creation

By Muhsinat Nu'uman Habeeb

Agricultural students have been urged to embrace entrepreneurship, innovation and sustainable farming as pathways to economic empowerment and national development.

The call was made by the Nigerian Association of Agricultural Students (NAAS), Bayero University, Kano (BUK) at its 7th Annual Conference held on Tuesday, November 3rd 2026 at the Faculty of Agriculture New Campus.



A group photograph of NASS executives and dignitaries after the conference

The conference, themed: "Farming for the Future: Sustainable Agriculture, Agropreneurship and Wealth Creation Among Young Graduates," brought together academics, agricultural professionals, development partners and students to explore opportunities for transforming agriculture into a viable source of employment, wealth creation and food security.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Dean of the Faculty, Professor Aminu Suleiman, emphasized the need to transform agricultural graduates from job seekers into job creators, innovators and successful agropreneurs.

Professor Suleiman, noted that agriculture remained central to Nigeria's food security, employment generation, rural development and economic stability. However, he identified challenges such as low productivity, climate change, inadequate access to finance, post-harvest losses and limited adoption of modern technologies.

He explained that these challenges also presented significant business opportunities for graduates equipped with relevant knowledge, practical skills and an entrepreneurial mindset.

The Dean urged the students to take advantage of the faculty's farms, laboratories, research facilities and demonstration plots to acquire practical experience. He, also encouraged them to explore opportunities in agricultural processing, mechanization, biotechnology, digital agriculture, input distribution, logistics and marketing.

He further highlighted the importance of partnerships between universities and the private sector, noting that

initiatives such as the faculty's Sibling Project, implemented in collaboration with the Women Farmers Advancement Network (WOFAN) and other partners, provided opportunities for practical learning and enterprise development.

Professor Suleiman advised graduating students not to limit their ambitions to securing paid employment, but to consider establishing agricultural enterprises that could create jobs for themselves and others.

In his keynote address, former Vice-Chancellor of Aliko Dangote University of Science and Technology, Wudil, Professor Shehu Alhaji Musa, challenged students to combine their academic knowledge with practical skills and entrepreneurial initiative.

He emphasized that agricultural graduates could create successful businesses without necessarily owning farmland, urging them to explore opportunities across the agricultural value chain.

Professor Musa illustrated the potential of agricultural entrepreneurship through examples of poultry production and other small-scale enterprises, encouraging students to begin with available resources and gradually expand their businesses.

He also advised students who aspired to become lecturers to remain actively involved in agricultural practice, stressing that a combination of academic knowledge and practical enterprise could provide financial security and create employment opportunities.

Drawing from his experience as a university administrator, he recounted how a graduate who benefited from a special academic programme later established factories in Kano and employed about 100 people, demonstrating how education and entrepreneurship could contribute to economic development.

He further identified time management, honesty, hard work, responsibility and consistency as essential qualities for entrepreneurial success.

The guest speaker, Mr. Naziru Musa Ahmad of Extension Africa, urged students to identify problems within the agricultural sector and develop practical business solutions.

He explained that agriculture extended beyond crop cultivation and animal rearing, noting that opportunities existed in processing, marketing, logistics, agricultural extension and other stages of the value chain.

Mr. Ahmad highlighted the challenges facing agricultural extension services, including the limited capacity of extension agents to reach millions of farmers and the difficulty of delivering improved agricultural technologies to rural communities.

He explained that Extension Africa had developed an agribusiness hub model that provides farmers with extension services while creating business opportunities for young graduates through commodity aggregation and agricultural input distribution.

According to him, the initiative had created employment opportunities for more than 5,000 young graduates across 20 states.

He also drew attention to post-harvest losses, urging students to develop innovative solutions for preserving agricultural produce and reducing waste.

Mr. Ahmad advised graduates to identify real market problems, understand customer needs, develop viable business models and make effective use of technology and professional networks.

In a goodwill message delivered on behalf of the Director of the Centre for Dryland Agriculture, Professor Amina Lawan Mustafa reaffirmed the center's commitment to capacity building, agricultural innovation and youth participation in agriculture.

She encouraged students to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical experience by utilizing the center's agricultural facilities, training opportunities and agribusiness support initiatives.

Professor Mustafa also highlighted the importance of developing skills to address climate change and dryland challenges, noting that agricultural graduates had opportunities to contribute to food security and sustainable development.

Similarly, Professor Mahmud Ibrahim Daneji urged students to listen attentively to the keynote speaker and other resource persons, emphasizing that practical skills and the ability to apply knowledge were increasingly important in the agricultural industry.

In a goodwill message delivered on behalf of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Development), Professor Amina Mustapha, Dr Fatima Zahra Buhari challenged students to move beyond traditional perceptions of farming and embrace technological innovation, value addition and agribusiness development.

She highlighted the importance of market research, collaboration, financial accountability and digital tools in building successful agricultural enterprises.

The message also encouraged students to take advantage of practical learning opportunities provided through the university's partnerships with WOFAN and other agricultural development organizations.

Earlier, the President of NAAS, Bayero University Kano, welcomed participants and described the conference as an important platform for knowledge sharing, networking and exploring opportunities in sustainable agriculture.

He urged students to participate actively in the conference and translate the knowledge gained into practical solutions for agricultural development.

The conference featured a keynote address, panel discussion, pitching competition, poetry session and the launch of a magazine, providing opportunities for students to showcase innovative ideas and engage with agricultural experts.

The conference reaffirmed the importance of equipping agricultural graduates with the knowledge, skills and entrepreneurial mindset required to address Nigeria's agricultural challenges and contribute meaningfully to national development.

NASU Holds University and Inter-University Trade Group Council Meetings at BUK

By Mubashir Adamu & Murtala Ibrahim

The Non-Academic Staff Union of Educational and Associated Institutions (NASU), Bayero University, Kano (BUK) Branch, hosted the University and Inter-University Trade Group Council Meetings from 28th to 29th October 2026 at the CBN Centre of Excellence, New Campus, Bayero University, Kano.

Speaking at the meeting, the National President of NASU, Comrade Hassan Makolo, who was represented by the Deputy President of the Union, reaffirmed NASU's commitment to promoting members' welfare, creating opportunities for professional development, and protecting the interests of its members. He described trade unionism as an important platform for collective struggle and the protection of workers' rights, urging members to understand its principles and responsibilities. He also called on university staff to maintain cooperation with the university management in order to promote institutional growth and development.



BUK Management, NASU executives and other dignitaries in a group photograph

In his remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Professor Ahmed Muhammad Tsauni, appreciated NASU for choosing the University to host the important gathering. He noted that BUK recognises the value of comradeship, adding that both the Vice-Chancellor and the Registrar have strong backgrounds in trade unionism, having previously served as leaders of their respective unions.

He emphasised that the University Management remains committed to providing a fair hearing to all members of staff, irrespective of their union affiliations, as part of efforts to sustain mutual understanding and harmonious industrial relations within the University.

The Vice-Chancellor also highlighted some of the achievements recorded during his one year and several months in office, particularly his commitment to carrying along the various trade unions, staff and students in the administration of the University to strengthen institutional harmony and cooperation.

Similarly, the Minister of State for Education, Professor Suwaiba Said Ahmad, represented by Dr Hassan Yunusa Jamilu, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Education, Bayero University, Kano, urged NASU and other stakeholders in the university system to prioritise the interests and welfare of their members. She particularly emphasised staff welfare, professional training, capacity development and other initiatives that contribute to improved service delivery and the overall advancement of the education sector.

In his address, the Chairman of NASU, Bayero University, Kano Branch, Comrade Nasir Abdullahi Abdulrafiu, expressed his profound honour and appreciation for the opportunity to host the University and Inter-University Trade Group Council Meetings.

He described the gathering as more than a routine trade union engagement, noting that it represented a significant moment in the history of higher education and trade unionism in Nigeria.

According to him, the university system remains a cornerstone of national development, while non-academic staff constitute an indispensable pillar in ensuring the smooth running of administrative, technical, health and infrastructural services across institutions of higher learning.

He further explained that the meeting provided an important platform for participants to reflect, deliberate and develop strategic approaches to addressing the pressing challenges confronting NASU members across federal and state universities, as well as inter-university centres.

The Chairman also highlighted critical issues affecting members, including staff welfare and remuneration, adequate funding, capacity building, solidarity and the promotion of unity among union members. He urged participants to strengthen their collective commitment towards protecting workers' rights and advancing the interests of non-academic staff.

He concluded by welcoming all participants and encouraging them to enjoy the hospitality, cultural heritage and peaceful atmosphere of Kano State during their stay.

A major highlight of the occasion was the presentation of awards to the Minister of State for Education, the Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar of Bayero University, Kano, and other distinguished executives of the Union in recognition of their contributions and support.

BUK SUG Caretaker Committee Honours Dean of Student Affairs at First Anniversary

By Mubashir Adamu & Murtala Ibrahim

The Caretaker Committee (CTC) of the Bayero University Kano (BUK) Students' Union Government (SUG) has honoured the Dean of Student Affairs, Professor Mukhtar Ridwan Bunza, for his outstanding contributions to student welfare, institutional development and the improvement of students' living and learning experiences during his first year in office.

The recognition formed part of activities marking the Dean's first anniversary in office and was presented as an appreciation of his leadership, commitment to student welfare and various initiatives undertaken by the Deanery to enhance the wellbeing of students.

Presenting the honour, the Chairman of the CTC Senator Sadeeq Samba commended the Dean for the achievements recorded within his first year, particularly in the areas of students' welfare, hostel management and support for projects designed to improve the campus experience.

He described the Dean's accomplishments as commendable and prayed for continued guidance, wisdom and strength for him to achieve greater success in the years ahead.



BUK-SUG Caretaker Committee present a survenir to the Dean, Students Affairs, Prof. Mukhtar Rudwan Bunza

Responding, the Dean of Students Affairs, Professor Mukh tar Ridwan Bunza, expressed appreciation to the CTC for the recognition, describing the honour as an encouragement to him and members of his team to remain committed to effective student service and the development of a conducive academic environment.

He attributed many of the improvements recorded in students' welfare and campus infrastructure to the initiatives of the Vice-Chancellor, particularly the interventions aimed at creating a more comfortable and supportive environment for students.

According to him, the ongoing renovation of students' hostels, improvements in water supply and electricity, as well as the rehabilitation of essential facilities across the University, are significant steps towards improving students' welfare.

The Dean, however, stressed that the sustainability of the investments depends largely on students' responsible use and protection of the facilities provided.

He therefore called on students to develop a stronger sense of ownership, discipline and responsibility by ensuring that University facilities are properly utilised and protected for the benefit of both current and future students.

The Dean also acknowledged the contributions of staff and students to the achievements recorded by the Deanery, noting that effective student administration and welfare delivery require the collective efforts of all stakeholders.

He called for greater cooperation, understanding and mutual support between the Deanery, students and other members of the University community.

Speaking on the forthcoming Students' Union Government election, the Dean urged students to demonstrate intellectual maturity and democratic responsibility by making informed choices and electing credible, visionary and responsible leaders who would genuinely represent and advance their collective interests.

He also congratulated Bayero University Kano on its emergence as the second-best university at the INEC Campus Debate held at the University of Abuja, describing the feat as a significant recognition of the University's commitment to democratic values, intellectual engagement and responsible student leadership.

The Dean reaffirmed the commitment of the Deanery of Student Affairs to sustaining its student-centred approach and strengthening collaboration with students and other stakeholders towards building a more supportive, peaceful and progressive academic community.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS: Postgraduate Defense

Chairman: Dr. Ibrahim Mohammed Adamu
Date: Thursday, 12th November, 2026
Time: 10:00am
Venue: Department of Economics Board Room, CBN Centre of Excellence Complex, New Campus.
Candidate 1: Aliyu Yahaya Ukashatu (SPS/21/PEC/00021)
Title: Mitigating the Adverse Effects of Energy Poverty through International Finance among African Countries
Supervisor: Dr. Ahmad T. Abdullahi
Reviewer: Prof. Abdullahi M. Adamu
Candidate 2: Mohammed Alkali (SPS/20/PEC/00020)
Title: Impact Analysis of Non-oil Exports and Institutional Quality on Exchange Rates and Foreign Reserves in Nigeria
Supervisor: Dr. Ahmad T. Abdullahi
Internal Examiner: Prof. Amina A. Ismail
Reviewer: Prof. Garba I. Sheka
Candidate 3: Adamu gambo Yusuf (SPS/20/MEC/00014)
Topic: Impact of Financial Inclusion on Perceived Economic Well-being in Yobe, Nigeria
Supervisor: Dr. M.A. Aliyu
Reviewer: Dr. Muhammad I. Abdullahi
Candidate 4: Abubakar Sunusi Mandawari (SPS/20/MEC/00018)
Topic: Impact of Human Capital Development on Agricultural Productivity in Nigeria
Supervisor: Prof. Abdullahi M. Adamu
Reviewer: Dr. Naziru Y. Abdullahi



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COLLEGE OF NATURAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCE

2026 INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE CONFERENCE HYBRID

THEME

TRENDS IN BASIC AND APPLIED SCIENCES

SUB-THEMES

1. **Biotechnology, Genomics and Life Science Innovations** - Molecular biology, microbiology, genomics, biotechnology, agriculture, environmental biology, bioinformatics.
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3. **Physical Sciences, Materials and Emerging Technologies** - Physics, chemistry, mathematics, materials science, nanotechnology, renewable energy, artificial intelligence, computational science.
4. **Climate Change, Environmental Sustainability and One Health**- Environmental management, pollution control, climate resilience, biodiversity conservation, food security, water resources, One Health approaches.
5. **Science, Innovation and Industry for Sustainable Development**- Entrepreneurship, industrial research, technology transfer, digital transformation, policy, STEM education, commercialization of research, and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Mode of Presentation:
Hybrid (Physical and Virtual)

Venue: Mahmud Tukur Theatre

Important Dates

- Abstract Submission: 12th August – 30th October, 2026
- Participants Arrival and Registration: Monday 15th November, 2026
- Opening Ceremony and Commencement of Technical Session: Tuesday 16th November, 2026
- Conclusion of Technical Sessions and Closing: Wednesday 17th November, 2026
- Departure: Thursday 18th November, 2026

Registration Fees

- Abstract Processing Fee: N2,000
- Virtual Presentation: N15,000 (includes e-certificate and e-book of abstracts)
- Physical Presentation: N35,000 (includes conference materials, certificate, feeding)
- Students (Participation only): N5000 (e – certificate for participation)
- Student Physical Presentation: 25,000 (includes conference materials, certificate, feeding)
- International Participants: USD 200

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CONFIDENTIAL CORNER BREIFING NOTE
CENTRE FOR GENDER STUDIES,
BAYERO UNIVERSITY, KANO

1.0 INTRODUCTION
1.1 Background and Context
The Centre for Gender Studies (CGS), Bayero University, Kano, recognises the growing need to create a safe, inclusive, and responsive support system for the university community. The Confidential Corner (C-Corner) is a specialised unit offering discreet, professional, and supportive interventions addressing personal, academic, emotional, and social challenges.

1.2 Rationale
The Confidential Corner is designed to respond to challenges faced by students and staff, including academic stress, mental health issues, balancing academic/family issues, substance abuse, career guidance, and harassment of any form.

1.3 Application and Scope
This policy applies to all students, staff, and third parties who seek the services of the C-Corner. It covers awareness, counselling, training, referrals, case reporting and other interventions.

1.4 Objectives
i. To provide counselling and support services to students and staff in the academic environment in areas such as:
   i. Psychosocial and mental health support services to service seekers/clients.
   ii. Guidance on academic, marital, and career-related challenges.
   iii. Interventions on substance abuse, harassment, or emotional distress.
   iv. Awareness, prevention, and response mechanisms for personal and institutional wellness.

1.5 Approach and values
The C-Corner employs confidential handling, redress guidance, and victim support to all clients. We emphasize on the core values of confidentiality, professionalism, and empathy in all cases and interactions.

2.0 SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES
2.1 Scope of services/ activities
i. Counselling: Emotional, academic, mental health, and psychosocial support.
ii. Interventions and assistance: interventions in case of drug and Substance Abuse, rehabilitation referral, and coping strategies.
iii. Response on harassment cases: Including sexual harassment, exploitation, extortion and manipulation
iv. Support for Family-Academic Guidance: Programs and initiatives providing strategies for managing multiple responsibilities.
v. Career Mentorship: Support for job readiness and employability.
vi. Youth Development initiatives: Life skills education, leadership training, and community engagements.
vii. Training, Research, Advocacy, and Sensitisation.

3.0 POLICY GUIDELINES
3.1 Confidentiality
i. Only credible individuals will be appointed to manage the C-Corner and serve as counsellors
ii. All interactions are strictly confidential.

iii. Sessions are conducted in a private, comfortable and suitable fora.
iv. Only authorised staff of the corner can access records.

3.2 Informed Consent

i. Clients must be informed about confidentiality policies at the start.
ii. Consent must be obtained before involving third parties.
iii. Cases will be handled with the highest level of professionalism in the best interest of the client.

3.3 Exceptions to Confidentiality

i. Critical information may be divulged where there is a risk of harm to client or others.
ii. Obligations under law, institutional reporting structures or any emergency issue.

3.4 Reporting and Referral

i. High-risk cases will be escalated to the most appropriate channel.
ii. Proper channels for referral and reporting will be observed.
iii. Emergency protocols will be applied in the event of urgency.

3.5 Secure Documentation

i. Hard and digital records of all sessions will be securely maintained.
ii. Annual reports will be anonymously generated (disaggregated data).

3.6 Feedback Mechanism

i. Client satisfaction surveys regularly conducted.

4.0 ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

4.1 Confidential Corner Team Composition

i. Director, Centre for Gender Studies
ii. Head of Confidential Corner (C-Corner Counsellor)
iii. Authorised professional counsellors
iv. Approved personnel

5.0 MONITORING AND EVALUATION

i. Annual M&E reviews will be undertaken to improve the corner.

6.0 PARTNERSHIPS AND SUPPORT NETWORK

i. Collaborate with units within the University including
ii. Student Affairs Division
iii. University Sexual Harassment Committee
iv. Accountability and Transparency Unit
v. University Health Service Center
vi. SERVICOM
vii. Staff and Students Associations
viii. Relevant and reputable CSOs, NGOs and MDAs.

7.0 C-CORNER SUPPORT PLATFORMS

i. Walk-in services
ii. C-Corner hotline
iii. Designated e-mail for the C-Corner
iv. Digital support platform

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, 10th 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*

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Balloting Exercise For Disposal of Unserviceable Items

Sequel to the earlier Special Bulletin regarding the **Disposal of Unserviceable Items**, the **Board of Survey** wishes to inform members of the University community that due to limited available slots/lots, a **Balloting Exercise** will be conducted prior to the main disposal.

Details of balloting and disposal exercises:

BALLOTING EXERCISE
Date: Monday, 9th November, 2026
Time: 8:00 AM
Venue: Convocation Arena, New Campus

DISPOSAL EXERCISE
Date: Tuesday, 10th November, 2026
Time: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Location: New Campus, Old Power House

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS & ELIGIBILITY:

1. **Limited Slots:** Balloting will determine the allocation of potential spaces/lots available for purchase.
2. **Participation Eligibility: Only staff who are successful during the Balloting Exercise on Monday, 9th November, 2026 will be permitted to participate in the Disposal Exercise on Tuesday, 10th November, 2026.**
3. **Staff Only:** The exercise is strictly open to University staff members **ONLY**.
4. Items available for disposal include wooden and metallic junks, unserviceable electronic equipment and some scrap items.

We kindly request your full cooperation and adherence of all interested staff members to ensure an orderly and successful process.

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

BAYERO UNIVERSITY, KANO

The Vice-Chancellor

Professor Haruna Musa, fsi

On behalf of the entire University community

Cordially invites

to the

65th PROFESSORIAL INAUGURAL LECTURE



TOPIC:

MATHEMATICAL GENERALIZATIONS: A JOURNEY FROM ABSTRACT IDEAS TO BUILDING A BETTER WORLD

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Department of Mathematical Sciences
Faculty of Physical Sciences
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CHAIRMAN:
PROF. HARUNA MUSA, fsi
Vice-Chancellor
Bayero University, Kano

Date: Thursday, 12th November, 2026

Time: 2:00pm

Venue: CBN Centre of Excellence, BUK, New Campus

Virtual Event zoom

Meeting ID: 931 3284 7823
Passcode: 880399

ANNOUNCER: Professorial Inaugural Lecture Committee

MUSLIM STUDENTS' SOCIETY OF NIGERIA
BAYERO UNIVERSITY, KANO BRANCH (MSSN-BUK)

MSSN WEEK
2025/2026

DAY 1
Saturday 31st Oct. 2026
Public Lecture
10:00 AM
Musa Abdullahi Auditorium

DAY 2
Monday 2nd Nov. 2026
MAGACO Evening
4:00 PM
Mahmud Tukur Theatre

DAY 3 & 4
Sat. 7th & Sun. 8th Nov. 2026
Inter-Faculty Musabaqah
9:00 AM
Mahmud Tukur Theatre

DAY 5
Thursday 12th Nov. 2026
Final IPC
6:00 PM
Musa Abdullahi Auditorium

DAY 6
Saturday 21st Nov. 2026
Award Ceremony, Magazine Launching & Transition
9:00 AM
Convocation Arena

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