



Conference on the Future of Energy Use Seeks for Budgetary Allocation on a Green Environment

The International Conference on the **Future of Energy Use in Nigeria's Drylands: Challenges and Opportunities**, held from 12th to 15th November, 2012 has advocated for a budgetary allocation on a green environment for the prominent role it plays in providing a conducive environment for all development efforts.

A communiqué issued at the end of the conference called for a renewed effort in woodlots establishment by governments and private individuals and further advocated for the reinvigoration of the social forestry sector to guarantee the survival of the seedlings given to the people for planting.

The communiqué further advised as follows:

- ✓ Enforcement of forest laws to save endangered tree species from going extinct and also to prevent others from being endangered.

- ✓ Usage of efficient burning stoves should be massively supported by all the tiers of government, civil society, NGOs and communities in order to reduce the cost of energy consumption on the society and protect the environment.
- ✓ Promotion the networking of the stakeholders in the energy sector to ensure the harnessing and efficient utilization of energy resources.
- ✓ Promotion of formal and informal environmental education at all levels through appropriate curriculum development and public enlightenment with a view to creating awareness and attitudinal change among the populace.

In a letter signed by the Chairman, Communiqué Committee, Dr. Adnan Abdulhamid, and the Secretary, Dr. Aishatu Mohammed Mubi, the conference appreciated the support of DFID through DelPHE, the three Universities (Birmingham, Bath U.K and BUK) for hosting and making the conference a success. It also extended its sincere gratitude to the Kano State

Government for full participation, as well as the chairmen of various sessions for their meaningful contributions to the discussions.

**Prof. Bashir Galadanci
Appointed Ag. Dean, Faculty
of Computer Sci and Info.
Tech.**

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR has approved the appointment of Professor Bashir S. Galadanci of the Department of Electrical Engineering, as the Acting Dean, Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology.

A statement signed by the Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin, MNIM indicates that the appointment is for one year with effect from 19th November, 2012.

**Staff Sec. School Gets New
Chairman**

Professor Jibril Hamman Yola of the Department of Islamic Studies has emerged as the Chairman, Staff Secondary School, after the Vice Chancellor approved his appointment.

The appointment, according to a letter signed by the Registrar, points out that it is for two years with effect from 1st December, 2012.

**Staff Housing Loan C'ttee:
Federal Mortgage Bank Loan
Scheme**

The Staff Housing Loan Committee wishes to inform the University community on the following conditions concerning the Federal Mortgage Bank Loan Scheme, as agreed by the Congregation.

Who Can Apply for NHF Loan?

Any Nigerian above the age of 18 years, who is a contributor to the fund for at least six months (2.5% of basic salary each month), is eligible to apply.

Purpose of the Loan:

The loan shall be for the purpose of:

- i- Building
- ii- Purchasing
- iii- Renovation and expansion

For residential accommodation

How to Apply:

Applicant is to apply through a duly licensed and accredited mortgage loan originator (MLO) of his/her choice and not directly to the Federal Mortgage Bank (in this case, Bayero University, Kano is using its Staff Housing Loan Association to secure the loan).

How Much to Apply:

- The loan ceiling is ₦15million and the least being ₦5 million for individuals.

- The maximum repayment period is 30 years.
- The rate of interest is 6% per annum.
- The repayment amount should not be more than one-third of the applicant's monthly gross income.

Refund:

The NHF Act No. 1992 provides that refund shall be made to the contributor who has not obtained a housing loan upon:

- a) Attaining 60 years of age.
- b) Retirement from employment and subsequent incapability to continue contribution.
- c) Refund is also made to a contributor that has obtained a loan, liquidated the loan and has attained the age of 60 years.
- d) Refunds are also made to the next-of-kin of deceased contributors.

Secondly, the University will give a one month salary advance to all applicants to enable them to pay up front the 6 months arrears of contribution to the Federal Bank of Nigeria (FMBN) so as to qualify for the loan immediately on the condition that:

- a) The 6 months (2.5% of basic salary per month, i.e. 15%) shall

be deducted from the advance and paid to FMBN this month.

- b) The salary advance shall be deducted within 6 months.

Hence, all applicants must arrange to settle other liabilities, using the balance of the advance to ensure that they do not run into difficulties in the 6 months deduction period.

M.I.S.: ADD & DROP EXERCISE STARTS

The Management Information System (MIS) wishes to inform students that Add and Drop exercise is scheduled as follows:

PERIOD: Monday 19th to Friday 30th November, 2012.

ELIGIBILITY: Only students registered in 2011/2012.

Procedure:

- Students are to collect the Add and Drop form from their department and fill all the relevant sections therein.
- They then pay a fee of ₦1,000 at Cash Office of the Bursary Department, New Campus; collect a receipt and attach same to the Add and Drop form.
- Get the Add and Drop form endorsed by the H.O.D. or Level/Programme Coordinator, certifying their eligibility and need to participate in the exercise.



- Leave the form with the H.O.D or Level/Programme Coordinator for onward submission to the MIS Unit after the completion of the exercise.

National Association of Science Students (NASS)

‘Science Week’

This is to inform the University community that the above association will conduct its annual “Science Week” scheduled from 26th November to 1st December, 2012.

Program of Events:

25th Nov. Sunday: Awareness/Rally – 4:00pm – 6:00pm

26th Nov. Monday: Inter-faculty quiz competition/cultural display – 9:00am – 2:00pm.

27th Nov. Tuesday: Launching of Almanac/presentation of awards – 9:00am – 2:00pm.

Inter-departmental Quiz - 8:00pm – 11:00pm

Sports – 4:00pm – 6:00pm.

28th Nov. Wednesday: Lecture ‘Entrepreneurship in Science’ - 9:00am – 2:00pm.

Sports – 4:00pm – 6:00pm.

Symposium ‘Participatory Leadership; Prospects and

Opportunities for Youths – 8:00pm – 11:00pm.

29th Nov. Thursday: Inter-secondary School Quiz/Science Spelling Bee – 9:00am – 2:00pm.

LAB COAT DAY – 9:00am – 6:00pm.

Sports – 4:00pm – 6:00pm.

Game show (PES 2013) – 8:00pm – 11:00pm.

30th Nov. Friday: Intra Faculty Cooking Competition – 4:00pm – 6:00pm.

Sports – 4:00pm – 6:00pm.

1st Dec. Saturday: Sports - 4:00pm – 6:00pm.

Award Night/Drama - 8:00pm – 11:00pm.

SUG Election for 2012/2013: *Dean Calls for Mass Participation*

The Dean, Student Affairs, Professor Mohammed O. Bhadmus, has called on the entire students of the University to prepare for the forthcoming S.U.G. election by either contesting or participating in it. A statement by Malam Garba Barume quoted the Dean saying “students should come out enmass to cast their votes in order to ensure that right people are elected to take charge of the affairs of the Union. The formal

lifting of the ban on politics will be announced in due course by the Student Union.”

Newly Introduced Services in the University Library

In order to improve its services the University Library, has introduced the following:

- a) Students’ Viewing Centre in the Main Library.
- b) Staff Common Room in the Main Library.
- c) Students’ Viewing Centre in the Science Library (Old Campus).
- d) Staff Common Room in the Science Library (Old Campus).

Both staff and students are requested to utilize the resources effectively.

Department of Sociology

M.Sc Internal Defence

The Department of Sociology invites the University community to its M.Sc Internal Defence, which is scheduled as follows:

Candidate: SPS/08/SMS/00865

Topic: *‘The Role of Peer Groups in Influencing Youths Criminal Behavior in Makurdi, Benue State.’*

Supervisor: Prof. Sadiq Isah Radda

Internal Examiner: Dr. Maikano Madaki.

Date: 23rd November, 2012

Time: 8:00am

Venue: Conference Room.

Department of Civil Engineering

PhD Seminar Presentation

The Department of Civil Engineering invites the Academic Staff of the University to its PhD seminar presentation scheduled as follows:

Presenter: Timothy Adeyemi Adedokun (SPS/07/TECH/02908)

Topic: *‘Modelling the Effects of Industrial Effluents on Surface Water Quality.’*

Supervisor: Prof. J. C. Agunwamba

Chairman: Dr. O. B. Ella

Date: Thursdays 22nd November, 2012

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Dean’s Conference Room Faculty of Engineering.



Department of Public & Int'l Law

Departmental Seminar

This is to inform the University community and the general public that the Department of Public and International Law is organizing a Departmental Seminar as follows:

Presenter: Dr. B. A. Haruna.

Topic: *'The Sharia Issue in Nigeria: The Weakest Link and the Missing Link.'*

Date: 29th November, 2012

Time: 4:00pm

Venue: Faculty of Law Conference Room.

Department of Political Science

External Defense

The Department of Political Science will conduct its PhD and MSc External Defense as follows:

Ph.D. CANDIDATES:

(1) Candidate Name: Haruna Halidu (PGS//06/SMS/01358)

Title of Thesis: *'Legislature – Executive Relations in Nigeria's Fourth Republic (1999- 2007).'*

(2) Candidate Name: Salihu Mohammed Nworu (PGS/05/SMS/00448)

Title of Thesis: *'Poverty, Politics and Labour Export in Nigeria: A Study of Girl-Child Labor Export in Mokwa Local Government Niger State.'*

Date: 28th November, 2012

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Departmental Seminar/ Conference Room.

Lost Items

- 1) A wallet belonging to Hamza Yahaya Yakubu (SMS/10/MAC/01033).
- 2) A black bag belonging to Zubair A. Haruna (SMS/10/MAC/01038).
- 3) A black Abaya in yellow birthday plastic gift bag.

If found please bring them to the Publication and documentation Division for onward submission to the owners.

Wedding fatiha

Professor Danjuma A. Maiwada and Malam Musa A. Auyo of the CSNL of the Faculty of Education invite members of the University community to the wedding fatiha of their son, Abdullahi Maiwada and daughter, Aisha Musa Auyo, respectively, scheduled as follows:

Date: Saturday 8th December, 2012

Time: 12:00pm prompt

Venue: Township Central Mosque, Kofar Fada, Auyo, Jigawa State.



House to House Sanitary Inspection

In continuation of the house to house sanitary inspection of residential areas at the Old and New Campuses, the Environmental Health Unit wishes to remind the University community that Environmental Health Officers will visit the areas to promote clean and healthy environment. Therefore, residents are advised to ensure:

- ✓ Cleanliness of toilets, bathrooms, kitchen in the houses.
- ✓ Cleanliness of general surrounding by clearing all weeds and grasses to prevent possible fire outbreak.
- ✓ Proper disposal of waste in order to prevent sanitary-related diseases and pest infestation.

In view of the above, residents are urged to give their usual cooperation in an effort to improve their quality of life.

The CDD November Meeting Outcome

The Vice-Chancellor has approved the recommendations of the Committee of Deans and Directors (CDD) arising from its 121st regular meeting (and tenth monthly meeting for 2012) held on Tuesday, 13th November, 2012. Items approved include the following.

Conference Attendance

Local and foreign conference attendance was approved for the following 26 staff members at the total cost of Five Million, Nine Hundred and Twenty-Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred and Ninety-Nine Naira (₦5,929,899).

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	VENUE
1	Prof. M. D. Suleiman	History	USA
2	Jibrin Shua'aibu Adamu	Nig. Langs. & Ling.	Akungba
3	Dr. S. G. Mohammed	Agronomy	India
4	Musa Shehu Alhaji	Agric Economics	Thailand
5	Suleiman Aliyu Babale	Elect. Engineering	Bauchi
6	Dr. Sabo B. Ibrahim	Elect. Engineering	Calabar
7	Dr. Okorie A. Uche	Civil Engineering	Ilorin
8	Dr. Idris Garba	Mech. Engineering	Tunisia
9	Prof. Nikolay Dimitrov	Anatomy	P/H
10	Badamasi M. Ibrahim	Anatomy	P/H

11	Jibrin Mohammed	Physiotherapy	Benin
12	Idris Garba	Radiography	Abeokuta
13	Dr. Isa A. Yahaya	Chemical Pathology	South Afr.
14	Prof. M. S. Sule	Biochemistry	Dubai
15	Dr. Aisha M. Gadanya	Biochemistry	Dubai
16	Ishaq A. Samaila	Accounting	Enugu
17	Ishaq A. Aliyu	Geography	Wudil
18	Umar Farouk Isa	Geography	Wudil
19	Nuratu Mohammed	Geography	Wudil
20	Nu'uman M. Habib	Sociology	Yaba
21	Salah B. Momale	Centre for Dryland Agric.	Wudil
22	Nasir Yahaya	CSNL	Akungba
23	Tahir Abba	CSNL	Akungba
24	Tijjani S. Almajir	CSNL	Akungba
25	Dr. Isa Yusuf Chamo	CSNL	Akungba
26	Dr. Nuraddeen Magaji	Elect. Engineering	Ghana*

*: *Change of conference venue*

Study Fellowships

Study fellowships have been approved for the following six (6) staff members.

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	COURSE	VENUE	DURATION
1	Bashir Kaka	Physiotherapy	PhD	Ibadan	3 Years
2	Muhammad R. Kabiru	Microbiology	MSc	BUK	2 Years
3	Hauwa Ladi Yusuf	Food Science	MSc	Maiduguri	2 Years
4	Abdulwahad S. Shaibu	Agronomy	MSc	Abeokuta	2 Years
5	Hassan Yahaya	Med. Lab. Sci.	MSc	BUK	2 Years
6	Balarabe N. Abdullahi	Pharmacology	MSc	ABU	2 Years

Extension of Study Fellowship

A one-year extension of study fellowship in favour of Mohammed Baba of Animal Science Department who is pursuing PhD at University Putra, Malaysia, has been approved.

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