



## Roadmap To Reengineering Northern Nigeria

- Prof. Ibrahim L. Bashir

A robust institutional framework to effectively articulate an environmental rebirth, human capital development, leadership qualities and agricultural engineering has been unfolded as the agenda needed to ignite the reawakening of Northern Nigeria, to compete with any region in terms of development, Professor Ibrahim Lawal Bashir has said.

Addressing a large crowd of academics and other stakeholders at the public lecture in honour of Professor Munzali Jibril, titled: The Northern Nigerian Renaissance: The Humanities in the Re-Engineering Agenda, held in BUK on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2013, the guest lecturer said “the North of today exhibits all of the socio-economic and political elements which prevailed in medieval Europe”. He said primitive barbarism, ethnic and religious bigots and parasitic elites all constitute obstacles to unlocking the potentials of the people of this region.

Prof. Bashir decried that instead of scholars leading the re-engineering crusade, the intellectual orientation to social reengineering in the humanities

and related disciplines seemed to fall short of expectation. He said scholars have been more preoccupied with the production of textbook knowledge than with applied arts.

“If our scholars in religious studies were doing the right thing, inter-religious crisis rocking the North today would not have arisen”, he pointed out.

While speaking on the humanities and social engineering, Prof. Bashir noted that most great nations at one time or the other had to assemble their great minds to generate those ideas that ushered them into the modern age, saying the same could be applied for a Northern renaissance.

The Adamawa-born Professor said history, which plays a pivotal role in the development of any society, must be given prominence in order for people to know their existence, the genesis of their socio-economic problems, for them to be productive and functional.

The guest speaker decried the present deterioration in the delivery of education in Northern Nigeria in compared to the Southern geo-political zone, which he said calls for serious agitation and commitment.

He said the need for educational revolution in the North is not to catch up

with the southern part of the country, but to develop the human capacity of individuals for self and societal actualization as a right to useful and purposeful living, as guaranteed in the constitution.

The lecturer cautioned against parading ill-prepared and market street people as political flag-bearers and also against dirty money influenced politics.

Professor Bashir advised that for Northern Nigeria to be re-engineered there is the need to construct a functional administrative mechanism of a Board of Trustee to be known as the Northern Renaissance Board to work with the Northern Governors Forum and ACF. He said the Board would be responsible for generating, discussing, refining and implementing a broad spectrum development agenda for the North.

“The Board will serve as the operational organ of extant bodies and therefore the administrative umbrella for executing all the activities pertaining to the renaissance project”, he explained.

The speaker, who did his PhD in Economic History from the University of Boston, U.S.A., also advocated for the establishment of a Think Tank that will provide the intellectual hub for the new drive to promote, protect and advocate the noble cause.

## **CDD Feb., 2013: Foreign & Local Conferences Approved ... Fellowships Too**

The Committee of Deans and Directors (CDD) held its 124<sup>th</sup> regular meeting (and second monthly meeting for the year 2013) on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2013. The Vice-Chancellor has approved its recommendations, according to a statement from the DVC Academic, Prof. Yahuza Bello, who is also the CDD Chairman, as follows:

The celebrant and the President of the Nigerian Academy of Letters, Professor Munzali Jibril, expressed his heartfelt appreciation to the University management for the unprecedented honour done to him. He commended the Vice Chancellor for influencing the transformation of the University.

On his part, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR said the celebrant was a foremost intellectual scholar, whose indelible footprints have impacted positively during and after his time in the University.

The Vice Chancellor also showered commendation on the chairman of the occasion and the Chairman, the Federal Character Commission, Professor Oba AbdulRaheem, for honouring the occasion.

He said the University started with only one Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies (FAIS) but has now transformed into 13 Faculties; a new Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences would take-off towards the end of this year.

The immediate past President of the Academy of Letters, Professor Ben Elugwe, also spoke at the occasion.

### Conference Attendance

Local and foreign conference attendance has been approved for the following thirteen (13) staff members at a total cost of Four Million, Five Hundred and Seventy-Three Thousand Naira (₦4,573,000) only.

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	VENUE
1	Dr. M. I. Daneji	Agric. Econs	USA
2	Dr. Garba Omar	Soil Science	Lafia
3	Dr. A. M. Samndi	Soil Science	Lafia
4	A. A. Adnann	Agronomy	Lafia
5	Mansur Usman Dawaki	Soil Science	Lafia
6	Prof. M. S. Abdulkadir	History	Kenya
7	Dr. Yahaya I. Suleiman	Arabic	UAE
8	Dr. Kabir Abdu	Chemistry	China
9	Dr. Tijjani H. Darma	Physics	Turkey
10	Dr. Nafiu Hussaini	Mathematics	UK
11	Nafiu B. Abdussalam	Economics	Lagos
12	Abubakar A. Ahmad	Private Law	UK
13	Rabiu Sani Shatsari	Islamic Law	UK

### Study Fellowships

(i) Study Fellowships have been approved for the following eleven (11) staff members.

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	COURSE	VENUE	DURATION
1	Zainab Lawan Miko	Agronomy	MSc	ABU	2 Years
2	Suleiman Ibrahim	Animal Science	PhD	ABU	3 Years
3	Muhammad Mujitaba	Arabic	MA	BUK	1 Year
4	Abubakar Nuhu Panda	Arabic	MA	BUK	2 Years
5	Salihu Ibrahim	Biotechnology	MSc	Malaysia	2 Years
6	Abdullahi Muhammad	Biotechnology	MSc	Malaysia	2 Years
7	Kabiru Umar	Computer Sci.	PhD	Malaysia	3 Years
8	Farida Garba Sumaila	Physiotherapy	MSc	Unilag	2 Years
9	Dahiru Jafaru Usman	Public Law	PhD	Malaysia	3 Years
10	Nuhu Musa Idris	Private Law	PhD	Malaysia	3 Years
11	Fatima A. Muhammad	Mechatronics	MSc	UK	1 year

(ii) The Study Fellowship of the following staff members have been extended for the periods indicated against their names.

S/N	NAME	DEPT.	COURSE	VENUE	REMARKS
1	Yusuf Garba	CDA	PhD	BUK	Extension for 2012/2013 session
2	Nura Jafaru Shanono	Agric. Engrg.	MSc	ABU	Extension to 31/3/2014
3	Abdussamad Isma'il	Civil Engrg.	PhD	UK	Extension to 30/4/2013



## Sabbatical Leave

One-year sabbatical leave has been approved for the following staff members:

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	PLACE	EFFECTIVE DATE
1	Dr. Yahaya Ibrahim Yola	Physics	FU, Dutsin-ma	1 <sup>st</sup> March, 2013
2	Prof. A. M. Dawood	Arabic	KASU, Kaduna	1 <sup>st</sup> April, 2013
3	Dr. Abubakar J. Jiddere	Political Science	FU, Dutse	1 <sup>st</sup> April, 2013
4	Dr. Saminu Ilyasu Bala	Mathematics	FU, Dutse	1 <sup>st</sup> April, 2013
5	Prof. M. A. Abubakar*	Arabic	ABU, Zaria	1 <sup>st</sup> March, 2013

\* Change of venue for sabbatical leave

## Sabbatical Appointment

The one-year sabbatical appointment of Dr. Ado Adamu Yusuf of the Department of Soil Science, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, as an Associate Professor (Soil Microbiology) in the Department of Soil Science has been approved.

## Some General Issues

### *1- Revised Application Form for Conference Attendance*

The Committee has approved a revised Application Form for Conference Attendance. The revision provided for the confirmation (or otherwise) by Head of Department and Dean/Director that the draft of the paper to be presented has been presented at a departmental and/or faculty seminar. Provisions were also made for mobile phone number and email address of the applicant for ease of contact. Some aspects of the form have also been clarified. A copy of the revised form will be emailed to each academic staff. Hard copies will also be sent to all academic units, while a soft copy will be available on the University website.

### *2- Template for Power-Point Presentation*

A template for PowerPoint Presentation has also been approved. The approved template will be sent to all staff members through their official email addresses. The aim is to ensure uniformity and reflection of the University by staff members making presentations at conferences and other events – including lectures.

### *3- Deadline for Consideration of Sabbatical Applications*

Considering that the 2012/2013 session starts in early April, it was decided that applications for sabbatical leave would not be considered after the March, 2013 meeting of the Committee. Any staff member that does not apply by that time would have to wait until the end of the 2012/2013 session for the application to be considered.

### *4- Need for Application Form for Sabbatical Leave*

A number of problems were noted with the current method of applying for sabbatical leave. For one, the process and procedure are varied – some staff members apply directly

to the Vice-Chancellor, while others apply to the Committee. Secondly, many applicants have to be informed that they need to provide a proposal on the research work they intended to undertake during the leave. [By the University's condition of service, the main objective of sabbatical leave is to provide the staff member with an opportunity to carry out research unhindered by the normal teaching and other duties.] Thirdly, Deans and Heads of Department are not sometime involved in the application. Thus, Deans of faculties sometime saw the applications by staff members from their faculties only at the Committee's meeting. Finally, it is difficult to keep track of the number of staff members on sabbatical leave from a given department.

In order to address these and other problems, the Committee is working on an application form for sabbatical leave. When finalized, the form would be widely publicized and used in considering applications at the end of the 2012/2013 session.

### **Prof. Yakasai Appointed Chairman, Sports Consultative C'ttee**

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, mni, MFR, has approved the appointment of Professor Muhammad Ibrahim Yakasai, of the Department of Education, as the new Chairman, Sports Consultative Committee.

In a letter signed by the Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin, MNIM, said Prof. Yakasai succeeded Dr. B. A Haruna, who is away on sabbatical leave and the appointment will last for a period of two years with immediate effect.

Other members of the Committee are Faculties Representatives, the Dean, Student Affairs, the Head, Department of Physical and Health Education, Dr. A. G. Suleiman, Dr. Rabi Ibrahim Abdulsalam, Babangida Namadi and the Director of Sports.

### **BUK Participates At Indo-American Summit in India**

A team of four staff, led by Professor Mohammed Yahuza Bello, the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academic, represented the University at the just concluded Indo-American Education Summit in Hyderabad, India.

The summit is a global education conference and educational expo that usually brings Universities together from all parts of the world.

Other team members that attended the summit were: the Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Dr. Ado Dan-Isa, the Dean, Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology, Dr. Bashir S. Galadanci and the Director, Institute of Continuing Education, Dr. Salisu Shehu.

**(Detail of the report to be published in the next edition).**



## Department of Political Science

### M.Sc (External Defense)

The Department of Political Science invites the Academic community to its M.Sc and PhD Defense as follows:

**Candidate 1:** James Ocheni Obaka  
(PGS/SMS/06/2741)

**Title of Dissertation:** *“Election Rigging and Democracy in Nigeria: A Case Study of 2007 Gubernatorial Election in Ankpa Local Government Area of Kogi State”.*

**Supervisor:** Prof. Habu Mohammed

**Internal Examiner:** Dr. Mahmoud M. Lawan

**External Examiner:** Prof. Muhammad Umar Zayyan

**Candidate 2:** Ibrahim Umoru  
(PGS/SMS/06/2355)

**Title of Dissertation:** *“Indigenes – Settlers Relations and Problems of National Integration in Nigeria,: A Case Study of Kano Metrolpolis, 1980 - 2004”.*

**Supervisor:** Prof. Habu Mohammed

**Internal Examiner:** Mal. Ibrahim Muazzam

**External Examiner:** Professor Muhammad Umar Zayyan

**Candidate 3:** Musa Sarki  
(SPS/07/SMS/02525)

**Title of Dissertation:** *“Agricultural Policies in Nigeria: An Over-view of Policy Impact on Cotton Production in Gombe State, 2000 – 2007”.*

**Supervisor:** Prof. Habu Mohammed

**Internal Examiner:** Mal. Muazu M. Yusif

**External Examiner:** Prof. Muhammad Umar Zayyan

**Candidate 4:** Babayo Sule  
(SPS/07/SMS/01263)

**Title of Dissertation:** *“National Poverty Eradication Programme (NAPEP): A Case Study of the Capacity Acquisition Programme (CAP) in Gombe State, 2002 – 2007”.*

**Supervisor:** Prof. Habu Mohammed

**Internal Examiner:** Dr. Mahmoud M. Lawan

**External Examiner:** Prof. Muhammad Umar Zayyan

**Candidate 5:** Goni Shettima  
(SPS/08/SMS/03105)

**Title of Dissertation:** *“Local Government Autonomy under Democratic Dispensation in Nigeria: A Case Study of State – Local Government Relations in Borno State, 1999 – 2010”.*

**Supervisor:** Prof. Shehu Dalhatu



**Internal Examiner:** Dr. Fatima O. Ibrahim

**External Examiner:** Professor Muhammad Umar Zayyan

**Chairperson:** Dr. A'isha Abdul-Isma'il

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2013

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Seminar/Conference Room (New Political Science Building).

### **Ph.D (Internal Defense)**

**Name of Candidate 1:** Agidi Iwala (SPS/07/SMS/00845)

**Title of Dissertation:** *“Nigeria’s Afro Centric Policy Leadership Aspirations, Problems and Prospects, 1999 –2007 – A Critical Appraisal”.*

**Supervisor:** Prof. Kamilu Sani Fage

**Internal Examiner:** Dr. Abubakar Jika Jiddere

### **Ph.D. Presentations**

**Presenter 1:** Manpa'a Aliyu Musa (SPS/07/SMS/02761)

**Topic:** *“Niger-Delta Struggle for Environmental Rights on Nigeria’s Economy”.*

**Chairman:** Dr. A'isha Abdul-Isma'il

**Date:** 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2013

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Seminar/Conference Room (New Political Science Building).

### **M.Sc (Internal Defense)**

**Candidate 1:** Hauwa Ibrahim El-Yakub (PGS/SMS/08/02931).

**Title of Dissertation:** *“Money in Nigerian Politics and the Activities of Political Parties During Elections: A Case Study of PDP Activities in 2011 General Elections in Kano Municipal Local Government Area”.*

**Supervisor:** Dr. Mahmoud M. Lawan  
**Internal Examiner:** Bawa Hassan Gusau, Ph.D.

**Candidate 2:** Sani Suleiman (SPS/10/MPS/00011)

**Title of Dissertation:** *“Hisbah as an Institution in Islamic Governance: A Case Study of Zamfara State”*

**Supervisor:** Dr. Aliyu A. Jibia

**Internal Examiner:** Dr. A'isha Abdul-Isma'il

**Candidate 3:** Abdulrahman Adamu (SPS/10/MPS/00012)

**Title of Dissertation:** *“An Assessment of the Impact of National Poverty Eradication Programme on the Standard of Living of Beneficiaries in Maiduguri Metropolis”.*

**Supervisor:** Dr. Aliyu A. Jibia

**Internal Examiner:** Dr. Fatima O. Ibrahim

**Candidate 4:** Mohammed Suleiman Evuti (SPS/10/MPS/00013)

**Title of Dissertation:** *“Democracy and Development in Nigeria, 1990 - 2011”*



**Supervisor:** Mal. Muazu M. Yusuf

**Internal Examiner:** Prof. Habu Mohammed

**Candidate 5:** Muhammad Aminu Ibrahim (PGS/10/MPS/00004)

**Title of Dissertation:** *“Privatization of Public Enterprises and Economic Development in Nigeria (1999 – 2010)”*.

**Supervisor:** Dr. Aliyu A. Jibia

**Internal Examiner:** Fatima O. Ibrahim

**Chairperson:** Dr. A’isha Abdul-Isma’il

**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2013

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Seminar/Conference Room (New Political Science Building).

## **Department of Electrical Engineering**

### **Departmental Seminar Presentation**

**Fuzzy Control:** *‘A Precise Control for Fuzzy Systems’*.

**Presenter:** Engr. Musa Abubakar

**Chairman:** Engr. Ima Okon Essiet

**Date:** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2013

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Department of Electrical Engineering Conference Room.

### **FSMS: Seminar Presentation**

The Faculty of Social and Management Sciences invites the members of the academic community to witness its Faculty seminar paper presentation titled: *“Environmental Sanitation in Metropolitan Kano: A Paradigm Shift”*, scheduled as follows:

**Chairman/Convener:** Dr. Nuuman Habib

**Presenter:** Professor Adamu Tanko Idris PRGS

**Reviewers:** Professor E. O. Olafin and Professor J. A. Falola

**Protocols:** Sub-Dean of the Faculty

**Date:** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2013

**Time:** 10:00am prompt

**Venue:** Faculty Conference Hall.

## **Department of Pure & Industrial Chemistry**

### **Notice of Departmental Seminar Series**

The Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry invites the University Community to its seminar presentations of PhD and MSc students scheduled to hold as follows:

**Chairman:** Dr. A. Nuhu

**Date:** Tuesday 04/03/2013

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Industrial Chemistry Laboratory

**Presenter 1:** Sulaiman Isyaku (SPS/09/PHC/00007).

**Topic:** *‘Synthesis, Characterisation and in vitro Biological Studies of Transition Metals Complexes with Schiff Bases Derived from 4-phenylthiosemicarbazone and Some Substituted Pyridine Compounds’*.

**Presenter 2:** Muhammad Salisu Inuwa (SPS/10/MCH/00044).



**Topic:** *Preparation, Characterisation and Application of Water based UV Curable Flexographic Printing Ink.*

**Presenter 3:** Faizu Abdulkadir Sheshe (SPS/09/MCH/00020).

**Topic:** *'Effects of Alkali and Silane Treatments on Okra Fibre Reinforced Unsaturated Polyester Composites'.*

**Presenter 4:** Mansur Usman (SPS/09/MCH/00019).

**Topic:** *'Determination of Some Metals in Soil Samples from Katsina Steel Rolling Company Compound and Other Locations in Katsina State, Nigeria'.*

**Presenter 5:** Ahmad Hashim (SPS/10/PCH/00002).

**Topic:** *'The Physico-Chemical Assessment of the Water Quality in the Challawa Gorge Dam'.*

**Chairman:** Dr. H. Musa

**Date:** Tuesday 04/03/2013

**Time:** 2:00pm

**Venue:** Industrial Chemistry Laboratory

**Presenter 6:** Samira Madaki (SPS/09/MCH/00029).

**Topic:** *'Physicochemical Parameters and Heavy Metals Level in Water and Fish Samples from River Jakara and Jakara Dam, Kano State'.*

**Presenter 7:** Maryam Dapo Aniara (SPS/09/MCH/00005).

**Topic:** *'Comparative Assessment of the Essential Metal Content and Heavy Metal Levels in Moringa Oleifera and Trlfairia Occidentalis'.*

**Presenter 8:** Dahiru Mohammed (SPS/09/MCH/00031).

**Topic:** *'Comparative Assessment of the Levels of Ca, K, Cu, Mn, Zn, Fe and Cr in Zoborodo (Hibiscus sabdariffa) and Ayaa (Cyperus esculentus)'.*

**Presenter 9:** Suleiman Fanika (SPS/09/MCH/00017).

**Topic:** *'Analysis of Some Mineral Elements in Coconut Fruits'.*

**Presenter 10:** Zainab Isma'il Zakaria (SPS/09/MCH/00010).

**Topic:** *'Physicochemical Parameters and Some Metals Determination in Water and Sediments of Challawa Gorge Dam, Kano'.*

**Chairman:** Dr. M.M. Idris

**Date:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2013

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Industrial Chemistry Laboratory

**Presenter 11:** Sumaila Ahi Abdullahi (SPS/09/MCH/00051).

**Topic:** *'Physicochemical Analysis of Drinkable Water Found Within Kaura Namoda Local Government Area, Zamfara State'.*

**Presenter 12:** Yusuf Bako Taura (SPS/09/MCH/00047).

**Topic:** *'Graft Polymerisation of Methylmethacrylate onto Cellulosic Cotton Fabric'.*

**Presenter 13:** Abdullahi Aminu Sezor (SPS/09/MCH/00043).

**Topic:** *'Anti-typhoid Activities and Phytochemical Screening on the Stembarks of Nauclea latifolia and Daniel oliveri'.*



**Presenter 14:** Stella Ikechuku Amalachukwu (SPS/09/MCH/00032)

**Topic:** *'Determination of Heavy Metals of Some Spices from Kano Metropolis Market'*.

**Presenter 15:** Abdulkadir Abdulmalik (SPS/09/MCH/00025).

**Topic:** *'Conventional Temperature Dyeing of Wool with Acid Dye-Effects of Auxiliaries'*.

**Date:** Wednesday 05/03/2013

**Time:** 2:00pm

**Venue:** Industrial Chemistry Laboratory

**Presenter 16:** Abdulkareem Musa (SPS/09/MCH/00001).

**Topic:** *Physicochemical Analysis of Drinkable Water Found Within Kaura Namoda Local Government Area, Zamfara State.*

**Presenter 17:** Uduma Anya Uduma (SPS/09/PCH/00001).

**Topic:** *'Assessment of Heavy Metals Enrichment/Depletion in Selected Farming Soils in the Vicinity of Mining and Dumping Sites in Nigeria'*.

**Presenter 18:** Patience Ohunene Usman (SPS/09/MCH/00016).

**Topic:** *'Determination of Heavy Metals in Some Medicinal Plants from Kano Metropolis'*.

**Presenter 19:** Hamza Ahmed Pantami (SPS/09/MCH/00034).

**Topic:** *'Isolation and Characterisation of Anti-Plasmodial Compounds from Three Medicinal Plants Used as Food:*

*Sterculia setigera Delile, Parkia biglobosa G. Don and Adansonia digitata L'.*

**Presenter 20:** Nura Musa Baba (SPS/09/MCH/00018).

**Topic:** *'Physicochemical Parameters and Some Metal Levels in Water, Sediment and Fish Samples from Tiga Dam, Kano'*.

## Department of Mathematical Sciences

### M.Sc Proposal Defense

The Department of Mathematical Sciences invites the University community particularly members of the Faculty of Science to attend the proposal of some M.Sc candidates in the department, scheduled as follows:

**Topic 1:** *'On Quasi-Newton's method for solving nonlinear System of Equations'*.

**Speaker:** Hassan Muhammad

**Supervisor:** Dr M. Y. Waziri

**Topic 2:** *'Viscosity Solutions of Minimization Problems'*.

**Speaker:** Bara'atu Bashir Borodo

**Supervisor:** Dr Bashir Ali

**Topic 3:** *'On Viscoelastic Fluid Flow in a Fixed Plate with Heat and Mass Transfer'*.

**Speaker:** Abubakar Abdullahi

**Supervisor:** Dr Nafi'u Hussaini

**Chairperson:** Dr. Saminu I. Bala

**Date:** Wednesday February 27, 2013

**Time:** 9:00am

**Venue:** Departmental Computer Laboratory

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