



## **2012 Flood Disaster in Nigeria Not Caused by Climate Change**

- Prof. Olofin

The devastating flood disaster that ravaged many communities in Nigeria in 2012 may not have been caused by climate change as widely believed, Professor E. A. Olofin, of the Geography Department, has argued. He said besides heavy rains that contribute directly or indirectly to the flood, other factors such as poor reservoir and land management in the river basins were the main causes.

Speaking at a public lecture organized by the University's Public Lecture Series Committee, titled **Flood Disasters in Nigeria: Beyond Climatic Borders**, Professor Olofin emphasized that notable flood disasters in Nigeria were caused by other factors in addition to heavy rainfalls, such as Kano river flood of 1988 which was caused by the Bagauda Dam burst; the Maiduguri flood of 1994 caused by Alau Dam dyke breach as a result of the diversion of water from the Yadzeram basin to the Ngada basin; the annual flooding downstream of Shiroro Dam in the Niger State and downstream of Kainji – Jebba dams as a result of operation releases from the reservoirs; the 2010 floods downstream of the Oyan Dam on Ogun River affecting parts of Lagos metropolis and many other instances in Nigeria.

Specially, he blamed floods on “failure of hydraulic structures, such as dams, transfer of water to unsecured dykes/channels and poor management of reservoir water leading to uncontrolled emergency release of reservoir water and blockage of drains,” amongst other factors.

The veteran academic said that to mitigate flood in the future there should be a sustainable land and reservoir management, effective adaptation strategies which include the assessment of flood risks based on the available knowledge and the predictions of the impact of climate change and preparation of flood hazard and flood risk maps and the formulation of risk management plans based on the results of specific studies. He said dredging, relocating villages and building dams are not the solution.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Professor M. Y. Bello, said public lecture is a unique event for enlightening the people about a topical issues that affect the socio-economic development of the people.

### **17<sup>TH</sup> Physiotherapy Induction:**

**BUK to Employ Award Winners, Abdullahi Abdullateef and Fatima Bashir Bello**

Abdullahi Abdullateef and Fatima Bashir, both graduands of Physiotherapy Department, are to be offered employment in Bayero University because of their

outstanding performance that attracted the attention of the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed *mni*, MFR at the 17<sup>th</sup> Induction ceremony held at the Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, last week.



*Overall Best Student, Abdullateef Abdullahi (left), receiving his awards from DVC (Academics), Prof. M. Y. Bello*



*The Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin presenting award to 2<sup>nd</sup> overall Best Student, Fatima Bashir Bello*

Abdullahi Abdullateef emerged as the overall Best Student while Fatima Bashir Bello was the second overall student and clinched prizes for the Best Student in Manipulative Therapy, Cardiopulmonary and Metabolic Disorders, Electrotherapy, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Exercise Therapy and Clinical.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Academics, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, said despite the University's policy of strictly

employing only candidates with Masters Degrees and above, the cases of these candidates were exceptional, hence the need for the University to consider them for employment.

The Vice Chancellor, who was overwhelmed by Fatima Bashir's prolific academic awards, said the two candidates would be offered employment at the end of their National Youth Service Scheme Corps (NYSC) and they would have the option of accepting or not. Other graduating students, who also won various awards, were: Rukayya Kamal Ibrahim, best in Soft Tissue Manipulation and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall Best Student; Magaji Sani Aliyu, best in Hydrotherapy and Cryotherapy; Abba Aminu Adam, best in Pathokinasitology; Abba Balarabe, best in Medical Diagnosis; Fatima Mukhtar, best in Research Project; Ahmad Nasir Ahmad, best in Written Paper and Abdullahi Abdullateef, best in Preclinical.

The Provost, College of Health Sciences, Professor Abdulrazak Garba Habib, expressed sincere appreciation to the Professor Abubakar Rasheed-led management for providing the much needed infrastructure and modern equipment, as well as the effective and efficient manpower to train the graduands to become top-class Physiotherapy professionals.

While acknowledging the University's current expansion and transformations in all its facets, Professor Habib told the Vice Chancellor that all the 51 graduands worked so hard to reach this milestone.

## **BUK Committed to Fight Against Ebola**

- *Prof Habib*

The Provost, College of Health Science, Professor Abdulrazaq Garba Habib, has said that Bayero University is committed to the fight against the scourge of Ebola. The university, he said, had a representation at state, national, regional and African level, in the ongoing fight against the dreaded disease.

Professor Habib, who was speaking on Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 during a Seminar for the Public Awareness Campaign on Ebola Virus Disease (EVD) at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, said, he and nine other professionals, under the chairmanship of Professor Kayode have developed the necessary training tools for capacity building in African sub-region.

The Provost said all the team members are committed to deliver training, part of which was the ongoing sensitization in Bayero University, saying also that a representation was sent to Lagos at the ongoing curative measures for the Ebola victims.

He said “the university is also working hand in hand with the Kano state government, under the state commissioner of health. We have made necessary arrangements to fight any case if detected, we reached out to all stakeholders, dignitaries and facilities, we are not hoping for even a single case but we are fully prepared should any be identified.”

The Provost said that they have posted several tools on the internet, numbering about 20 items sent to website, so as to educate and enlighten the general public on

dangers and measures to control the scourge of the disease.

Dr Garba Iliyasu, who presented a paper during the seminar, titled “Facts on Ebola Virus Disease and its Control Measures,” said the dreaded disease had no cure, but the World Health Organisation (WHO) has approved the use of the Zmapp drug being experimented for the treatment of the affected persons. Other drugs in use he said are Firipiravir, Amiodarone, and TKM-Ebola, but the most prominent drug is Zmapp, which was tried on some victims.

He urged the general public to assist the government in the current move to eradicate the disease by way of reporting any suspected person and taking good care of the environment, as well as not handling bush meat, affected persons or their corpses, going to the affected areas and other measures.

Mr. Salisu Abubakar, in his paper titled “Prevention and Control of Ebola Virus Disease,” told the general public to apply standard precautionary measures, which include avoiding unnecessary trips to the affected areas, washing hands regularly and that if any suspected case is detected the people transporting such a person to hospital should use appropriate protective equipment.

The Director, Health Services, Bayero University, Dr Mohammed S. Ado, in his closing remark said “since the issue came up, we took necessary measures to ensure that we do not raise the level of anxiety. We in Bayero University have students from different families, every day there are meetings and lectures, so to avoid panic we used the University Bulletin and the FM

station to enlighten the university community on Ebola facts.”

The Director Epidemiology, Kano State, Dr Bashir Tijjani, said Kano state government had purchased protective equipment and that preparations are in top gear to provide all the needed facilities and that currently there was a stand-by ambulance to transport victims to the designated places for the treatment of Ebola in the state, should any case be detected.

He further said some doctors have offered to volunteer on the treatment of Ebola victims, should the case be detected in Kano and its environs. Already, he said, arrangements have been concluded to treat such victims, if the disease was detected, at Kwanar Dawaki Pfizer Hospital.

Dr Tijjani said AIRTEL had offered to give free telephone lines and people should call from 7am to 10 pm if there was any case, saying the state government was doing its best to ensure control measures are enforced.

### **Direct Entry Screening Exercise for 2014/2015 Academic Session 28<sup>th</sup> August – 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2014**

This is to inform all the candidates who applied for Direct Entry admission into Bayero University, Kano, that there will be an **ON-LINE** screening exercise from Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> August to Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.

A statement signed by the Director, Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR), Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed,

said that only candidates who applied through JAMB for Direct Entry Admission and chose Bayero University as their First Choice are eligible for the screening.

#### **The Procedure for the On-line Screening:**

**Step 1:** Visit [www.buk.edu.ng](http://www.buk.edu.ng) and click Direct Entry Online Screening at the home page. Login using your **DE Number, Phone Number** and **email address**.

**Step 2:** Personalized payment invoice will be sent immediately into your email inbox. Print it and go to any branch of the under-listed banks nationwide to make a non-refundable payment of two thousand five hundred Naira (₦2,500.00) only being the cost of screening, as well as Bank and administrative charges.

- i. UBA
- ii. SKYE Bank
- iii. Guaranty Trust Bank
- iv. First Bank

**Step 3:** Return to [www.buk.edu.ng](http://www.buk.edu.ng) and login to complete the screening. Note that applicants cannot complete the screening until their payment is processed and verified. Fill in the Personal Data (including a clear and recent passport photograph) and Results verification forms and click ‘submit.’ NOTE that the photograph uploaded will be the only valid ID for all admitted candidates throughout their stay in the University.

**Step 4:** An auto-generated **Online Screening Acknowledgment Slip** will be sent immediately into your email inbox. Print the Slip and keep it safe. The slip will be needed during the collection of admission letter and during registration.

If you have any inquiry or are encountering any difficult, write to [secreening.de@buk.edu.ng](mailto:secreening.de@buk.edu.ng)

**NB:**

- ❖ Payment at the Banks will be closed on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.
- ❖ The Portal for the ON-LINE SCREENING will be closed by mid-night on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.

Any candidate who fails to do the ON-LINE SCREENING will not be considered.

## BUK Microfinance Bank Commences Operation

The Bayero University, Kano Microfinance Bank has commenced full operations and members of the University community are hereby informed.

The Managing Director of the bank, Dr. Ahmad M. Makarfi, who made this known through a letter signed on 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2014 said the bank commenced operations on 18<sup>th</sup> August, 2014.

He said the updates on the activities of the bank would be made known to the members of University community through the weekly Bulletin and BUK FM Radio.

The bank is located near the Old Faculty of Agriculture and customers are notified that it opens at 8am and closes at 4pm Monday to Friday.

## SMS: Orientation of New Students for the 2013/2014 Academic Session

The Faculty of SMS invites its fresh and returning students to an annual orientation

exercise. The event will feature the following presentation, according to a statement signed by the Dean, Professor Bashir Tijjani.

**Presenter 1:** Professor Bashir Tijjani, Dean, FSMS

**Topic:** Welcome Address and Remarks.

**Presenter 2:** Professor Mustapha Isa, Director, Directorate of Academic Planning

**Topic:** Concept of University Education: The Rights, Responsibilities and Obligations of Students.

**Presenter 3:** Professor Lukman Diso, University Librarian

**Topic:** Use of Library and Utilizing ICT Learning Centres.

**Presenter 4:** Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, Director, DEAR.

**Topic:** The Conduct of Examination and Warning Against Examination Malpractice.

**Date:** Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2014

**Time:** 10:00am prompt

**Venue:** Musa Abdullahi Auditorium

## Department of English & Literary Studies

The Department of English and Literary Studies invites members of the University community to the opening ceremony of the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference of the Nigeria English Studies Association (NESA), schedule as follows:

**Date:** Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2014

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, New Campus

## SEMINARS

The following College(s)/ Centre(s)/ Faculties and Departments invite the University Community to their seminars, scheduled as follows:

Faculty of Science: *Seminar*

**Presenter:** Ahmed Muhammad Sarki

**Topic:** *'Application of Disease Mapping to Global Health Issue in Low and Middle Income Countries.'*

**Chairman:** Dean, Faculty of Science

**Date:** Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2014

**Venue:** Prof. A. A. Rasheed Auditorium, Faculty of Science Admin Block

Department of Physics: *M.Sc Seminar*

**Presenter 1:** Nuhu Yunusa (SPS/10/MPY/00007)

**Topic:** *'Electroless Deposition of Thin film of lead Sullphine and the Measurement of its Physical Electrical and Optical properties.'*

**Chairman:** Dr. U. M. Gana

**Presenter 2:** Usman Muhammad Mijinyawa (SPS/10/MPY/00029)

**Topic:** *'Analysis of Auroral Electorjet Magnetic Indices.'*

**Chairman:** Dr. B. I. Tijjani

**Date:** Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2014

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Physics Research Laboratory

Faculty of Social & Management Sciences: *Seminar Series*

**Presenter 1:** Maryam Umar Mukhtar

**Title:** *'Perception of Mass Media Messages on the Use of Family Planning Methods by Housewives in Kano Municipal.'*

**TIME:** 10:30am prompt.

**Presenter 2:** Professor Sadiq Isah Radda

**Title:** *'Reasons for State Punishment of Offenders.'*

**TIME:** 12:00noon prompt

**Date:** Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2014

**Venue:** Faculty Conference Room (FSMS)

Department of Economics: *Seminar*

**Presenter 1:** Nafi'u Bashir Abdussalam

**Topic:** *'Dynamic Analysis of Political Volatility Transmission and Economic Growth in West African Countries. Evidence from Panel Econometric Models.'*

**Chairman:** Dr. Mustapha Mukhtar, Head of Department

**Discussant:** Dr. Muhammad Aminu Aliyu

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** MSc Econs Lecture Hall, Department of Economics, BUK.

**Presenter 2:** Nafi'u Bashir Abdullahi

**Topic:** *'Political Volatility Transmission and Economic Growth: Analysis from Panel Data – Case of West African Countries.'*

**Time:** 12-1pm

**Venue:** MSc/MBF Class

**Date:** Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2014

Department of Sociology: *Internal Defense*

**Presenter:** Abdullahi Usman Kofar Na'isa (SPS/10/MSO/00005)

**Topic:** *'A Study of Poverty Conditions among Youth in Kano Metropolis.'*

**Supervisor:** Dr. Nu'uman M. Habib

**Internal Examiner:** Dr. Haruna Mohammed Awaisu

**Date:** Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2014

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** Departmental Board Room

College of Health Sciences: *Academic Seminar*

**Speakers:**

Dr. Hamza Muhammad (Department of Medicine).

Dr. Nafi'u Hussaini (Department of Mathematics).

Dr. Muhammad Y. Gwarzo (Medial Laboratory Science).

**Topic:** *'Dynamics and Pathogenesis of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD).'*

**Date:** Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2014

**Time:** 9:30am

**Venue:** Prof. A. A. Rasheed Board Room, Dean's Office, Faculty of Science

Institute of Continuing Education (ICE): *Seminar*

**Presenter:** Mal. Idris Salisu Rogo

**Topic:** *'Incidences of Anti-Social Behaviours Among Senior Secondary School Students of Kano Municipal Education Zone, Kano State.'*

**Chairman:** Dr. Salisu Shehu

**Date:** Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 2014

**Time:** 10:00am

**Venue:** ICE Conference Room, ICE Campus, Kofar Dawanau, Kano

**Lost Items**

- 1) An indigene form of Kumbotso Local government belonging to Naziru Muhammad Inuwa.
- 2) The original copy of NYSC certificate, B.Sc Sociology certificate, secondary result (NECO), Remedial English result, secondary testimonial and primary certificate belonging to Nasiru Usman of Sociology Department.

- 3) Dr. Muhammad Sani Hamisu of Mass Communication Department has lost his brown wallet containing his staff I.D. card, GTBank ATM card, I.D. card of Liberal Party of Canada and some other items.

If found, please bring the items to the Publications and Documentation Division for onward return to the owners.

**Wedding Fatiha**

(1) Aliyu Zubairu (Hall Admin Officer, Sa'adu Zungur) cordially invites members of the University community to his wedding fatiha with Aliya Kabiru, scheduled to take place as follows:

**Date:** Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 2014

**Time:** 2:30pm prompt

**Venue:** Alhaji Ayayi house, Kofar Fada, Paki town.

(2) Dr. Abdulkadir Magaji Magashi, Head of Department, Microbiology invites members of the University community to his wedding fatiha with Asma'u Imam Wali, scheduled to take place as follows:

**Date:** Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2014

**Time:** 11:00am

**Venue:** Lokon Ahmadu Danfulani, Unguwar Diso along Kofar Na'isa Road, Kano city.

(3) Adamu Sarki Bulama Buratai of Maintenance Service Department (MSD) invites members of the University community to his wedding fatiha with Sumayya Ibrahim Bako (Gama), scheduled to take place as follows:

**Date:** Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2014

**Time:** 11:30am prompt

**Venue:** Brigade Gama, Sani Bello Street, Yanbalangu, Lungun Gidan Alh. Miko Bako (Gama), Kano.

# DO YOU KNOW:

- That BUK consumes a lot of Energy Daily?
  - That Power Supply by PHCN is Poor?
  - That The University Relies on its Generators for Power Supply at Staff Quarters, Administrative, Academic and Students Areas?
  - That The University Spends a lot of money on Diesel and Generators' Maintenance?
  - That Some Staff members Leave Offices Without Switching-off Electrical Appliances?
  - That 1 Extra Hour of Air-conditioning in a Room Uses Enough Energy to Power A TV for a Year?
- ✓ To Reduce Cost and for Safety, Help the University by Putting-off all Electrical Appliances when not in use!