



How National Confab Unites Northern Delegates, Opens New Door for Unity – *Prof. Yadudu*

In spite of widespread criticism and claim that the 2014 National Conference would create division and disharmony among the Northern delegates, the conference turned out to be a blessing ground for unity and harmonious coexistence among them, Professor Auwalu Hamisu Yadudu, has said.

Professor Yadudu, who delivered a lecture in BUK on Thursday 6th November, 2014 titled, “2014 National Conference: Matters Arising”, said the strategies adopted by the Northern delegates could be replicated to open new vista for harmony, peace and unity among people in the North irrespective of religious, ethnic and political differences.

Professor Yadudu, who was a member of the conference, argued that the whole conference was a diversionary move by the government to deflect the attention of people from its multiplying woes, cultivate allegiances, expand the electoral presence and fortune in view of the 2015 elections. Other motives according to him were to spread out-token pecuniary inducements, build political alliances and subvert constitutional order, if need be.

He explained that there was a hidden agenda of the President as seen in the contradictory remarks by the Chairman of the Conference, Justice Idris Legbo Kutigi (rtd) that he was mandated to draw up a new constitution that the committee did not receive any instructions from Aso Villa.

Professor Yadudu emphasized that anti-North gang-up of South East, South-South, South-

West and Middle Belt Forum adopted a common stand on return to regionalism, fiscal federalism, financial decapitation of the North, disregard of population and other democratic indices, state creation on zonal parity and state police system. He said at the end the gangs of four’s biggest losses were that no new constitution or referendum was adopted and that the derivation formula was not increased, in addition to failing to achieve the earlier mentioned goals.

“During the Confab, consensus worked in all instances of recourse to it: voting majority, religion, land tenure and derivation. But the leadership of the conference’s disregard led to adoption of questionable decisions and resolutions such as deletion of local government council, unrealistic state creation, e.t.c”, he added.

Prof. Yadudu said the Northern Delegates Forum (NDF) emerged to galvanize, articulate and canvass common positions and tried to avoid internally divisive issues like religion and politics. He advised that the North should build on its strength as exhibited at Confab and manage its weaknesses.

The speaker also recommended that the North should be pro-active in articulating and canvassing for common stands around issues that unite its people.

Prof. Andrew Haruna, one of the discussants said despite the Northern delegates’ ill preparation at the Confab, they came out stronger, saying efforts should be made to strengthen harmonious co-existence among the people through discussion to address differences, in order to remain as one indivisible entity, thereby strengthening national unity.

The second discussant, Dr. Hakeem Baba-Ahmed explained that illegitimate means were used to polarize and subjugate the North at the Confab but Muslims and Christians united and came out as heroes.

In his address, Chairman of the occasion and Pro-Chancellor of B.U.K, Dr. Mahmud Yayale Ahmed, said the delegates should be applauded as heroes. He said the question now is “how can we build up on what they did at the conference to design a blueprint to not only unite the North but Nigeria at large”?

He said there should be a comprehensive groundbreaking synergy among Northern leaders, governors, national assembly members and all stakeholders “to rediscover ourselves and the effort should start now”, he charged.

ICRISAT Happy with BUK, Expands More Collaborations on Dryland Agric

The International Crop Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) has strongly commended its collaboration with the Center for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), B.U.K, describing it as a complete success.

The Director, Resilient Dryland System Programme of ICRISAT, Dr. Anthony Whitbread made this commendation on Wednesday 12th November, 2014, when he paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed.

Dr. Whitbread said CDA remains a good partner of ICRISAT and the latter was particularly impressed with the partnership and looked forward to more collaboration.

Dr. Hakeem Ajeigbe, who is the Country Representative, said ICRISAT has agreed to increase investment and expand partnership with

CDA because of its incredible performance and has recently signed a second Memorandum of Understanding with BUK on remote sensing.

Dr. Ajeigbe emphasized that very soon about four collaborated projects would take-off including sorghum and groundnut production, saying ICRISAT would make funds available to CDA. He commended the CDA for its technical and financial report, as well as implementation of the agreement.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, who was represented by the Registrar, Sani Amin Ibrahim, said CDA is being transformed into an African Center of Excellence, as it recently won an eight million dollar World Bank grant. He said the University is investing a lot on capacity building and contract for building a new ultra-modern Center for Dryland Agriculture is being awarded.

On the production of groundnut, the Vice Chancellor told the visitors that the University welcomed the idea with open arms. This, he said is an effort to revive the slogan of Kano, as a hub for groundnut production worldwide.

The Director of Academic Planning, Professor Mustapha Isa, said the CDA inspired the creation of Centers for Renewable Energy and Biotechnology Research. He charged the ICRISAT to do more to the CDA.

Also speaking, the Chairman of the forthcoming International Conference on Climate Change, Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, expressed optimism that the conference would bring together experts to discuss issues that affect climate change.

The Dean, Faculty of Agric; Director, CDA and other staff of the center escorted the visitors to the Vice Chancellor.

TETFund Sponsored Over 10,000 Scholars - Kambari

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) has sponsored Master's and PhD programmes of over 10,363 Nigerian scholars spread across the globe as part of efforts to address manpower challenges bedeviling tertiary institutions in the country.

The Deputy Director Finance, TETFund, Alhaji Umar Daura Kambari, disclosed this on Wednesday 12th November, 2014 at an interactive meeting with TETFund scholars during the 2014 academic staff training and development monitoring exercise at the conference hall of the Department of Biochemistry Complex.

Alhaji Kambari said out of that number, 7,125 scholars are sponsored locally while the rest have studied at different countries across the globe, saying the fund had also provided infrastructure, equipments, state of the art laboratories, library books and materials at all public tertiary institutions in the country.

He said President Goodluck Ebele Jonathan has also approved a seed grant of three billion naira as National Research Fund to be accessed by lecturers for the purpose of undertaking research work that will lead to the overall development of Nigerian economy.

The Deputy Director said under the conference attendance programme, the fund has sponsored 17,993 academic and non-academic staff in the Nigerian public tertiary institutions to attend various conferences both within and outside the country.

He further said the fund has over the years allocated funds through its Manuscript Development Programme for the publication of books, purposely to encourage the publication of books written by the lecturers, saying that funds

have been allocated to all higher institutions for undertaking research with duration of less than one year.

Alhaji Kambari said under the Book Development Programme of the fund, it has assessed over 150 PhD theses from universities across the country and manuscripts written by Nigerian renowned Professors for publication into books. He said TETFund is also constructing nine academic publishing centers across the country.

He said that the fund has put in place monitoring programmes in which both foreign and local scholars are visited and monitored to ensure that they are at their study centers and are doing well physically and academically, saying the purpose of the interactive session created in Bayero University is to listen to the scholars' experiences, assess their performance and to know their challenges.

Also speaking, a Principal Officer, academic staff training TETFund, Alhaji Muhammad Garba urged Nigerian universities and other tertiary institutions not to restrict international conference to academic staff only, saying both academic and non academic staff training are necessary if the system is to work well.

Over 200 Papers Presented at 1st Int'l Conference on Hausa Language

Over 200 academic papers were presented at the *1st international Conference on Hausa Language in the 21st Century* organized by the Department of Nigerian Languages.

The conference which took place between Monday 10th November, 2014 saw five lead paper presentations from Professor Nina Pawlak, University of Warsaw, Poland; Professor A.B Yahaya, Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto; Professor M.L Amin,

Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria; Professor Sergio Baldi, University of Naples and Professor A.M Bumza from University of Umaru Musa Yar'Adua.

The Chief host, Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, who was represented by the Director, Academic Planning Unit (A.P.U), Professor Mustapha Ahmad Isa, commended the department for organizing the 1st International Conference on Hausa Language.

Professor Abdulhamid Abubakar from University of Maiduguri delivered keynote address while Professor (Ambassador) Dandatti Abdulkadir a long side Chairman of the occasion, Dr. Bukar Usman and L.O.C Chairman, Professor Mu'azu Sani, showered remarks.

The Convener of the conference, who is the Head of the Department, Dr. Aliyu Muazu delivered vote of thanks.

The conference discussed extensively on Hausa Language, culture, literature and general issues, as well as challenges faced by the language, which is being considered among widely spoken international languages. The conference also attracted over 1000 participants and more than 40 universities and many tertiary institutions were represented.

Misconception Key to Religious Conflict in Nigeria – Idris Rogo

Misconception and lack of good knowledge of Islam and Christianity among the people in Nigeria are the major factors that fuel religious conflict, Malam Idris Rogo, of the Institute of Continuing Education, has said.

Speaking at a one-day seminar on *Islam and Non-Muslims: Reflections on the Strategies for Peaceful Interfaith Relations* in Nigeria, jointly organized by National Inter-religious Council (NIREC) and Center for Non-Violence

Transformation, Rockford University (USA) held at National Women Center, Abuja on 14th November, 2014, Malam Rogo emphasized that misconceptions about Islam stem from calculated propaganda, but a good amount of it is attributable to the ignorance of many Muslims with limited knowledge and practice of Islam.

He said the many bombings, burning of places of worship are criminal acts condemned by Islam, citing Quranic Chapter 4 Verse 75 in which Allah has prohibited Muslims from burning places of worship.

Malam Rogo challenged Muslim leaders to appropriately guide and teach their followers to the true teachings of Islam with regards to non-muslims and equally enjoined Christian leaders to educate their followers to differentiate between action of terrorists, hooligans and criminals, as well as true teachings of Islam as taught in the Qur'an and the Hadith.

Malam Idris Rogo advocated the need for Muslim and Christian faithful to learn more about each other's religion through various platform of communication such as social media, dialogue groups and other form of interactions. This, he said would prevent both religions from being hijacked by anarchists and those who are working to destabilize peace among the faithful.

New HOD for Public & International Law is Dr. Mohammed Isa

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR has approved the appointment of Dr. Mohammed Isa as Head of Department of Public and International Law for two years with effect from 10th November, 2014.

A letter of appointment dated 6th November, 2014 advised the new HOD to "give sound

academic and administrative leadership to the Department.”

Dr. Aisha Abdul-Isma'il Re-appointed HOD Political Science

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR has approved the re-appointment of Dr. Aisha Abdul-Isma'il as Head of Department of Political Science for another two years from 18th November, 2014.

A letter dated 10th November, 2014 advised the HOD to give sound academic and administrative leadership to the Department, as well as encourage democratic participation by her colleagues in running the affairs of the department.

Department of Pathology Gets Ag. HOD

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, *mni*, MFR has approved the appointment of Ali Bala Umar as Acting Head of Department of Pathology for two years with effect from 10th November, 2014.

A letter dated 10th November, 2014 called on the acting HOD to “give sound academic and administrative leadership to the Department.”

CQS Holds 3rd National Qur'anic Competition

Centre for Qur'anic Studies, Bayero University wishes to inform members of the University community and the general public that its 3rd National Qur'anic Competition is scheduled to take place between 14th and 16th November, 2014 at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium.

The competition is organized by the Centre in conjunction with NUSRET Educational and Cultural Co. Limited.

A programme of activities of the competition signed by the Chairman Organizing Committee, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad who is also the Director of the Centre, states that the Musabaqah would be attended by prominent scholars across the country.

BUK Thrashes KSU At Basketball Championship

Bayero University has started its Basketball championship campaign on bright note with a resounding 20 – 0 bashing of Kebbi State University, Aliero at the ongoing Northwest Universities Basketball Championship holding at A.B.U. Zaria.

The championship started on 12th November, 2014 and Bayero University is grouped a long side University of Abuja, Kaduna State University (KADSU) and Kebbi State University, Aliero.

Prof. Kabiru Isa Dandago Elected Vice President of AFRA

The Accounting and Finance Research Association (AFRA), a network for academic and professional researchers in Accounting and Finance in the African continent has elected Professor Kabiru Isa Dandago of Accounting Department, BUK as the Vice President from November, 2014 to November, 2016.

He was elected during the association's 4th Annual International Conference which took place between 2nd and 5th November, 2014 at the Staff Development Centre, Abakaliki, Ebonyi State, Nigeria.

In a statement signed by Dr. Junaidu Muhammad Kurawa, Head of the department, said the 5th Annual International Conference of the Association would be hosted by Babcock

University in Ogun State, Nigeria in the first week of November 2015.

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

Department of Sociology: *PhD/M.Sc Internal Defence*

Presenter 1: Mustapha Danjuma Hussien (SPS/07/SMS/03118)

Topic: *'Acceptance, Achievements and Problems of Community Policing in Bauchi State.'*

Internal Examiner: Dr. Mohammed Awaisu Haruna

Supervisor: Prof. Salisu Abdullahi

Date: Tuesday, 18th November, 2014

Presenter 2: Misbahu Ibrahim Zamfara (SPS/10/MO/00008)

Topic: *'Factors Responsible for the Continued Existence of the Almajiri System of Education in Gombe Local Government Area of Gombe State.'*

Internal Examiner: Dr. Mohammed Aminu Fagge

Supervisor: Dr. Mohammed Aminu Fagge

Date: Monday, 17th November, 2014

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Departmental Board Room

Department of Islamic Studies & Shari'ah: *M. A Internal Defense*

Presenter 1: Taufiq Abubakar Hussain (SPS/10/PIS/00005)

Topic: *'Al-masa'il Al-waridah fi-manzummat nuniyat al-kahdani, dirasatuan wa-ta'aliqan ala dhaw al-qadhaya al-mu'asirah.'*

Supervisor: Prof. Muhammad Sani Zahraddin

Panel of Examiners: Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad, Dr. Umar Faruk Malumfashi and Dr. Ibrahim Mu'azzam S. Maibushira

Presenter 2: Saifullahi Bello Yarimah (SPS/10/MIS/00004)

Topic: *'The Impact of Christian Missionary Activities on the Life of Muslim Youth in Malumfashi town of Katsina State.'*

Supervisor: Dr. Ibrahim Mu'azzam S. Maibusihra

Panel of Examiners: Prof. Jibril Hamman Yola, Dr. Abubakar M.T. K/Na'isa and Dr. Salihu Lawal

Date: Thursday, 20th November, 2014

Time: 11:30am

Venue: HOD's Office

Department of Microbiology: *Departmental Seminar Series*

Presenter: Dr. Muhammad Yusha'u

Title: *'Phenotypic Detection of Extended Spectrum Betalactamases (ESBLs) among Bacterial (Enterobacteriaceae) Isolates Obtained from Daura General Hospital, Daura, Katsina State, Nigeria.'*

Date: Wednesday, 26th November, 2014

Time: 11:00am

Venue: Biology Remedial Lab.

Department of Physics: *M.Sc Seminar Presentation*

Presenter: Yusuf Usman (SPS/11/MPY/00045)

Title: *'Determination of the Presence of Radiological and Heavy Metals in Buildings Materials Used in Malumfashi Using Gamma-Rays Spectroscopy and Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy (AA) Analysis.'*

Date: Thursday, 20th November, 2014

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Physics Research Laboratory

Department of Agricultural Engineering: *Departmental Seminar*

Student: Diana Pual Balami (SPS/11/MAE/00017)

Title: *'Performance of Some Selected Potential Evapotranspiration Models for Kano and Maiduguri Climate.'*

Date: 11th November, 2014

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Level 500 Students Class (Agric Engineering Department).

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- 1) A BUK identity card belonging to Kabir Umar Garba (SMS/13/MAC/00371).

- 2) The original copy of NECO certificate, call-off letter, ND Certificate and admission letter belonging to Isah Shu'aibu Abdullahi
- 3) A BUK I.D. card belonging to Isma'il Hashim Shanono (MED/06/MBBS/00834).
- 4) A National Passport belonging to Hisham Usman Sani.
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