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Prof. Attahiru Muhammad Jega, presenting his paper

Timely Reforms in INEC is Inevitable for Coherent Democracy - Prof. Jega

Former Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Professor Attahiru Muhammad Jega, has said that only timely reforms can ensure coherent democratisation of the Nigerian nation and this he said should be emphasized ahead of the 2019 general elections.

Presenting a paper titled “ Electoral Reforms in Nigeria: Challenges and Prospects”, on Thursday, 4th February, 2016 during the Department of Political Science Seminar Series, he insisted that the recommendations of the Justice Muhammadu Lawal Uwais Electoral Reform Committee serves as the background and context for the reform measures.

Professor Jega said, a similar presentation was done

by him at Abuja in 2015 but because of the importance of the subject matter to the nation's democratisation, he deemed it necessary to table it for the academic discourse as the academia had been part and parcel of successes of the 2015 general elections.

He said INEC under his leadership was only able to enjoy some magnitude of partial financial autonomy but other major components of the reforms such as unbundling the commission to pave the way for creating other agencies to handle overburdened responsibilities not supposed to be handled by INEC had not been addressed and, of course, giving the National Judicial Council the role to appoint Chairman and National Commissioners for INEC, amongst others.

Professor Jega said all other Electoral Reform Committee's recommendations which were not implemented needed to be seriously addressed in order to strengthen democracy, and if such was done the presidency would apart from strengthening and protecting the autonomy of INEC it would unbundle the commission, introduce proportional representation, improve transparency and credibility in the conduct of elections.

He, however, said despite all odds the commission undertook two phases of reforms between 2010 and 2015, saying at the first instance it ensured compilation of credible register of voters, security of electoral materials, ensured all election-day procedures apart from making modalities and processes more open and transparent, etc.

Professor Jega said from the lessons, they were able to identify three focal points of Structure, Policy and Plan upon which the commission would efficiently work. He said, "On the policy, we focused on new policies to guide the work of the commission; as for structure we looked at the commission and focused on what it required to make it strong and as for planning, we focused on both strategic and election-specific planning, and these were what made the 2015 elections a success".

He expressed concern that the attitude of politicians to be in power by hook or by crook was not helping the democracy, adding also that the challenges of cynicism and scepticism of Nigerian voters, problem associated with use of technology in Nigeria's infrastructure-challenged environment, the constraints imposed by the extant legal framework and weak institutions were still the problems to be addressed ahead of the 2019 general elections.

Professor Jega implored government and Nigerians as a whole to be dedicated towards implementing reform measures aimed at incremental positive changes, saying, "We must do everything possible to continue to sustain, refine and improve upon the integrity of the Nigerian electoral process."

Earlier, Chairman of the occasion, Dr. Bawa Hassan Gusau, said Professor Jega made Nigeria and Nigerians as whole proud at the global political arena, commending also the immediate

past Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed and present Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, for their untiring efforts to turn around the Department of Political Science.

The Head of Department of Political Science and Director, Centre for Gender Studies, Professor A'isha Abdul-Isma'il, said the reintroduction of the seminal series commenced with Professor Jega, noting also that the Department possessed all the needed infrastructure to partake lectures and other activities due to the foresight of the past and present University Management in turning around all structures and building new ones.

ASUU-BUK Election

Members of the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Bayero University, Kano Chapter are hereby reminded that elections into the executive offices of the Union would hold on the 10th February, 2016 at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium by 9:00am.

This was contained in a statement signed by the Secretary, ASUU-BUK Electoral Committee, Sabi'u Y. Zakari.

Appointments/Reappointment of Dean, Sub-Deans, Deputy Dean, Director, Heads of Departments, Acting Head of Department and Examinations Officer

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello has approved the appointment of Dean, Sub-Deans, Deputy Dean, Director, Heads of Departments, Ag. Head of Department and Examinations Officer as follows:

A) Dean (Two Year Tenure):

1	Prof. Umar Pate Department of Mass Communications	Dean, Faculty of Mass Communications, Performing Arts and Film Studies	1 st February, 2016
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B) Sub-Deans (Two Year Tenure):

1	Dr. Hajara Umar Sanda Department of Mass Communications	Sub-Dean (Academics), Faculty of Mass Communications, Performing Arts and Film Studies	1 st February, 2016
2	Dr. Mainasara Yukubu Kurfi Department of Mass Communications	Sub-Dean (Faciliteis), Faculty of Mass Communications, Performing Arts and Film Studies	1 st February, 2016

C) Deputy Dean (Two Year Tenure):

1	Dr. Suleiman Mainasara Yar'adua Department of Mass Communications	Deputy Dean, Faculty of Mass Communications, Performing Arts and Film Studies	1 st February, 2016
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D) DIRECTOR (Two Year Tenure):

S/N	NAME	UNIT/DEPARTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
1	Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad Centre for Qur'anic Studies	Reappointed Director, Centre for Quar'anic Studies	1 st February, 2016

E) Heads of Departments (Two Year Tenure):

S/N	NAME	UNIT/DEPARTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
1	Dr. Hamisu Abdullahi Department of Clinical Sciences, College of Health Sciences	Head of Department of Otorhinolaryngology	1 st February, 2016
2	Dr. Shehu Usman Ahmad Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies	Head of Department of Arabic	1 st February, 2016

F) Acting Head of Department (One Year Tenure):

1	Mal. Masur Babagana Department of Computer Science	Head of Department of Computer Science	1 st February, 2016
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G) Examinations Officer (Two Year Tenure):

1	Dr. Nura Ibrahim Department of Mass Communications	Examinations Officer, Faculty of Mass Communications, Performing Arts and Film Studies	1 st February, 2016
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ELIGIBILITY:

Lecturers in any of our Public Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria are eligible. Multi-Disciplinary and Interdisciplinary researches, comprising Researchers from various disciplines, are most highly encouraged. The Lead Researcher will head the research team and will be referred to as the principal Researcher/Investigator (PI). The PI will be personally responsible and held accountable for the conduct of the research. An added requirement is that the PI must be institution-based, with the PI's institution regarded as the Coordinating Institution.

AREAS OF RESEARCH:

The categories and specialized subject areas for funding are as follows:

	CATEGORY	THEMATIC AREA
A	Science, Technology and Innovation	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Agriculture, Food Security2. Health and Social Welfare3. Transport4. Energy and Power5. ICT & Telecommunications6. Space Science
B	Humanities and Social Innovation	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. National Integration, National Security2. Education and Training3. Economic Development4. Social Welfare5. Population Studies
C	Cross Cutting Themes	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Environment, Housing & Urban Development2. Entrepreneurship & Wealth Creation3. Resource Governance4. Science and Technology Management

The Research Brief, containing details of the research areas, is to be found on the "**Guidelines for Accessing TETFund National Research Fund**" which could be found on TETFund Website: www.tefund.gov.ng.

NOMINATION/APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

- (i) All applications are to be made strictly on the prescribed TETFund Research Grant Application Form which could be downloaded from the Research Grant Application Form which could be downloaded from the TETFund Website;
- (ii) The total budget for each research proposal shall not be above ₦50 million.
- (iii) Any proposal that does not follow the format as presented in the Application Form shall not be considered.
- (iv) Only one application may be submitted according to the prescribed format; and
- (v) 3 hard copies of the duly completed forms in addition to one (1) Compact Disk (CD) containing the soft copy shall be submitted by the Researchers through the Head of the Institution who shall forward them, with a covering letter dully signed by him/her, to the address below:

The Executive Secretary
Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund)
6 Zambezi Crescent
Off Aguiyi Ironsi Crescent
Maitama
Abuja

Application Forms not duly endorsed by the Head of the Coordinating Institution shall be rejected.

SELECTION/CONSIDERATIONS:

- i. All submitted proposals will be subjected to appraisal by the National Research Fund Screening and Monitoring Committee (NRFS&MC) who shall make appropriate recommendations to the Board of Trustees of the Fund for consideration and approval.
- ii. The Principal Investigator (PI) and at least a member of the Research Team of an adjudged fundable proposal shall be invited to defend their proposals before the NRFS&MC before a letter of award is issued by the TETFund, if the proposal is finally recommended for funding.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS:

The deadline for submission of proposals shall be on or before Friday, 26th February, 2016. For further information please contact:

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Kano Higher Institutions Staff Football Tourney Kicks-off in BUK Feb 27

All arrangements have been concluded for the hosting of the first edition of Kano State Higher Institutions Staff Football Tournament in Bayero University.

According to the Coordinator of the maiden tournament and the Deputy Director, Games, Dr. M. Y. Waziri, 14 institutions will compete and were zoned into four groups.

The host, Bayero University is set to play in the opening match and it is expected that Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello along with other Vice Chancellors, Rectors, Provosts and other heads of the institutions will grace the opening ceremony which is set to kickoff on 27th February, 2016.

Matches are to be played at Old and New Campuses but the opening ceremony will take place at Old Campus Football Field.

More details and fixtures will appear in the next edition of Bulletin.

NASU: Sale of Plot on Loan Basis

This is to inform all members of Non Academic Staff Union (NASU) and other colleagues that the NASU BUK branch started given out plot of land on loan basis to the interested members and

other members of the sister unions in the University from October, 2015. The land is located at Langel town behind Musbahu filling station, before Janguza market.

1. Size of the plot is - 25x30
2. Amount - ₦230,000
3. Duration of the payment - 20 months

A letter signed by Com. Abdullahi Muhammad, branch Secretary said, all interested members of staff should please contact the union through: 08179519208, 07030353625, 08057044761, 08050404821, 08069222819.

SUG Congratulates Prof. Islam'ila Zango

The Students' Union Government (SUG) congratulates Professor Isma'ila M. Zango for re-appointment as the Dean, Student Affairs.

A letter signed by Abubakar Sadeeq Isa, Public Relations Officer said, the Union supports the administration's ongoing efforts to making sure that students always feel comfortable in the school, saying under Professor Zango's leadership, the Student Affairs division will strive to much greater heights.

The Union also unanimously endorsed Abubakar Sadeeq Isa (P.R.O) as the Exco of the month of January for his selfless services.

SEMINARS

The following College and Departments invite the University Community to their seminars/workshop, scheduled as follows:

Department of Medicine: *Seminar Presentation*

Presenter: Professor Kamilu Musa Karaye

Topic: *Overview of Coronary Computed Tomographic Angiography.*

Date: Wednesday, 10th February, 2016

Time: 2:0pm prompt.

Venue: Department of Medicine, Male Medical Seminar Room, AKTH.

Department of Physical & Health Education: *Notice of Walk for Life*

The Department of P.H.E. wishes to remind staff and students of this month's "WALK FOR LIFE PROGRAMME" as follows:

Topic: "WALK FOR LIFE"

Date: Saturday, 13th February, 2016

Time: 7:00am

Venue: Take Off Point (New Site Stadium)

College of Health Sciences: *Workshop*

The College of Health Sciences is organizing series workshops for the academic staff of its constituent faculties as follows:

1. WORKSHOP ON RESEARCH GRANTS PROPOSAL WRITING: Coming up on 8th to 9th February, 2016; from 8am to 4pm each day.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello is expected to declare the

workshop open on Monday, 8th February, 2016.

2. WORKSHOP ON META ANALYSIS AND SYSTEMATIC REVIEW: coming up between 10th to 11th February, 2016; from 8am to 4pm each day.

Venue: College Board Room, Provost's Complex, College of Health Sciences, AKTH Campus, BUK.

Appreciation

(1) Malam Ahmad Ameen Al-Deen of the Department of Library and Information Sciences, wishes to express his profound appreciation to members of the University community for honouring the invitation to his wedding fatiha, which took place on 12 Rabiuth Thani, 1437AH (22nd January, 2016).

(2) Mrs. Beatrice K. Ezugwu of the BUK Staff Model Primary School wishes to extended her sincere appreciation to the multitude of well wishes within and outside the University community especially Prof. (Mrs) Esther Oyeyi of Biological Sciences Department, Alhaji Akinbosun and Hajiya Akinbosun, Prof. Benjamin Akuso and Family, Prof. Adepoju, Prof. Essiet, Prof. Mansur Kiyawa, Dean Faculty of Education; Prof. M. J. Jibrin and family, Prof. Umar Pate and family, Prof. Mohammed Abdullahi and family. Hajiya Uba, Hajiya Salamatu Elnafaty, Director of BUK Health Services, Hajiya Mariam, Chief Pharmacists Comrade Ma'aruf Zakari. Celestine Ugbo and family, Dr. Samdi of Agric Department, Dr. Ogork of Civil Engineering, Union representatives of ASUU, SSANU, NASU, NAAT, BUK Women Forum members led by Hajiya Halima Hayat, members of the BUK Committee of friends, Nzuko Umunna, Ovoko town Union, Osumenyi town union, the Principal, Malam Haruna Shanono and the entire staff of BUK staff School Model Primary

School for their moral, financial support and for attending her son's wedding.

BAYERO JOURNAL OF ECONOMICS AND DEVELOPMENT (BAJED)

Preamble, Aim and Scope

It is a common knowledge that university institutions are built to pursue developmental researches aimed at guiding informed policy decisions and solutions to problems. The academics in the institutions are, indeed, known to have a tripartite roles i.e. teaching, research and community service. However, it is evident that the research component is often not being given its due attention to the extent that numerous researchable areas are left untouched while socioeconomic problems kept on multiplying particularly in Nigeria. More importantly, States like our host – Kano - require our intellectual contributions for them to actualize their developmental projects and agendas, but such are not always forthcoming.

It is against that backdrop that the Department of Economics Bayero University, Kano, deliberated and resolved to mount a bi-annual journal (July and December) which will certainly, on one hand, helps the University staff in their quest for the production and dissemination of knowledge and on the other, assists governments and other institutions with inputs for policy making and analysis. The journal is designed to accept contributions from across disciplines globally for the benefits of interdisciplinary and internationalization of knowledge.

Sub-theme

Articles on economic and developmental issues cutting across the following areas are expected:

- theoretical,
- empirical,
- methodological,
- modelling,
- planning,
- policy analysis,
- case studies,
- Short articles and book review articles within the scope of the journal, and
- any other relevant issue

Submission of Article

All articles should be between the length of 10 and 15 pages of A4 paper, typed double spacing. Two hard-copies of articles should be sent to the *secretariat of the department* while the e-copy should be sent to the following addresses:

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