



World Bank Impressed with CDA Projects, Says BUK-ACE One of the best in Africa

By Nura Garba



Mr. Carl Larsen

World Bank team members, Prof. Raphael Wahome (centre) and Mr. Carl Larsen (right) showing their appreciation of the CDA to the Director, Prof. Jibrin M. Jibrin (left)

The World Bank says it was impressed and excited by the excellent projects executed by the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) in Bayero University and expressed satisfaction that the University had been faithful to the agreed terms.

The Head of World Bank Supervisory Team to CDA, Mr. Carl Larsen, made this commendation on Friday, 24th March, 2017 when the team completed its two-day assessment and supervisory assignments. He said the World Bank team was particularly impressed with the way and manner Bayero University supported the centre with both hardware and capital resources, adding that this was part of the reasons that it was moving in the right direction.

Mr. Larsen believed that the progress and achievements recorded by the CDA could be copied and put to use by other African Centres of Excellence. He said the World Bank Team was highly excited with the way both the lecturers, staff, partners and other volunteers were eager to contribute to the success of the centre, saying that this was the main challenge for some African centres of excellence.

The leader of the team challenged the CDA to re-

strategize on building strong and viable partnerships with local communities and private sectors to address the challenges of food insecurity.

Also speaking, Professor Raphael Wahome, a member of the World Bank Team, said the team was taken round to see facilities of CDA and was highly amazed with the Tissue Culture, which he said he had never seen its type in Africa.

Prof. Wahome said the CDA Tissue Culture had provided the potential for the commercialization of products, which, if properly harnessed, would generate appreciable revenue to the centre. He said the World Bank team had conducted interactive sessions with academic staff, students and partners and discovered that the ACE project in BUK was the best supportive because even staff from other departments were willing to come and contribute their quota for the development of the project.

He challenged the CDA to hasten its expenditure by putting proper mechanisms in place and urged it also to do more in terms of innovative ideas through research that would translate into revenue generation.

10 BUK Staff Feature in Global Ranking of Scientists/Researchers

By Nura Garba

Ten senior academics of Bayero University have featured in the global ranking of Scientists/Researchers.

The Ranking Web of universities is the largest academic ranking of Higher Education Institutions across the globe. Since 2004, the Spanish National Research Council has been undertaking a project that provides reliable, independent, objective and scientific data used in evaluating the performance of universities from all over the world based on their web presence and impact.

The data is updated every six months. The project is funded by ACUMEN (Academic Careers Understood through Measurements and Norms), the European Commission and the Spanish National Research Council.

A component of this project is the global ranking of researchers group by countries. In the latest January 2017 edition released recently, 57 countries were considered globally. In Africa, six countries were considered among them is Nigeria. The objective of the ranking project is not only focused on research results but also in other indicators, which may reflect better the global quality of the scholar and research institutions worldwide.

The 10 senior staff of BUK that made the list are as follows:

Ranking Position in BUK	Staff	Department	h-index	Citations
1	Professor Mahmoud Umar Sani	Medicine	16	753
2	Professor Mohammed Ajjiya	Electrical Engineering	10	202
3	Dr. Nuraddeen Magaji	Electrical Engineering	9	177
4	Professor Yusuf M. Adamu	Geography	7	267
5	Dr. Ahmad A. Maiyaki	Business Admin. and Entrepreneurship	7	102
6	Dr. Umar Ibrahim Gaya	Chemistry	6	1294
7	Dr. Dahiru Sani Shuaibu	Electrical Engineering	6	94
8	Dr. Mohammed Yusuf Waziri	Mathematics	6	78
9	Professor Bashir Ali	Mathematics	5	200
10	Dr. Mohammed Shuaibu Abubakar	Agric and Environmental Engineering	5	52

The ranking is 100% based on the Google scholar public profile of scholars. Scholars are ranked first by h-index and when ties appear, then by the total number of citations as secondary criteria.

The **h-index** is an index that attempts to measure both the scientific productivity and the apparent scientific impact of a scientist. The index is based on the set of the scientist's most cited papers and the number of citations that they have received in other people's publications. The index can also be applied to the productivity and impact of a group of scientists, such as a department or university or country. The index was suggested by Jorge E. Hirsch, a physicist at UCSD.

Nigeria's Economic Growth Will Remain a Mirage If ...

By Lamara Garba

Nigeria's quest for economic buoyancy, national growth and sustainable development would remain a mirage so long as there is no strong political and legislative will to support the many laudable policies and initiatives, the former minister of National Planning, Dr. Shamsuddeen Usman, has said.

Speaking while delivering a paper titled "Public Private Partnership (PPP) for Economic Growth and Development: The Role of Islamic Finance" at a public

lecture series organized by the International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance (IIIBF), Bayero University, Kano, on Monday, 27th March, 2017, Dr. Usman frowned that Nigeria was regrettably moving in the wrong direction.

"Clearly, Nigeria has not done well at all. It is punching far below its weight due largely to inadequate support at the highest political level, legal regulatory and operational frameworks and lack of consistency", he

stated.

As a panacea, the one-time minister of finance suggested that, as a way out of the logjam, the country must reinstate and maintain a long term plan as a nation, even as he suggested that Islamic Finance remained very



Dr. Shamsuddeen Usman making his presentation

vital and critical in salvaging the country out of the poor infrastructural deficit.

He advised that the National Assembly would do this nation well if it could hasten the passing of the national planning and project continuity bill, explaining that while other nations such as India and Malaysia had been religiously following their national planning doctrine, Nigeria was always conceptualizing policies without implementing them.

Dr. Shamsuddeen Usman pointed out that if the country would strictly adopt and implement a national development plan in compliance with the provision of Islamic Finance, by now Nigeria would have been a heaven on earth.

He advised that “Islamic Finance which is the fastest growing finance in the global finance has all it takes to bail out nations from the quagmire, but regrettably, we were busy chasing shadows. Islamic finance though constitutes just 20% of the total global investment yet as at 2014 Islamic Finance had about \$2.1 trillion investment and by 2020 it is estimated to reach \$4trillion.”

According to him, the present government's anti-corruption crusade would have achieved a lot had the National Council of Procurement Board been reconstituted, saying that “ as it is now, the Federal Executive Council has reduced itself to a Glorified Tenders Board, which is a gross violation of the constitutional provisions”.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, in his opening address commended the International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance

for the lecture series, which has been very proactive in discussing national issues and proffering solutions.

He said Bayero University was very cautious of its responsibilities as a centre of research and innovation. Therefore, it would always be willing to partner with groups and organizations towards providing solutions to the myriads of problems facing the country.

In her welcome address, the Director of the International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance (IIIBF), Professor Binta Tijjani Jibril, said as the only university based accredited institute, IIIBF would strive hard to provide the needed manpower training on Islamic Finance.

Emir Sanusi Urges Men to Respect the Dignity of Women

By Lamara Garba

The Emir of Kano, Muhammad Sanusi II, has reaffirmed that justice, fairness, respect and mutual understandings among couples were the only ways out of the myriad problems bedevilling the institution of marriage in our society.

Speaking on Sunday, March 26, 2017 at a one-day interactive and consultative session organized by the Women's Right Advancement and Protection Alternative (WRAPA) in conjunction with the Centre for Gender Studies (CGS), Bayero University, Kano under Kano Social Reform Project, held at Musa

Abdullahi Auditorium, in BUK, Emir Sanusi II decried the growing violence and mal- treatment against women and children.

According to him, for any society yearning for growth and development, it must find a way of treating women and children fairly and justly, pointing out that “Islam abhors any form of discrimination, maltreatment and injustice against humanity.” Hence, his agitation for the promulgation of laws that would enforce strict compliance with the doctrine of Islamic Sharia on violence against women and children particularly.



Emir of Kano, Malam Muhammadu Sanusi II

“A situation where an adult marries a girl and gruesomely maltreats her is untenable, even as it is unIslamic and must be condemned by all men of goodwill. We are not saying that a person has no right to marry a teenager or give out his daughter in marriage, but, what we are saying is that any husband must treat his wife with respect and dignity in accordance with the religious injunctions,” he declared.

Islamic Scholars and health experts presented papers on their views and the way out.

Professor Hadiza Shehu Galadanci, a consultant gynecologist in her presentation titled “Safe Motherhood in Teenage Girls,” explained that pregnancy was not an illness, but poor management of it could lead to death.

Professor Galadanci, who is the Director of the Centre for Advanced Medical Research, Bayero University, Kano also identified that early marriage was the causative agent of the VVF ailment among teenage mothers, advocating that society must discourage early girl marriage, so that it would allow the hormones of the girl to fully develop before taking in a pregnancy.

In her presentation, the Secretary General of WRAPA, Hajiya Saudatu Mahadi, opined that government must take drastic measures to address the growing incidence of violence against women and, therefore, was wholeheartedly of the opinion that only strong legal backing in line with the provision of religious injunctions could

stem the incidence.

Another Scholar, Dr. Kabiru Abubakar, argued that VVF and other pregnancy-related sicknesses had no linkage with the age of a person and, therefore, debunked the insinuation that early marriage or teenage pregnancy is the cause of the sickness.

Some other speakers were of the opinion that government should not limit the marriage age of a girl, arguing that it may have economic and social repercussions.

They argued that many parents because of the level of poverty could not afford to pay the school fees of their wards and, so, they were left with no option than to marry them up, pointing out that if they allowed them to remain at home for long there would be a serious social problem, although they were quick to add that government should have come up with other measures, such as reducing or eliminating school fees and the resumption of school feeding, among others, to encourage education of the girl-child up to her mid-teen years.

A Communiqué read by Dr. Muhammad Babangida Muhammad said participants equally noted the grave dangers of violence against women as well as the problem associated with early marriage. It also noted that no consensus was reached yet on the fixing of marriageable age and that there was the need for further consultations with a view to reaching a consensus.

BUK Awards Scholarships to Indigent Staff Primary School Pupils

By Bala G. Abdullahi

As part of Town and Gown relationship, the Management of Bayero University has awarded scholarships worth 2.6 Million Naira to 110 pupils of BUK Model Primary School. The beneficiaries were chosen from Gwale and Ungogo, two Local Government Areas that are the close door neighbours of the university.

Speaking at the award ceremony, which took place recently at the university's Guest House, Old Campus, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, assured members of the university's neighboring communities that the BUK management would continue to award scholarships to deserving children whose parents were less-privileged.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Chairman of the Parents Teachers Association (PTA), BUK Staff Model Primary School Chapter, Professor Sani Ibrahim, revealed that the 110 beneficiaries had to pass through a thorough screening exercise to ensure that those selected were actually indigent pupils in line with the award criteria.

Professor Ibrahim, who is also the Head of Department of Biological Sciences, disclosed that the beneficiaries were chosen from two Local Governments Gwale and Ungogo, adding that, while Gwale had 40 beneficiaries, Ungogo had 70, making a total of 110 pupils.

In his remarks, the Chairman of the school's Governing Board, Professor Hafiz Miko Yakasai, thanked the BUK management, particularly the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Yahuza Bello, for the financial support to both the School and the parents of the pupils despite the current economic recession.

He revealed that this was not the first time BUK

Management was awarding scholarships to indigent pupils of BUK Staff Model Primary School, but that this was the first time that the award was being publicized.

Earlier, in his welcome address, the School's Head Teacher, Malam Imam Uba, thanked the Vice-Chancellor for all his support to the school and the pupils, saying that such support had given them hope



A pupil receiving scholarship award from the Chairman, Governing Board of BUK Model Primary School, Prof. Sani Ibrahim (middle) and assisted by the one of the traditional rulers invited

and encouragement and had always ginged them to rededicate themselves to the service of the school.

He expressed happiness with the caliber of dignitaries that responded to their invitation, especially the representative of the Vice Chancellor, traditional rulers and members of the Governing Board and parents as well as the Educational Secretaries of Gwale and Ngogo Local Governments.

Some of the items distributed to the beneficiaries included: sets of uniforms, instructional and writing

Amina Namadi Commissions Projects in BUK

By Abubakar Yusuf

The Wife of the former Vice President, Arch. Muhammad Namadi Sambo, Hajiya (Dr) Amina Namadi Sambo, has commissioned two projects in Bayero University. The projects were the female Postgraduate Studies hostel and the Bayero University Centre for Gender Studies.

In her speech during the commissioning ceremony, on Thursday, 23rd March, 2017, Hajiya Amina Sambo promised to continue to assist education not only in Bayero University but in the country at large. "I would continue doing anything possible to assist most especially less privileged people in the society to acquire

education," she said Hajiya Amina Namadi said for the past ten years she has running an NGO, which only with assisting the less-privileged to be educated in our society and beyond.

On the two projects commissioned, Hajiya Amina thanked Allah for sparing her life to see the completion of the projects, which started during the past administration of Goodluck Jonathan. She expressed the hope that the two projects would help women to be educated in the society. She also thanked Bayero University Management for inviting her to commission the projects.



Mrs. Amina Namadi Sambo (2nd left) cutting a tape and assisted by VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello (left), Registrar (right) & Director, CGS, Prof. Aisha Abdul Isma'il (2nd right)

RAKIBU Association Congratulates New Bursar

Rano, Kibiya and Bunkure Development Association (RAKIBU) has paid a congratulatory visit to the new Bursar, Alhaji Suleiman M. Bello, in his office.

Speaking during the visit, on Wednesday, 29th March, 2017 the Chairman of the Association, Alhaji Umar Yunusa Rano, described the appointment of the new Bursar as well deserved, considering his vast experience in the field. "The news of your appointment as new Bursar of this great institution did not come to us as a surprise due to your hard work and dedication," the Chairman added.

He thanked the Council, the Senate and the Management of Bayero University, Kano for appointing one of them as the new Bursar of the University. He also prayed to Allah to guide the new Bursar to do his job as expected.

Responding, the new Bursar, Alhaji Suleiman Bello, thanked the association for the visit and promised not to let

In his welcome address, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, said the University was assisting women in various ways to ensure that they got the necessary knowledge. He said Bayero University was giving a special package to women staff who wanted to further their education.

The Vice Chancellor thanked Amina Sambo for her contribution toward the actualization of the projects. He said the two projects would assist in solving women problems in acquiring education not only in the University but in the whole country.

them down. He said, "I would continue to protect the good reputation of this great association wherever I find myself."



The new Bursar, Alhaji Suleiman Bello

APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Abdulhadi Sale Kumurya, Department of Medical Laboratory Science

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, re appointed Dr. Abdulhadi Sale Kumurya of the Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences as the Head, Department of Medical Laboratory Sciences for another two years commencing from May 2, 2017.

Dr. Nuruddeen Sahuddeen, Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, re appointed Dr. Nuruddeen Sahuddeen of the Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering as the Head, Department of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering for two years commencing from May 2, 2017.

Dr. Ali Idris, Department of Science and Technology Education

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Dr. Ali Idris of the Department of Science and Technology Education as the Acting Head of Department. The appointment is for two years commencing from May 1st 2017.

Dr. Ado Yusuf Abdulfatah, Dept. of Civil Engr.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, approved the appointment of Dr. Ado Yusuf Abdulfatah of the Department of Civil Engineering as the Director, Procurement Unit.

The Appointment is for a period of two years with effect from 1st April, 2017.

Leaving Valuables In Vehicles Parked Within The University Premises

The attention of Management has been drawn to the fact that of recent some vehicles parked within the vicinity of the University are broken into and valuables, including cash, Laptops, etc are stolen.

In view of the above, the Principal Officers at their 5th (2017) meeting held on Monday, 27th March, 2017 directed that the attention of Deans, Directors and Heads of Units should be drawn to the fact that staff in their Faculties and Units should desist from keeping valuables in their cars

unattended to.

In a statement signed by the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed, said that in the event of any breakage, no University Official (especially the security personnel) would be held liable for such losses.

The Statement added that: "Please bring this information to the attention of all staff in your Faculty, Directorate or Unit and advise them accordingly".

PENSION UNIT: Trustfund Pension Plc, Completion of CFI FORM

In compliance with National Pension Commission (PenCom)'s directives, the Trustfund Pensions PLC, requests all its registered clients in the University to come forward to complete the customer Familiarity Index (CFI) and Biometric Form in line with the Know Your Customer (KYC) policy, which is commonly used for unhindered customer identification purposes and effective service delivery. According to a statement by Mohammed Bello Garba, of the Pension Unit, the exercise will take place between 4th to 6th April, at the Staff Training Committee Room between 10am and 4pm daily.

All Retirement Service Account (RSA) holders with Trustfund Pensions are therefore requested to complete the form with requisite information and the underlisted

documents:

(a) Evidence of address which can either be:-

- i. Utility Bill (within past 3 months)
- ii. Valid Driver's License (not expired)
- iii. Recent Ternary Agreement
- iv. Bank Statement (within past 3 months) containing current address

(b) Personal Identification which can either be:-

- i. Bio Data Page of Current International Passport
- ii. Office Identification Card
- iii. Driver's License
- iv. Permanent Voters (PVC)
- v. Current National ID Card
- vi. White Background Passport Photograph taken in the last 3 months

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University Health Service: NHIS Mop up Registration Exercise

This is to inform members of Staff who have not registered with the NHIS that there is going to be on the spot registration exercise for staff from Tuesday 4th April, to Thursday 6th April, 2017.

The Exercise scheduled is as follows:

Tuesday 4th April, 2017 10:00am to 4:00pm New Campus Clinic

Wednesday 5th April, 2017 10:00am to 4:00pm New Campus Clinic

Thursday 6th April, 2017 10:00am to 4:00pm Old Campus Clinic

Requirements for the registration:

1. One Passport Photograph of Staff and that of

dependents

2. Photocopy of Children Birth Certificates
3. Photocopy of Employment Letter
4. Staff ID Card

NOTE: Those who had earlier submitted their Passport Photograph need not bring another one.

Staff who had earlier registered, especially during the last exercise in August 2016, are advised to check with the NHIS Desk Office at the Old Campus Clinic as most of the earlier registrations are released. For further inquiries contact the NHIS Desk Office at the Old Campus Clinic. Phone: 08036471419.

SEMINARS

Department Of Biochemistry: MSc Completion Seminar

Presenter 1: Rahama Sani Inuwa (SPS/13/MBC/00040)

Topic: Analysis of water-deficit stress related changes in Bambara groundnut landraces of diverse origin

Supervisor: Dr. Y. Y. Muhammad

Presenter 2: Asmau Mahe (SPS/14/MBC/00048)

Topic: In vivo and in vitro toxicity studies on partially purified leave extracts of *Jatropha curcas*

Supervisor: Dr. A. A. Imam

Presenter 3: Safiya Aliyu Garba (SPS/14/MBC/00018)

Topic: Assessment of dietary pattern and impact of Balanites aegyptiaca fruit consumption on metabolic syndrome markers in diabetic patients attending MMSH, Kano

Supervisor: Dr. S. M. Abubakar

Chairman: Dr. S. M. Abubakar

Time: 10:00 am Prompt

Date: Tuesday 4th April, 2017

Venue: PG Class Biochemistry Department.

Faculty of Engineering: Faculty Seminar

Presenter: Dr. Nurudeen Yusuf

Topic: Challenges of Commercialization of Research and Development in Nigeria

Chairman: Professor Muhammad Ajjiya

Date: 6th April, 2017

Time: 11:00am

Venue: Faculty of Engineering, Conference Room

Department of Information & Media Studies:
Departmental Seminar

Presenter 1: Nura Ibrahim, PhD

Topic: Digital Media Production and the Challenges of Audience Engagement

Presenter 2: Maude Rabiu Gwadabe

Topic: Face book News Consumption: A Survey of Bayero University, Kano Students

Chairman: Professor Umaru A. Pate, Dean Faculty of Communication

Date: Monday, April 3, 2017

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Department of Information and Media Studies Committee Room

Department of Sociology: M.SC Research Proposal Defense

Presenter 1: Samuel Chom Bissalla (SPS/14/MSO/00012)

Topic: A Study of Police Brutality in Kafanchan Jema'a Local Government Area of Kaduna State, Nigeria

Presenter 2: Gideon Mallam Nyat (SPS/14/MSO/00021)

Topic: Vigilante and Crime Control in Contemporary Nigeria: A study of Jema'a Local Government Area of Kaduna State, Nigeria

Date: Monday, April 3, 2017

M.SC Research Proposal Defense

Presenter 1: Kabiru Abubakar Garba

Topic: The Influence of Socio-Cultural and Demographic factors on the Lifestyle of Diabetes Patients in ATBU Teaching Hospital, Bauchi State

Date: Thursday, April 6, 2017

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Departmental Board Room

Department of Physics: Seminar Presentation

Presenter: Sunday Ibochi Akor (SPS/13/MPY/00003)

Topic: Determination of Global and Diffuse Solar Radiation from the Monthly Average Daily Sunshine Hour Data for Makurdi, Benue State

Chairman: Professor Bello I. Tijjani

Date: 6th April, 2017

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Physics Research Laboratory

Department of Medical Laboratory Science: Seminar

Presenter 1: Danladi Suleiman B.

Topic: Depressed Neutrophils Phagocytic Functions in Nigeria

Patients with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia.

Presenter 2: Aminu Ibrahim

Topic: Interleukin 10 (IL-10) level and CD4/CD3 Responses among Malaria Infected Dialysis Patients in Kano

Chairman: Dr. Abdulhadi Sale Kumurya

Date: 5th April, 2017

Time: 11:00am

Venue: Conference Room, Department of Medical Laboratory Science,

Department of Special Education: Ph.D Proposal Defense

Candidate 1: Auwalu Danlami (SPS/14/PSE/00005)

Topic: Availability, Accessibility and Utilization of Academic Library Resources in Higher Institution of Learning in the Northwest by Students with Visual Impairment.

Supervisor: Dr. Kyauta Ibrahim

Date: 4th April, 2017

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Departmental Board Room

Ph.D Seminar

Candidate 2: Auwalu Inuwa Bello (SPE/13/PSE/00002)

Topic: The Effect of Positive Reinforcement and Punishment in Reducing School-Related Undesirable Behavior among Students with Special Needs in Kano and Kaduna State.

Supervisor: Dr. Kyauta Ibrahim

Date: 4th April, 2017

Time: 12:00pm

Venue: Departmental Board Room

School of Continuing Education (SCE): Seminar

Presenter: Tijjani Ali Waziri

Topic: Evaluation of Reliability and Availability Characteristics of System Subject to Age Replacement Policy.

Chairman: Dr. Ibn Abdullah Muhammad

Date: 5th April, 2017

Time: 10am-11am

Venue: Conference Room, School of Continuing Education (SCE)

Faculty of Social & Management Sciences: Faculty Seminar Series

Presenter: Mal Ali Garba

Topic: Entrepreneurial Orientation: An Extended Model

Date: Thursday, April 6, 2017

Time: 10:00am prompt

Venue: Faculty Conference Room (FSMS)

Department of Physical & Health Education: Notice of "WALK FOR LIFE"

Topic: "WALK FOR LIFE"

Date: 8th April, 2017

Time: 7:00am

Appreciation from Dr. Muhammad Awaisu Haruna, Department of Sociology

I wish to extend my appreciations to the University Community who paid condolence visits to my family over the death of my mother, who died on 23rd March, 2017 at my house after a brief illness.

My special appreciation to the Vice Chancellor, DVC Academic, DVC Administration, Registrar, Bursar, Director Establishment Matters, Vice Chancellor NorthWest University, Kano, Director PPU, other Directors, Deans, HOD's, ASUU Delegation, entire Staff and Students who condoled with me and prayed for her.

May Allah (SWT) reward all with Jannatul Firdaus, amin.

