



CDA, CPHP 42 Others to Benefit from \$300m World Bank ACE Grant

By Nura Garba

The World Bank has selected two centres from Bayero University: the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) and Centre for Population Health and Policy to be among the 44 centres in 12 West and Central African countries to be funded under the Africa Centres of Excellence for Development Impact (ACE Impact) Project.

A press release issued by the Regional Facilitation Unit (RFU) of the Association of African Universities (AAU), says it is pleased to announce the conditional selection of 44 centres of excellence in 12 participating countries

University and CDA had submitted proposals for the ACE III Project. However, only proposals from CDA and from Centre for Population Health and Policy passed the desk evaluation. The World Bank's team was in Bayero University for on-site evaluation of the centres from 22nd to 23rd October, 2018.

According to the press release, the final selection of the centres is subject to the approval of financing from the external financiers (World Bank and the French Development Agency) and availability of sufficient financing for all the proposals; that the selected



World Bank Evaluation Team in a group photograph with BUK Management and CDA representatives

which are Nigeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cote d' Ivoire, Djibouti, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Niger, Senegal and Togo.

“Building upon the successful implementation of the ACE I Project, the World Bank is supporting the current ACE Impact, which is focused on scaling up postgraduate education and applied research that are fundamental to economic growth in the region”, the statement read in part.

It could be recalled that the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) was amongst the performing Centres under the ACE I project. Four other new centres in Bayero

universities incorporate the recommendations of the evaluators into their implementation plans, and that the selected universities demonstrate sufficient capacity to manage the funds for their intended purpose.

It reveals that for the selected centres where all of the conditions are met, it is planned that they will be approved for funding by April 2019. Interestingly, 17 centres representing about 45% of the benefiting institutions are from Nigerian universities, which include two each from BUK, ABU, and University of Port Harcourt, while one centre each from NOUN, FUT Minna, University of Lagos, UNN, FUT Owerri, Lagos State University, OAU, University of Benin and Redeemers University.

Boko Haram :

By Lamara Garba

Government urged to Pursue De-Radicalization Programme

As part of measures at curtailing the recurrence of insurgency in the country, government has been advised to, as a matter of urgency, pursue more effectively its de-radicalization programme, with the involvement of religious leaders and scholars through appropriate interface with the relevant security agencies.

In the same vein, there should have a forum which will engage other partners in developing and promoting mechanisms and tools for intellectual engagement with *Boko Haram* members, with a view to deconstructing their ideology and influencing them to reform.

These were part of the resolutions reached at the end of a three-day International Conference on Insurgency and the Phenomenon of Boko Haram in Nigeria jointly organized by the Bayero University's Centre for Islamic Civilization and Interfaith Dialogue(CICID), International Institute of Islamic Thought (IIIT), Nigeria Office and the Kano State Government, held from Tuesday 13th to Thursday 15th November, 2018 in Kano.

A communiqué read by Dr. Muhammad Babangida



Emir of Kano Malam Muhammadu Sanusi II

Muhammad also identified the absence of national consensus among the Nigerian elites on the *Boko Haram* insurgency and the expropriation of the conflict along religious and ethnic divides, as the major contributing factor to the apparent failure and the embarrassing

consequences in the attempt to arrest the insurgency.

Equally, the conference participants noted that corruption and the material benefits allegedly being derived by some individuals within the political, military and civilian groups, as well as the conspiracy of silence among some communities, have often been responsible for prolonging the fight against the *Boko Haram* insurgency.

The conference posited that *Boko Haram* ideology differed with the true teachings of the religion of Islam, advancing that “*Boko Haram* represents a deviant tendency that relies on wrong interpretation and misrepresentation of Islamic texts, and the distortion of the facts, in supporting and justifying their actions.”

The participants also observed with dismay that the ability of *Boko Haram* to sustain the conflict and to inflict wanton destruction in the Lake Chad Basin is driven by and made possible due to systemic failures of the Nigerian state.

As a panacea to addressing the lingering suffering of the victims of insurgency, the conference suggested an urgent establishment and constitution of the Northeast Development Commission, which will cater for the reconciliation, reconstruction, rehabilitation, resettlement and the general socio-economic development of the region. Also, the Federal Ministry of Education should include courses on preventing violent extremism in the school curricula, in order to sensitize young learners.

BUK Class '92 Donates N1m to Student Funds By Rabi'u M. Sagir

Bayero University, Kano, Alumni Class '92 Forum has awarded scholarship to some 25 indigent students of the University.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, who received the Forum in his office on Friday 9th November, 2018 commended them for the gesture in helping the needy. He urged other bodies to emulate them. He said the expansion of the university required assistance and support from all angles.

“Government alone cannot shoulder the responsibility of managing universities”, he declared. He said the Management was making efforts to strengthen the activities of Alumni for unity and effective operations.

Earlier, the leader of the Forum, Alhaji Muhammad Dahiru Sa'ad commended the leadership of the university for the infrastructural development recorded

in recent years, which shows that the management is really working well.

Alhaji Sa'ad said, “we are happy to note that as a follow up to our visit and financial support to indigent students last year, the university has set up an education fund for students facing financial challenges for their education to which individuals and well-meaning members of the society and corporate organization can donate generously”.



Chairman of the Forum, Alh. Muhammad D. Sa'ad receiving a plaque from the VC, Prof. Muhammad Yahuza Bello

The Chairman of the Forum said in order to support this innovation the BUK Class 92 had donated the sum of one million naira to the fund as part of their modest contribution to support the less privileged students in order to assist their education for the good future of the country.

The forum he added had also set aside funds intervention in critical sectors of society like health, social welfare and payment of fines and compensations for indigent prison inmates, whose offences do not pose risk to the general wellbeing of society.

I Remain Indebted to BUK for My PhD - Bursar

By Nura Garba



Dr. Suleiman Bello, Bursar BUK

The University Bursar, Dr. Suleiman Bello, has praised the management of Bayero University, Kano for sponsoring him to conduct his PhD in Malaysia and expressed gratitude over the support and encouragement given to him.

Dr. Bello further said he was determined and committed to transform his PhD study to bear in the management of the financial activities of the university.

The Bursar completed his Doctor of Philosophy majoring in Accounting at University Utara, Malaysia, Sintok, Kedah at the 31st Convocation Ceremony of the University held between 11th and 15th November, 2018.

In a letter written to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, on Wednesday, 21st November, 2018, Dr. Bello commended the University Management for its support, encouragement and commitment of sponsoring him to complete his study under the Needs Assessment Grant, whose letter of award was signed by the Vice Chancellor on 20th November, 2014 when he was the Chairman, Projects Monitoring, Evaluation and Documentation Committee.

His certificate for the completion of study was signed by the Senior Assistant Director, Academic Affairs Department of the University Utara, Abdu Rahman Mohd Isa, dated 30th October, 2018.

BUK to Sign MoU with University of Zinder, Niger Republic

By Fausat A. Opayomi

The need to enhance bilateral relationship between Nigeria and the Republic of Niger, most especially with the states in Northern Region was stressed. The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, who made the call when he received a delegation from the University of Zinder, Niger Republic on Wednesday, 21st November, 2018 in his office, said Nigeria and the Republic of Niger share many things in common.

Dr. Yacoubou Alou, who led the representatives from the University of Zinder, informed the management that they were on an official visit to formally invite the University to an International Conference, which would take place in December and to discuss on the signing of the MOU during the Conference, which they believed would further cement the relationship between the two institutions.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor M. Y. Bello in his

response thanked the delegation for the honour and also conveyed his congratulatory message to the Vice Chancellor on his appointment as the Chairman of the Committee of the universities of Vice Chancellors of Niger Republic. He expressed the commitment of BUK to attend the conference. Professor Bello also assured that a date would be proposed for the signing of the MoU.



Official from University of Zinder, Niger Republic with BUK Management

OVER-TIME CLAIM

Management has noticed with dismay how staff fail to execute their assigned duties within week days in order to come to the office on weekends and claim over-time.

Henceforth, before Units/Departments request their staff to come and execute certain assignment over the weekend, the approval of the Registrar should be sought first, otherwise the claim would not be approved for payment.

A letter signed by Mijinyawa Sabo, Director, General Administration, for Registrar, said as for over-time claim within week days, Departments/Units would be monitored from time to time to ensure that people are not making fictitious claims. The University is spending huge amount of money on over-time every month. Deans/Directors/Heads of Departments should, please, discourage the habit of making routine claims by all staff every month.

APPOINTMENTS

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello has approved the appointments of the undermentioned into various positions. The appointment letters were signed by the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed.

S/N	NAME	DEPT/FACULTY	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE
1	Professor Mohammed Yalwa Gwarzo	College of Health Sciences	As Director, Centre for Biotechnology Research	1 st December, 2018
2	Dr. Kabiru Bello Dumbulum	Department of Sociology	Deputy Director, (Research), AKCDRT	5 th December, 2018
3	Dr. Abdul Iguda	Department of Mathematics	Deputy Dean (Academics), School of Postgraduate Studies	1 st December, 2018
4	Dr. Ibrahim Tajo Siraj	Department of Chemistry	Deputy Director (Instrumentation), Centre for Biotechnology Research	1 st December, 2018
5	Prof. Abdussamad Muhammad Abdussamad	Department of Animal Science	Deputy Director (Genomics and Molecular Biology), Centre for Biotechnology Research	1 st December, 2018
6	Dr. Mohammed Ibrahim Imam	Department of Pathology	Head, Department of Pathology	19 th November, 2018
7	Amina Umar Abdulahi	Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records	As Substantive Director in the Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records (DEAR)	1 st December, 2018

National Universities Commission Training Announcement

POSTGRADUATE TRAINING PROGRAMME AT THE VIENNA SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

The National Universities Commission (NUC) is in receipt of a letter Ref. No. TSW/SIN/24/T dated 9 October, 2018 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announcing Postgraduate Training Programmes in European and International Studies offered by Vienna School of International Studies for 2019/2020 session.

In a letter signed by Mrs. Constance N. Goddy-Nnadi, Director, International Cooperation and Liaison Services said, the offer is open to qualified candidates, who have completed their first degree. The programme focuses on leaders, preparing for leadership careers in Public Administration, Diplomatic Services, European Institutions and International Organizations or the Private Sector.

Members of the University Community who are interested and qualified may apply via <http://www.d-vienna.ac.at/>.

ERASMUS +

Opportunities For Students And Staff To Study And Work In Europe

ERASMUS+ is the European Union's flagship programme for higher education. It offers opportunities to students and staff to attend or work with European Higher Education Institutions.

Participants are selected through an annual Call for Proposals. The 2019 Call for Proposals is now open for applications. Members of the University Community who are interested can check the Erasmus+Programme Guide as follows:

The Erasmus+Programme Guide

Check the **Programme Guide** on how to apply:

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/resources/programme-guide_en

Check the **Call for Proposals** for all the deadlines:

[https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-Content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.C)

[Content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.C](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-Content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.C)

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BUK Now Connected with Royal Society of Chemistry for e-resources

This is to bring to the notice of the University Community that as part of efforts to augment its e-resources, the University Library has been connected with the Royal Society of Chemistry.

A statement signed by the University Librarian, Dr. Musa A. Auyo, said members of the University community can access the resources on www.rsc.org via the university network.

Submission of Unserviceable Items to the Board of Survey

The University Management has noted the presence of scraps and junks all over the campuses of the University with dismay and directed the University Board of Survey to dispose all unserviceable items on all the campuses of the University.

Consequently, all offices have been urged to surrender all unserviceable items within your College, Faculty, Department, Unit, Institute, School or Centre to the Board

of Survey for boarding.

Please submit the items in writing to the Secretary of the Board, Barrister Bashir Saleh Abdu of the Legal Unit from Monday 26th November, 2018 to Friday 7th December, 2018.

The Board will go ahead to board all junks lying fallow within the campuses of the University if they have not been surrendered.

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