



College of Health Sciences Champions Administrative Excellence in First Workshop

By Ibrahim Ado Saleh

In an academic landscape where faculty achievements often take centre stage, the College of Health Sciences, Bayero University Kano, has boldly shifted the spotlight, this time toward a group whose silent efficiency holds the system together, the senior administrative staff.

On Wednesday, 23rd July 2025, the College hosted its *first-ever sensitization workshop* tailored exclusively for this critical cohort, marking a historic and symbolic leap toward inclusive institutional development.

Held at the College's Conference Room, the workshop brought together administrative officers from across the College's five constituent faculties; Basic Clinical Sciences, Basic Medical Sciences, Allied Health Sciences, Clinical Sciences and Faculty of Dentistry as well as staff from prominent research centres including the Centre for Biotechnology Research, African Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP), Centre for Infectious Diseases and Research, and the Centre for Environmental Health Research and Training.

In his opening remarks, Professor Idris Yahya Muhammad, the Provost of the College, expressed sincere gratitude for the opportunity to address the gathering and shared the personal motivation behind the initiative:

"It gives me deep joy and humility to stand before you today at this very special workshop. This is not just another

event on our calendar it is something I have long hoped to see come to life. For years, I have felt that we, as a College, could do more to recognize and support the hardworking administrative staffs who quietly keep our systems running."

"While academic programmes often take the spotlight and rightly so we must not forget that the true strength of any institution lies in the hands of those who work diligently behind the scenes. Your roles may not always attract applause, but they are absolutely vital. No faculty, no research centre, no academic achievement can flourish without your daily contributions."

He continued by acknowledging the evolving demands of modern university administration and the need for shared learning and professional development:

"This workshop is a small but sincere step toward ensuring that you are not only seen, but also supported equipped with the skills and confidence to thrive in a fast-changing academic environment. And let me be clear: this is not a onetime gesture. It is the beginning of a journey. My hope is that we will continue to build a culture that values *every* role, and that treats administrative excellence as a cornerstone of our collective success."

One of the major highlights of the workshop was the keynote presentation delivered by Malam Muhammad

Danlami Nasir, the immediate past College Secretary — a respected name within administrative circles whose decades-long career in the university system commands reverence. His session, titled “Ethical Duties and Responsibilities of a Professional University Administrator,” was as much a lecture as it was a reflection drawn from lived institutional memory.

In his presentation, Malam Nasir took participants on an intellectual and experiential journey through the evolution of university administration. He spoke with clarity and candour about the invisible scaffolding that administrative officers provide in the functioning of academic institutions, highlighting how their ethical discipline, institutional loyalty, and mastery of bureaucratic processes form the bedrock of university stability.

He unpacked the classification of administrative duties into core operational, advisory, and developmental roles arguing that administrators are not merely file movers but strategic actors in policy implementation and organizational continuity.

“The strength of any university is measured not just by the number of its professors, but by the quality of its administrative culture,” he stated. “As administrators, our responsibility is not only to manage processes but to protect the ethical and procedural soul of the institution.”

Malam Nasir also addressed emerging challenges, such as digital transitions, rising bureaucracy and generational

shifts in workplace culture urging participants to adapt without losing the values that underpin professional service. His address drew applause and left many visibly inspired.

Other sessions deepened the scope of the workshop, Malam Nura Garba, Head of the Multimedia Unit in the Directorate of Public Affairs, delivered a paper on “The Role of University Administration in Effective Information and Communication Management,” where he emphasized the critical intersection between ICT tools and administrative productivity, especially in an era where timely information flow can make or break institutional credibility.

Malam Abdurrazak Adamu Sulaiman led a session on “Strategic Conflict Management,” equipping staff with practical frameworks for resolving workplace disagreements, handling interpersonal challenges, and promoting harmonious administrative environments.

In his closing remarks, the Deputy Provost Administration, Professor Bashir Kaka, expressed profound appreciation to the Provost for not only conceiving but also executing such a timely initiative.

The sensitization workshop signals the beginning of a new administrative ethos at the College of Health Sciences, one that acknowledges its administrators not merely as support staff, but as co architects of the University's mission and future.

BUK, Nine other Universities to Benefit from \$38 million AFD-Funded ICT Development Grant

By Nura Garba

With the AFD-Funded ICT Development Grant intervention, Bayero University, Kano is set to lead other universities in digital transformation of Nigeria's tertiary education. This was disclosed by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas.

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research and Development, Professor Amina Mustapha, Professor Abbas said the AFD-Funded ICT Development grant intervention would serve as energizer for Bayero University to assume and play a key role in the digital transformation of Nigeria's higher education landscape.

He expressed BUK's readiness to fully implement the project's objectives, noting that it would address critical ICT gaps in the university. “This intervention is expected to enhance digital literacy, provide modern ICT tools, expand internet bandwidth, and ultimately uplift the quality of teaching, learning, and research at BUK,” he stated.

Professor Abbas further explained that the Blueprint ICT-Dev Project would reduce the cost of educational service delivery, boost institutional productivity, and enhance the employability of BUK graduates by improving their digital competencies. It aligned with the NUC's Blueprint for the Rapid Revitalization of University Education in Nigeria by

maximizing the use of ICT infrastructure and developing human capacity.

In his address, the Minister of Education, Dr. Maruf Tunji Alausa had emphasized that the project was designed to revolutionize higher education in Nigeria by promoting hybrid learning models, improving research infrastructure,



DVC R&D, Prof. Amina Mustapha receiving the Award Letter of the Blueprint ICT-DEV Grant from Hon. Minister of Education, Dr. Maaruf Tunji Alausa

strengthening digital systems, and enhancing teacher training through cutting-edge technologies. He described it as a "golden opportunity" for Nigerian universities to evolve into globally competitive institutions.

The landmark project which was officially launched on Tuesday, 1st July 2025, at the National Universities Commission (NUC), Abuja was aimed to transforming Nigeria's tertiary education system through digital innovation, infrastructure, and the creation of smart campuses.

Bayero University was represented at the launching of the project by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research and Development, Professor Amina Mustapha. She was accompanied by the BUK Project Team Lead, Dr. Faruk Umar Ambursa.

Other dignitaries at included the Honourable Minister of Education, Dr. Maruf Tunji Alausa; Executive Secretary of the NUC, Professor Abdullahi Yusufu Ribadu; French Ambassador to Nigeria, His Excellency Mr. Marc Fonbaustier; and AFD Country Director, Mr. Xavier Muron.

Vice Chancellors and Project Leads from the selected universities were also in attendance as the Minister presented grant award letters to the beneficiary institutions. The 10 selected universities represent all the six geopolitical zones of Nigeria:

- **North-West:** Bayero University, Kano
- **North-East:** University of Maiduguri and Modibbo Adama University, Yola
- **North-Central:** Federal University of Technology, Minna and University of Jos
- **South-West:** University of Ibadan and Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife
- **South-East:** University of Nigeria, Nsukka and Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka
- **South-South:** University of Calabar

BUK ICT Committee Concludes 8-Weeks Intermediate Computer Training for Registry Staff

By Ibrahim Ado Saleh

In a bold step toward strengthening digital literacy and enhancing administrative performance, the ICT Training Committee of Bayero University, Kano successfully concluded an 8 weeks Intermediate Computer Appreciation Program for Registry Staff. The training, which commenced two months earlier, came to an end on Monday, 22nd July 2025, with a certificate presentation ceremony held in honour of the 30 participants drawn from various departments and staff cadres across the University Registry.

The comprehensive training aimed to boost office efficiency, streamline communication, and improve productivity among staff in line with 21st century workplace demands. The curriculum covered foundational

and practical topics including Introduction to Computer, Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and Access), as well as specialized tools such as file tracking systems and task management applications.

Speaking at the graduation ceremony, the University Registrar, Malam Haruna Aliyu, expressed great satisfaction with the outcome of the maiden training initiative. "I am happy to witness this day, a day of transformation. The system has changed, and it is essential that we as staff also evolve with it. ICT knowledge is no longer optional; it is the foundation of modern administrative effectiveness."

He further stressed the importance of digital skills in the contemporary workplace. "Even if you are the most



The Registrar, Malam Haruna Aliyu (middle) in a group photograph with the training participants

qualified individual in our institution, without basic IT knowledge, you risk being left behind,” he noted.

Malam Haruna also acknowledged the establishment of the ICT Centre as a deliberate effort to provide a platform for continuous staff development in technological tools and applications. He revealed that he had already made a recommendation to the University Management to sponsor

at least another batch of 30 staff for external ICT development training, further underscoring the University's commitment to digital transformation.

One of the participants, who spoke on behalf of the trainees, expressed gratitude for the opportunity, stating that the training had significantly equipped them with the tools needed to excel in their daily responsibilities.

BUK's Prof. Rabia Sa'id Joins Prestigious UN Scientific Panel on Nuclear War Effects

By Lamara Garba

In a major international recognition of African scientific excellence, Professor Rabia Sa'id of Bayero University, Kano, has been named among the 21 distinguished global experts appointed by the United Nations Secretary-General, António Guterres, to serve on an independent scientific panel examining the physical and societal consequences of nuclear war.

As one of the few Africans — and the only Nigerian — on the newly formed panel, Professor Sa'id stands as a symbol of both academic distinction and continental representation on a global platform addressing one of humanity's gravest existential threats. A Professor of Atmospheric and Space-Weather Physics and a renowned advocate for women in science, she co-founded Nigeria's Association of Women Physicists and continues to blaze a trail for African women in STEM disciplines.

The panel, established pursuant to UN General Assembly Resolution 79/238 titled “*Nuclear War Effects and Scientific Research*”, is tasked with investigating the far-reaching consequences of nuclear conflict — from immediate physical destruction to long-term climatic, environmental, agricultural, public health, and socioeconomic disruptions. Their findings will be presented to the UN General Assembly at its eighty-second session in 2027.

This appointment places Professor Sa'id at the heart of a historic global initiative, one that revives international scientific scrutiny into nuclear war effects for the first time in nearly four decades. The last comparable UN study, conducted in 1988, warned of chilling global implications following nuclear detonation — a threat that remains potent in today's volatile geopolitical climate.

The newly formed scientific panel draws leading experts across disciplines such as radiation physics, climate science, environmental studies, agriculture, public health, and social sciences. In assembling the group, the Secretary-General prioritized scientific merit, diversity in geography and gender, and impartiality — a selection process that saw the inclusion of voices from Asia, Europe, the Americas, and Africa.

Professor Sa'id joins eminent scientists such as Arlene Alves dos Reis of the Brazilian Nuclear Energy Commission; Ana María Cetto Kramis of the National Autonomous University of Mexico; Andrew Haines of the

London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine; and Masao Tomonaga, a hibakusha and former director of the Japanese Red Cross Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Hospital.

Together, the panel will assess both the immediate aftermath and the lingering shadow cast by nuclear warfare, focusing on the cascading effects on ecosystems, food security, radiation exposure, and public health. They are expected to produce a comprehensive scientific report that will also highlight critical gaps requiring future research.

Beyond academic inquiry, the panel is mandated to consult widely — engaging civil society, affected communities, humanitarian organizations like the International Committee of the Red Cross, and governments to ensure inclusive perspectives on nuclear risk.

For BUK and Nigeria, Professor Rabia Sa'id's selection marks a moment of pride and profound responsibility. It highlights the calibre of scholarship at Bayero University, Kano, and affirms the country's contribution to solving some of the world's most pressing challenges through science. Thus, Nigeria and indeed Africa will not be a silent observer but an active participant in shaping a safer, post-nuclear future for the world.



Prof. Rabia Sa'id

ACEPHAP Collaborates with RCOG, Other Experts to Enhance Gynecological Skills

By Bala G. Abdullahi

The Africa Center of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP), collaborates with Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG), the Society of Gynaecology and Obstetrics of Nigeria (SOGON) and the Federal Ministry of Health to enhance the skills of gynecologists.

The Essential Gynecological Skills (EGS) Manuals Dissemination Training Workshop which was held on Monday, 21st July, 2025 in Abuja was aimed at improving the skills of gynecologists with the potential of saving more lives.

In her speech at the opening ceremony, the Director of ACEPHAP, Professor Hadiza Shehu Galadanci stated that enhancing the skills of healthcare professionals, particularly gynecologists through training had the potential of saving more lives.

quality, useful care tools must be our top priority.

The ESG Manuals were among the documents formally launched during the 2025 Safe Motherhood Day commemoration. It was shared alongside other project outcomes with key stakeholders from six states FCT, Lagos, Rivers, Enugu, Bauchi, and Kaduna, with the aim of promoting adoption and facilitating scale-up.

In her address, Sarah Hall, the Director of the Centre for Global Women's Health at RCOG, expressed worry that "gynecological conditions in Nigeria had long been overlooked in policies, training, and funding." She also noted that, Obstetrics and maternal mortality have received a lot of her center's attention, but problems like infertility and persistent pelvic pain are still not given enough attention. It is our hope that the training could be expanded countrywide because it equipped non-specialist healthcare



She disclosed that the training workshop was a collaboration with the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG), the Society of Gynaecology and Obstetrics of Nigeria (SOGON), the Federal Ministry of Health and other local partners.

Prof. Galadanci said, "We trained expert trainers in states like Kano and Abuja, using mannequins for hands-on procedures such as manual vacuum aspiration and emergency care and the trainees showed significant knowledge gains, with pre- and post-test results proving the effectiveness of this model."

Dr. Sam Agwu, Clinical Lead for the Global Health Workforce Programme and Course Director at RCOG UK, in his welcome address, highlighted the initiative's collaborative strength. He admitted that the assembly of policymakers, medical professionals and technical specialists today demonstrated their common dedication to enhancing the provision of healthcare for women and girls. He added that providing frontline workers with high-

personnel with the necessary skills to close any observed gap.

During the project overview session, Society of Gynaecology and Obstetrics of Nigeria (SOGON) President Prof. Okechukwu Ikpeze, emphasized the importance of bolstering Nigeria's health workforce. "This program supports our broader goals of helping women realize their right to health, ensuring access to high-quality care, and reducing gender inequality," he said.

While pointing out possible difficulties such as staff turnover from trained facilities, he recommended creating a "critical mass of trainers" as a workable remedy. "We now have a core workforce ready to lead implementation, with over 180 healthcare providers trained across multiple states," he said.

At the end of the training, all the stakeholders agreed that it was critical to expand the training across the country, incorporate the newly created handbook into state-level health plans, and gain political support for long-term use.

DRIP Assesses 128 Non-Degree Research Proposals for the Award of 2025 TETFund IBR Grant

By Suleiman Salihu

The Directorate of Research Innovation and Partnership (DRIP), Bayero University, Kano has assessed 128 Non-Degree Oriented Research (NDOR) proposals from faculties, departments, units and research centres in the University for the Award of N100 million 2025 Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) Research Grant under the Institution-Based Research (IBR).

The N100 million IBR Grants is a research grant Awarded by TETFund to senior academic researchers under the NDOR in the University for conducting researches in various fields of endeavour. The screening exercise took place on Tuesday, 22nd through Wednesday, 23rd July, 2025 at the DRIP Board Room.

In his opening remarks, the Director DRIP, Prof. Abdullahi Suleiman Arabi, noted that the Institution-Based Research (IBR) screening exercise was conducted from departmental level to faculty and finally to DRIP where the research proposals were finally screened and rated in accordance with the research guidelines for onward submission to TETFund for final approval and the award of the grant.

He explained that the IBR was significantly increased by TETFund from N2 million initially to N5 million. He stated that the DRIP would be objective in its assessment and rating based on the guided research grant template.

Prof. Arabi noted that the screening would focus on novelty of the research, currency of the citations, budget, and theoretical approach of the proposal, among others. He added that the exercise provided avenue for junior researchers to fully train themselves in the area of accessing grants in the University. He further explained that the screening exercise would further address the problem of allocating high number of grants percentage to one faculty or the other, as the case might be, he stated.

Earlier, the Deputy Director, Research and Publication, Dr. M.M. Maina, welcomed members of the Standing Committee on Research and Publication and explained that the Committee was to consider submission from NDOR under the IBR research grants by TETFund. He was overwhelmed by the mass turnout of research proposals

from applicants which he believed was the first of its kind. He stated that the Committee received 128 research proposals from faculties, departments, units and research centres in the University.

Dr. Maina emphasized that the revised template of the grants had provided a column for innovation to increase researchers' focus such that their research work would be for the benefit of the immediate society.

He presented the guidelines of the template for scoring a proposal to include; **Title, Abstract, Objective, Literature review, Methodology, Budget, and Innovation**. He further presented other guidelines for scaling down a proposal to



The TETFund Grand Assessors Brainstorming

include; **Personnel cost to exceed 10% of the total budget of N5m for Science subjects and N4m for subjects in Social sciences and Arts and Humanities, Duration for completion of the research work should not exceed 12 months and Non-fundable items (computer, laptop, printer etc.),** among others.

Dr. Maina further told members whose proposals were scaled down that their proposals would not be discarded. He added that the researches would be called upon to notify their corrections and observations regarding their proposals for further Awards.

Seminars

Department of Geography: **PhD Seminar**

1ST PRESENTER: Mudassir Hassan

SPS/20/PGE/00048

TOPIC: Groundwater Exploration for Sustainable Yield in Urban and Per-urban Katsina State, Nigeria.

CHAIRMAN: Prof. Tasiu Yalwa Rilwanu

2ND PRESENTER: Eninibajo Ameh

SPS/17/PGE/00005

TOPIC: Analysis of Under-Five Malnutrition in Kogi East, Kogi State, Nigeria.

CHAIRMAN: Prof. Yusuf Mohammed Adamu

3RD PRESENTER: Muhammad Lawan Idakwoji

SPS/20/PGE/00016

TOPIC: Non-governmental Organizations and Rural Livelihood in Kogi State Nigeria: A Study of Organizational Focus, Community Projects and Executive Strategies.

CHAIRMAN: Prof. Nuratu Muhammad.

Date: 31st July, 2025

Time: 10.00 am Prompt

Venue: NRM Class Department of Geography

NOTE: Attending Seminar is Compulsory to all PGDLA, PGDSE, Msc I, and Msc II, PhD I and PhD II

Department of Human Physiology: M.Sc.**Proposal Defense****Presenter 1:** Zahrau Ibrahim Sani (SPS/21/MHP/0024)**Topic:** Effect of combine breathing exercise pattern on cardiorespiratory parameters and lipid profile among hypertensive patients in Murtala Muhammad Specialist Hospital Kano.**Supervisor:** Dr. Bashir I Waziri**M.Sc Internal Defence:****Presenter 2:** Abdulmumin Tijjani (SPS/19/MHP/00002)**Topic:** Evaluating Anxiety-like Behaviour, Brain Oxidative Stress, and Hippocampal Histology in Swiss Albino Mice Following Acute-Repeated Exposure to Pure Carbon Monoxide Gas.**Supervisor:** Dr. M.I. Kurawa**Internal Examiner:** Dr. I.G. Mukhtar**Date:** Tuesday, 29th July, 2025**Time:** 10:00am prompt**Venue:** Conference Room, Department of Human Physiology, Bayero University, Kano

VACATION ARABIC READING PROGRAMME FOR PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

الشعائر برنامج قراءة اللغة العربية في العطلة لطلاب المرحلتين الابتدائية والثانوية

CATEGORIES OF PARTICIPANTS

A- PRIMARY SCHOOL LEVEL:

OBJECTIVES

1. Inculcate in the pupils the good and proper reading culture.
2. Guide pupils acquire the basic skills in reading, pronunciation and writing proper Arabic words and sentences.
3. Assist pupils acquire basic vocabulary and phrases for daily conversation and communication

LESSON COMPONENTS:

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| A- Arabic Sounds and Alphabets | D- Reading. |
| B- Vocabulary Acquisition. | E- Basic Arabic Phrases |
| C- Handwriting. | |

B- SECONDARY SCHOOL LEVEL:

OBJECTIVES

1. Assist students acquire essential Arabic vocabulary for proper communication.
2. Enhance students' ability to read Arabic texts properly.
3. Make students realize the significance of Arabic language in appreciation of the religious, historical and cultural heritage of their immediate environment.
4. Expose students to basic practical skills in Arabic calligraphy, and appreciate its significance and value in artistic aesthetics, and entrepreneurial empowerment

LESSON COMPONENTS:

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| A- Reading Comprehension. | C- Functional Arabic. |
| B- Vocabulary Acquisition | D- Handwriting/Calligraphy |

APPLICATION FORM: N500

REGISTRATION FEE: N10,000

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APPOINTMENTS

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has approved the appointments appointments of the underlisted staff into various positions.

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENTS	EFFECTIVE
1	Professor Efunkoya Akinwale Adeyemi	Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Faculty of Dentistry	Appointed as the Head, Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	28 th July, 2025
2	Dr Murtala Aminu Ibrahim	Department of Business Management	Appointed as the Head, Department of Business Management	2 nd August, 2025

Directorate of SERVICOM, Bayero University, Kano

The Vice Chancellor,
Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas, *FMAN, FSAN,*

Cordially invites all Principal Officers, Deans and Directors, all Representatives of ASUU, SSANU, NAAT, NASU, SUG and University Community to the **LAUNCHING OF THE REVAMPED SERVICE CHARTER** of the Directorate of SERVICOM, Bayero University, Kano.
Scheduled as follows:

Date: Monday, 4th August, 2025

Time: 10:00 am.

Venue: Conference Hall, Centre for Economic, Social and Population Research (CESPOR), New Campus, BUK

Your present will be highly appreciated.

Signed:
Administrative Secretary,
Directorate of SERVICOM

WORDSCAPE

With Yusuf M. Adamu, PhD, MNAL, FANA, FANG (Dept. of Geography)

DESPERATION

The United Nations failed to unite the world
It has become a toothless bulldog that can't bite
The pink wild west and all its guns and mouth
It's moves and support for the proxy war has failed
Yet, the comedian and his master did not relent
They have to save their face from shame of

disappointment
They are desperate to hurt the
bear in any way possible
The eagle assumed the
leadership of the kangaroo
court
We shall see how the drama will unfold.



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