



E. S. TETFund Commissions Multi-Billion Naira International Conference Centre, Says BUK Is a Model of Accountability,

By Lamara Garba

The Executive Secretary, Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) Arch. Sonny S.T. Echono has commissioned a multi billion naira International Conference Centre in Bayero University, Kano describing the institution as a model of prudence, transparency and accountability in the utilisation of its interventions, urging other Nigerian universities to emulate its example.

Speaking on Thursday, 14th August, 2025 at the commissioning of a multi-billion-naira International Conference Centre (ICC) at the institution, the Executive Secretary of TETFund, Architect Sonny S.T Echono, said BUK's track record in managing and maximising intervention projects was the reason the Fund had continued to support it with landmark facilities.

“Bayero University has consistently demonstrated accountability in the use of TETFund interventions. Every kobo invested here is visible, well-spent, and making

impact. This is why we have the confidence to keep supporting BUK with projects of this magnitude,” Echono declared.

He added that TETFund considered BUK “a shining model that other universities should learn from,” stressing that efficient utilisation of public resources was the surest way to win continued government support for the higher education sector.

The Executive Secretary noted that the newly inaugurated International Conference Centre was in line with President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's Renewed Hope Agenda to reposition Nigerian universities as global centres of excellence.

“This facility is more than a building; it is a hub for scholars, professionals, policymakers and the wider community to share ideas and generate solutions that can move our society forward. It will also boost the university's revenue base and reduce dependence on government



E.S. TETFund Arch. Sonny S.T Echono (3rd right) assisted by VC, Prof. S. A. Abbas and other Principal Officers cutting the tape to commission the ICC

BUK Gets New Pro-Chancellor ...Pledges Transformational Drive

By Lamara Garba

The Federal Government has appointed Air Vice Marshal (AVM) Saddiq Ismaila Kaita (Rtd) as the new Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of Bayero University, Kano (BUK).

AVM Kaita, who was inaugurated in Abuja alongside other

council chairmen of federal universities by the Minister of Education, brings with him decades of distinguished service in the Nigerian Air Force and a reputation for discipline, integrity, and commitment to national development.

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subventions,” he explained.

Echono disclosed that TETFund was also constructing a multi-purpose research laboratory at BUK to facilitate high-level experiments locally, thereby eliminating the need to send samples abroad. He reaffirmed the Fund's commitment to sustaining its partnership with the university, while advising the management to ensure proper maintenance of the ICC and other facilities.

BUK's Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas, commended TETFund for reviving and completing the project, which he said had been abandoned for over 15 years.

He described the ICC as a transformative facility that would enhance academic exchange, host local and

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Born in Kaita Local Government Area of Katsina State, AVM Kaita had a successful career in the military where he held several command and administrative positions before retiring with honour. Since leaving active service, he has contributed to national assignments in education, security, and public service.

During the inauguration, the Minister of Education charged the newly appointed councils to strengthen governance in Nigerian universities by promoting accountability, fostering academic excellence, and supporting infrastructural growth.

Meanwhile, the newly appointed Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Air Vice Marshal Saddiq Ismaila Kaita (rtd), has pledged to bring fresh energy, innovation, and far-reaching partnerships to the development of the institution.

Speaking exclusively to BUK Bulletin shortly after presiding over his maiden Council meeting on Friday, 15th August, 2025, AVM Kaita described BUK as “a home” and vowed to deploy his experience, influence, and network in the service of the University's growth.

“My mission is to add value to the institution by bringing innovative ideas and using my influence to attract others who can contribute meaningfully to BUK's development,” he said. “Bayero University Kano is a home for me, and I will do everything within my capabilities to make it greater.”

The Pro-Chancellor assured that under his leadership, the Governing Council would work closely with the Vice Chancellor, Senate, and management to sustain the University's tradition of academic excellence, while also embracing progressive initiatives that respond to emerging global trends in education.

international conferences, and serve as a steady source of income for the university.

The project, originally conceived during the tenure of former Vice-Chancellor Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, was executed by UKY Nigeria Limited.

Speaking at the event, the company's Chairman, Alhaji Usman Yahaya Kansila, said the successful completion of the project proved the capacity of indigenous contractors to deliver high-quality, large-scale projects.

He thanked both TETFund and BUK for the confidence reposed in the firm.

The newly completed ICC boasts 38 accommodation rooms, multiple meeting rooms, large and small halls, as

AVM Kaita, who brings with him a wealth of administrative, strategic, and leadership experience from his distinguished career in the Nigerian Air Force and public service, expressed confidence that BUK's future lies in harnessing both internal capabilities and external collaborations.



Air Vice Marshal Saddiq Ismaila Kaita (rtd) Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, Bayero University, Kano

He commended the Council members for their robust contributions during the maiden meeting and expressed optimism that with unity of purpose, BUK will achieve even greater heights in research, infrastructure, staff welfare, and student empowerment.

“The journey to transformation is a collective responsibility,” he noted, “and I am confident that with commitment from all stakeholders, Bayero University Kano will continue to stand tall as one of Africa's leading centres of learning.”

VC Prof. Sagir Abbas Unveils Remodeled Old Campus Gate, Commissions Council Lodge

By Nura Garba & Suleiman Salihu

Bayero University, Kano's Old Campus gained a fresh landmark on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, as Vice-Chancellor Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas officially commissioned the remodeled campus gate — a project designed by one of the university

's own students.

Speaking at the event, Professor Abbas described the new gate as “another landmark in the proud history of our University,” noting that the original Old Campus gate had long served as the institution's symbolic entry point. “It has been reborn to reflect the modern spirit and academic excellence that define BUK today,” he said, expressing confidence that his successor, Professor Haruna Musa, would sustain the momentum in upgrading the University's infrastructure.

The new design came from MSc Architecture student Mukhtar Kabiru Danjuma, whose proposal was selected from a class exercise. “BUK is my University,” Danjuma said. “I wanted a gate that tells every visitor, from the very first glance, that they are entering a place of excellence,

architectural masterpiece designed to host the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor and members of the Governing Council.

The eight-suite apartment complex is a symphony of comfort and class, setting a new standard in university accommodation. From its plush, custom-designed cushion chairs and state-of-the-art beds with premium bedding, to its ultra-quiet central air-conditioning system and spacious, tastefully decorated common rooms, every detail reflects five-star hotel luxury. The interiors boast exquisite lighting fixtures, polished marble flooring, two flat-screen smart TVs in every suite, en-suite bathrooms with rain showers, mini kitchenettes and private balconies offering serene views of the campus.

Commissioning the facility, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, described it as a landmark achievement. “With this addition, the Vice-Chancellor's residence is now complete, housing lodges for the Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor and the Vice-Chancellor,” he said. “This will save the University millions of naira in hotel bills, while giving our guests an experience that rivals



VC, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas supported by Principal Officers cutting the tape to commission the multimillion naira Council Lodge

beauty, and history.” He credited his postgraduate supervisor for guidance during the design process.

The remodeling, undertaken under Professor Abbas's administration, merges modern architectural lines with cultural identity. For the University community, the project stands as both a functional upgrade and a symbol of homegrown talent shaping the institution's image.

In another development, Bayero University, Kano, on Tuesday, 12th August 2025, stepped into a new era of elegance and prestige with the commissioning of its first-ever ultra-modern Council Lodge, a magnificent

the finest hospitality facilities.”

Professor Abbas expressed profound gratitude to the Deputy Senate President, Senator Barau I. Jibril, for facilitating the project's funding. Originally captured in the 2023 budget, the project reached completion after rollovers into 2024 and 2025. The Vice-Chancellor also commended the contractors, consultants and all contributors who ensured the Council Lodge's delivery to the highest standards.

In his vote of thanks, the incoming Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Haruna Musa thanked the Management and the University

community for sparing their time to attend the commissioning ceremony of the edifice.

He noted that the Lounge had been conceptualized and executed by the outgoing VC, Prof. Abbas. He expressed his appreciation for the laudable initiative and was optimistic that the completion of the project would go a long way in conserving resources for the University as well as making the Council members more comfortable thereby

enhancing the productivity and efficiency of the Governing Council of BUK.

While vowing as incoming VC, for completing the remaining ongoing projects in the University, Prof. Haruna Musa, thanked the Contractor of Cloverfield Nigeria Limited, the Architect, as well as the Consultant of the project, for ensuring well execution and completion of the project, as scheduled.

New Research Uncovers Alarming Drug Abuse Trends in Northern Nigeria *TETFund-sponsored Study Presented at CESPOR Seminar Urges Action Against Deepening Crisis*

By Lamara Garba

A comprehensive research study has revealed disturbing trends in drug and substance abuse across Northern Nigeria, warning that the menace has taken deep root in communities and is being exacerbated by worsening socio-economic conditions.

The findings were presented at a high-level validation seminar organised by the Centre for Economic, Social and Population Research (CESPOR), Bayero University, Kano, on Tuesday, July 24, 2025.



Prof. Kabir Shehu

The seminar, held at the CESPOR Conference Hall, brought together a diverse array of stakeholders including researchers, policymakers, civil society organizations, healthcare workers, security agencies, youth representatives, and members of the media. The event served as a platform to scrutinize the findings of the TETFund-sponsored research project titled “The Phenomenon of Drug and Substance Abuse in Northern Nigeria: Causes, Trends, Patterns, Manifestation and Remedies.”

Welcoming participants, the Director of CESPOR, Professor Ismaila M. Zango who was represented by the Deputy Director of the Centre, Professor Aminu Mohammed Fagge highlighted the relevance of the study to Nigeria's current social realities. He commended the research team for their rigorous work and thanked TETFund for funding the project.

In his remarks, the seminar chair, Professor Salisu Abdullahi, Provost of the Nigeria Police Academy, Wudil, described drug abuse as a growing threat to national security, especially in the northern region. He noted that the research would provide much-needed empirical evidence to guide policy formulation and urged participants to offer constructive feedback.

The lead researcher and Principal Investigator, Professor Kabir Bello, disclosed that the study was conducted between March 2022 and April 2023 across ten states of Kano, Katsina, Kebbi, and Zamfara in the North-West; Bauchi, Gombe, and Yobe in the North-East; and Benue, Kogi, and Plateau in the North Central zone. He said the process included a methodology workshop, administration of research questionnaires, key informant interviews, data analysis, and validation of results.

During his presentation, Professor Bello outlined the scope and methodology of the research and provided key findings under several thematic areas including background context, social and psychological factors driving drug use, prevalence rates, changing trends, and the manifestation of drug-related behaviours in different communities.

The data, revealed a worrying rise in drug use across all surveyed regions, with economic hardship, peer pressure, mental health issues, and lack of employment cited as key drivers. The study identifies the link between economic policy and substance abuse.

Many participants noted that the recent removal of fuel subsidies and the resulting spike in cost of living had pushed many young people into drug use as a form of escape. Concerns were also raised over the involvement of security operatives in drug trafficking networks, with corruption and weak oversight making enforcement difficult in many areas.

The participants who commended the research but suggested improvements, including the need for gender balance in data collection, clearer presentation of findings for policymaking purposes, and deeper theoretical analysis. Some stakeholders also recommended that the final report be linked with similar past studies to track changes over time. There were calls for the findings to be disseminated widely to various stakeholders, including the media, to enrich public understanding and spur collective action.

In response, the research team acknowledged the importance of the feedback and promised to incorporate all relevant suggestions into the final report. They, however, noted the immense difficulty encountered during fieldwork, particularly in gaining access to drug users. In many cases, researchers had to adopt unconventional methods to gather reliable information due to the stigma

and fear surrounding drug use.

Chairman of the occasion in his closing remarks thanked all attendees for their valuable contributions and stressed the importance of continued collaboration between academia, government, and civil society in addressing Nigeria's drug crisis. Professor Bello also expressed gratitude to TETFund and partner institutions such as Mambayya House and DRIP-BUK for their support throughout the project.

Delivering the vote of thanks on behalf of the team, Dr. Mustapha Isyaku of Mambayya House reaffirmed that the study is part of a broader initiative aimed at building a critical mass of stakeholders, especially civil society actors, to put pressure on regulatory agencies to intensify the fight against drug abuse. He called for renewed urgency, not just in words but in actions, to prevent the country from losing more of its youth to addiction.

India to Deepen Collaboration with CDA for Innovation and Food Security in Africa

By Nura Garba

The Acting Indian High Commissioner to Nigeria, Ms. Vartika Rawat, has pledged to facilitate stronger collaborations between Indian agricultural agencies and the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) to boost food security, innovation and agricultural technology in Nigeria and across Africa.

Ms. Rawat made this commitment on Saturday, 9th August 2025, during her visit to CDA, where she toured its state-of-the-art facilities. She was accompanied by ICRISAT's Global Director EST, Dr. Victor Afari Sefa and other members of the institute's delegation. Impressed by the

\$5 million grant as an Africa Centre of Excellence for Development Impact, which concluded on 30th June 2025.

Professor Mohammed highlighted CDA's achievements, including graduating over 350 MSc and nearly 100 PhD students from across West, South, and East Africa. "That's why we place a map here and call it our 'Green Wall of Knowledge'," he said. He noted that CDA's activities span training, research and outreach, relying heavily on partnerships at local, regional and international levels. The centre also prioritizes empowering youth and women through its Agricultural Innovation Hub.



Director of CDA, Prof. Sanusi Gaya Mohammed (left) presenting a souvenir to her Excellency, Acting High Commissioner of India in Nigeria

centre's infrastructure and expertise, Ms. Rawat commended the strong partnership between CDA and the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) since the centre's inception, as well as the contribution of India's JAIN Irrigation in establishing CDA's Training and Research Farm.

Welcoming the delegation, CDA's Director, Professor Sanusi Gaya Mohammed, traced the centre's journey from its early days to winning an \$8 million World Bank grant to become an Africa Centre of Excellence, and later another

Professor Murtala Muhammad Badamasi recalled CDA's earlier engagement with the Indian High Commission, where five priority areas for collaboration were identified: technology transfer and innovation, capacity building, research and development, policy engagement, and an Indian-Nigerian agri-business hub—building on CDA's establishment of a Regional Agricultural Business Hub.

Also speaking, Dr. Hakeem Ajiege, former Country Director of ICRISAT and research fellow at CDA, urged the High Commissioner to help facilitate the establishment of a JAIN Irrigation plant in Nigeria, stressing that "the future of agriculture is irrigation." Similarly, the former Executive Director of the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) called for enhanced South-South collaboration between CDA and Indian institutions to boost food production and agribusiness innovation across the continent.

Dr. Victor Afari Sefa described CDA as the largest dryland research centre in Africa, positioning it as a competitive institution that merits deeper engagement with Indian partners. He expressed confidence that the High Commission's intervention could foster transformative collaborations benefiting Nigeria and the wider African region.

Musulma Ta Gari: Professor Hassana Sani Darma Launches Hausa Translation of the Ideal Muslimah

By Lamara Garba

The Convocation Arena of Bayero University Kano came alive on Saturday, 2nd August 2025, as academics, public officials, students, religious leaders and dignitaries gathered for the grand launching of *Musulma Ta Gari*, the Hausa translation of the globally acclaimed book *The Ideal Muslimah*.

The translation was undertaken by Professor Hassana Sani Darma, a renowned scholar and advocate of women's education and moral upliftment.

In his keynote address, the Governor of Kano State, Alhaji Abba Kabir Yusuf, represented by his Chief of Staff, Dr. Suleiman Wali, praised Professor Darma for what he described as a laudable intellectual and moral contribution to society.

He emphasized that the content of the book would serve as a strong foundation for moral rearmament at a time when society is confronted with disturbing social vices.

Governor Yusuf further pledged that the Kano State Government would purchase copies for all public libraries across the state, as well as distribute copies to schools and senior government officials.

"The society needs moral armament if we are to overcome the rising tide of social vices. This book is a tool that can guide families and individuals towards the right path," the Governor said.

Also speaking at the occasion, the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University Kano, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, noted that the regeneration of morality in society is a collective responsibility that must begin with family upbringing.

He stressed that a society yearning for progress must take morality seriously. According to him, women's education particularly when it is grounded in sound religious knowledge remains central to the fight against moral decadence. "If we want to return to the glorious days of behavioural excellence, we must empower our women with both education and moral knowledge," he declared.

In her address, the former Minister of Education, Professor Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufai, who served as the Special Guest of Honour, commended the author for producing a book of immense value to society. She said that good morality remains the bedrock of any progressive nation, and that no society can prosper without discipline, honesty, and character formation.

According to her, *Musulma Ta Gari* provides clear guidance for women, families, and communities on how to live responsibly and contribute positively to society. She described the book as "a timeless contribution to moral regeneration, women empowerment, and the pursuit of a just society."

The reviewer of the book, Professor Muhammad Babangida Muhammad, highlighted the depth of the work, saying it encapsulates all the qualities an ideal Muslim

woman should possess. He commended the author for her perseverance and scholarly effort, describing the book as both a spiritual guide and a practical manual for women and society at large.

The Governor of Yobe state, Mai Mala Buni was represented by Professor Abba Idris Adam Commissioner for Education also commended the author for wonderful efforts at supporting societal rebirth.

Several other speakers at the event echoed the same sentiment, stressing that attitudinal and character change remain the only reliable panacea to the socio-economic challenges bedeviling Nigeria. They urged both Muslims and non-Muslims to read *Musulma Ta Gari* not just for knowledge but also for practical application in daily living.



VC, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas (4th right) and other dignitaries unveiling the book *Musulma Ta Gari*

The Chairperson of the Book Launch Committee, Ambassador Dr. Safiya Nuhu Ahmed, expressed her delight at the huge turnout and the success of the event. She described the book as a "must-read," particularly for women aspiring to combine education, piety, and character in a balanced life.

In an emotional remark, the author, Professor Hassana Sani Darma, expressed her profound gratitude to the Vice Chancellor of BUK, Professor Sagir Abbas, for his support and encouragement throughout the project. She revealed that the book took her years to complete, and with its formal unveiling, she felt fulfilled as both a scholar and a woman committed to societal reformation.

The event was further marked by the presentation of awards to distinguished women recognized for their selfless service to humanity, adding glamour and depth to the occasion.

At the end of the launching, several millions of naira were raised in support of the book, signaling both the intellectual and financial endorsement of its message.

The unveiling of *Musulma Ta Gari* thus stands not only as a literary and scholarly achievement but also as a rallying point for moral revival, women empowerment, and the collective reorientation of society.

Prof. Ruqayyatu Rufai's Valedictory Lecture: Building a Brighter Future; the Power of Equitable Basic Education –Says Professor Rukayyatu Ahmed Rufa'i

By Suleiman Saliyu

An erudite Scholar and Professor of Curriculum Studies, from Department of Education, College of Education and Allied Studies, Professor Rukayyatu Ahmed Rufa'i has intensified that for building a brighter future of the Nigerian society depends on the power of equitable basic education.

Presenting the valedictory lecture on Wednesday, 13th August, 2025 at Convocation Arena, New Campus, titled *“Curriculum and Strengthening the Future of the Nigerian Society through Equitable Access to Quality Basic Education,”* Prof. Rufa'i opined that curriculum is the soul of any education system, she however viewed it as a living, dynamic framework that determines what a



Professor Rukayyatu Ahmed Rufa'i delivering her lecture

society values, how it prepares its youth and the kind future it envisions.

She described curriculum from both academic and administrative experiences she got, as a science and an art that requiring intellectual rigour and policy pragmatism.

The erudite scholar has argued that curriculum must reflect the aspirations, needs, and diversity of society and must be sensitive to gender dynamics, local contexts, technological change and global trends. She however called for Nigeria's curriculum must not be remained static but to be forward-looking, culturally grounded, equity-focused and technology-enabled for the children's future.

Professor Rufa'i spoke on *“Basic Education: The Foundation of a Nation”* noted that Basic Education served as the cornerstone of national development, she urged stakeholders, philanthropists, civil society, and policy makers to continued investing in it to build a better Nigeria.

The erudite scholar digested on *“Girl-Child Education: A Cause worth Championing”* she stressed that Girl-child

had remained personal and pressing in the course of her professionalism, noting that women make up nearly half of the nation's population but millions denied access formal education due to cultural bias, poverty, insecurity, and systematic neglect.

She noted that during her tenure as Minister of Education, programmes of Girl-child Education Initiatives, Safe School Strategies had designed to create environments where girl-child could thrive socially and academically. She emphasized that when girls are educated, families and society become healthier and economies grew faster and society becomes more inclusive.

On *“Equity in Access to Education as Lifelong Commitment”*, Prof. Rufa'i reaffirmed her educational philosophy to equity and advocated for fair distribution of educational opportunities across gender, geography, disability and socioeconomic status. She argued that achieving equity in education does not mean uniformity but justice, adding that children deserve what they need to succeed, even if it means giving more to those who had been historically left behind. She emphasized an equitable education as the only real foundation for a just and sustainable society.

Professor Rufa'i analyzed that *“Assuring Quality in the Delivery of Basic Education”* the quality assurance strategies should be developmental and not punitive, assessments should measures what truly matters, and public schools should not condemned to substandard education due to their background.

On another thematic reflections of her presentation on *“Quality as the Route to the Future: Lesson from Career”* emphasized the sustainable quality in education requires systems not slogan, she reaffirmed that quality education should be systematic priority, governed by institutional integrity, predictable financing, evidence-based planning and inclusive policies, among other things, in other to meet the demands of 21st century.

Earlier, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, described the erudite scholar, Professor Rukayyatu Ahamed Rufa'i as humble and respectable mentor whom dedicated her service to humanity.

He commended her prudence and modesty in the active service in BUK and a moment as Minister of Education and up to this voluntary retirement, as worthy to be honored and celebrated for the hard work, dedication and for her contribution to the development of the University, students and the generality of the Society.

BUK, Rimin Zakara Community End Decades-Long Land Dispute

By Nura Garba

In a landmark achievement, Bayero University, Kano (BUK) has successfully resolved its decades-long land dispute with the Rimin Zakara community, bringing an end to years of tension and paving the way for stronger ties with its neighbors.

The breakthrough, which comes just days before the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, completes his five-year tenure, was facilitated by the intervention of Kano State Governor, Abba Kabir Yusuf.

Speaking in his office while receiving the Kano State Council of Ulama led by its Chairman, Sheikh Ibrahim Khalil, Prof. Abbas described the resolution as a “significant milestone” in the university's history. He noted that the state's Ministry of Land had already demarcated the boundaries, and the affected communities had agreed to relocate, a move that would finally allow the university to fence its entire perimeter. He said another C of O would be presented to the University soon.

“I have already sourced funding for the fencing project, and work will commence soon. This resolution not only secures the university's land but also strengthens our relationship with the surrounding communities,” Prof. Abbas said. He commended the Federal Government for supporting the fencing project and praised Governor Yusuf's “indefatigable role” in achieving a lasting solution.

Turning to security concerns, Prof. Abbas expressed deep worry over the persistent menace of *Yandaba*—gang

activities in Kano involving phone snatching and robbery—urging the Ulama and other stakeholders to intensify efforts to curb the growing threat.

Earlier, Sheikh Ibrahim Khalil said the Council visited to congratulate Prof. Abbas as he approached the end of a productive tenure marked by visible growth and national recognition for BUK.

Similarly, Professor Rabi'u Sa'ad of the Department of Arabic hailed the Vice-Chancellor's role in ending the



Aerial view of the BUK, New Campus

Rimin Zakara land dispute, describing it as a testament to his leadership and conflict-resolution skills.

With this resolution, BUK now looks ahead to securing its boundaries and fostering lasting peace with its host communities—a legacy that will stand as one of Prof. Abbas's defining achievements.

Bayero University Kano Holds 55th Professorial Inaugural Lecture

By Ibrahim Ado Saleh

Bayero University Kano (BUK), in keeping with the tradition of world-class universities, has continued to make inaugural lectures a central feature of its academic calendar. These lecture series serve as a platform to showcase and celebrate the university's professors before an audience comprising members of the university community and the general public.

On Thursday, 7th August 2025, the Convocation Arena hosted the 55th Professorial Inaugural Lecture, delivered by Professor Mahmud Ibrahim Daneji of the Faculty of Agriculture.

Born in Daneji Quarters, Kano Municipal, Professor Daneji began his educational journey at Sani Mainagge Primary School, before moving on to Government Secondary School Gwammaja II and later Government



Prof. Mahmud Ibrahim Daneji delivering his lecture

Secondary School Sharada. He proceeded to the Federal School for Arts and Sciences (FSAS), Sokoto, for his pre-degree programme, and in 1989 gained admission to Usman Danfodio University, Sokoto, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture.

In 1998, he obtained a Master of Science (MSc) degree in Agricultural Extension from the University of Ibadan, Oyo State. He later enrolled at Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi, in 2001, where he completed his Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Agricultural Extension in 2006.

Delivering his lecture titled “*Diversifying the Nigerian Economy: Analysis of Extension Advisory Service as a Critical Component of Sustainable Agricultural Development*”, Professor Daneji began by defining agriculture as the science or practice of farming, including soil cultivation for crops and the rearing of animals to provide food, fibre, and other products. He described it as a vast industry that provides livelihoods for more people than any other sector in Nigeria's economy.

He highlighted that before the discovery of oil in 1956, “Nigeria's economy survived and flourished on agriculture, which served as the main source of government revenue and foreign exchange earnings. Exportation of cash crops such as rubber from the South-

South, groundnut, hides and skins from the North, cocoa and coffee from the West, as well as palm oil and palm kernels from the Eastern regions, formed the backbone of the nation's economy.”

Professor Daneji explained that his presentation aimed to explore how Nigeria could diversify its economy through agriculture, with agricultural extension as a central strategy. He noted that his research findings provided evidence based support for the discussions presented.

Earlier in his remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas ably represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor Management Services, Professor Aliyu Muazu, described inaugural lectures as a significant milestone in an academic's career, representing a celebration of outstanding research, innovation, teaching, and professional practice. He stated:

“The focus of an inaugural lecture is to provide a platform for academics to present the body of research they have been working on during their career, thus offering key highlights of their contribution to knowledge.”

Professor Mahmud Ibrahim Daneji started his working career at Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Bauchi, before transferring his services to the newly established Faculty of Agriculture at Bayero University Kano.

Mambayya House Commemorates 75 Years of NEPU with Reflections on Party Alliances in Nigeria

By Ibrahim Ado Saleh

The Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Studies, Bayero University Kano (Mambayya House), on Friday, 8th August 2025, hosted a roundtable discussion as part of activities marking the 9th Annual NEPU Day. This year's theme, “*Political Party Alliance in Nigerian Politics: Lessons*

political landscape.

Chairman of the occasion, Alhaji Suleiman Muhammad Mambo, former Director General of the Kano State History and Culture Bureau, lamented the decline of radical political ideology in Nigeria. He expressed concern that the original aim of establishing NEPU had been eroded, with politics increasingly turning into a business venture driven by god-fatherism. He further observed that the theme was timely, given the current political confusion in the country, noting that even after six decades of independence; federal ministries remain inconsistent, with successive administrations abandoning the projects of their predecessors.

In a welcome address, the Director of the Centre, Professor Abu Muhammad represented by Deputy Director Training, Professor Bello Ibrahim warmly welcomed participants and expressed hope for a successful and impactful session.

Delivering a historical overview of Political parties alliance in Nigeria with NEPU, Professor Tijjani Muhammad Naniya of the Department of History, Bayero University Kano, traced the roots of political party alliances in Nigeria to the very creation of the country through the amalgamation of different regions in 1914. He argued that the amalgamation primarily served the interests of the colonial masters rather than the masses.

Professor Naniya recalled that in 1934, Sa'adu Zungur one of the first Northerners to attend Yaba College in Lagos



Dignitaries in a group photograph

from NEPU”, coincided with the 75th Anniversary of the Northern Elements Progressive Union (NEPU), 1950–2025.

The event brought together academics, political actors, historians, and members of the public to reflect on NEPU's legacy and draw lessons for Nigeria's contemporary

recognized the need for a political platform accommodating all regions and joined the Nigerian Youth Movement. He explained that alliances among Nigerian political parties have existed since 1943, but for them to succeed; they must be founded on common goals and a shared ideological foundation. He also listed NEPU pioneers, including Alhaji Abba Kwaru, Malam Bello Ijimu, Malam Garba, Malam Musa Kaula, Baballiya Manaja, Abdulkadir Adamu Jaji, Malam Magaji Danbatta, and Mudi Sipikin.

Speaking from a political science perspective, Malam Sani Ali of the Department of Political Science, BUK, discussed key factors influencing party alliances. He noted that funding often drives smaller parties to merge or align with larger ones, but stressed that such alliances require equal

strength to prevent dominance by one party. He also highlighted ideological differences as a major challenge, citing the failed alliance between NCNC (capitalist) and NEPU (socialist) as a lesson in political strategy.

Among notable guests at the event were the Kano State Commissioner for Science and Technology, Yusuf Ibrahim Kofar Mata; Hajiya Hannatu Kofar Naisa (PRP); Alhaji Usaini Ibrahim (NEPU); Alhaji Sule Matazu; Alhaji Auwalu Anwar; and Hajiya Nana Asmau Jibril, Director-General of Research and Documentation, Kano State Government House.

The roundtable provided a reflective and engaging platform for examining NEPU's enduring legacy, offering historical insights and contemporary lessons on building meaningful political alliances in Nigeria.

CBR, Physiology Dept Host Physiology Career Awareness Initiative

By Nura Garba

The Centre for Biotechnology Research (CBR) and the Department of Human Physiology Bayero University Kano, was the hub of scientific exchange from 4th to 6th August 2025 as it hosted the *Physiological Career Awareness and Training Initiative* (PCATI).

Organized in collaboration with the Physiological Society International and partners from within and outside Nigeria, the initiative aimed to bridge career



Group photograph of the facilitators and some participants

knowledge gaps in physiology, promote mentorship, and strengthen teaching and research capacity in low- and middle-income countries.

Welcoming participants, the CBR Director, Professor Anas Yahaya described the workshop as “a promising first of its kind” that would expose young career researchers to state-of-the-art laboratory techniques and expert mentorship.

Head of the Department of Physiology, Dr. Musa Ibrahim Kurawa, noted that the event created a platform for effective collaboration between local and international institutions, offering participants the chance to acquire advanced analytical techniques for

research enhancement.

Representing the Dean, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, Dr. Maharazu Murtala Musa highlighted that participants would learn to integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI) and virtual learning strategies into basic medical sciences—tools he said would help define clearer academic and professional pathways.

In her overview, Professor Nafisa Yusuf Wali revealed that the selection process for participants was competitive, and she expressed confidence that the programme would inspire innovative research and career growth.

Co-organizer Dr. Bashir Isa Waziri explained the three-day structure, which combined keynote lectures, technical sessions, and hands-on workshops.

Keynote topics included *Expanding Career Horizons in Physiology* by Professor Isyaku Umar Yarube (BUK), *Revolutionizing Physiology Education with Emerging Technologies* by Professor Samuel Odeh (University of Jos), and *The Role of AI in Teaching and Research* by Professor Maryam Dewu (Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria). Distinguished speakers such as Professor Olorunshola Kolawole (University of Abuja), Professor Fatima Dawud (ABU), and Engineer Nura Isa Waziri (Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital) also contributed with impactful presentations.

The hands-on workshop sessions divided participants into six specialized groups:

- **Group A:** Molecular Biology Techniques
- **Group B:** Learning Management System (LMS)
- **Group C:** Data Analysis and Referencing Tools

- **Group D:** Virtual Reality Applications in Medical Education
- **Group E:** Measurement of Cardiovascular Parameters in Experimental Animals
- **Group F:** Basic Life Support

The initiative was coordinated by **Dr. Basheer Isah**

Waziri (**BUK**), Professor Nafisa Yusuf Wali (**ABU**), Dr. Abdulwasiu B. Popoola (**FUD**) and Dr. Hafsa Abubakar Kari (Bradford, UK).

Participants drawn from various Nigerian institutions described the experience as *eye-opening*, *impactful* and *transformative*, setting a new standard for physiology career development and research training in the country.

Prof. Sale Kumurya Appointed Vice-Chancellor, Al-Istiqama University

By Bala G. Abdullahi

Professor Abdullahi Sale Kumurya of Bayero University, Kano has been appointed the 2nd substantive Vice Chancellor of Al-Istiqama University, Sumaila. Kumurya, a Professor of Medical Laboratory Sciences, succeeds Professor Salisu Shehu, the pioneer Vice Chancellor.

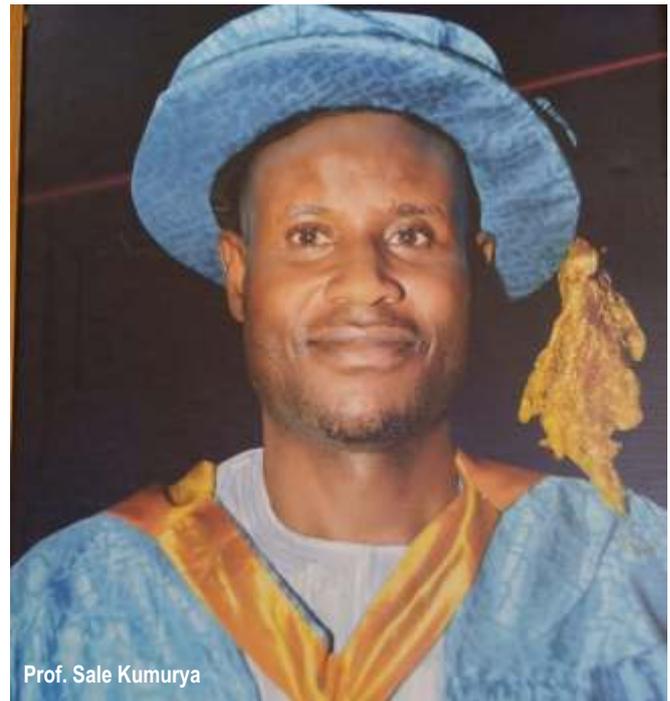
Professor Kumurya's appointment was confirmed by the founder of the University, Senator Suleiman Abdurrahman Kawu Sumaila via a communication dated Tuesday 11th August, 2025.

While announcing the appointment, Senator Sumaila extended heartfelt congratulations to the new Vice Chancellor on behalf of the Senate, Management, Governing Council, staff, students and entire Al-Istiqama University community.

The new Vice Chancellor is an erudite scholar and an accomplished administrator whose zeal for excellence in teaching and research is widely acknowledged. His vast knowledge in higher education, leadership and strong commitment to intellectual growth makes him eminently qualified to govern Al-Istiqama University.

Members of the Bayero University Community extend their congratulations and wished him Allah's guidance and

protections as he assumed the mantle of leadership of Al-Istiqama University, Sumaila.



Prof. Sale Kumurya

Coach Salim Hosts Send-off Tennis Novelty Match in Honour of Outgoing VC, Prof. Abbas

By Nura Garba

In a show of appreciation and sportsmanship, Bayero University Kano's Tennis Coach, **Salim** Rabiu Mohammed, on Monday, 4th April 2025, organized a memorable send-off tennis novelty match in honour of the outgoing Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas. The event brought together staff and members of the University's tennis community in a friendly yet symbolic contest.

The novelty match was held to celebrate and acknowledge the remarkable achievements recorded by Professor Abbas since assuming office in 2020. His administration has been widely praised for its commitment to academic excellence, infrastructure development and sports advancement within the University.

Representing the Vice-Chancellor at the event, the Director of Sports, Professor Rabiu Mohammed, expressed heartfelt appreciation for the gesture. He commended the strong bond between the University Management and the tennis community, noting that the Vice-Chancellor's tenure saw the upgrade of BUK's tennis



Officials and Tennis players posing in a group photograph

facilities to a standard capable of hosting national-level competitions for both staff and students.

Speaking on his motivation for organizing the event, Coach Salim lauded Professor Abbas for his significant contributions to sports development in the University,

particularly the renovation and refurbishment of sporting facilities, which have benefited students, staff, and the wider community.

He extended his gratitude to members of the University community and tennis enthusiasts who supported the event, including Dr. Ahmad Ali Yakasai, Chairman of

SSANU-BUK, Comrade Mustapha Aminu, Dr. Malami and Alhaji Kabiru Kaka.

The send-off match was not only a tribute to Professor Abbas's legacy but also a celebration of the spirit of unity and collaboration within BUK's sporting community.

APPOINTMENTS

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has approved the appointments of the underlisted staff:

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE
1	Professor Abbas Umar Abdulkadir	Department of Quranic Studies	Appointed as the HOD	14 th July, 2025 to 13 th July, 2027
2	Dr Rabiuh Yahaya Hassan	Department of Shariah	Appointed as the HOD	14 th July, 2025 to 13 th July, 2027
3	Dr Najeeb Auwal Abubakar	Department of Hadith Studies	Appointed as the HOD	14 th July, 2025 to 13 th July, 2027
4	Dr Ibrahim Sani Kankara	Department of Anthropology	Appointed as the HOD	14 th July, 2025 to 13 th July, 2027
5	Dr Samaila Sulaiman	Department of Philosophy	Appointed as the HOD	14 th July, 2025 to 13 th July, 2027
6	Dr Yusuf Umar Madugu	Department of Diplomatic Studies	Appointed as the HOD	14 th July, 2025 to 13 th July, 2027
7	Professor Ahmad Makama Getso	Department of Health Education and Promotion	HOD	14 th July, 2025 to 13 th July, 2027
8	Dr Musa Haladu Darma	Department of Human Kinetics	HOD	14 th July, 2025 to 13 th July, 2027
9	Dr Nasir Mukhtar	Department of Technology Education,	HOD	14 th July, 2025 to 13 th July, 2027
10	Dr Murtala Haruna Harbau	Department of Science Education	HOD	14 th July, 2025 to 13 th July, 2027
11	Dr Binta Abba	Department of Educational Foundation	HOD	14 th July, 2025 to 13 th July, 2027
12	Professor Bello A. Bello	Department of Educational Management and Policies	HOD	14 th July, 2025 to 13 th July, 2027
13	Dr Bello Shehu Karofi	Department of Curriculum and Educational Technology	HOD	14 th July, 2025 to 13 th July, 2027
14	Dr Usman Abba Idris	Department of Community Development	HOD	14 th July, 2025 to 13 th July, 2027
15	Dr Auwal Halilu	Department of Continuing Education	HOD	14 th July, 2025 to 13 th July, 2027
16	Professor Kyauta Ibrahim	Department of Special Education	HOD	14 th July, 2025 to 13 th July, 2027
17	Professor Rabiuh Ado	Department of Accounting	HOD	14 th August, 2025

BAYERO UNIVERSITY KANO ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (BUKAA)

NOTICE OF 35th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Article 15.1 of the BUKAA constitution, the 35th Annual General Meeting of the Bayero University Kano Alumni Association (BUKAA) will hold as follows:

Date: Saturday 6th September 2025

**Venue: Convocation Arena,
Bayero University Kano(BUK)**

Gwarzo Road, Kano

Time: 10:00 am

The agenda for the Meeting is as follows:

Ordinary Business:

1. Review of the Minutes of the Last Meeting.
2. Matters Arising from Minutes of the Last Meeting
3. President's Report
4. Annual Report of the Secretary General
5. Review and Approval of the 2024 Audited Financial Statements/Accounts
 - a. Treasurer's Report
 - b. External Auditors' Report on the Audited Accounts
 - c. Audit Committee's Report
6. Appointment of External Auditors
7. Approval of Membership Registration and Annual Subscription Fees
8. Ratification of additional members of the Board of Trustees
9. Any other Business

NB: Pre-AGM Cocktail will take place in the Evening of Friday 5th of September, 2025 at Convocation Arena, BUK, Gwarzo Road, Kano.

By the order of the National Executive Committee of BUKAA.

Signed
Alh. Salisu Lawan Indabawa, FNIM
Secretary General
Dated 6th August, 2025
Kano, Nigeria

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WORDSCAPE

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

WOMEN

Women are us
As we are them
They are from our ribs

We come from their wombs
God said we live together
In love and with patience



Seminars

Department of Mass Communication: M.Sc. Proposal/Internal Defense and PhD Seminar

Candidate 1: Nafisa Ibrahim (SPS/21/MMC/00031)

Topic: Audience Perception of Radio Jingles on Exclusive Breastfeeding in Kano Metropolis: A Case Study of Murtala Muhammad Specialists Hospital and Abdullahi Wase Teaching Hospital

Supervisor: Dr. Musa Adamu Labaran

Submission: M.Sc. Proposal Defense

Candidate 2: Fatima Abdullahi Zarah (SPS/21/MMC/00015)

Topic: Sustainability of Online News Media Platform in Kano State

Supervisor: Professor Nura Ibrahim

Submission: M.Sc. Proposal

Candidate 3: Musa Sani Bakori (SPS/20/MMC/00029)

Topic: Sociability of the Social Media: An Analysis of Users' Comments on the Post of Facebook Influencers from Kano State

Supervisor: Dr. Ibrahim Siraj

Submission: M.Sc. Internal Defense

Candidate 4: Habiba Mansour Ibrahim (SPS/19/MMC/00015)

Topic: Influence of ZEEWORLD Drama in Shaping Social Behavior among Housewives in Kano Municipal, Kano State

Supervisor: Professor Usman Ibrahim Abubakar

Submission: M.Sc. Internal Defense

Candidate 5: Fatima Ahmad Bukar (SPS/20/MMC/00010)

Topic: Accessing Knowledge of Reproductive Health Messages among Post-Partum Psychosis Patients at Murtala Muhammad and Abdullahi Wase Hospitals in Kano

Supervisor: Prof. Mainasara Y. Kurfi

Submission: M.Sc. Internal Defense

Candidate 6: Aliyu Damri (SPS/21/PMC/0006)

Topic: Journalists' Understanding and Coverage of Child Rights Reporting in Zamfara State, Nigeria

Supervisor: Professor Mustapha Nasir Malam

Submission: PhD Seminar One

Candidate 7: Mohammed Garba Kuchi (SPS/20/PMC/00006)

Topic: Impact of Safe and Secured Communications in Aerodrome Operations: An Assessment of ASMS and ASP Communication Channels at Aminu Kano International Airport, Kano

Supervisor: Professor Mustapha Nasir Malam

Submission: PhD Seminar Two

Candidate 8: Jamila Tahir Bello (SPS/18/PMC/00007)

Topic: Emergence of Kannywood Film Industry: A Study of Evolution and Transformation of New Hausa Film Series Production

Supervisor: Professor Gausu Ahmad

Submission: PhD Seminar Two

Chairman: Dr. Gambo Shehu Nababa

Date: Thursday 28th August, 2025

Time: 9:30am

Venue: Mass Communication Departmental Board Room

Department of Geography: PhD Seminar

1ST PRESENTER: Umeh Peter Peter

TOPIC: Residential Mobility Choice and Consequences in Gombe City, Nigeria.

CHAIRMAN: Prof. Nuratu Muhammad

2ND PRESENTER: Abdulsalam Mohammed

TOPIC: Flood Recession, Residual Moisture, Sediment Deposition and Soil Fertility for Crop Production: A Review

CHAIRMAN: Prof. Maharazu A. Yusuf

3RD PRESENTER: Muddasir Hassan

Topic: Estimation of Groundwater Storage Coefficient Capacity and Delineating Potential Zones in Urban and Peri-Urban Katsina: A Frame work for Future Groundwater Level Predictions

CHAIRMAN: Prof. Tasiu Yalwa Rilwan

Date: Thursday 21ST August, 2025

Time: 10 am prompt

Venue: NRM Class Department Geography

NOTE: Attendance to seminar is compulsory to all PGDLA, PGDSE, MSc I, MSc II, PhD I, and PhD II.

Farewell to a Visionary:

Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, FMAN, FSAN

By Lamara Garba



Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas, FMAN, FSAN

*The sun sets gently on a chapter well told,
Five years of labour, carved in letters of gold.
From eighty-fourth place, where doubts used to
stay,
To the fourth in the nation—he paved the way.*

*A leader of vision, with courage so vast,
He built for the future while honouring the past.
One hundred and sixty-six projects arose,
A testament of progress the whole campus
knows.*

*New programmes blossomed, like seeds in rich
earth,
Expanding the frontiers of knowledge and
worth.*

*International outlook, bright beacon of flame,
He placed Bayero on the global name.*

*A legacy of stability, of strength and reform,
He weathered the storm, and outshone the
norm.*

*Today we salute him, with gratitude clear,
A chapter of greatness ends here.*

*Though his tenure concludes, his impact will
stay,*

*Guiding our footsteps, lighting the way.
Farewell, dear leader; with honour and grace,
Your vision has lifted BUK to its place.*

***Chosen by Consensus, Crowned by
Merit: BUK Welcomes Professor
Haruna Musa, fsi as 12th Vice
Chancellor***

*Like dawn that follows the night's gentle call,
A new hand arises to shepherd us all.
Cool-headed, unassuming, yet firm in his stand,
A leader of promise, with wisdom at hand.*

*Chosen by consensus, embraced by the rest,
Endorsed by a family that wished for the best.
Crowned by pure merit, with hearts full of trust,
We welcome a captain both steady and just.*

*May your steps be guided, your vision made
clear,*

*Your reign be uneventful, your path free of fear.
May Allah guide and protect you. To build on
the stones that your predecessors have laid,
Consolidate progress, where triumphs are
made.*

*BUK stands with you, in faith and in song,
Together in purpose, together made strong.
The twelfth helmsman, with a destiny true,
Professor Haruna Musa, we look up to you.*

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