



## Prof. Haruna Musa Assumes Office as 12th Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University Kano ...Pays Glowing Tribute to Predecessor, Prof. Sagir Abbas

By Lamara Garba



Outgoing VC, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas, FMAN, FSAN (right) presenting handing over documents to New VC, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi

**B**ayero University, Kano (BUK) has witnessed a historic transition in leadership as Professor Haruna Musa formally assumed office as the 12th Vice-Chancellor of the institution, succeeding Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, who successfully completed his five-year tenure. The colourful handing-over ceremony was held on Monday, 18th August, 2025, at the Convocation Arena of the University's New Campus.

In his acceptance speech, Professor Musa expressed deep gratitude to Almighty Allah for granting him the opportunity to lead the University at such a defining moment. He thanked the University community for their overwhelming support and confidence in him, and the Governing Council for respecting the wishes of the congregation in the process that led to his appointment. He noted with pride that BUK's peaceful and transparent succession model has continued to earn commendations from other universities across the country.

The new Vice-Chancellor paid glowing tribute to his predecessor, Professor Sagir Abbas, whom he described as a mentor and source of encouragement. He recalled how Professor Abbas entrusted him with the role of Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and provided the enabling environment to contest for the Vice-Chancellorship. Professor Musa pledged to consolidate on the legacies of past administrations, complete ongoing projects, and preserve the University's core values while driving its competitiveness at national, regional, and global levels.

He further assured that his administration would be anchored on transparency, accountability, inclusiveness, and equity. He promised to promote the welfare of staff and students, deepen constructive engagement with unions and stakeholders, and transform BUK into a stronger hub of scholarship, research, and innovation.

The Registrar, Malam Haruna Aliyu, commended the outgoing Vice-Chancellor for his outstanding service and

unwavering commitment to academic and administrative excellence. He welcomed Professor Musa on behalf of the University management and prayed for divine wisdom and strength to guide him in his new role.

In his farewell remarks, Professor Sagir Abbas thanked the University community for their solidarity and for witnessing what he described as a historic milestone. He reflected on his administration's journey from 2020 to 2025, acknowledging the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, prolonged industrial strikes, financial pressures, and inflation. Despite these difficulties, he noted, the University achieved remarkable milestones in academics, research, infrastructure, and student development.

Professor Abbas highlighted some key achievements, including the introduction of over 100 new academic programmes, achieving 98% accreditation success with the NUC, implementing the CCMAS curriculum across 103 programmes, and promoting over 400 senior academics. He also pointed to the establishment of the Office of the DVC (Research & Development), attraction of international research grants, increased Scopus-indexed publications, hosting of more than 270 international conferences, and the fostering of industry collaborations.

On infrastructure, he listed the establishment of the International Conference Centre, automation of Senate,

Registry and Library processes, completion of 160 projects, expansion of student hostels by 1,200 bed spaces, the launch of the Cyber Security Centre, and significant upgrades in laboratories, classrooms, and medical facilities. He also mentioned the successful securing of N3 billion for the perimeter fencing of the New Campus and N2.2 billion for the Centre of Biotechnology Research.

In student development, his administration sustained a student job scheme for over 400 students with monthly stipends, awarded annual scholarships to 500 indigent students, and expanded mental health and counselling services. He proudly announced that under his leadership, BUK rose to become the **4th best public university in Nigeria**, ranked **1st in international outlook**, and secured recognition among the top global public universities.

Delivering the vote of thanks, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services), Professor Aliyu Mu'azu, praised the seamless nature of the transition and acknowledged the contributions of staff, students, unions, and invited dignitaries who graced the occasion. He wished all participants safe journeys back to their destinations.

The ceremony marked not only the end of one successful tenure but also the beginning of a new chapter in the University's pursuit of academic excellence and global competitiveness.

## VC Haruna Musa Reaffirms Commitment to Full Utilization of BUK Properties

By Lamara Garba

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Professor Haruna Musa, has reiterated his administration's resolve to safeguard and fully utilize all properties belonging to the institution for the overall benefit of the University community.

Professor Musa gave the assurance on Tuesday, during an inspection tour of some of the University's assets across Kano metropolis. The facilities visited included University flats at *Magajin Rumfa* Road in Nasarawa Quarters, a building on Tafawa Balewa Road, and several properties located around the Kabuga area.

After the tour, the Vice Chancellor expressed satisfaction with the general state of the facilities, commending those responsible for their upkeep. He stressed the importance of maximizing the value of the assets, pledging that his administration would prioritize their upgrade and effective use.

"We are committed to safeguarding all properties belonging to Bayero University and ensuring that they are put into full use. The management will do everything

possible to upgrade and give a facelift to these facilities so that they can serve the University better," Professor Musa stated.



VC, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi standing with the Principal Officers at Magajin Rumfa flats of houses

He further emphasized that efficient management and proper utilization of resources were critical to the sustainable growth and development of the University.

# Deputy President of the Senate to Upgrade BUK Stadium into National Sporting Arena

By Lamara Garba

The Deputy President of the Senate, Senator Barau I. Jibrin, has pledged to upgrade the Bayero University, Kano stadium into a standard sporting facility capable of hosting national and international competitions.

A delegation from Senator Barau, led by his Chief of Staff, Professor Muhammad Ibn Abdallah, alongside Special Adviser on Media and Publicity, Alhaji Ismail Mudashir, and Special Adviser on Youths and Sports Development,



VC, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi and Management staff in a group photograph with delegation from the office of the Deputy President of the Senate led by CoS Prof. Muhammad Ibn Abdallah

Comrade Kabiru Ado Lakwaya, conveyed the Senator's commitment during a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor on Tuesday, 19th August, 2025.

Speaking at the meeting, Professor Abdallah explained that the Senator's vision was to transform the University

stadium into a world-class facility, addressing the infrastructural gaps in sporting arenas within Kano State.

“His Excellency, the Deputy President of the Senate, has asked us to formally inform you of his plans to upgrade your football stadium so that national league and other football activities can be hosted here. BUK deserves to have an international sporting facility that will serve the University, the Kano community, and our teeming youths,” he said.

Senator Barau noted that the Sani Abacha Stadium—the state's only major sporting facility—was already overstretched by frequent sporting and socio-political activities. The proposed upgrade of BUK's stadium, he said, would ease the burden while also providing more opportunities for sports development in the state.

In his response, Vice Chancellor Professor Haruna Musa described the gesture as timely and aligned with his administration's vision for the University.

“We are happy to receive this good news. Coincidentally, this is also part of the blueprint that I submitted to the University Governing Council when I was applying for the position of Vice Chancellor. Therefore, we thank him immensely for this gesture. On behalf of the Bayero University management, I want to assure the Distinguished Senator that this initiative is well accepted by the University community. We are ready and willing to give all the support required to make this project a huge success,” he said.

## KHAIRUN Management Congratulates Prof. Haruna Musa on Appointment as BUK Vice-Chancellor

By Nura Garba

The Management of Khalifa Isyaku Rabi'u University of Nigeria (KHAIRUN) has congratulated Professor Haruna Musa on his appointment as the 12th Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano.

Led by its Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abdurashid Garba, the KHAIRUN delegation paid a courtesy visit to Professor Musa in his office on Wednesday, 20th August, 2025. Professor Garba said the entire management team was delighted to felicitate with him and to wish him a successful tenure.

He disclosed that the National Universities Commission (NUC) had recently granted KHAIRUN a full operational license, a milestone he attributed in part to the mentorship and guidance received from Bayero University, Kano. He assured that KHAIRUN would continue to maintain strong institutional ties with BUK.

In his response, Professor Musa expressed appreciation to the KHAIRUN management for the visit and goodwill



VC, KHAIRUN, Prof. Abdurashid Garba (2nd left) presenting a congratulatory plaque to VC, BUK, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi, while Principal officers of KHAIRUN assist

message. He recalled his long-standing professional relationship with Professor Garba, dating back to their joint appointment into BUK in 1993, and acknowledged

the encouragement and positive counsel he received from him during his bid for the vice-chancellorship.

The BUK Vice-Chancellor also congratulated KHAIRUN on securing its operational license, pledging that BUK would continue to collaborate with the institution in

various academic and developmental areas.

The visit was rounded off with a special prayer led by the Chief Imam of KHAIRUN, who prayed for Allah to grant Professor Musa wisdom, strength, and resilience to deliver on his mandate.

## ACEPHAP, Global Surgery Foundation Launch Safe Cesarean Section Project in Kano



Training Participants in a group photograph

The African Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) in collaboration with the Global Surgery Foundation, Geneva, has launched the *Safe Cesarean Section Project* in Kano State, a major initiative aimed at reducing maternal and neonatal morbidity and mortality associated with cesarean sections.

The project, which will be implemented in 10 health facilities across the state, focuses on equipping medical personnel with the right skills, tools, and knowledge to ensure safer cesarean procedures.

In her opening remarks, ACEPHAP Director, **Prof. Hadiza Shehu Galadanci**, emphasized the importance of standardized surgical procedures, noting that patient safety must remain paramount.

*“We must ensure that every woman undergoing CS receives the right procedure, at the right time, by the right team, and in the right place. This will improve patient safety and represent a high-quality, functioning health system,”* she stated.

She highlighted the critical role of pre-surgical preparations, instrument counts, and the adoption of the World Health Organization's Surgical Safety Checklist in strengthening surgical standards in Kano.

Speaking on behalf of the Global Surgery Foundation, **Dr. John** expressed satisfaction with the two-day *Train-the-Trainer* session and anticipated the upcoming two-week training for health workers from the 10 facilities. He stressed that both technical and non-technical skills, including effective communication, are essential to achieving the project's ambitious goal of cutting cesarean-

related mortality by 50 percent.

The Chief Medical Director of Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital (AKTH), **Prof. Abdurrahman Abba Sheshe**, described maternal morbidity and mortality as an urgent challenge, especially in Kano, while raising concerns over the adequacy of surgical instruments in some facilities. He commended ACEPHAP and the Global Surgery Foundation for what he called a “giant stride” towards safer maternal health care.

Representing the Commissioner of Health, the Permanent Secretary of the Kano State Ministry of Health, **Dr. Shehu Usman Abdullahi**, praised ACEPHAP for its continuous interventions, including the *Kano Safe Surgery and Safe Anesthesia Project (KASSEP)*. He urged participants to embrace evidence-based knowledge gained during the training and assured them that the ministry would prevent unnecessary transfers of trained personnel to sustain the project's impact.

Participants at the event expressed satisfaction with the training, noting that they had acquired new knowledge and skills that would significantly improve service delivery in their facilities.

In her closing remarks, Prof. Galadanci acknowledged the contributions of the state government, AKTH leadership, nursing and anesthetics units, and ACEPHAP staff. She expressed optimism that within three years, the project would achieve its targets of building surgical capacity, influencing government policy through data, and ensuring 90 percent compliance with the Surgical Safety Checklist in participating facilities.

# BUK College of Health Sciences Hosts Landmark Workshop on Ethical Research Compliance

By Ibrahim Ado Saleh

The College of Health Sciences (CHS), Bayero University Kano, has hosted a groundbreaking excellence workshop themed “*Strengthening Ethical Compliance for Confident Research.*”

The workshop was designed to build the capacity of healthcare professionals, researchers, and postgraduate students in the ethical conduct of research, while also introducing them to the use of predictive analytics through IBM SPSS Modeller.

In his welcome remarks, Chairman of the BUK Health Research Ethics Committee (HREC), Professor Aliyu

documentation, weak risk mitigation strategies, and poor data privacy safeguards, while also fostering stronger collaboration between researchers, students, and the ethics committee.

The technical sessions featured renowned experts from diverse disciplines.

**Dr. Abba Badamasi** (Department of Family Medicine, Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital) delivered a thought-provoking paper on “*Principles of Research Ethics: Relevance to Bayero University Kano.*” He unpacked the principles of autonomy, beneficence, justice, and non-maleficence within the local context, using case studies to illustrate common dilemmas. Quoting Gerald Dworkin, he emphasized the complexities of defining moral autonomy in philosophical discourse.

**Professor Umaru M. Badaru** (Department of Physiotherapy, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences) led a practical session on “*HREC Approval Process: Timelines and Pitfalls,*” offering a step-by-step guide to the application process and identifying the five most frequent reasons proposals are rejected.

**Professor Zubaida Ladan** (Professor of Paediatrics) presented on “*Ethics in Practice: Clinical, Community, and Data-Driven Research,*” stressing the importance of balancing clinical care, community engagement, and responsible data utilization.

The workshop drew participants from all five faculties under the College of Health Sciences, cutting across academic staff and postgraduate students. The diversity of attendees underscored the college's commitment to building a strong culture of ethical research across disciplines.

Participants expressed optimism that the knowledge and skills gained would not only streamline compliance with ethical standards but also enhance the quality, credibility, and global competitiveness of health research at Bayero University Kano.



Workshop participants in a group photograph

Abdu, described the training as timely and highly impactful. He urged participants to maximize the opportunity, noting that the facilitators were carefully selected to equip them with practical tools for ethical compliance.

Representing the Provost, College of Health Sciences, Professor Idris Yahya Muhammad, the Deputy Provost (Academics), Professor Isyaku Umar Yarube, commended the initiative as a milestone in the college's pursuit of research excellence. He highlighted the recurring challenges faced by researchers and postgraduate students in securing ethical approval, including delays, rejections, incomplete applications, and limited knowledge of evolving ethical standards.

According to him, the workshop aimed to close these gaps by demystifying the BUK HREC approval process, exposing common pitfalls such as errors in consent

## Invitation For Interactive Session: Stanbic IBTC Pension Managers

Stanbic IBTC Pension Managers wishes to invite its clients and other university staff to a one-hour interactive session about the recent development in the industry and other issues that have to do with Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS), the Stanbic IBTC Pension solution and Retirement

Planning.

The programme is scheduled to hold as follows:

**DATE:** - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> August, 2025

**TIME:** - 9:00am

**VENUE:** - Musa Abdullahi Auditorium

## ANUPA-BUK Branch Congratulates Professor Haruna Musa on His Appointment as 12th Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano

By Lamara Garba

The Caretaker Committee of the Association of Nigerian University Professional Administrators (ANUPA), Bayero University Kano Branch, under the leadership of the Registrar, Malam Haruna Aliyu, together with the entire body of Professional Administrators of the University, extends its warmest congratulations to **Professor Haruna Musa** on his assumption of office as the **12th Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano**.

In a congratulatory message signed by the Secretary of the Caretaker Committee, Malam Mustapha Isa, the Association noted that Professor Musa's appointment is a testament to his outstanding record of **visionary leadership, academic excellence, and administrative competence**, which are expected to further fast-track the growth and transformation of the University into one of the leading centres of learning and research in Africa and beyond.

ANUPA-BUK affirmed its commitment to aligning with the Vice Chancellor's vision of **results-driven leadership anchored on measurable performance indicators, periodic reviews, and continuous feedback mechanisms**, all aimed at delivering optimal results and sustainable impact.

The Association also expressed prayers that Professor Musa will continue to uphold the values of **compassion,**

**integrity, and ethical leadership**, qualities that have endeared him to the University community over the years.

“Once again, we heartily congratulate you, Professor Haruna Musa, and pray for Allah's guidance, wisdom, and protection as you steer Bayero University, Kano, to greater heights,” the statement concluded.



VC, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi

## DRIP Hosts Capacity Building Workshop on Concept Note Writing for NRF 2025 Grant Cycle

By Suleiman Salihu

The Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership (DRIP), Bayero University Kano (BUK), has organized a



Participants of the Workshop organised by DRIP in a group photograph

one-day capacity building workshop to strengthen researchers' skills in developing competitive concept notes for the National Research Fund (NRF) 2025 Grant Cycle.

The workshop, held on Thursday, 7th August, 2025 at the Centre for Economic, Social and Population Research (CESPOR), New Campus, brought together academics and

research enthusiasts across the University.

Declaring the event open, the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research and Development, Professor Amina Mustapha, highlighted BUK's history of securing NRF grants from TETFund. She, however, expressed concern over the decline in beneficiaries since 2023/2024. Professor Mustapha urged researchers to commit to deliberate efforts in concept note writing to sustain BUK's ranking and visibility.

She assured that University Management remained committed to motivating researchers, especially in the review and defense of their concept notes, to ensure improved outcomes in subsequent grant cycles.

One of the lead presentations, “*Responding to Calls for Research Proposals: TETFund NRF 2025 Grant Cycle*”, delivered by Professor Ibrahim Ahmad Rufa'i, emphasized the importance of strategic planning in proposal writing. He explained that a concept note is only the first stage of submission, undergoing three phases: portal guidelines, research design, and principal investigator's guide. He stressed that key elements such as a clearly defined problem, specific objectives, beneficiaries, activities, and budget must be well-articulated for acceptance.

On “*Problem, Objective and Strategy Analyses*”,

Professors M. M. Maina and Manir Kamba took participants through practical exercises on developing problem-trees and situation analyses as tools for crafting strong objectives and strategies.

Similarly, in his paper, “*Drafting Fundable Concept Notes for NRF 2025*”, Professor A. S. Arabi provided step-by-step guidance on translating research ideas into fundable proposals, stressing that good research without proper drafting could fail to attract funding.

Other sessions included “*Responsive Use of AI in Research Proposal Writing*” by Professor M. M. Maina and “*Ethical*

*Considerations in Project Design*” by Professor Manir Kamba.

Earlier, the Director of DRIP, Professor Abdullahi Suleiman Arabi, explained that the workshop was designed to equip BUK researchers with practical tools and insights to prepare competitive applications in line with NRF 2025 requirements.

In his closing remarks, Deputy Director, Research and Publication, Professor M. M. Maina, commended the participants' active engagement and assured that DRIP would continue to provide necessary support to enhance

## Mambayya House Hosts High-Level Roundtable on Legislative Accountability

By Ibrahim Ado Saleh

The Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Research and Studies, Mambayya House, Bayero University Kano, on Thursday convened a high-level roundtable on the theme “**Building Trust for Legislative Accountability: Bridging the Gap Between Legislators and the Electorate in Nigeria.**”

The dialogue brought together prominent political figures, academics, legal experts, and civil society actors, with Senator Abdulrahman Sulaiman Kawu Sumaila, representing Kano South Senatorial District, delivering the keynote address.

In his presentation, Senator Sumaila decried the widening trust deficit between legislators and their constituents, attributing much of it to misconceptions about the roles of lawmakers. He stressed that legislators perform three key functions—lawmaking, oversight, and representation—which are often poorly understood.

“The electorate have been misguided, often by media commentators, about what legislators' roles are,” he noted. “Political activists, journalists, and commentators must acquire the right knowledge to properly enlighten the public. Many issues, such as legislative salaries, office running costs, and constituency projects, are widely misunderstood.”

He urged civil society organizations, investigative journalists, and the media to intensify public enlightenment and called for stronger citizen-engagement mechanisms such as public hearings to rebuild confidence in democratic governance.

Delivering the opening remarks, Chairman of the Occasion, **Alhaji Gidado Mukhtar**—former Director-General of the Kano Peace and Development Initiative (KAPEDI) and ex-Permanent Secretary in Kano State—offered historical insights into Nigeria's democratic trajectory. He explained the rationale behind the shift from a parliamentary to a presidential system of government, describing it as an imitation of the United States' anti-colonial posture.

“Nigeria borrowed the presidential system without fully contextualizing its history,” Mukhtar observed. “But

democracy should not be seen as a foreign import. Traditional systems among the Igbo, Tiv, and Jukun were inherently democratic, anchored on merit, achievement, and age criteria.”

From a religious and moral perspective, the Chairman of the Kano State Council of Ulama, **Malam Ibrahim Khalil**, argued that the erosion of trust was compounded by leaders' failure to adopt open-door policies that give citizens a sense of ownership in governance.

The roundtable featured contributions from diverse participants, including **Hajiya Amina Namadi Bebeji**, former House of Representatives member (Bebeji/Kiru



Dignitaries at Symposium organized by Mambayya House

Federal Constituency); **Dr. Sa'id Ahmad Dukawa** of Bayero University's Department of Political Science; **Barrister Yusuf Abdussalam** of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Kano Branch; **Alhaji Mahe Bashir Wali**; and **Mr. Osita Chinwedu** of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC).

The session ended with a renewed call for **deeper civic education, greater transparency, and stronger citizen-legislator engagement platforms** as vital steps toward restoring public trust in Nigeria's democratic institutions.

# Announcement

The Vice Chancellor  
Professor Haruna Musa, fsi

*Invites you  
to the*

The faculty of Allied Health Sciences harmonised induction ceremony for the 2023-2024 academic session for the following programmes:

- ✓ Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science
- ✓ Bachelor of Nursing Sciences
- ✓ Bachelor of Radiography
- ✓ And Bachelor of Physiotherapy

**Scheduled to take place:**

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> August 2025 **Time:** 9am.

**Venue:** Convocation Arena

## DEPARTMENTAL SEMINARS

### Department Environmental Management: room

PhD series of SEMINAR

**First Presenter:** Muhammad Adamu

**Topic:** Environmental and Health Implications of Rice and Wheat Cultivars: A Glycaemic Index Profiling Perspective (Ph.D. Review, Seminar I)

**Chairperson:** Dr. Mustapha Zakariya Karkarna mni & Dr. Yusuf Idris Garba

**Second Presenter:** Aminu Hussaini

**Topic:** Perceptions and Practices Surrounding Aflatoxins Contamination in Food Products and its Perceived Health Impacts in Jigawa State, Nigeria

(Ph.D, Progress Report I, Seminar III)

**Chairperson:** Dr. Ahmed Fate Ali and Prof. S.Y Mudi

**Third Presenter:** Tukur Rufai Garba

**Topic:** Spatio-Temporal Analysis of Soil Salinity in the Kano River Irrigation Project using Integrated Survey Methods

(Ph.D, Review, Seminar I)

**Chairperson:** Prof. Murtala Muhammad Badamasi

**Date:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August, 2025.

**Time:** 10.00am prompt Venue: Departmental seminar

**Note:** Attendance to seminars is compulsory to all MSc I MSc II PhD I and II

### Department of Geography: *PhD Seminar*

**1<sup>ST</sup> PRESENTER:** Umeh Peter Peter

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

**CHAIRMAN:** Prof. Nuratu Muhammad

**2<sup>ND</sup> PRESENTER:** Abdulsalam Mohammed

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

**CHAIRMAN:** Prof. Maharazu A. Yusuf

**3<sup>RD</sup> 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 21<sup>ST</sup> August, 2025

**Time:** 10 am prompt

## 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



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