



## REMINDER: Important Notice, Attention Heads of Department

- (1) Heads of Department are hereby requested to submit **NOT LESS THAN TEN NAMES** of renowned Professors from other Universities to serve as BUK's External Assessors for Professorial promotions. But where a candidate is HOD, the Dean of the Faculty should submit the list. This should be done most
- urgently. Failure to do so will delay the process.
2. Academic staff who were promoted during the 2022, 2023, & 2024 promotion exercises are requested to come to the Vice-Chancellor's Office to collect their returned publications ASAP. This should be treated most urgently as well.

# NUC Approves Take-Off of Distance Learning Studies in BUK

By Lamara Garba



VC, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi (left) receiving letter of approval for commencement of CDL Program from the Director, Prof. Kabiru Bello Dungurawa

The National Universities Commission (NUC) has approved the take-off of Distance Learning Studies at Bayero University, Kano.

In a letter dated 22nd August 2025 and signed by the acting Director, Open Distance and e-Learning Directorate, Dr. Funmilayo Morebise, the BUK CDL would commence operations with the Masters in Business Administration (MBA) programme.

Presenting the certificate to the Vice Chancellor in his office, the Director of the Centre, Professor Kabiru Bello Dungurawa, said approval paved the way for BUK to expand access to higher education, particularly for working professionals and others, who required flexible

learning schedules.

He disclosed that the approval followed a validated status recommended by the panel set up by the Commission that visited the centre from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2025.

Dungurawa pointed out that BUK scored 82% during the visit, thereby acknowledging the readiness of the university to commence the programme.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, described the NUC's decision as a milestone achievement in the university's academic journey.

He said the CDL would offer opportunities for postgraduate studies without interrupting the careers of prospective learners.

“This approval is a recognition of BUK's readiness and capacity to deliver quality education through innovative approaches,” the Vice Chancellor said.

“Our Centre for Distance Learning will leverage technology to provide flexible and robust academic programmes in line with global best practices,” he also

said.

The CDL will adopt blended teaching methods, integrating digital learning technologies and online platforms, while adhering strictly to the NUC's quality assurance standards.

With this development, preparations are underway to begin admissions into the MBA programme soonest.

## BUK Hosts 2nd Registry Roundtable Discussion on Strengthening Administrative Excellence

By Nura Garba

Bayero University, Kano on Thursday, 11th September, 2025, held its second Registry Roundtable Discussion with the theme, “*Strengthening Administrative Excellence: Rethinking the Roles of Faculty Officers and Administrative Secretaries.*”

Declaring the event open at the Senate Chamber, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, *fsi*, emphasized that administrators played critical roles in the smooth functioning of the university system, stressing that no institution could operate optimally without their services.

He assured that his administration would continue to prioritize the empowerment of the Registry Department through capacity building for effective service delivery.



Registry Round Table participants in a group photograph

The Vice-Chancellor further revealed that the previous week, 30 non-teaching staff returned from a capacity-building training in Kaduna. He explained that training programmes would no longer be business as usual, as every staff member sponsored for training must step-down the knowledge gained to colleagues in order to impact the university system and promote a culture of mentorship.

Highlighting the milestones recorded since his assumption of office, the Vice-Chancellor noted that the University Management had engaged the Federal Mortgage Bank for the construction of 500 houses for staff, a project expected to significantly address housing deficits. He disclosed that a memorandum of understanding would soon be signed to actualize the initiative.

Professor Musa also announced the Management's plans to enhance intra-campus shuttle services with the provision

of 20 brand-new electric-powered *Keke Napep* to ease transportation challenges faced by students.

Shedding more light on these interventions, the Registrar, Malam Haruna Aliyu, disclosed that the Vice-Chancellor had approved the sum of Five Million Naira (N5m) for the training of non-teaching staff that would soon commence for Administrative Assistants, Administrative Officers, System Analysts, Programmers and Senior Administrative Officers. He added that efforts were also underway to provide laptops for administrative staff in batches.

Delivering a keynote address, Malam Aliyu underscored the need for administrative staff to be innovative in their approach, transparent in their dealings, and accountable in decision-making and implementation. He outlined the responsibilities of faculty officers, which included records management, advisory roles, policy implementation, communications, event planning, coordination and quality assurance.

He also highlighted the duties of administrative secretaries, noting that they managed correspondence, ensured smooth workflow and handled scheduling and logistics. He stressed that both faculty officers and administrative secretaries form vital partnerships that sustained the administrative functions of faculties, centres and directorates.

The Registrar acknowledged the challenges confronting administrative and academic excellence, including inadequate training, poor ICT infrastructure, bureaucratic bottlenecks and resistance to change. He, however, proposed strategies, such as continuous capacity building, digitization, career structure redefinition, mentorship, professional associations, ethical reorientation and collaborative governance as pathways to strengthening administrative excellence.

Speaking on the essence of the programme, the Chairman of the Registry Roundtable Discussion Committee, Malam Nura Garba, explained that the second edition was organized to cross-fertilize ideas, share knowledge and experiences among faculty officers and administrative secretaries and adopt best practices for the university system. He added that the forum would help participants to renew their commitment to improved workplace efficiency.

In their goodwill messages, Malam Mustapha Aminu, the Senior Deputy Registrar in the Registrar's Office, and Hajiya Halima Hayat, the Director, General Administration, commended the Registrar for his innovation and efficiency. They praised his initiatives to improve workflow and strengthen the Registry Department.

Earlier, the Committee Secretary, Malam Zahraddeen Ibrahim Kalla, recalled that following the success of the

maiden edition, the committee was mandated to organize the second session to engage faculty officers and administrative secretaries.

The event closed with a vote of thanks delivered by committee member, Malam Usman Madaki, who expressed gratitude to the Registrar for the opportunity to serve and appreciated the participants for their attendance and active engagement.

## BUK Strengthens Regional Academic Ties at Niger's Dan Dicko Dankoulodo University Ceremony

By Nura Garba

In a strong demonstration of Bayero University Kano's expanding regional partnerships, a high-powered delegation led by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, participated in the 'Wearing of the Gown' ceremony at Dan Dicko Dankoulodo University, Maradi (UDDM), Niger Republic.

The event, which took place on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> 2025, was supervised by the Conseil Africain et Malgache pour l'Enseignement Supérieur (CAMES) and marked the induction of 29 academics into higher academic ranks.

The Vice Chancellor, who was represented by the Dean, Faculty of Agriculture Professor Muhammad Auwal Hussaini, was in company of the Director, the Center for Dryland Agriculture, Professor Sanusi Gaya Mohammed. Their presence highlighted BUK's active role in strengthening academic collaboration within the West African sub-region.

Delivering the Vice-Chancellor's message, Prof. Hussaini congratulated UDDM's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Elhadji Mahamadou Gounga, and commended the institution for its steady progress. He applauded the induction of six professors and 23 Associate Professors, describing it as a major milestone that reflected the vitality of Niger's academic community. He reaffirmed BUK's commitment to working with UDDM in research, faculty development and student exchange programs aimed at mutual growth.

Professor Sanusi Gaya used the occasion to further deepen ties through the CDA, particularly in addressing pressing challenges common to Nigeria and Niger's dryland regions. He pointed out that CDA had previously trained 25 academic staff from UDDM's Faculty of Agronomy and Environmental Sciences in Statistical Computing using the R Package. Similarly, technologists and students from UDDM's Department of Fisheries received practical training in fish spawning and breeding, enabling them to transfer this knowledge to local farmers. These interventions have improved egg hatching and fingerling production while promoting feed formulation businesses, thereby contributing to food security and employment generation in the region.

The Nigerian Minister of Education, Research, and Innovation, Professor Mamadou Saidou, and the UDDM Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Gounga, expressed gratitude to the BUK delegation, noting that their presence reinforced academic solidarity and strengthened regional bonds.

In a symbolic gesture of partnership, both Prof. Hussaini and Prof. Gaya had the honour of decorating some of the newly inducted professors. The ceremony also provided an opportunity for BUK officials to interact with Nigerien graduates, who had studied at BUK and other Nigerian universities, as well as with delegations from Federal University Dutsin-Ma and Umaru Musa Yar'Adua University, Katsina.



Prof. Sanusi Gaya (left) introduces Prof. Auwal Hussaini (middle), representing BUK VC, to Prof. Elhadji Mahamadou Gounga, VC of Dan Dicko Dankoulodo University, Maradi

# Pure and Industrial Chemistry Department Celebrates VC, Past Leaders and 10 New PhD Holders

By Lamara Garba & Sabitu Jinjiri



VC, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi (centre) flanked on the left by former DVC, Academics, Prof. Gumel and other Management staff of the Department

The Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry, Bayero University, Kano held a grand reception in honour of the Vice Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, the immediate past Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Professor Sani Muhammad Gumel and the immediate past Head of Department, Professor Umar Sani, who is now the Dean of the Faculty of Physical Sciences.

The event, which took place on Thursday, 11th September, 2025 at Abubakar Adamu Rasheed Conference Hall in the Faculty of Physical Sciences, also celebrated the outstanding achievements of 10 newly promoted PhD holders from the department.

In his opening remarks, the Chairman of the occasion, Professor Abdul Rahman A. Audu, said the reception was conceived to offer special prayers to the Vice Chancellor for a successful tenure of office as well as ask for Allah's blessings on his leadership, so that his administration would bring positive impact to the University and to the education sector at large.

Delivering a goodwill message, Professor Junaid Na'aliya described the Department of Pure and Industrial Chemistry as one blessed with credible leaders, such as Professor Haruna Musa and Professor Sani Gumel. He prayed for Allah's guidance and protection for them and for the entire University community.

The Head of Department, Dr Aliyu Muhammad, explained that it had become a tradition to honour Heads of Department at the end of their service as a mark of appreciation as well as offer prayers for success in their future endeavours. He also congratulated the new PhD holders, describing their success as a proud milestone for the department.

In his remarks, the immediate past Head of Department, Professor Umar Sani, enumerated the achievements

recorded during his two-year tenure. These, he said, included addressing security challenges, securing full accreditation for all three programmes submitted and signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with a university in Malaysia.

He revealed that when he assumed office, the department had inherited a debt of over ₦300,000 with only ₦3,000 in its account, but at the end of his stewardship, the department was debt-free and had a balance of over ₦3 million.

Also speaking, the former Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Professor Sani Muhammad Gumel, expressed gratitude for the honour, describing the Chemistry Department as one of the most united units in the University.

Professor Habu Nuhu Aliyu, in his remarks, commended the Vice Chancellor's humility, good character and attitude, noting that such qualities would serve him well in steering the affairs of the University.

In his response, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, expressed gratitude to the Department for the recognition and goodwill and vowed to be good ambassador of the department wherever he found himself.

He particularly commended the graduation of 10 new PhD holders, describing the feat as unprecedented in the history of the department. He urged the leadership and staff to sustain the momentum and continue to set the pace for academic excellence. The Vice Chancellor further appealed for collective support from all stakeholders to ensure the success of his administration.

The highlight of the event was the presentation of awards to the celebrants amidst warm applause from colleagues, students and well-wishers.

# BUK Staff School Records 95% Success in 2025 WAEC as 118 Students Graduate

By Lamara Garba

The Staff Model Secondary School of Bayero University, Kano has recorded an exceptional performance in the 2025 West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WAEC), with more than 95 percent of its students excelling.

At the school's Speech and Prize-Giving Day held on Saturday, the Chairman of the Governing Board, Professor Kabiru Bello Dungurawa, announced that out of the 118 candidates who sat for the examination, 112 secured seven credits and above, including Mathematics and English Language.

Professor Dungurawa described the performance as a product of dedication by the staff and the provision of a conducive learning environment. He assured that the board would continue to support the school while rewarding hardworking teachers to sustain the impressive record.

In his remarks, the Principal, Malam Mu'awiya Muhammad, reaffirmed the commitment of the management not to compromise standards and quality.

He also expressed gratitude to the University's management for awarding scholarships and extending other corporate social responsibility initiatives to children from neighbouring communities.

Also speaking, the PTA Chairman, Malam Ka'ilu Umar Sa'id, expressed delight over the results and thanked the teaching and non-teaching staff for their resilience and commitment. He noted that parents were proud of the school's steady rise in academic excellence, pledging continued cooperation and support to management.

Representing the Vice Chancellor, the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Development), Professor Amina Mustapha, congratulated the graduating students and

urged them to carry the fear of Allah into every stage of their lives. She reminded them that the journey ahead had just begun, encouraging them to remain disciplined, resolute and committed to their future aspirations.

Some of the graduating students who spoke shared their excitement. "I feel proud that our set made history with such excellent results. Our teachers pushed us to study hard, and today we are reaping the rewards," said Aisha Abdullahi, one of the best-performing students.



Cross section of the pupils at the graduation ceremony

Parents also expressed joy at the outcome. Mallam Sani Yusuf, whose son graduated with distinction, said: "The dedication of the teachers is commendable. They treated the students like their own children, and this result is proof."

The event was marked by the presentation of prizes to outstanding students and staff, cultural displays and heartfelt celebrations, making it one of the most memorable occasions in the school's history.

## ACEPHAP, Global Surgery Foundation Conclude Training on Safe Surgical Procedures

By Bala G. Abdullahi

Africa Center of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) and Global Surgery Foundation had concluded the training of healthcare providers on safe surgical procedures as part of the implementation of Making Cesarean Section Safe project in Kano State.

Delivering her remarks before declaring the training closed, the Director of ACEPHAP, Prof. Hadiza Shehu Galadanci, expressed satisfaction with the conduct of the trainings. She stated that "it is very important to make cesarean section safe in Kano State, as the global estimates highlight that women in low and middle-income countries like Nigeria have 50 to 100 times higher risks of complications during cesarean section."

Prof. Galadanci also explained that the training used mannequins for practical sessions, which ensured that knowledge and skills are effectively delivered to the participants. She also noted that the complete and consistent use of the surgical safety checklist enhanced teamwork, communication and patient safety during cesarean deliveries.

In his remarks, Dr. John Varallo, a gynecologist and the team leader of the Women's Health Program at the Global Surgery Foundation, said, "The focus of the project is to improve access to safe, timely and respectful care for all women who need it." He also stated that apart from

technical skills, non-technical skills such as teamwork and communication are important for ensuring a safe cesarean section.

Dr. Varallo appreciated the team for their willingness to



Cross section of resource persons and participants after the training

learn, enthusiasm for implementing the new knowledge and skills they have gained and transferring the innovation to others. The training could be very transformational for mothers and children in Kano State, he said.

The project takes on a hub and spoke approach across 10 facilities in the state. Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital (AKTH) as a hub has, Kura General Hospital, Wudil General Hospital, D/Kudu, and Nuhu Bamalli Hospital as its spokes, while Muhammad Abdullahi Wase Teaching

Hospital (MAWTH) as a hub has Waziri Gidado General Hospital, Sheikh Muhammad Jidda General Hospital, Sir Muhammad Sunusi Hospital, and Sabo Bakin Zuwo Hospital as its spokes.

Basically, the training involved CS standardization, the infection prevention bundle, the correct and complete use of the surgical safety checklist for CS, active management of PPH and eclampsia, surgical site infection treatment, and other complications related to CS aimed at reducing maternal and neonatal morbidity and mortality in the state.

The training will be cascaded to other healthcare providers by the trained personnel who were now champions and will lead teams across other facilities. Also, trainings will be via physical sessions in their respective facilities and through quarterly mentorship for the remaining facilities.

The surgical teams that participate in the training were, surgeons, anaesthetic surgeons, nurse anesthetists, circulating nurses, assistant surgeons, peri-op nurses and midwives.

In their separate remarks at the end of the training, the surgical team expressed their satisfaction with the conduct of the sessions. They applauded ACEPHAP and the Global Surgery Foundation for involving them in the transformational journey which they said had equipped them with the right skills to save more lives of women and children. Lastly, they reiterated their commitment to applying the knowledge gained as well as stepping down the skills in their various health facilities.

## MTN Nigeria to Host Career Fair at Bayero University

By Sabitu M. Jinjiri

In a move aimed at bridging the gap between education and employment, MTN Nigeria is set to organize a **Career Fair at Bayero University, Kano (BUK)**, providing students with career opportunities and the chance to be recruited by the telecommunication giant.

The initiative that targeted students from Northern Nigeria is expected to spotlight promising talents from BUK for recruitment into the company.

During a congratulatory visit to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, MTN's Northern Region General Manager, Mallam Katuka H. Usman, assured that the company was ready to adjust its schedule to suit the University's academic calendar.

In his response, the Vice Chancellor welcomed the partnership, describing it as a laudable effort that would not only empower students with career opportunities but also strengthen the University's reputation as a hub for nurturing future leaders.

Prof. Musa approved MTN's request on the use of venue and logistics for the Fair, while advising that the event be

scheduled either at the close of the first semester or the beginning of the second semester. He also pledged to personally attend the Fair, underscoring the University's commitment to strengthening industry-academia linkages.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi (centre) in a group photograph with MTN delegation

# Faculty of Veterinary Medicine joins others in Congratulating Prof. Haruna Musa on Appointment as 12<sup>th</sup> Vice-Chancellor

By Suleiman Salihu

A delegation from the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Bayero University, Kano joined other faculties to congratulate Prof. Haruna Musa over his appointment as 12<sup>th</sup> Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano.

Delivering the congratulatory message during a courtesy



The VC, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi (centre) in a group photograph with staff of Faculty of Vet Medicine

visit on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2025, the Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Abdussamad Muhammad Abdussamad, prayed for Allah's guidance and ability for the new Vice-Chancellor to discharge his mandate effectively.

Prof. Abdussamad stated that the Faculty remained the youngest established in the University and came on board when the University was facing financial constraints, saying that this made the faculty to lag behind in terms of facilities, structure and manpower, among others.

He noted that despite that the Faculty scaled through during the last accreditation exercise by the National Universities Commission (NUC) and Veterinary Council of Nigeria (VCN). He added that the Faculty had a Veterinary Teaching Hospital with 13 staff, including part-time and visiting lecturers.

He appreciated the intervention and support from the Management of the University toward solving the Faculty's staffing needs. "We hope the University will address the shortfall with a view to employing more staff to avoid the implication of losing the programme or relocation of our students to other universities," he pleaded.

In his response, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Haruna Musa, appreciated the team for the visit and the congratulatory message presented. He said that he had listened attentively to their demands and also appreciated the modest achievements recounted in the preclinical and clinical accreditations.

Prof. Musa further noted that the University was fully aware of the staffing deficit in the Faculty as well as other faculties in the University. He assured that the University was in the process of overcoming the staffing shortfalls in all the critical areas in the University, adding that, at the moment, an advertisement for vacancies had been released by the University in accordance with the directive from the Federal Ministry of Education (FMOE) and NUC.

He said the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine was always in the heart of the University and would be prioritized in staff allocation due to the existing situation, adding that staffing had been the key indicator in accreditation requirements by NUC. "Without scoring 'A' in staffing, it may result to interim accreditation," he remarked.

He stated that he had been part of the Faculty having been recently appointed as a Board member of the Veterinary Teaching Hospital by the immediate past Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas.

Highlight of the visit was the presentation of Faculty's memo to the Vice-Chancellor and a group photograph with the Management of the University.

## Department of Mass Communication: PG board to M.Sc. Internal Defense

**Date:** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2025

**Venue:** Mass Communication Departmental Board Room

**Time:** 9:30am

**Chairman:** Dr. Gambo Shehu Nababa

**Presenter 1:** Halima Abdulmalik Sadiya (SPS/20/MMC/00016)

**Topic:** An Examination of the Communication Channels for Reporting Domestic Violence among Hausa Married Couples in Kano Metropolis

**Supervisor:** Dr. Hassan Alhaji Ya'u

**Submission:** M.Sc. Internal Defense

**Presenter 2:** Roselyn Dunmi Eseyin (SPS/20/MMC/00008)

**Topic:** Perception of Human Papilloma Vaccination

Messages among Caregivers in Tarauni LGA, Kano.

**Supervisor:** Prof. Maryam Umar Mukhtar

**Submission:** M.Sc. Internal Defense

**Presenter 3:** Juwairiyya Firdausi Mukhtar (SPS/19/MMC/00023)

**Topic:** Audience Satisfaction and Retention among Selected radio Stations in Kano

**Supervisor:** Professor Mustapha Nasir Malam

**Submission:** M.Sc. Internal Defense

**Presenter 4:** Adamu Audu (SPS/19/MMC/00003)

**Topic:** Press Coverage of ENDSARS Protest: A Critical Discourse Analysis

**Supervisor:** Dr. Ibrahim Siraj

**Submission:** M.Sc. Internal Defense

**Presenter 5:** Zainab Tahir (SPS/21/MMC/00004)

