



AKTH Board Visits BUK, Strengthens Longstanding Partnership

By Suleiman Salihu



BUK Management in a group photograph with Management team of AKTH

The Management Board of Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital (AKTH) paid a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University Kano (BUK), Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, on Wednesday, 18th June 2025. The visit was aimed at introducing the newly inaugurated Chairman of the AKTH Governing Board, Chief Austin Chukwu Umahe, and reinforcing the longstanding partnership between the two institutions.

Leading the delegation was Professor Abdurrahman Abba Shehe, Chief Medical Director of AKTH, who expressed appreciation for the consistent support the hospital receives from the University. He highlighted the vital role BUK plays in training medical professionals and noted that over 90% of consultants at AKTH are faculty members of the University.

In his introductory remarks, the Chairman of the Governing Board of the Hospital, Chief Augustine Chukwu Umahe expressed profound gratitude for the warm reception and acknowledged the symbiotic relationship that has defined AKTH and BUK for decades. He noted that the hospital and university are

interdependent institutions working toward a shared mission of health education, service delivery, and research.

Chief Umahe lauded the infrastructure and administrative strides under Professor Abbas's leadership, describing him as a transformational figure in both academic and healthcare spheres. He also made a formal request for the University to consider increasing the number of lecturers seconded to AKTH, particularly at the Lecturer I level.

Professor Abbas, while welcoming the delegation, reaffirmed the University's deep-rooted connection with AKTH. He emphasized that BUK had always considered the hospital a natural extension of its medical faculty and pledged continued cooperation in staff development, research collaboration, and service provision.

The VC also commended AKTH's support to the University's health clinics, including the provision of free medical services and shared use of resources. He highlighted the importance of maintaining open channels of communication and pledged to support the hospital's academic and operational needs.

Professor Muhammad Abba Suwaid, Chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee (CMAC), delivered the vote of thanks, acknowledging BUK's critical role in AKTH's evolution. He also extended appreciation to Professor Aliyu Mu'azu, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services), for his representation on the hospital's Board

and ongoing contributions to its governance.

The meeting concluded with both sides expressing optimism about expanding their collaboration in medical research, training, and clinical services. The visit underscored a shared commitment to excellence in education and healthcare delivery.

Professor Galadanci Raises Global Alarm on Maternal Health at World Health Assembly in Geneva

By Bala G. Abdullahi



At the 78th World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland, Professor Hadiza Shehu Galadanci delivered a compelling presentation that spotlighted the fragile state of maternal and newborn health across the globe.

Representing both Bayero University Kano and the African Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP), her remarks emphasized the urgent need for a paradigm shift in health service delivery, particularly in low- and middle-income countries.

The event which took place from 19th to 20th May 2025, revolved under the theme "One World for Health," brought together ministers, policymakers, researchers, and global health experts.

Professor Galadanci's address, delivered as part of the AlignMNH Steering Committee discussions, focused on the need for integrated and responsive health systems that prioritize people over processes.

The ACEPHAP Director argued that the current global health model remains too fragmented and supply-driven, in which she advocated for a deliberate shift towards

solutions that match country-level priorities, urging donors and partners to synchronize their efforts with the actual needs expressed by national governments. "Doing better isn't about doing more with less," she asserted, "it's about doing what is needed most."

She cited recent data indicating a widening equity gap in maternal and newborn health outcomes, particularly in sub-Saharan Africa. Galadanci emphasized that collaboration, context-sensitive policy reforms, and sustainable financing are indispensable tools for turning the tide.

She also quoted Malawi's Health Minister, Khumbize Kandodo Chiponda, who said, "When you invest in Africa, you invest for the world."

Beyond statistics and policy recommendations, her speech carried a moral weight. "Health systems must recognize the humanity of every mother and child," she said, drawing emotional responses from delegates. Her remarks were widely discussed in breakout sessions and praised for their depth and relevance.

Galadanci's participation at the Assembly amplified ACEPHAP's commitment to shaping public health discourse not just within Nigeria but on the global stage. Her presence reaffirmed the growing role of African researchers in setting international health agendas and forging collaborative pathways to equity.

The World Health Assembly, hosted annually by the World Health Organization (WHO), serves as the highest decision-making body on global health. For ACEPHAP and Professor Galadanci.



Prof. Hadiza Galadanci presenting her address

BUK Launches New Era of Academic Research Collaboration

By Suleiman Salihu

In a decisive move to energize the research ecosystem at Bayero University, Kano (BUK), the Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership (DRIP), through the office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Development, convened its maiden quarterly meeting with Deans of Faculties and Directors of Academic Research Support Centres.

The historic event took place on Thursday, 19th June 2025 at the Staff Training Office, Senate Building, New Campus.

The initiative marked a significant departure from isolated research activity toward a more collaborative and impactful model. The quarterly meeting is designed to serve as a high-level forum for dialogue, sharing of best practices, and strategy alignment aimed at strengthening BUK's research, innovation, and entrepreneurial culture.

In her opening remarks, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Development, Professor Amina Mustapha, emphasized the need for faculties to play a more visible and strategic role in shaping the University's research trajectory.

She lamented that many of the groundbreaking studies being conducted within the University often end up archived within departments without being translated into broader societal benefits or academic visibility.

Professor Mustapha highlighted the shifting global research landscape, noting that in many developed nations, academic research serves as a primary source of revenue for universities. She encouraged attendees to think beyond research for degrees or promotions and instead pursue initiatives that yield practical solutions, attract grants, and elevate institutional rankings.

She described the meeting as a landmark moment in redefining BUK's research direction. "This interaction is not just a routine meeting; it's a bold step in repositioning our research focus to be more competitive, more relevant, and more connected to global challenges," she stated. She urged every faculty and center to adopt a mindset of innovation, accountability, and openness to cross-disciplinary collaboration.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Director of DRIP, Professor Ibrahim Ahmad Rufa'i, expressed optimism about the long-term impact of the new initiative. He explained that the meetings would encourage a reflective process within faculties and centers to assess their roles, achievements, and challenges while building a more resilient academic community.

The highlight of the meeting included a series of three-minute presentations from each faculty and centre, detailing their mission, research focus, collaborative networks, and strategic goals. These briefings laid the groundwork for more robust discussions about institutional synergies and how best to align resources for greater impact.



Some of the participants at the meeting

The event concluded with a vibrant question-and-answer session where participants shared ideas, raised concerns, and made recommendations for improving research visibility and output. The consensus was clear: BUK is charting a new course, and collaboration—not competition—will drive its next chapter in academic excellence.

This year's participation signified more than visibility—it was a clarion call for structural transformation.

BUK Opens Technical Bid for Major Capital and Maintenance Projects

By Fausat A. Opayomoi

Bayero University, Kano (BUK), on Monday, 23rd June 2025, took a major step toward improving campus infrastructure by opening technical bids for its 2025 capital appropriation and TETFund maintenance intervention projects. The bid opening exercise, held at the Procurement Office, drew contractors, University officials, and stakeholder observers.

The projects span five distinct lots, each representing a key component of the University's ongoing development

agenda. Among them is the expansion of the University Clinic at the Old Campus, designed to meet growing demand for student and staff healthcare services. Another lot includes the construction of a dwarf wall fence, renovation of a duty room, and interlocking tile installation at the Security Office, New Campus.

Other proposed projects include the development of an Integrated Farm and the construction of a new office complex for the Directorate of Research, Innovation and

Partnership (DRIP), both situated on the New Campus. These initiatives aim to enhance learning spaces and research infrastructure in line with BUK's strategic goals.

The fifth and final lot, categorized under the 2025 TETFund Maintenance Intervention Project, focuses on the renovation of laboratory and learning resource centers—critical hubs for academic excellence and hands-



Members of technical team at open technical session bid

on education.

Speaking at the event, the Director of Procurement, Alhaji Rabiū Sagagi, assured participants of the University's commitment to due process and transparency. He explained that all submitted documents would undergo rigorous scrutiny by a technical evaluation committee.

He added that only technically responsive bids would proceed to the next phase, which involves financial bid opening. This multi-tiered approach ensures both quality assurance and fiscal prudence.

Representatives from civil society and professional regulatory bodies were also present to observe the proceedings and ensure compliance with established procurement guidelines. Their participation was part of an institutional effort to reinforce trust and accountability.

With these new projects, Bayero University is signaling its commitment to creating a world-class learning environment. As the institution continues to grow, strategic investments in physical infrastructure will remain key to its vision for academic and operational excellence.

Gombe Hosts Grand Civic Reception for BUK's Pioneer Petroleum Geologist

In a gathering that radiated celebration and pride, Gombe State played host to a civic reception in honour of Professor Babangida Mohammed SYD, the trailblazing first Professor of Petroleum Geology at Bayero University, Kano.

The reception which was held on Tuesday, 10th June 2025 at the Senator Haruna Garba Hall, Government Science Secondary School, Gombe, brought together a cross-section of dignitaries, family, colleagues, and former classmates to celebrate a life committed to scientific discovery and national service.

Professor Babangida, widely regarded as one of the key academic architects in the field of petroleum geology in Nigeria, has spent over 15 years contributing to knowledge production, resource development, and the training of future geoscientists. His work has not only advanced scientific understanding in his field but also strengthened the bridge between academia and Nigeria's oil and gas sector.

The atmosphere was both jubilant and emotional as various speakers took to the podium to pay tribute to Professor Babangida. Guests included high-profile personalities such as Alhaji Bala Magaji, the Magajin Garin Gombe and former Secretary to the Gombe State Government; Alhaji Abubakar Manga (Dan Makayon Gombe); Professor Umar Ali Pate, Vice-Chancellor of Federal University Kashere; and Professor M.B. Abubakar, former MD/CEO of Galaxy Backbone. Others included Professor Aliyu Jauro, former DG/CEO of NESREA, and Dr. Muhammad Bose, former DG of Nigeria Boundary Commission, among many state officials, academics, and business leaders.



The celebrant stressing a point while other dignitaries listen

The event was not merely a celebration of personal achievement but a recognition of academic excellence as a catalyst for national progress. Attendees reflected on Prof. Babangida's impactful career, especially his cutting-edge



Dignitaries in a group photograph after the occasion

research in petroleum exploration and reservoir characterization. He was presented with multiple awards from his university and secondary school classmates, honouring his lifelong contributions and mentorship.

In his speech, Professor Babangida expressed deep gratitude for the recognition and described the event as one of the most humbling moments of his career. He highlighted the importance of continuity in research and pledged to continue nurturing the next generation of Nigerian geologists. "The real wealth of a nation lies in its intellectual capital," he noted, urging younger scholars to

embrace rigorous inquiry and innovation.

The reception was also marked by cultural performances and video documentaries chronicling Prof. Babangida's academic journey. His role as Head of the Department of Geology at BUK has further positioned him as a thought leader in his field and a source of inspiration for emerging scholars.

For many in attendance, the civic reception served not just to celebrate a man, but to rekindle belief in the transformative power of education, scientific dedication, and homegrown expertise.

ACEPHAP Champions Equity and Innovation at RCOG World Congress in London

By Bala G. Abdullahi

The African Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) marked another milestone in global engagement by participating in the 2025 Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) World Congress held in London from June 23rd to 25th.

abstracts from the Centre—one presented orally by Professor Galadanci and the other as a poster by Dr. Wakili. These presentations were also selected for publication in *BJOG: An International Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology*, marking recognition of ACEPHAP's global impact.



The Director of ACEPHAP, Prof. Hadiza Galadanci (1st left) in a group photograph with other RCOG members

During the three-day event, Professor Galadanci contributed to high-level panels that examined critical gaps in maternal and reproductive healthcare, especially within developing nations. She emphasized the importance of partnerships and context-driven innovations in closing these gaps and championed ACEPHAP's ongoing projects across West and Central Africa.

The Congress also enabled ACEPHAP to forge new collaborations and strengthen its existing networks. Several memoranda of understanding were initiated for joint research projects, staff exchanges, and clinical trials with international universities and organizations. These strategic partnerships are expected to elevate ACEPHAP's visibility and enhance its influence on policy and practice.

This major event attracted medical professionals, researchers, and policymakers from across the globe under the banner of "Equity in Care, Innovation in Action."

Representing ACEPHAP at the Congress were its Director, Professor Hadiza Shehu Galadanci, and Research Fellow, Dr. Aminu Wakili. Both scholars actively participated in key sessions and contributed to discussions that sought to reimagine the future of women's health care through evidence-based innovation and equitable policies.

The Congress, known for its dynamic exchanges and forward-looking conversations, provided a rich platform for ACEPHAP to share its experiences and research outputs. Among the highlights was the acceptance of two

Dr. Aminu Wakili, reflecting on the experience, stated that the exposure has energized the team to double down on translating research into impactful interventions for underserved communities. He highlighted the importance of these forums for ensuring that African health research voices are heard and respected globally.

By participating in the RCOG World Congress, ACEPHAP not only reaffirmed its role as a centre of excellence but also amplified its vision of health equity, scientific innovation, and sustainable change driven from the Global South.

APPOINTMENTS

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

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENTS	EFFECTIVE
1	Professor Sunusi Gaya Mohammed	Department of Agronomy	Appointed as the New Director, Centre for Dryland Agriculture	1 st June, 2025 to 30 th June, 2027
2	Professor Murtala Muhammad Badamasi	Department of Geography	Appointed as the Deputy Director, (Training), Centre for Dryland Agriculture	1 st June, 2025 to 30 th June, 2027
3	Dr Mohammed Mustapha Bello	Centre for Dry Land Agriculture	Appointed as the Deputy Director, (Research and Innovation), Centre for Dryland Agriculture	1 st June, 2025 to 30 th June, 2027
4	Dr Adnan Aminu Adnan	Department of Agronomy	Appointed as the Deputy Director, (Partnership and Outreach), Centre for Dryland Agriculture	13 th June, 2025 to 12 th June, 2027
5	Professor Yusuf Garba	Directorate of Academic Planning	Re-appointed as the Director, Directorate of Academic Planning	8 th August, 2025 to 7 th August, 2027
6	Dr Murtala Umar	Department of Civil Engineering	Appointed as the Head, Department of Civil Engineering	20 th June, 2025
7	Dr Hassan Abdullahi Bashir	Department of Electrical Engineering	Appointed as the Coordinator for Student Industrial Work Scheme (SIWES)	2 nd May, 2025 to 1 st May, 2027
8	Professor Amina Adamu	Department of Electrical Engineering	Appointed as Director, Nigeria Center for Reading Research and Development (NCRRD)	16 th June, 2025 to 15 th June, 2027
9	Professor Jamilu Abdullahi	Department of Electrical Engineering	Appointed as Deputy Director (Administration and Partnership), Nigeria Center for Reading Research and Development (NCRRD)	16 th June, 2025 to 15 th June, 2027
10	Dr Umar Kabir Tsiga	Department of Software Engineering	Appointed as Deputy Director (Training), Nigeria Center for Reading Research and Development (NCRRD)	16 th June, 2025 to 15 th June, 2027
11	Professor Dahiru Sani Shuaibu	Department of Electrical Engineering	Re-appointed as the Chairman, Computer Acquisition Loan	11 th June, 2025 to 10 th June, 2027
12	Mohammed Kabir Shittu	Internal Audit	Appointed as the Director of Audit, Internal Audit Unit, Vice Chancellor's Office	5 th May, 2025

VC Receives Newly Elected NAAT Executives, Urges Commitment to Dialogue and Professionalism

By Nura Garba

The Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, on Thursday, 19th June 2025, received the newly elected executive members of the National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT), BUK Chapter, who paid him a courtesy visit to officially present themselves following their recent election.

Welcoming the delegation, Professor Abbas expressed appreciation for the visit and commended the longstanding



Newly elected executive of NAAT in a group photograph with BUK Management

cordial relationship between the University management and the association. He noted that such harmony has contributed significantly to the progress of the University system.

The Vice-Chancellor charged the new executives to foster open and respectful dialogue, uphold honesty, and embrace a problem-solving mindset. He emphasized the need for evidence-based advocacy, professionalism, and teamwork. He also encouraged them to actively participate in university activities, enforce discipline among

Student Union Secures New Gains for BUK Community in High-Level Meeting

In a show of proactive leadership and strategic engagement, the Student Union Government (SUG) of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), led by its President, Comrade Abdullahi Usman Baba, paid a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, on Thursday, 19th June 2025. The visit was not only a gesture of gratitude for ongoing institutional support but also a platform to announce new developmental strides and address pressing student concerns.

Comrade Baba opened the discussion by commending the University Management for its consistent support of student initiatives. He noted that the trust and access provided by the administration

members, and entrench a culture of openness, transparency, and accountability in all their engagements.

He lauded the association's mature and professional approach to engagements with management and assured them of continued collaboration in promoting staff welfare and institutional development. Professor Abbas further advised the leaders to ensure regular and effective communication with their members.

Also speaking, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics), Professor Haruna Musa, reminded the executives that leadership often comes with both constructive and destructive criticisms. He urged them to focus on the constructive ones, as they are essential to enhancing members' welfare and improving the union.

In his remarks, the Registrar of the University, Malam Haruna Musa, cautioned the new leadership against adopting a defensive posture, urging them instead to lead with confidence and responsibility.

The Director, Vice-Chancellor's Office, Malam Sheriff Ahmad, advised the executives to make personal sacrifices, uphold transparency, and sustain constant communication with their members for greater cohesion and impact.

Earlier, the newly elected NAAT Chairman, Comrade Balarabe Nuhu Dalhat, introduced the executive members and explained that the visit was in line with the association's tradition of formally presenting newly elected officers to the University leadership. He expressed gratitude to the management for its unwavering support, particularly in improving the welfare of NAAT members. He also appreciated the Vice-Chancellor for sponsoring the medical surgery of the association's former chairman, who has since recovered and resumed work.

had created an enabling environment for the union to advocate effectively on behalf of the student body.

In what was widely considered a breakthrough, the SUG President announced two major achievements. First, BUK students had secured access to OPAY Scholarship slots, making financial assistance more accessible. Secondly, through a partnership with ITEL, the University was selected as the pilot beneficiary of a Solar Empowerment Project. The initiative includes training students in solar energy technology and aims to establish BUK as a future hub for green innovation.

Despite the good news, the SUG leadership used the opportunity to highlight several areas of concern,

including the condition of student hostels, transport logistics, and access to mental health services. The Union appealed to the University Management to intensify efforts to address these lingering issues.

Responding, Professor Abbas praised the Union's level-headed approach to leadership and reaffirmed his administration's commitment to improving student welfare. He reminded the students that while the University would continue to invest in infrastructure, students also had a responsibility to maintain the facilities with care.

To institutionalize student involvement in decision-making, the Vice Chancellor directed the immediate establishment of a Student Management Committee, chaired by the University Registrar. This body is expected to serve as a continuous engagement platform between students and University

Management.

In a move to address academic stagnation, the VC announced the rollout of a Third Semester Programme. This special arrangement would allow students who failed up to three courses to retake them during the break period without repeating the entire academic year. Fees would be charged on a per-course basis, offering a cost-effective solution for students at risk of delay.

The meeting ended with a renewed sense of partnership and responsibility. The SUG promised to intensify awareness about available financial aid schemes such as the Indigent Scholarship Programme and the Federal Government's NELFUND initiative. It was a landmark encounter that reflected the University's evolving culture of participatory governance.

LOST AND FOUND

This is to inform members of the University Community that a good Samaritan has found some amount of money and brought same to security office.

The owner should visit the office of the Director Security located at the ground floor, Abubakar Rasheed Senate Building, New Campus to proof ownership and collect the money.



(1) Malam Ado Zubairu (Shamaki) of the Directorate of Public Affairs, wishes to invite members of the University community and the general public to the Wedding Fatiha of his son, **Suleiman Ado (Dantsoho)** and his fiancé **Maryam Usaini Adamu**, scheduled as follows:

DATE: Sunday 29th June, 2025

TIME: 10:30am

VENUE: Jaen Yamma Ring Road, opposite Rufaida, Abubakar Sadiq Mosque

(2) Rufai Idris of Security Division, wishes to invite members of the University community and the general public to the wedding fatiha of his daughter, **Zainab Rufai Idris** and her fiancé **Usman Ahmad Yarwa**, scheduled as follows:

DATE: Saturday 5th July, 2025

TIME: 11:00am

VENUE: Central Mosque, BUK Old Campus

WORDSCAPE

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

I WOULD RATHER GO WITH THE BEAR

The howling of the wolves
the vulgar laughter of the hyenas
beating the drum of bloodshed
coercing the world into a conflict
they created by their arrogance
Why must their enemy be ours?
Mandela taught us to love
those who stand with us in pain
let everyone mind his business
I would rather go with the Bear

LET EUROPE FIGHT ITS WARS

Futures of humans destroye

ocean of blood shed
fortunes lost
hearts broken forever
fighting European wars

When Europe fights
it takes the world with it
the World has fought European wars
all the so-called World Wars
are in fact, European Wars

Let Europe fight its wars
Let the World live in peace.

