



## FAIS Celebrates 25 New Professors, as Vice-Chancellor Calls for Renewed Academic Leadership

By Nura Garba

The Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies (FAIS), Bayero University, Kano, on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, held a colourful event to honour 25 academic staff members recently elevated to the rank of Professor.

In his remarks, Vice-Chancellor Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas congratulated the honourees, describing the promotions as both a personal accomplishment and a reflection of the University's academic growth. He noted that all 25 elevations took place during his tenure, fulfilling a pledge he made during his 2020 visit to the faculty.

“I promised to raise the number of professors in this faculty—and I'm pleased to have fulfilled that commitment,” he said.

Professor Abbas stressed that professorship comes with heavier responsibilities, calling on the new professors to lead by example. He urged them to cultivate mentorship, broaden their research activities, and take active roles in advancing their departments and the faculty.

“This is not a moment to rest on your laurels,” he said. “You are now standard-bearers of academic integrity. You must carry this title with seriousness, modesty, and purpose.”

Representing the newly promoted professors, Professor Amina Adamu of the Department of English and Literary Studies and Professor Ibrahim Maibushira of Islamic Studies and Shari'ah expressed gratitude to the faculty for organizing the ceremony. Professor Amina noted the increase in the number of female professors celebrated, rising from two in the previous event to six this year.

Dean of the Faculty, Professor Ibrahim Garba Satatima, expressed appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor for fostering an environment conducive to academic progression. He encouraged other staff members to take inspiration from the achievement and aim for similar advancement.

The 25 professors promoted between 2022 and 2025 include:

1. Prof Abdulmumin Ali Gedi - Islamic Studies and Shari'ah
2. Prof Ahmad Salisu - Arabic
3. Prof Aliyu Haruna Muhammad - Islamic Studies and Shari'ah
4. Prof Amina Adamu - English and Literary Studies
5. Prof Aminullahi Adamu Elgambari - Islamic Studies and Shari'ah
6. Prof Aisha Niima Shehu - History

7. Prof Halima Abdulkadir Dangambo - Nigerian Languages
8. Prof Haruna Muhammad Hadejia - Arabic
9. Prof Hussaini Muhammad Lawal - Arabic
10. Prof Ibrahim M. Saminu Maibushira - Islamic Studies and Shari'ah
11. Prof Isa Yusuf Chamo - Linguistics
12. Prof Jamilu Abdullahi - Arabic
13. Late Prof Lawal Abdu'Allah - History
14. Prof Matbuli Shehu Kabara - Arabic
15. Prof Maryam Mansur Yola - Nigerian Languages
16. Prof Muhammad Wada - History
17. Prof Muhammad S. Umar Rijiyar Lemo - Islamic Studies and Shari'ah
18. Prof Murtala Garba Yakasai - Nigerian Languages
19. Prof. Nura Sani - Islamic Studies and Shari'ah
20. Prof. Saka Alabi - History
21. Prof Tijjani Muhammad Naniya - History



VC, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas advising the 25 new Professors of FAIS

22. Prof Tijjani Zubairu Rabi- Islamic Studies and Shari'ah  
 23. Prof Umar Sani Fagge - Arabic  
 24. Prof Umma Aminu Inuwa - Nigerian Languages  
 25. Prof UmmalKhair Aminu Dantata - Linguistics

In a related event, the Vice-Chancellor also presented awards to former Deans of the Faculty, recognizing their leadership and service. Honourees included Professors Abubakar Rasheed, Jibrin Yols, Hafizu Miko Yakasai, Ibrahim Abdulsalam, Sa'idu Ahmad Babura, M.D. Sulaiman, and current Dean Ibrahim Satatima.

## Remarks by the Vice-Chancellor at the Occasion Honouring 25 Newly Promoted Professors from the Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies

*Distinguished Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen,*

It is with immense pride and heartfelt joy that I stand before you today to celebrate this remarkable milestone in the lives and careers of twenty-five of our colleagues in the Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies, who have attained the esteemed rank of Professor. I extend my warmest congratulations to each and every one of you.

To be promoted to the rank of Professor is not merely a reward—it is a call to greater responsibility. It is a recognition of years of scholarly excellence, commitment to teaching, contributions to knowledge, and service to the University and the wider community.

What makes this moment especially meaningful to me is that all of you received this promotion during my tenure as Vice-Chancellor. It gives me deep personal and professional satisfaction to see your academic journeys reach this important peak under my watch. This achievement is not just yours—it is a proud testament to the vibrancy and scholarly maturity of the Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies, and indeed of Bayero University Kano.

But as I have often said, a professorship is not a destination—it is a platform. It is a platform to become mentors, thought leaders, academic models, and institutional builders. Permit me, therefore, to share a few reflections and pieces of advice as you begin this new phase:-

### 1. Wear the Title with Humility and Purpose

Being a Professor is not just about the title; it is about influence and legacy. Let your scholarship inspire. Let your presence lift your department, your faculty, and the university. Let your voice speak for reason, for equity, and for excellence.

### 2. Be Builders, Not Just Occupants

This university, and particularly your Faculty, needs Professors who build:

- Build younger colleagues through mentorship.
- Build stronger curricula through innovation and responsiveness to societal needs.
- Build scholarship by deepening your research and publications.
- Build the institution by participating actively in governance and reform.

### 3. Uphold Ethical and Moral Leadership

As Professors—especially from the Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies—you are also custodians of values. The society looks to you for moral clarity, ethical leadership, and principled scholarship. In your classrooms and writings, promote justice, tolerance, truth, and intellectual humility.

### 4. Embrace Interdisciplinary Scholarship and Global Engagement

Let your research not only speak to the world, but also invite the world to speak back. Collaborate beyond borders—disciplinary, linguistic, and geographical. The humanities and Islamic studies must find their voices in solving modern challenges.

### 5. Preserve and Promote our Cultural and Religious Heritage

As scholars of Arts and Islamic Studies, you are at the crossroads of knowledge and identity. Preserve the best of our traditions, but also challenge yourselves to interpret them for relevance in an ever-evolving world. Let our languages, literatures, histories, and religious scholarship illuminate and elevate the society we serve.

### 6. Plan for Legacy

What will your legacy be as a Professor? Is it the number of papers you published, or the people you mentored? Is it the rank you attained, or the transformation you brought? I urge you to think of your legacy—not at retirement, but from today.

In closing, I want to once again express my heartfelt congratulations. I also thank the Dean of the Faculty, the Promotion Committees, and the university community for their roles in nurturing these scholars. I urge you all to celebrate—but not to rest.

This University has recognised your merit. Now, it is time to return that recognition through greater service, greater scholarship, and greater sacrifice.

May you continue to rise in knowledge, impact, and wisdom.

Congratulations once again.

*Signed:*

Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, FMAN  
 Vice-Chancellor

# FG to Boost Agriculture Faculties as BUK Seeks Urgent Intervention

By Fausat A. Opayomi

The Federal Government has signaled plans to give priority attention to faculties and colleges of agriculture across Nigerian universities, an initiative aimed at enhancing food security and agricultural innovation through academic support.

This was disclosed during a courtesy visit by the Faculty of Agriculture to the Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, on Wednesday, May 28, 2025. The Vice-Chancellor, represented by Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics), Professor Haruna Musa, welcomed the delegation and expressed optimism about the federal initiative, pending the finalization of the funding framework.

Dean of the Faculty, Professor M.A. Husaini, used the occasion to express appreciation for the appointment of Professor Amina Mustapha as Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Development. He highlighted her contributions to research and academic leadership.

The Dean also presented the Faculty's most pressing needs, including deteriorating infrastructure, overcrowded offices, and a faculty library damaged by roof leakages. He noted that the recently split Department of Agricultural

Economics and Extension lacks sufficient space and staff, pending approval from the National Universities Commission.

The faculty's incubation centre, donated by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, has fallen into disrepair, with both equipment and building structure in need of urgent restoration. A shortage of cleaning personnel and junior academic staff was also cited, with the Dean urging the university to begin recruitment in key areas to support succession and capacity-building.

In response, Professor Musa reaffirmed the University's intention to address these concerns and emphasized the strategic importance of agricultural development. He tasked the DVC (Research) and Director of Academic Planning with initiating short- and long-term improvements.

The Vice-Chancellor also noted that while TETFund's 2025 budget is earmarked for renovations rather than new construction, refurbishment of the old agriculture building could provide temporary relief. He concluded by pledging continued institutional support for the faculty.

## Vice-Chancellor Commissions High-Security Guard House at CDA

By Nura Garba and Hussaini Umar

The Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), Bayero University Kano, has unveiled a state-of-the-art Guard House designed to bolster campus security using advanced technology.

The facility, commissioned by Vice-Chancellor Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, features biometric access, real-time surveillance, and an independent power source. It stands as a model for integrating physical security with digital safeguards.

The Vice-Chancellor commended the Centre for its proactive approach, describing it as an example worth

replicating. "This installation raises the standard for campus security," he said after inspecting the system's eye-scan and fingerprint technology.

CDA Director Professor Jibrin Mohammed Jibrin explained that the Guard House includes modern surveillance, water supply, and staff conveniences—all running independently of the Centre's main power grid.

The development is part of CDA's ongoing efforts to protect research infrastructure and personnel while promoting a secure environment for innovation.



VC, Prof. Sagir A. Abbas inspecting facilities at the CDA server room



Group photograph after the commissioning of CDA High-tech Guard House

# ENACTUS BUK Targets National Gold, Global Recognition in Bangkok

By Ibrahim Ado Saleh

Bayero University Kano's ENACTUS team is aiming to retain its national title and represent Nigeria at the 2025 ENACTUS World Cup in Bangkok, Thailand.

On May 29, 2025, the team, led by President Nura Idris of the Department of Electrical Engineering, visited the Vice-Chancellor to brief the University management on their preparations for the upcoming national contest scheduled for July 2–3 in Lagos.

Idris recounted their 2024 national victory and expressed confidence in the team's readiness to defend their crown. He formally announced their qualification for the World

Cup and invited the University's leadership to attend the international event.

He appealed for financial support, noting that logistics and travel costs posed major challenges.

The Vice-Chancellor, represented by DVC (Academics) Professor Haruna Musa, congratulated the team and promised institutional backing. He acknowledged their record of excellence and said the University would work toward supporting their participation at both national and international levels.

## BUK Selected as Pilot University for OBE-Based COREN Accreditation

By Lamara Garba

Bayero University Kano (BUK) has been chosen as the only public university in Northern Nigeria to serve as a model for international evaluation of COREN's readiness to maintain its status within the Washington Accord. International mentors working with COREN will observe the accreditation process scheduled for October this year, focusing on the Civil and Mechanical Engineering programmes.



A group photograph of the participants with COREN Registrar and lead trainer, Prof. Baba El-Yakub after the opening ceremony

This announcement was made by the Registrar of COREN, Engr. Professor O.A.U. Uche, during the opening of a two-day training workshop for Outcome Based Education (OBE) implementers. The workshop was held at BUK's

## BUK Volleyball Coach Earns International Coaching Certificate

Usman Habib Abdallah, Head Coach of BUK's volleyball team, has earned a Level 3 Coaching Certificate from the International Volleyball Federation (FIVB). The certification, held from May 4–11, 2025, places him among the top-tier coaches globally. The training was conducted across eight countries and included advanced modules in

Faculty of Engineering on the 26th and 27th of May, 2025.

Professor Uche explained that COREN became a provisional member of the Washington Accord in June 2023, making Nigeria the second African country to join. This development allows Nigerian engineering graduates to have their qualifications recognized in other member countries.

The Washington Accord is a global agreement among bodies that accredit engineering education programmes. These organizations work together to facilitate the mobility of professional engineers. Currently, 21 countries are members, including the United States, United Kingdom, Germany, Canada, Japan, China, India, Malaysia, Pakistan, and South Africa.

In his remarks, the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Engr. Professor Abdussamad Umar Jibia, congratulated COREN on its provisional membership and emphasized the importance of continued effort by all stakeholders involved in engineering education. He encouraged COREN to work closely with the National Universities Commission (NUC) and university leadership to ensure progress in engineering programmes nationwide.

The Dean added that the Faculty is committed to helping staff understand the principles of Outcome Based Education. He described the current workshop as a starting point and expressed plans to seek university support for another training later in the year, this time for evaluators.

A total of 34 staff members from ten programmes within the Faculty of Engineering took part in the workshop.



Coach Usman Abdallah displaying his international FIVB Level 3 Coaching certificate

# University of Jos Wins Big as FUT Daura Grabs Football Gold at 14th NUSSA Games

By Hussain Umar & Khalid Abdullahi Isa



From left: Bursar FUT Daura, Dr. Sulaiman Bello, VC FUT Daura, Prof. Umar Ahmad; DVC MS, BUK, Prof. Aliyu Mu'azu, *mni* at the closing ceremony of NIUSSA Games, BUK 2025

Bayero University Kano successfully hosted the 14th Nigeria University Staff Sports Association (NUSSA) Games, with the University of Jos emerging as overall winner with 13 medals—7 gold, 3 silver, and 3 bronze.

Ahmadu Bello University Zaria followed with 6 gold medals, while Federal University, Dutsin-Ma, placed third.

In a dramatic football final, FUT Daura claimed gold after a 1-1 draw led to a 3-1 penalty shootout victory over Dutsin-Ma.

Representing the BUK Vice-Chancellor at the closing ceremony, DVC (Management Services) Professor Aliyu Mu'azu congratulated all participants and thanked their institutions for supporting staff participation in sports.

He acknowledged key organizers including Professor Musa Garba Yakasai, Professor Rabiuh Mohammed, and the Local Organizing Committee for their professionalism in managing the tournament.

## BUK to Co-Host Pan-African Conference on Digital Transformation

By Ibrahim Ado Saleh

Bayero University Kano is set to co-host a major hybrid conference focused on digital transformation across Africa's public and private sectors.

The initiative, led by the Pan African Strategic and Policy Research Group, is supported by the Bureau of Public Service Reforms (BPSR) and the National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure (NASENI). It aims to strengthen digital infrastructure, improve governance transparency, and promote sustainable innovation.

The group's Coordinator, Major General Ibrahim Sani

(Rtd), a BUK alumnus, described the institution as a fitting venue and praised its longstanding contribution to scholarship and national development.

BUK's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, welcomed the partnership and proposed forming a Local Organizing Committee to oversee the event's planning and logistics.

The conference will focus on operational efficiency, transparency, and the role of broadband technology in driving public service reform.

# Ibrahim Abbasco Shines as FUT Daura Claims Football Gold

Federal University of Transport Daura's goalkeeper, Ibrahim Danjuma Abbasco, emerged as the star of the football final at the 14th NUSSA Games by saving three penalties, including two back-to-back spot-kicks, to secure a 3-1 victory in a shootout against Federal University Dutsin-Ma.

Held at Bayero University Kano on May 30, 2025, the match ended 1-1 in regulation time before Abbasco's heroics clinched the gold medal.

FUT Daura's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Umar Adamu, praised his team for their resilience and thanked BUK for hosting a well-organized and inclusive tournament.



DVC, MS, Prof. Aliyu Mu'azu congratulating Ibrahim Abbasco, the goalkeeper of FUT Daura for being name man of the match after saving three penalties



Federal University of Transport, Daura celebrating the win over the Federal University Dutsin-Ma in the final

## ACTU-BUK CALLS FOR 'WAR AGAINST CORRUPTION'

Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU), Bayero University, Kano urges the University Community to join hands in fighting corruption in the University system. You can report any act of corruption and other corrupt practices in the University through our complain/suggestion boxes at strategy places in the University as follows:

1. University libraries – new and Old Campuses
2. University clinics- New and Old Campus
3. Students Hostels -New and Old Campus
4. ACTU Secretariat - Old Admin. Block, New Campus
5. Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rashheed Senate building

New Campus

Or direct complain to the Chairman, **Nu'uman Mohammad Habib**, PhD of Sociology Department with phone number: 07010081010/08023214862 or Secretary to the Committee, **Barr. Nura Musa Abdullahi** of SERVICOM with phone number: 08100575642/08093862528.

Our success is the university community success.

**SIGNED:**  
SECRETARY

## Appreciation from Professor Hassana Darma and Dr. Umar Faruk Usman

Professor Hassana Darma and Dr. Umar Faruk Usman, Director of BUK TV, express their sincere gratitude to all who extended condolences following the loss of her mother-in-law and his mother, respectively. They are

particularly thankful to the Vice-Chancellor, management team, and colleagues across the University. May Almighty Allah bless and reward you all.

# ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL STUDENTS

This is to inform all fresh and returning students of Bayero University, Kano, who are interested in applying for the NElfund loan, that only duly registered students will be eligible to access the facility.

All concerned students are therefore advised to complete their University registration on or before 31st July, 2025.

Please note that no application for the loan will be considered for any student who fails to register by the stated deadline, as the agency will not entertain any requests after the expiration date. Students are strongly advised to take this notice seriously.

Find below the step by step process of NElfund application.

Step-by-Step Instructions on Application for Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NElfund)

## Step i. Eligibility Criteria

- Applicant must have secured admission
- Applicants must have obtained their JAMB admission letter.
- Applicant must possess a Bank Verification Number (BVN)
- Applicant must be a citizen of Nigeria and possess NIN Number
- Applicants must be undertaking full-time study

## Step ii. Account Creation Process:

- Visit Nelfund website by entering: [www.nelf.gov.ng](http://www.nelf.gov.ng) into your browser
- Click on the "Apply Now" to create a new account using your Registration Number, NIN and JAMB registration number.
- Click on "Get Started" and answer the question "Yes, I am a Nigerian" to continue
- Verify your educational Information by selecting your Institution and inputting your Registration Number.
- Click the "Verify menu with JAMB" and enter your JAMB details with your date of Birth in the screen shown.
- After a successful verification of JAMB details, the screen pops up.
- Students whose NIN has not been registered with JAMB will have an input field where they can enter their NIN for validation and successful NIN validation will display a screen with the name of that student clearly visible
- The next step is to complete the creation of your account by entering your Email address, Password and Confirm Password in the fields provided and click "Create Account"

- A verification Link will be sent to your email then click on the Verification Link and this concludes the process of creating an account.

## Step iii. Profile Completion Process:

- ❖ Clicking the "LOGIN" button on the Home Page.
- ❖ Enter your email address and password and click the "Log in" button.
- ❖ Click on the "Proceed to Contact Details" button.
- ❖ Enter your contact details with the current information of your Phone Number, Full Residential Address, State of Residence and Local Government Area of Residence and click "Proceed to Educational Details"
- ❖ Update your educational details by selecting your Higher Institution and inputting your Matric Number, then click "Proceed to Account Details"
- ❖ Verify your BVN by entering your BVN, selecting your Bank Name and entering your Account Name. Click "Save Changes" to complete your profile.
- ❖ Once All information has been verified, the screen would be showing Congratulation, your SLAS profile has been updated. Then you can proceed and apply for the loan.

## Step iv. Loan Application Process:

- ❖ Click on the "Request for Student Loan" button at the top right of the screen on the home or loans page after logging into the application
- ❖ If you want an upkeep loan, click the check box, and click Continue, if all you need is the institutional charge, click the "Continue" button.
- ❖ Upload supporting documents. The admission letter is compulsory which the Student ID and Institution Invoice are optional. Click the checkbox for the policy and declaration and click "Continue"
- ❖ Read the loan overview and click the check boxes for both the Terms & Conditions and GSI Mandate then click "Submit Application"
- ❖ If the application is successful, a screen would appear with congratulation message and Tracking ID
- ❖ Click on the "Loans" button to view the status of your application

## Note to the Nelfund Beneficiaries Returning Students:

- The beneficiaries returning students should note that they have migrated to their next level hence, they can now update their application against

2024/2025 session to continue benefiting students' loan

- All students benefited from the Nelfund loan in the 2023/2024 session should visit the Nelfund Website to update their profile, application process and save the changes to secure the loan as per the forthcoming 2024/2025 session

#### Common Problems to be Avoided by the Students:

- Failure to complete the application by students lead to forfeiture of the loans
- Submission of wrong account details lead to difficulties in disbursement of the Institutional fees and monthly upkeep allowance.
- Students should ensure that they apply the two loans (institutional and Upkeep) simultaneously to avoid losing the monthly upkeep allowance
- Username and password used by students in the creation of loan account should be kept safe to avoid forfeiture of future benefit of the loan scheme.
- Students that notice missing information on their dashboard in the process of loan application

should contact the officer responsible for uploading their data into the Nelfund portal.

- Beneficiary students who are trying to apply for 2024/2025 session and met with issue of “failed application, have an unapproved loan” should exercise patience pending the completion of their former loan transactions. However, these students are advised to continue trying the application from time to time.
- Students who applied for both school fess and upkeep loans and secured the loan in the 2024/2025 session but could not receive upkeep should visit the Nelfund website and raise ticket to submit their correct account details.
- Students who changed their programs should notify the Nelfund Desk officer in written as soon as possible.
- Students are advised to visit [buknelfund@edu.ng](mailto:buknelfund@edu.ng) lodge their complain when ever the need arises.

*Signed:*

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Director, Public Affairs  
For: Registrar**

# WORDSCAPE

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## THE RISE OF THE CHAWBACON

In spite of the rise of the wild bumpkins  
The Eagle is still soaring high in the sky  
Spreading wide it's amazing and powerful wings  
Its sharp and strong talons are still gripping  
Its invincible vision, is far clear and insightful

They thought a new ephemeral muscle is everything  
The rustics are trying to stop the unstoppable  
They want to dim a light whose source is from Allah  
The Eagle will continue to fly, high, very high  
Until it meets its destiny which is not in their hands.  
March 4, 2021

## THE POISONOUS X

Like the green snake in the green grass  
X appears harmless and very innocent  
X is calculative, patient and insistent  
X uses age to present a blameless face  
X hides its evil machination and hatred  
X's cleverness and smartness is hidden  
Under apparent objectivity and sincerity  
Thus, its ability to poison without notice

It took a century to decipher  
X's original intent  
But X is now naked, stripped  
of innocence  
The maze of deceit is now bare in our  
eyes  
It is no longer business as usual.

## HUMAN RIGHTS CARD

After the end of colonialism  
Globalization was born, it is white  
With its blue eyes and blonde hair  
Like an artist with many brushes  
A pot of colours and a canvas  
Preaching democratic ideals  
Righteousness without rights  
Partisan yet appearing objective  
A Eurocentric political ideology  
Used by western liberal democracies  
To keep the world under check and twist



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