



BUK's Career Service Centre Holds Workshop on Mental Stress Management, Job Performance

By Hamza Usman

The Career Service Centre of Bayero University Kano (BUK), on Thursday 8th January 2026 organized a one-day sensitization workshop on mental stress and job performance among teaching and non-teaching staff of BUK, at the Conference Hall of the Centre for Islamic Civilization and Interfaith Dialogue (CICID).

Declaring the event open, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, who was represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research and Development), Professor Amina Mustapha, said the theme of the workshop, "Successful Stress Management Initiatives Among Teaching and non-teaching Staff of Bayero University, Kano" was timely and relevant, considering that in today's rapidly changing work environment, Universities are increasingly confronted with growing academic demands, administrative responsibilities and personal challenges that could significantly affect staff well-being and overall job performance.

Professor Mustapha noted that, Bayero University Kano as a leading institution of learning recognized human capital as its greatest asset. She added that, the productivity, creativity and commitment of Teaching and Non-teaching Staff were central to the realization of the institution's vision and mission. She however, stated that, sustained exposure to unmanage stress could negatively impact not only on individual health and morals, but also institutional efficiency and service delivery.

The Director of the Centre, Professor Ahmed Ilyasu said, the workshop was designed to equip participants with strategies to manage stress, prioritize well-being and good performance. Professor Ilyasu stressed that the



The DVC Research and Development, Prof Amina Mustapha, the Director of the Centre, Prof Ahmed Ilyasu and other members of the high table



Participants of the Workshop on Stress Management

workshop would expose causes, consequences and practical solutions to mental health.

During the workshop, several Mental health Professionals presented papers, explaining different ways to manage stress in workplace and academic settings.

In a joint paper on stressors in the academic environment by Dr. Tukur Muhammad, who is a Consultant clinical Psychologist/Medical Socialist at

Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital and Professor Ahmed Iliyasu, Director of the Career Service Centre, BUK noted that academic stress is manageable. They suggested getting enough sleep, staying organized, prioritizing tasks and self-care and seeking help when necessary were some of the ways to successfully manage stress.

Others who made presentations on the mental health management and job performance were, Dr. Mahfuz Muhammad Haddad, Professor M. B Shittu and Dr. Abdullahi Sufi.

Some of the resource persons who took part in panel discussions, questions and answers sessions shared their personal experiences on stress management and they all

advised against holding grudges both in the family and in the place of work.

In his closing remarks, the Director of the Centre for Islamic Civilization and Interfaith Dialogue (CICID), Bayero University Kano, Dr. Taufiq A. Hussain, expressed his heartfelt appreciation to all the participants, the organizers of the workshop and to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa for his tireless efforts and support to the Centre and indeed, to the entire University. He reminded the participants to always be kind to themselves as earlier advised.

CITAD Trains BUK Academic Staff on Emerging Technologies

By Nura Garba

The Center for Information Technology and Development (CITAD) in collaboration with the Faculty of Life Sciences, Bayero University, Kano (BUK), concluded a two-day training for academic staff on Financial Technology (Fintech), blockchain and emerging digital tools aimed at enhancing teaching, research and innovation.

The workshop, which was moderated by the Deputy Dean, Dr. Aminu Ahmed Aliko began on Monday 22nd and ended on Tuesday 23rd December, 2025 at the Faculty of Life Sciences, focused on leveraging modern technologies to

He added that the training was intended to equip lecturers with practical digital skills to enhance teaching and research, particularly in the life sciences, where accuracy and data integrity are critical.

Muhammad emphasized that fintech, blockchain and AI technologies are transforming research processes globally and called for continuous learning among academics.

“We live in a fast-changing, technology-driven world. For universities to remain relevant and competitive, lecturers must continuously update their digital skills and apply them effectively in research and teaching,” he said.

He further explained that targeting academic staff was strategic, given their role in shaping students and future researchers.

“When lecturers are empowered with relevant digital knowledge, the impact goes beyond the classroom to students, research institutions, and wider society,” Muhammad noted, reaffirming CITAD's commitment to promoting digital literacy, innovation, and research integrity through strategic partnerships and capacity-building programmes.



Workshop participants in a group photograph

improve the quality of scientific research and academic output.

Participants were introduced to digital tools, artificial intelligence (AI) and blockchain applications, with practical demonstrations designed to enhance data management, experimental design, research publication and data integrity. The training also sought to promote transparent authorship, secure research records and increase the visibility of locally generated scientific research.

Speaking at the event, CITAD's Human Resource Officer, Mr. Sani Sa'idu Muhammad, said the programme aimed to bridge the gap between academic research and societal needs.

“This programme strengthens the connection between academic research and societal development. While universities generate knowledge, emerging technologies now shape how that knowledge is applied and shared,” Muhammad said.

Prof. Hajara Haruna, Sub-Dean of the Faculty of Life Sciences, speaking on behalf of the Dean, Prof. Usman Aliyu Dutsinma, described the workshop as timely and impactful.

“This training has expanded our understanding of how emerging technologies such as blockchain and AI can support scientific research, data management, and publication processes,” she said, commending CITAD's practical approach that simplified complex digital concepts.

Prof. Ibrahim L. Abdullahi, another participant, said the workshop had increased their confidence in integrating emerging digital tools into teaching and research.

“Some of these technologies were new to us, but the training simplified them and showed how they can be applied to life sciences research. This will positively influence how we conduct research and mentor our students,” he added.

Prof. Ghali Saidu Takes Over as New Dean, School of General and Entrepreneurial Studies

By Suleiman Salihu

In a smooth and seamless transition, the School of General and Entrepreneurial Studies (SGS), witnessed the official handing and taking over the affairs of the School from the outgoing Dean, Prof. Ali Tijjani Abdullahi from Education to the newly appointed Dean, Prof. Gali Saidu, from Department of Adult and Community Services.

The event took place on Friday, 2nd January, 2026 at the SGS Board Room, Old Administrative Block, New Campus.

In his remarks shortly before the official handover, the outgoing Dean, Prof. Ali Tijjani Abdullahi, recalled that he took over the affairs of the Deanery in 2020, after two years, the appointment was renewed and later extended by one year.

He thanked the former and present administration for given him the rare opportunity to serve the University in that capacity.

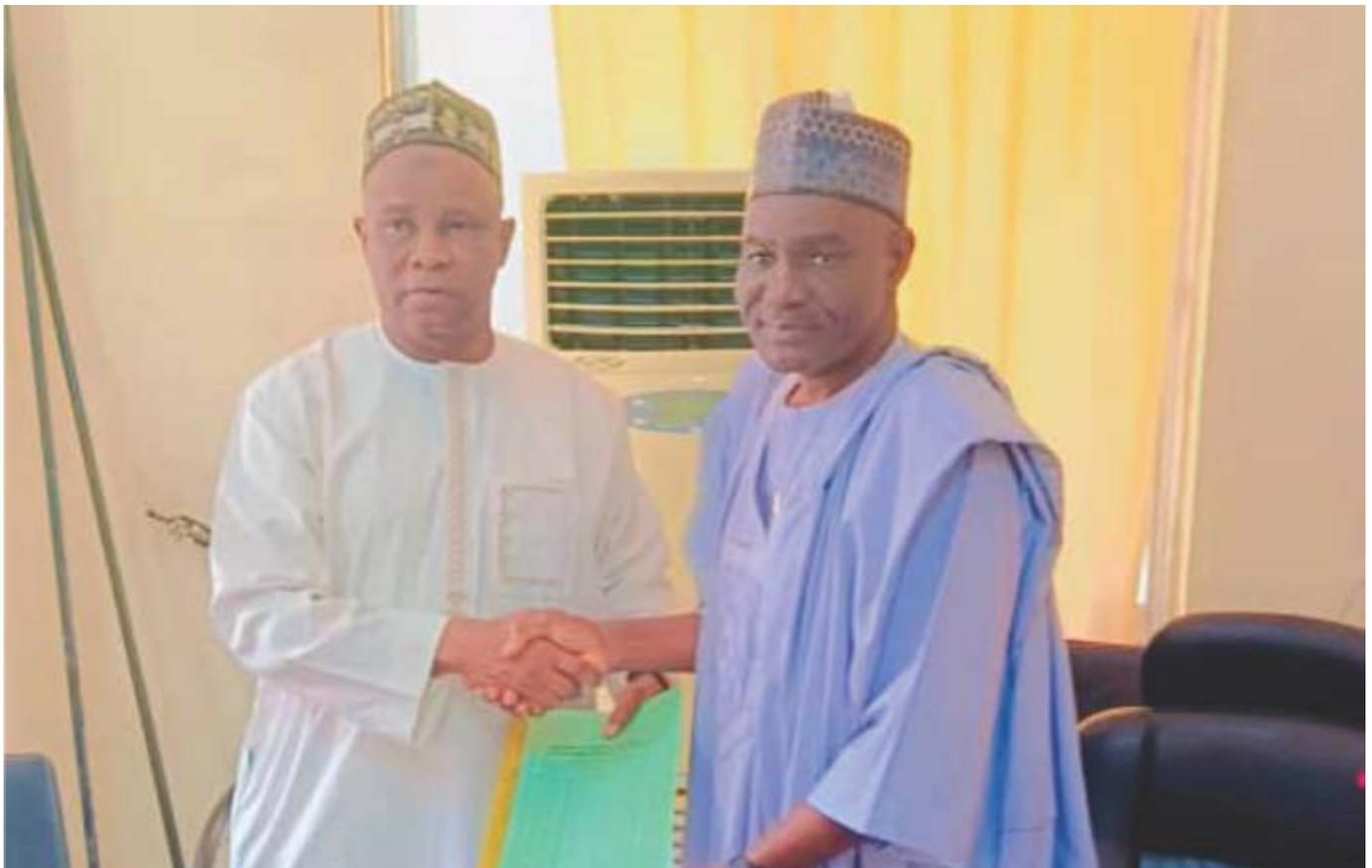
Prof. Abdullahi pointed out that SGS was mandated to teach and examine General Studies Programme (GSP) and Entrepreneurship Programme (EEP) in the University. He explained that the Schools operates six (6) GSP and two (2) EEP courses with value of 2 Credits loads in each semester. He further explained that with the advent of Core

Curriculum and Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS), four (4) additional courses were introduced to replace other courses including use of English, Library, Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

He disclosed that in 2022, the School took over the teaching and examination of EEP and GSP programmes from the School of Continuing Education (SCE) despite the differences in the teaching calendar with other programmes in the University.

He explained that the School embarked on online teaching since 2020 during the COVID-19 pandemic and also applied hybrid teachings. He noted that the School managed seven (7) academic staff and nine (9) non-teaching staff. He further explained that the school also had 103 facilitators drawn from different academic units of the University and across three (3) clusters including; GSP cluster (37), Communication in English and philosophy cluster (30) and EEP cluster with (36) facilitators, headed by the 3 Deputy Deans of the School.

Recounting some the achievements recorded by the School, Prof. Abdullahi noted that the school had successfully taken over the teaching and examinations of GSP and EEP courses at the School of Continuing



The incoming Dean, Prof. Gali Sa'idu (left), receiving the handover document from the outgoing Dean, Prof. Ali Tijjani Abdullahi (right)

Education (SCE), training of the staff and facilitators on online teachings, training of students on modules learning management system and access to platforms, upward review of invigilation allowances and timely marking and releases of GSP and EEP results, among others.

He advised the incoming administration to focus more on the performances of Arabic, Hausa and Islamic students with regard to poor performances on GSP and EEP especially on GSP 2205 (Philosophy and logic), due to terminologies used. He recommended that SCE should also enjoyed Continuous Assessment (C.A) components in the examinations of GSP and EEP as applicable to regular students of the University and to replace the total 100%.

He further recommended to the new leadership to pursue the use of Computer Based-Test (CBT) in conducting the GSP and EEP examination as that would go a long way to ease the conduct of the examinations, among others.

Prof. Abdullahi thanked the staff for their maximum

cooperation and enjoined them to give same to the new administration.

In his remarks, the incoming Dean, Prof. Gali Saidu, who was also the former Coordinator of EEP of the SGR, appreciated the achievements recorded by the outgoing leadership. He assured that the new administration would do its best to move the School to its greater heights. He promised that the school would liaise with CIT to ensure direct registering of students on GSP and EEP courses to avoid wrong registration. He further stated that the leadership would consider the recommendations of the outgoing administration on CBT examination.

In her remarks, the Administrative Secretary of the School, Hajiya Salamatu Muhammad Mansour, who spoke on behalf of non-teaching staff, described the outgoing Dean as a good leader, mentor and who often gave fatherly advise them. She also congratulated the incoming team and assured him of maximum cooperation.

Outgoing Dean of Vet Medicine, Prof. Abdussamad Commends Staff and Students as he Hands Over to Successor

By Fausat A. Opayomi

The outgoing Dean of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Prof Abdussamad Muhammad Abdussamad, has expressed gratitude to the staff of the deanery for their patience and resilience which he believed played a significant role in his achievements.

Speaking during the handing over ceremony to the newly elected dean on Tuesday, January 6th 2026, Professor Abdussamad who could not hide his feelings further commended the staff and students of the faculty for their invaluable contributions to the success recorded during his tenure.

He described his tenure as demanding and fulfilling, acknowledging that the success would not have been possible without staff commitment and University Management support. He thanked the former Vice Chancellor, Prof Sagir Adamu Abbas and the current Vice Chancellor, Prof. Haruna Musa for their confidence and institutional support.

Prof. Abdussamad handing over note to Prof. Shehu, covers ongoing activities, pending assets, challenges and recommendations, which he said aimed to promote continuity and progress.

The new Dean, Prof. Sani Muhammad Shehu in his remarks expressed gratitude to the staff of the faculty for electing him as the new Dean, describing it as a great honour and a call to service.

Prof. Shehu while wishing Prof. Abdussamad well in his future endeavors commended him for his dedication and hard work which has laid a solid foundation for academic growth and staff welfare, adding that the opportunity to

work with him as the Deputy Dean was an eye opener which had helped him gain valuable experience that would improve his overall performance as the Dean.



Outgoing Dean, Prof. Abdussamad Muhammad Abdussamad (left) handing over to Prof. Sani Abdullahi Shehu, new Dean

BUK to Upgrade Sporting Facilities, Sponsor Coaching Courses

By Nura Garba

The Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Professor Haruna Musa, *fsi*, has reaffirmed the importance of sports as a vital tool for development and restated the University Management's commitment to upgrade sporting facilities across the campuses.

Professor Musa made this known while receiving the university coaches, led by the Director of Sports, Professor Rabiuh Mohammed, on Wednesday, 31st December 2025. He described sports as a critical component of holistic university development and noted that, beyond promoting health and unity, sports had increasingly become a viable avenue for revenue generation.

As a sports-loving Vice-Chancellor, Professor Musa assured the delegation that his administration would prioritize the improvement of



The Volleyball coach, Usman Abdallah briefing the Vice-Chancellor on the activities of his volleyball team



The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa *fsi* addressing the Director of Sports and other coaches during the courtesy call

sports infrastructure and programmes. He commended the coaches and the Directorate of Sports for their outstanding performance at the recently concluded Nigerian University Games Association (NUGA) Games held at the University of Jos, where BUK won about ten medals.

The Vice-Chancellor also pledged to sponsor university coaches to attend seminars, workshops and professional coaching courses as part of efforts to strengthen capacity building and enhance performance.

In a related development, Professor Musa congratulated the Directorate of Sports and the Volleyball Coach, Usman Abdallah, for producing five BUK players who participated in the National Volleyball Federation Championship.

Speaking on behalf of the coaches, the Taekwondo Coach, Ibrahim Yahuza, appealed to the Vice-Chancellor to further upgrade the University's sporting facilities and sustain the sponsorship of coaches for professional training programmes. He praised the University for its world-class taekwondo and judo mats, noting that such facilities are rare in Nigeria.

Earlier, the Director of Sports, Professor Rabiuh Mohammed, reaffirmed the Directorate's continued support and commitment to the University Management in advancing sports development at Bayero University, Kano.

BUK STUDENTS INNOVATION COMPETITION 2026

Theme:

Driving Innovation for Sustainable Development in Nigeria

The Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership (DRIP), Bayero University, Kano (BUK), invites eligible registered BUK students to apply for the BUK Students Innovation Competition 2026. This competition is designed to stimulate innovative thinking among students, translating novel ideas into patentable and market-ready solutions that address real-world challenges, particularly those unique to Nigeria.

We seek innovations that have a clear path to Intellectual Property protection (e.g., patent, copyright, design) and demonstrate high social or commercial impact.

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- ICT & Digital Solutions
- Agriculture & Life Sciences
- Health & Biomedical
- Management & Social Innovation
- Arts, Humanities & Education

Application/Eligibility

- Strictly for registered undergraduate and postgraduate students of BUK.
- Participants can apply individually or as a team.
- Cross-faculty and interdisciplinary teams are encouraged.
- Application to be submitted by Team Lead for team participation
- The provided Application Template must be strictly followed.

Scan the QR code to apply,



Application deadline: 15th February, 2026

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted for the next stage of the competition and provided with further instructions.

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6. Reprint your CRF and submit to your level coordinator and Postgraduate College Faculty Officer for documentation

Signed:

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DIRECTOR, CPS

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Department of Mass Communication:

Departmental PG Board to M.Sc./PhD proposal/internal/Seminar

Candidate 1: Abibetu Gloria Bello-Imam (SPS19/PMC/00004)

Topic: Prospect and Challenges of Hausa Film Streaming Services: A Study of *Kallo* and *Northflix*

Supervisor: Professor Hadiza J. Ibrahim
Submission: PhD. Internal Defense

Candidate 2: Isah Muhammed Lawal (SPS/21/PMC/00009)

Topic: Social Media Audience Engagement: A Study of Selected Private Radio Stations in Kano.

Supervisor: Professor Usman I. Abubakar
Submission: PhD Seminar II

Candidate 3: Maryam Ado Haruna (SPS/21/MMC/00012)

Topic: Digital Safety of Female Journalists in Northwest Nigeria

Supervisor: Professor Suleiman M. Yar'Adua
Submission: PhD Seminar I

Candidate 4: Mansur Wadata (SPS21/PMC/00008)

Topic: Information Exposure, Awareness and Acceptance of HPV Vaccine Among Senior Secondary School Girls in Sokoto, Nigeria

Supervisor: Professor Hajara Umar Sanda
Submission: PhD. Proposal Defense

Candidate: Mustapha Muhammad (SPS/21/PMC/00003)

Topic: Economics and Psychological Safety of Journalists in Conflict Prone Areas: A Study of Northwest Nigeria

Supervisor: Professor Suleiman M. Yar'Adua
Submission: PhD Proposal Defense

Candidate 6: Ibrahim Ishaq Mohammed (SPS/21/MMC/00026)

Topic: Violation and Enforcement of NBC Code on Traditional Medicine Commercials on Radio Stations in Kano State

Supervisor: Professor Usman I. Abubakar
Submission: M.Sc. Internal Defense

Candidate 7: Khadija Abubakar Muhammad (SPS/21/MMC/00012)

Topic: Extent of Adoption of WhatsApp for Entrepreneurship among Housewives in Nasarawa LGA

Supervisor: Professor Umaru A. Pate
Submission: M.Sc. Internal Defense

Candidate 8: Faruku Altine (SPS/20/MMC/00034)

Topic: Usage of Social Networking Sites among Students of Waziri Umaru Federal Polytechnic, Birnin Kebbi and Adamu Augie College of Education, Argungu

Supervisor: Dr. Sule Ya'u Sule
Submission: M.Sc. Internal Defense

Date: Thursday 29th January, 2026

Venue: Mass Communication Departmental Board

Room

Time: 9:30am

Chairman: Dr. Gambo Shehu Nababa

All Submissions have been distributed along with this notice

Department of Geography: PhD Seminar

1st PRESENTER: Muzammil Ahmed Khalid

TOPIC: Distribution, Characterization and Dynamics of Urban Green Space within Kano Metropolis

CHAIRMAN: Prof. Maharazu A. Yusuf

2nd PRESENTER: Kabiru Danjuma

TOPIC: An Analysis of Banditry and Terrorism in Batsari Local Government Area of Katsina State, Nigeria

CHAIRMAN: Prof. Ibrahim Badamasi Lambu

3rd PRESENTER: Mustapha Saidu

TOPIC: Groundwater Recharge and Potential Assessment in Sedimentary Terrain of Sokoto State, Nigeria

CHAIRMAN: Prof. Tasiu Yalwa Rilwanu

DATE: Thursday, 16th January, 2026

TIME: 10.00 am prompt

VENUE: NRM Class, Geography Department

NOTE: Attendance to Seminar is Compulsory to all PGD, MSc 1 & 11 and, PhD1 & 11.

Department Environmental Management:

PhD Seminar series

First Presenter: Hassana Gali Ahmed

Topic: Assessment of Antibiotic Residues in Waste Water Effluents and Their Impact in Transmission of Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria in Kano State, Nigeria (Ph.D. Progress Report I, Seminar III)

Chairperson: Prof. M. D Mukhtar and Dr. O. L. Odewade

Second Presenter: Abdul-aziz Bashiru Liman

Topic: Conflict Over Resources in the Floodplain of Upper Benue, Gassol Local Government Area Taraba State, Nigeria (Ph.D. Progress Report I, Seminar III)

Chairperson: Prof. Salisu Muhammed

Third Presenter: Faiqa Bappayo Yahaya

Topic: Heavy Metal Contamination in Fish; A Comparative Review of Potentially Toxic Heavy Metals in Fish from Dadin Kowa and Balanga Dams if Gombe State, Nigeria

(Ph.D. Proposal, Seminar II)

Chairperson: Prof. Adnan Abdulhamid

Date: Wednesday 14th January, 2026.

Time: 10.00am prompt

Venue: Departmental seminar room

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



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