



Prof Makarfi Seeks Affordable Credit for Smallholder Farmers to Boost Food Security

By Dr. Nura Garba,

Professor Muhammad Ahmad Makarfi of Bayero University, Kano, has called for expanded access to affordable agricultural credit for smallholder farmers, warning that inadequate financing remains a major constraint to increased food production, improved rural livelihoods and poverty reduction in Nigeria.

Delivering the University's 64th Professorial Inaugural Lecture, titled "Innovative Options for Nigeria's Food Security and Poverty Alleviation: The Microfinance Pathway to Sustainable Development," on Thursday, 15 October 2026, at the CBN Centre of Excellence, Professor Makarfi argued that inclusive microfinance could help bridge the financing gap confronting smallholder farmers and unlock the country's agricultural potential.



He explained that despite Nigeria's vast agricultural resources, limited access to affordable finance, insecurity, climate change, weak infrastructure and low agricultural productivity continue to undermine food production and the livelihoods of rural communities.

According to him, many smallholder farmers lack the financial resources required to acquire quality inputs, adopt modern farming technologies and expand their operations, thereby limiting their capacity to increase production and contribute to national food security.

Professor Makarfi advocated innovative agricultural financing mechanisms that would make credit more accessible, affordable and sustainable for farmers. He

identified microfinance institutions and Islamic finance models as important alternatives for reaching farmers who often struggle to access conventional banking services.

He stressed the need for agricultural credit schemes that respond to farmers' needs and production cycles, enabling them to invest in their farms, improve productivity and generate better returns from their activities.

The professor also reviewed Nigeria's agricultural financing policies and interventions, highlighting the importance of strengthening existing mechanisms and developing more inclusive approaches to delivering financial services to farmers.

He maintained that access to finance must be complemented by modern agricultural technologies, quality inputs, functional markets and an enabling environment that encourages investment across the agricultural value chain.

In his recommendations, Professor Makarfi called for stronger microfinance institutions, expanded farmer-friendly financing schemes and policies that prioritise increased domestic agricultural production.

He noted that improving access to affordable agricultural finance would not only increase food production but also improve household incomes, create economic opportunities in rural communities and accelerate poverty reduction.

Earlier, the Chairman of the inaugural lecture, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academics, Professor Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni, commended the lecturer for his insightful presentation, describing the subject as relevant to addressing Nigeria's challenges of food insecurity, livelihoods and agricultural development.

The Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Professor Aminu Sulaiman, who read the lecturer's citation, disclosed that Professor Makarfi had published more than 150 local and international publications, contributed 10 book chapters and authored eight books.

Professor Mahmoud Ibrahim Daneji, who represented the Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension, delivered the vote of thanks.

VC Charges Reconstituted ACTU Members on Integrity, Impartiality

By Sabitu M. Jinjiri

The Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Professor Haruna Musa fsi, has charged members of the University's reconstituted Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU) to discharge their responsibilities with integrity, fairness and impartiality, describing their roles as a service to the nation rather than a position of honour.

Professor Musa gave the charge on Wednesday, October 14, 2026, during the inauguration and induction of the reconstituted ACTU members at his office, where he reaffirmed the University's commitment to promoting transparency, accountability and ethical conduct in its operations.

The Vice-Chancellor assured the newly inducted members

transparency in procurement and administrative processes, and handling complaints with discretion and professionalism.

He emphasised that the effectiveness of the Unit would depend on its ability to discharge these responsibilities impartially and consistently, while upholding the principles of accountability and good governance.

In his speech, the Chairman of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission (ICPC) Dr Musa Adamu Aliyu SAN, who was represented by Ibrahim Garba Esq, commended the University for its Commitment to the Commission's anti-corruption objectives.



Members of the reconstituted ACTU in a group photograph with VC, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi and Management of the University

that the University management would provide the necessary support to enable the Unit to function effectively and independently, free from external interference.

He stressed that the institution remained committed to upholding the highest standards of integrity in its administrative and academic activities.

Professor Musa urged the members to recognise that the University's reputation depended largely on the conduct of those entrusted with protecting its values and principles and therefore called on them to demonstrate courage, diligence and professionalism in carrying out their duties.

The Vice Chancellor further highlighted the responsibilities of the Unit, which include educating staff and students on the dangers of corruption, promoting

He explained that ACTUs were established in public institutions to strengthen accountability, prevent corrupt practices and serve as a link between their respective organisations and the ICPC.

The ICPC Boss advised the newly appointed ACTU members to maintain regular communication with the Commission and seek guidance whenever necessary.

The inductees subsequently took their oath of office and received their appointment letters and induction materials.

In his response, the Chairman of the reconstituted ACTU, Professor Ali Tijjani Abdullahi, expressed appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor and the University management for the confidence reposed in the team.

He pledged that the members would work diligently to protect the University's reputation and discharge their responsibilities with integrity, courage and fairness.

FAO, CDA Forge Partnership to Advance SURAGGWA Project in Northern Nigeria

By Dr. Nura Garba,

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has commenced discussions with the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) on a strategic partnership to support the implementation of the Scaling Up of Resilience in Africa's Great Green Wall Area (SURAGGWA) project in Northern Nigeria.

The proposed collaboration is expected to strengthen capacity building, soil testing, agricultural research and community-level interventions aimed at improving the resilience and productivity of rural farmers across six northern states.

Speaking during a visit to the Centre for Dryland Agriculture, FAO Programme Specialist, Mr Precious Agbeso, said the organisation was exploring areas of collaboration with the centre because of its expertise, facilities and established networks within dryland

He also commended the centre's soil laboratory, describing it as an important facility that could contribute significantly to the success of the project. He noted that the laboratory was approaching certification and expressed the hope that the process would be concluded soon.

Agbeso said the centre's existing network and technical capacity made it a strategic partner for FAO, adding that collaboration between both institutions would help deliver the desired outcomes of the SURAGGWA project.

Receiving the FAO delegation, the Director of the Centre for Dryland Agriculture, Professor Sanusi Gaya Mohammed, welcomed the team and expressed the centre's deep commitment to providing effective service delivery throughout the partnership.

Professor Mohammed said CDA was prepared to deploy its expertise, facilities and human resources to support the objectives of the project and contribute to sustainable agricultural development in the dryland regions.

The Director received the FAO team alongside other deputy directors of the centre. Together, they took the delegation on a tour of CDA's state-of-the-art laboratories and other key facilities.

During the visit, Professor Mohammed also briefed the delegation on the historical evolution of the centre, highlighting its growth into a leading institution for dryland agriculture, research and innovation.

He noted that CDA had won World Bank grants as well as several other international grants, which had contributed to the development of its infrastructure, research capacity and global partnerships.

These achievements, he explained, had helped position the centre as one of Africa's leading centres of excellence in dryland agriculture.

The discussions also focused on the implementation timeline for the SURAGGWA project. Agbeso explained that, as a Global Climate Fund-supported project, the initiative was required to comply with an Environmental and Social Management Plan (ESMP) before implementation could commence on the ground.

He said the ESMP was currently at the validation stage and that FAO would begin implementation after the plan had been validated and cleared by the relevant authorities.

The visit ended with both institutions expressing optimism that the proposed partnership would enhance technical cooperation, strengthen rural communities and contribute to improved food and nutrition security across the project areas



CDA and FAO teams in a group photograph

communities.

Agbeso, an agricultural engineer, explained that FAO is a specialised agency of the United Nations with a global mandate to promote food and nutrition security, particularly for vulnerable populations.

He said FAO had been operating in Nigeria for more than 45 years, supporting the development of projects and programmes designed to strengthen the capacity of rural farmers to produce food and contribute to national food security.

According to him, CDA's mandate and expertise were closely aligned with the objectives of the SURAGGWA project, which focuses on scaling up resilience in communities within the Great Green Wall area.

"We want to explore collaborative means through which we can leverage the strength of CDA for capacity building, particularly for the rural communities where we will be working," he said.

DRIP Holds Strategic Engagement with NRF 2025 Grant Winners on Research Management, Compliance and Governance

The Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnerships (DRIP), Bayero University, Kano, has held a strategic interactive session with the University's seven (7) beneficiaries of the 2025 National Research Fund (NRF) Grant to strengthen research management, compliance, accountability and effective grant governance.

The meeting, held on Wednesday, 30 September 2026, at the DRIP Board Room, also brought together the respective research project secretaries. The engagement was designed to provide practical guidance on the effective management, implementation, documentation and timely close-out of externally funded research projects.

In his presentation, titled "Lessons from Delayed Grant Close-out: Institutional Risks, Compliance Challenges and Best Practices," the Director of DRIP, Prof A. S. Arabi, stressed that securing a competitive research grant is only the beginning of the funding cycle. He emphasised the need for proper implementation, financial and technical documentation, adherence to approved work plans and budgets, and timely close-out.

Drawing lessons from previous grants whose close-out processes had been delayed for several years, Prof Arabi highlighted the administrative and institutional challenges associated with outstanding grants, including difficulties with record keeping, financial reconciliation and reporting, compliance, responding to funders' requests and participating effectively in subsequent funding opportunities.

He therefore urged the NRF 2025 grant beneficiaries to establish mechanisms for monitoring their projects from inception, with particular attention to record keeping, timely technical and financial reporting, procurement compliance, proper expenditure documentation, adherence to approved activities and budgets, and early engagement with DRIP whenever challenges arise. He noted that grant compliance is not merely a financial requirement but an essential component of research governance and institutional accountability.

The TETFund Desk Officer of DRIP, Mal Bello, also presented an overview of research grants administered through the Directorate, covering

ongoing, closed-out, pending and defaulted grants. Of particular concern were grants that have remained outstanding for extended periods, including some projects reportedly not formally closed out since 2016. The presentation highlighted the long-term implications of delayed close-out and the need to complete reporting, financial and administrative requirements within stipulated timelines.

The session also provided an opportunity for the NRF 2025 beneficiaries to engage directly with the Directorate on practical issues relating to project implementation, documentation, reporting, expenditure, procurement, financial procedures, research outputs and successful project close-out.

The engagement reinforced the shared responsibilities of DRIP, the researchers and their project teams throughout the research funding cycle. While the Directorate reiterated its commitment to providing administrative guidance and support, it emphasised the responsibility of principal investigators and project teams to comply with funding conditions and University regulations.

The strategic engagement forms part of DRIP's broader efforts to strengthen the University's research management system and promote accountability, compliance, timely reporting and responsible stewardship of research funds. It also reflects the University's emphasis on effective implementation, measurable research outputs, proper documentation and timely close-out of externally funded research projects.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the NRF 2025 grant beneficiaries were encouraged to regard their projects as institutional investments whose successful implementation contributes to Bayero University's research profile, credibility and capacity to attract future competitive funding.

The Directorate expressed confidence that the engagement would help prevent challenges experienced in previous grant cycles and contribute to a more efficient and accountable research funding system at Bayero University, Kano.

University Staff Urged to Uphold Accountability, Professionalism in Service Delivery

By Halima Muhammad Aminu, Hauwa Mustapha Ahmad, and Muhsinat Nu'uman Habib.

The Directorate of SERVICOM, Bayero University Kano (BUK), has urged staff of the University to uphold accountability, professionalism, transparency and responsiveness in the discharge of their duties to promote effective service delivery.

The call was made during a one-day sensitisation workshop on effective service delivery held on Wednesday, 21 October 2026, at the Convocation Arena, New Campus, BUK.

The workshop aimed to strengthen awareness of service standards and promote a culture of excellence, accountability and continuous improvement across the university.

In his remarks as Chairman of the occasion, Dr Sani



Some participants of the SERVICOM workshop in a group photograph

Ibrahim Amin, a former Registrar of the University and pioneer Director of SERVICOM, described effective service delivery as fundamental to the university's reputation and institutional success.

He noted that BUK's achievements in teaching, research and community service could only be sustained when service providers and service users upheld the principles of accountability, transparency, professionalism, responsiveness and customer focus.

Dr Amin, who commended the Director of SERVICOM, Professor Sani Ibrahim, and his team for organising the workshop, described the invitation as a homecoming to a directorate he was proud to have headed.

He emphasised that service was a responsibility rather than a favour, in line with the principles of the Service Compact with All Nigerians (SERVICOM). He urged university personnel to demonstrate punctuality, courtesy, transparency and commitment in the discharge of their duties, particularly in responding to students' needs and addressing complaints.

The former Registrar, however, expressed concern over the limited participation of members of the university community, especially students. He called on the Directorate to expand its sensitisation efforts to ensure broader participation and greater awareness of the rights and responsibilities of service providers and service users.

In his welcome address, the Director of SERVICOM-BUK, Professor Sani Ibrahim, described SERVICOM as a "partner in progress", stressing that its mandate was not to intimidate or embarrass staff but to support them in improving performance, resolving complaints and strengthening professional standards.

He explained that effective service delivery was a collective responsibility involving university management, academic and non-academic staff, students and other stakeholders.

Professor Ibrahim urged members of the university community to view complaints as opportunities to identify gaps, improve institutional processes and enhance service quality rather than as personal attacks. He also called for stronger collaboration among university units and staff categories, emphasising integrity, mutual respect and a willingness to improve as essential elements of a service-oriented institution.

Presenting a paper titled "Institutionalising Service Excellence in Bayero University, Kano: The Role of SERVICOM and the University Community," Professor Ibrahim explained that service excellence extended beyond merely completing assigned tasks to include timeliness, reliability, accessibility, fairness, respectful communication and prompt resolution of service failures.

He observed that poor service delivery could result in unnecessary delays, duplication of work, reduced productivity and declining public confidence. Conversely, effective service systems would strengthen teaching and learning, support research, improve students' experiences and enhance the university's institutional credibility.

The SERVICOM Director identified clearly defined service standards, accessible complaint channels, regular monitoring, constructive feedback and consistent follow-up as critical requirements for institutionalising service excellence.

He stressed that university management must provide the necessary resources, training and support, while heads of units must lead by example and ensure that services within their areas of responsibility were delivered professionally and without undue delay.

He also highlighted the responsibilities of students and other service users, urging them to comply with university regulations, provide accurate information, respect staff and fellow students, protect university property and use

appropriate channels to offer constructive feedback.

In another presentation titled “Quality Service Delivery in Nigerian University System: A Call for Change Towards Attaining Excellence,” Professor Maikano Madaki called for renewed commitment to professional conduct, institutional discipline and responsiveness in Nigerian universities.

Professor Madaki stressed the importance of understanding official responsibilities, job descriptions, relevant regulations and operational guidelines, noting that staff members must be familiar with the requirements of their duties and seek guidance from supervisors whenever necessary.

He highlighted SERVICOM's role in monitoring service standards, receiving and addressing complaints, and

drawing management's attention to issues that could undermine effective service delivery. These include delays in processing results, missing results, irregularities in academic processes, harassment, intimidation, extortion and other forms of misconduct.

He urged university personnel to handle complaints professionally, maintain confidentiality, follow established reporting procedures and provide timely feedback to those affected.

The paper presenter further emphasised the need for punctuality, courtesy, reliability and integrity in dealings with students, colleagues and visitors. He called for a change in attitude that places service users, professional responsibility and institutional improvement at the centre of university administration.

CDA Showcases Improved Groundnut Varieties to Farmers in Kano

By Hamza Usman & Adewale Abdulareem

The Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), Bayero University, Kano, has organised groundnut field demonstration days in Shanono and Tofa Local Government Areas of Kano State to showcase improved groundnut varieties and promote farming practices aimed at boosting productivity and improving farmers' livelihoods.

The activities were organised under the Breakthrough Products Project, supported by the International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT), and held at Shakogi, Shanono LGA, on Saturday, October 17, 2026,

Speaking at the events, the Director of CDA, Professor Sanusi Gaya Mohammed, commended the farmers for their commitment and effective management of the demonstration plots, which resulted in impressive yields.

Professor Gaya reaffirmed the Centre's commitment to supporting the farmers through upcoming training programmes and the provision of additional improved seeds ahead of the next farming season to encourage wider adoption of the varieties.

Earlier, the Deputy Director of CDA for Outreach and Partnership, Professor Amina Lawan Mustapha, commended the Centre for its sustained efforts to bridge the gap between agricultural research and farming communities.

She highlighted the importance of translating research findings into practical solutions that address farmers' needs and improve agricultural production.

Also speaking, Professor Halima Isah emphasised the importance of adopting improved groundnut varieties with early maturity and high-yielding characteristics, noting their potential to strengthen food security in dryland areas.

The participating farmers expressed satisfaction with the outcomes of the demonstration plots and commended CDA for the intervention,

which enabled them to observe the performance of the improved varieties under local farming conditions.

More than 160 participants attended the field day activities, including community leaders, agricultural extension agents and smallholder farmers. Women accounted for an estimated 20 to 30 per cent of the participants.



Director CDA, Prof. Sanusi Gaya Mohammed displaying improved groundnut variety with the farmers

and Doka, Tofa LGA, on Monday, October 19, 2026.

The two-day programme provided an opportunity for farmers to assess the performance of improved groundnut varieties supplied by CDA and learn about improved agronomic practices to enhance crop yields, strengthen food security and improve livelihoods, particularly in dryland communities.

KKDA Honours BUK Vice Chancellor for Leadership, Developmental Strides

By Lamara Garba

The Executive of the Kufutilo Kanuri Development Association (KKDA) has honoured the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, with an Award of Excellence in recognition of his outstanding qualities, commitment to leadership and dedication to the progress and development of the University.

Presenting the award, the Chairman of the Association,



Members of Kufutilo Kanuri Development Association in a group photograph with VC, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi and Management

Alhaji Muhammad Lawan, said the Vice Chancellor had made the association proud through his leadership and the achievements recorded within just one year in office.

Alhaji Lawan noted that the association was particularly impressed by the pace of development under Professor Musa's administration, describing his accomplishments as a source of pride and encouragement to the University community and its stakeholders.

He said the recognition was a reflection of the association's appreciation of the Vice Chancellor's commitment to advancing the University and strengthening its position as a leading institution of higher learning.

The KKDA chairman reaffirmed the association's readiness to support initiatives and programmes aimed at promoting the growth and development of Bayero University, Kano, adding that the association remained committed to contributing to the institution's continued progress.

In his response, Professor Haruna Musa expressed appreciation to the association for the recognition, describing the award as a source of encouragement that would inspire him to do more for the University.

The Vice Chancellor stressed that his administration remained open to partnerships and collaborations with individuals, organisations and community associations committed to the advancement of the institution.

He noted that Bayero University had a longstanding and special relationship with the people of Borno State, dating back many years, and emphasised the importance of sustaining the historic bond through mutually beneficial engagements.

Professor Musa assured the delegation that his doors remained widely open to constructive ideas, partnerships and initiatives that would contribute to the University's development and strengthen its relationship with communities and stakeholders.

He further expressed his administration's commitment to building on the University's achievements while pursuing opportunities that would enhance academic excellence, infrastructure and the overall development of the institution.

Pate Vows to Rebrand Society of Nigerian Broadcasters, Consolidate Past Gains

By Lamara Garba

Professor Umaru Pate has pledged to rebrand the Society of Nigerian Broadcasters (SNB), strengthen its public image and identity, and consolidate the gains recorded during his previous tenure following his re-election as president for another two-year term.

Pate, who emerged unopposed, made the pledge while accepting his renewed mandate at the Society's 3rd Annual Conference and Induction of New Members, held on Monday at the Sir Ahmadu Bello International Conference Centre in Bauchi State.

The former Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University Kashere, Gombe State, expressed appreciation to members



Governor of Bauchi State, Senator Bala Mohammed, Kauran Bauchi with Prof. Umaru Pate, President of SNB and other executives in a group photograph

technological changes, the spread of misinformation and growing public demand for credible information.

He pledged to work closely with members and relevant stakeholders to improve professional development opportunities, promote responsible broadcasting and strengthen the Society's standing as a credible voice for practitioners across the country.

The conference brought together broadcasters and media professionals from across Nigeria to deliberate on the future of broadcasting and the responsibilities of

practitioners in promoting professionalism, accountability and responsible communication. The event also featured the induction of new members into the Society.

Other officers re-elected alongside Pate included Deji Balogun, Vice-President, South-West; Fred Fabor, Vice-President, South-South; Festus K. Ayinde, Deputy President; Farida Abdullahi, National Treasurer; Adamu Abadan, Vice-President, North-East; Ado Saidu Warawa, Vice-President, North-West; and Ismaila Sani Turaki, Vice-President, North-Central.

Students Urged to Embrace AI, Acquire Skills Beyond Their Degrees

By Halima Muhammad Aminu

Students of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), have been urged to embrace Artificial Intelligence (AI), develop digital competencies and acquire practical skills beyond their academic qualifications to remain relevant in an increasingly technology-driven labour market.

The call was made by the Head of the University's Digital Media Unit, Dr Nura Garba, during the SUG-BUK Symposium 2026 and the launch of the SUG Almanac, organised by the Students' Union Government (SUG-BUK) through the Office of the Public Relations Officer.



Dr Nura Garba discussing the importance of artificial intelligence beyond classroom

The event, held on Monday, 19 October 2026, at the Mahmud Tukur Theatre, BUK Old Campus, was themed "Beyond the Degree: The Future of Work in the Age of Artificial Intelligence."

The symposium brought together academics, student leaders and students to explore the growing impact of Artificial Intelligence on employment and discuss how undergraduates can prepare themselves for the rapidly changing world of work.

Speaking on AI literacy and responsible use, Dr Nura Garba urged students to move beyond being passive users of Artificial Intelligence by learning how to apply AI tools effectively, ethically and critically in their academic and

professional lives.

He cautioned against relying unquestioningly on AI-generated content, explaining that AI systems can sometimes produce inaccurate or fabricated information, commonly referred to as AI hallucinations.

He also warned about the misuse of AI in creating deepfakes and other misleading digital content, stressing that human judgement and verification must remain central to the use of the technology.

To help students improve the quality of their interactions with AI tools, Dr Garba introduced the CRISPE prompting framework Context, Role, Instructions, Specifics, Performance and Example, as a practical guide for generating more accurate, relevant and useful responses.

He further encouraged students to invest in internationally recognised digital learning programmes such as Google AI Essentials and IBM SkillsBuild, describing them as valuable platforms for acquiring AI knowledge and workplace-ready skills that complement university education.

The panel discussion featured the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Development, Professor Amina Mustapha, represented by Professor Abbas Bubakar El-Taalu, Deputy Director, Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership (DRIP).

The panellists examined emerging opportunities created by AI and emphasised the importance of innovation, adaptability, lifelong learning and digital literacy in preparing graduates for future careers.

In his presentation, Professor Abbas Bubakar El-Taalu highlighted the increasing relevance of Artificial Intelligence to higher education, research and institutional development. While acknowledging the enormous opportunities presented by AI, he stressed the importance of addressing ethical, security and accountability concerns associated with the technology.

He underscored the need for universities to develop appropriate policies that will guide the responsible adoption and application of AI, noting that technological

advancement must be balanced with ethical considerations and institutional responsibility.

Earlier, the host of the programme and 58th Public Relations Officer of SUG-BUK, Comrade Inyasi Hamza, expressed appreciation to the university management, panellists, members of the Deanery of Student Affairs, distinguished guests, student leaders and participants for supporting the initiative.

He also highlighted major achievements recorded by his office since assuming office on 31 January 2026, describing them as part of efforts to strengthen communication, transparency, innovation and effective information dissemination within the Students' Union.

Among the initiatives he outlined were the introduction of the SUG Press Briefing on BUK TV to showcase the Union's activities and achievements, the production of mini-flyer designs to complement press releases, and the strengthening of the Union's social media platforms to improve engagement with students.

Other milestones included the introduction of a Student Handbook and Guide for newly admitted students, the

revival of the Public Relations Officers' Forum to improve information sharing among student associations, and the publication of the SUG Almanac and Magazine to document the administration's programmes and achievements.

The launch of the SUG Almanac formed one of the highlights of the event, providing a permanent record of the Union's activities and accomplishments during the administration.

In his closing remarks, Comrade Inyasi Hamza encouraged students to apply the knowledge gained from the symposium in their studies and future careers. He also urged the incoming leadership of the Students' Union to consolidate on existing achievements and continue promoting initiatives that advance students' welfare and development.

He expressed appreciation to his colleagues, the university management, student leaders and supporters for their cooperation throughout his tenure and concluded by praying for the continued progress of the Students' Union Government, Bayero University, Kano, and the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

BUK Wins Prof. M.G. Taura Inter-University Anatomical Quiz Competition

By Dr. Nura Garba

Bayero University, Kano (BUK) has emerged overall champion of the Prof. M.G. Taura Inter-University Anatomical Quiz Competition 2.0, organised by the Anatomical Students' Society of Nigeria to mark World Anatomy Day 2026.

The competition, held on Thursday, 15 October 2026, at



This is team BUK receiving the award of Excellence from the judges of the quiz

the Mahmud Tukur Theatre, BUK Old Campus, brought together Anatomy students from six universities to test their knowledge in Gross Anatomy, Histology and Embryology.

Representing the Department of Anatomy, BUK, were Ibrahim Ibrahim Musa, a 300-level student, and Yusuf Isah

Muhammad, a 200-level student. Their strong performance earned the University first place with 22 points. Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, came second with 16 points, while Yobe State University placed third with 14 points. Other participating institutions were Federal University, Dutse; Sa'adu Zungur University, Gadau; and Federal University, Dutsin-Ma.

The event attracted university officials, academics and other guests, including the University Registrar and Patron of ASSON-BUK, Dr Haruna Aliyu; Head of the Department of Anatomy, Dr Abdullahi Gudaji; and Dean, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, Prof. Adamu Jibril Alhassan, who was represented by the Sub-Dean (Academics) and Staff Adviser of ASSON-BUK, Dr Maharaz Murtala Musa. Dr Rabi'u Inuwa Fagge also attended, alongside members of the family and associates of Prof. M.G. Taura, sponsor of the competition, as well as academic and non-teaching staff.

The quiz was adjudicated by an independent panel comprising Dr Rabi'u Inuwa Fagge, Dr Maharaz Murtala Musa and Mallam Yahya Kabir Maigari. The judges assessed the contestants across the three areas of anatomical science, with the competition providing students an opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge and analytical ability in a competitive academic setting.

In their remarks, the dignitaries encouraged the students to pursue academic excellence and take advantage of opportunities that promote intellectual development and

strengthen anatomical education. Prizes and awards were subsequently presented to the leading contestants in recognition of their performance.

Speaking at the closing ceremony, President of ASSON-BUK, Comrade Abubakar Salisu Kazaure, thanked Prof. M.G. Taura and his family for supporting the competition and contributing to the academic development of Anatomy students.

He also appreciated the Department of Anatomy for approving and supporting the programme, as well as the

university management, participating institutions, judges, organising committee, ASSON-BUK Executive Council, staff and other stakeholders for their contributions to the success of the event.

Kazaure further commended the participating universities for supporting the initiative and promoting healthy academic competition among Anatomy students. He reaffirmed ASSON-BUK's commitment to initiatives that promote academic excellence, encourage inter-university collaboration and contribute to the intellectual and professional development of Anatomy students.



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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3
FRIDAY, 30TH OCTOBER 2026	SATURDAY, 31ST OCTOBER 2026	SUNDAY, 1ST NOVEMBER 2026
Venue: Ummah Mosque, Old Site — B.U.K.	Venue: Prof. Sagir Adamu Abba's Theatre, Faculty of Law — B.U.K. New Site	Venue: Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, New Site — B.U.K.
Time: 4:00 PM till Maghrib	Time: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Time: 9:00 AM Prompt
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SPECIAL GUEST OF HONOUR His Excellency, Engr. Abba Kabir Yusuf <i>Executive Governor of Kano State</i>	CHIEF HOST Prof. Haruna Musa, FSI <i>Vice Chancellor, Bayero University Kano</i>	HOST Prof. Gausu Ahmad <i>Chairman of Patrons</i>
ROYAL FATHER OF THE DAY His Royal Highness Khalipha Dr. Muhammad Sanusi II CON <i>Emir of Kano</i>	SPIRITUAL FATHER OF THE DAY Khalipha Sani Sheikh Mai Hula <i>Chairman, Kano State Shura Council</i>	MOTHERS OF THE DAY Sayyida Ummuhani Inyass Sayyida Rahmatullahi Inyass

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS		
1. Dr. Abdullahi Hamisu <i>History Department, B.U.K.</i>	2. Mallam Ibrahim Mai Ashafa	3. Sayyidi Ali Usman Bashir Inyass

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INVITATION TO THE DISPOSAL OF UNSERVICEABLE ITEMS

The Board of Survey wishes to inform members of the university community that a disposal exercise of unserviceable items is scheduled to take place as follows:

LOCATION	DATE	TIME
NEW CAMPUS, OLD POWER HOUSE	TUESDAY, 10 th NOVEMBER, 2026	9:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

The exercise will be carried out by way of sale to university staff at set prices through an independent agent. Only university staff are invited to participate in this disposal exercise. Items to be disposed include wooden and metallic junks, unserviceable electronic equipment and various scrap items.

We kindly solicit for your cooperation and participation in this exercise, as it aligns with our commitment to maintaining an organized and resource efficient university environment.

Signed:
Secretary Board of Survey
 For: *Chairman, Board of Survey*



BAYERO UNIVERSITY, KANO Annual Report Committee

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17th September, 2026

To All Provosts/ Deans/Directors,
 Bayero University,
 Kano.

SUBMISSION OF 2026 ANNUAL REPORT MANUSCRIPT

This is to notify Provosts of Colleges, Deans of faculties and Directors of Centers and Administrative Units that the University Annual Report Committee has initiated the process of compiling the 2026 Annual Report. In view of this, the Committee is requesting the usual support and cooperation of all to endeavor to submit the reports of their activities for the **year 2026**

Please take note that the deadline for the submission of the reports is **Tuesday 20th October, 2026**.

Templates to guide and assist you in compiling your reports have been shared through your email addresses and WhatsApp platforms. Please endeavor to strictly abide by the templates.

Thank you

Signed:
Bala G. Abdullahi
 Committee Secretary



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Bayero University, in collaboration with Google for Education, is planning a capacity strengthening workshop tagged "**Gemini Academy**" designed to empower the academic and research community through responsible generative artificial intelligence (GenAI).

Gemini Academy is Google for Education's dedicated capacity-building initiative designed to help universities understand, adopt, and integrate generative AI safely and productively.

WHAT TO EXPECT



Build practical skills in GenAI tools and applications



Learn about responsible and ethical AI use



Explore ways to integrate GenAI in teaching, research and administration



Enhance productivity and innovation in higher education



TRAINING DATES



Day 1 – Faculty Representatives
(Lecturers & Academic Staff)

October 29th, 2026



Day 2 – Students
(Undergraduate & Postgraduate)

October 30th, 2026



Registration Link (Google Form):

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScWxbKowvPy9b25qyu3YlxMx4ag6U6NrXCeup4rNhHkqXL1CQ/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=104917442650220823888>



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AND PARTNERSHIP (DRIP)**
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PATENT ACHIEVEMENTS

The Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership (DRIP), Bayero University, Kano, congratulates the following staff on their patent achievements granted by the **Federal Government of Nigeria.**



AMINA SULEIMAN RAJAH

Department of Nursing

Innovation Title:

A Non-Invasive Device for Painless Injections



AMINA SULEIMAN RAJAH

Department of Nursing

Innovation Title:

Reusable Menstrual Pad with Enhanced Absorbency and Comfort



AISHA MUHAMMAD GADANYA

Department of Biochemistry

Innovation Title:

Sprouted Cereal-Based Food Supplement with Malnutrition Therapeutic Potential

SEMINARS

Department of Geography: *PhD Seminar*

1st Presenter: Haruna Zakari

Topic: Perceptions, Early Warning Components, and Agricultural Influence of NIMETS'S Seasonal Climate Prediction on Farming Communities and Food Security in Jigawa State

Chairperson: Prof. Maharazu A. Yusuf

2nd Presenter: Mubarak Sani

Topic: Surface Water Resource Accessibility, Utilization and Challenges among Irrigation Farmers in the Hadejia Valley Irrigation Project Area, North-Western, Nigeria

Chairperson: Prof. Tasiu Yalwa Rilwanu

3rd Presenter: Babagana Zannah Audu

Topic: Impact of Landmines and Explosive Remnants of War on the Socio-Economic Activities of Resettled Internally Displaced Persons in Borno State

Chairperson: Prof. Ibrahim Badamasi Lambu

Date: Thursday, 29th October, 2026

Time: 9.00am prompt

Venue: NRM Class, Geography Department

NOTE: Attendance to Seminar is Compulsory to all PGD, MSc I & II and PhD I & II Students.

Department of Biochemistry: *PG Seminar*

Re-present M.Sc. Proposal and Completion Seminars

Presenter 1: Okon Nduonyi Ekpo (SPS/20/MBC/00033)

Topic: In –vivo and Vitro Evaluation of Tetrapleura Tetraptera Methanolic Fruits Extract against Echis ocellatus Crude Venom

Degree in View: M.Sc. Biotechnology.

Supervisor: Prof. Binta G. Kurfi

Internal: Dr. Murtala Ya'u

Presenter 2: Zainab Faruk (SPS/23/PBC/00041)

Topic: Isolation and Characterization of Dimethoate-Degrading Bacteria from a Farmland Site in Ungogo LGA, Kano State.

Degree in View: M.Sc. Biotechnology

Supervisor: Prof. Binta G. Kurfi

PhD Second Progress Seminar

Presenter 3: Maryam Umar Maigari (SPS/18/PBC/00005)

Topic: Seasonal Composition, Insecticide Resistance and its Mechanism in the Major Malaria Vectors from a site in the Guinea Savanna of Nigeria.

Degree in View: PhD Biochemistry.

Supervisor: Prof. S. S. Ibrahim

PhD First Progress Seminar

Presenter 4: Umar Abdulrazak Karabonde

(SPS/18/PBC/000001)

Topic: Evaluation of Selected Natural Small Molecules as Venom Inhibitors and Antivenom Adjuncts for Bitis anietants Envenoming.

Degree in View: PhD Biotechnology

Supervisor: Prof. Muntati Bala

PhD Proposal Seminar

Presenter 5: Nafisa Aminu Adamu (CPS/24/PBC/00031)

Topic: Hazardous Chemical and Biological Contaminants of Staple Grains across major Market Hubs in Kano State, Nigeria.

Degree in View: PhD Biochemistry

Supervisor: Dr. Dayyabu Shehu

M.Sc. Proposal Seminar

Presenter 6: Abdulrazak Sale Yusuf (SPS/23/MBC/00096)

Topic: Identification of Circulating Uropathogenic E. coli Causing UTIs in Kano and Mapping its Epitopes for Future Vaccine Design.

Degree in View: M.Sc. Biotechnology

Supervisor: Dr. A. M. Bello

Presenter 7: Habib Lawal (CPS/24/MBC/00006)

Topic: Antioxidant and Antidiabetic Effects of Methanolic Stem Extract of Telfairia occidentalis in Streptozotocin Induced Diabetic Wister Rats.

Degree in View: M.Sc. Biochemistry (Medical)

Supervisor: Prof. M. K. Atiku

Presenter 8: Salaudeen Yasir Alani (CPS/24/MBC/00070)

Topic: Effectiveness of mHealth-Based Nutrition Counselling of Maternal, Infant and Young Child Feeding Practices among Mothers attending Khalifa Sheikh Isyaka Rabi'u Paediatric Hospital, Kano.

Degree in View: M.Sc. Public Health Nutrition and Policy

Supervisor: Dr. Dayyabu Shehu

Chairman: Prof. M. S. Sule

Date: Tuesday 27th October, 2026

Time: 10:00 am Prompt

Venue: Prof. A. A. Imam PG Seminar Room

Department of Mass Communication:

M.Sc. Proposal/Internal Defense

Candidate 1: Bashir Usman (SPS/20/PMC/00003)

Topic: The Motive and Influence of Fake News Spread on Social Media: A Study of Nigeria's 2023 General Election

Supervisor: Professor Umaru A. Pate

Candidate 2: Musbahu Muhammad Yusuf

(SPS/23/PMC/00005)

Topic: Semiotic Analysis of Visual Texts on Commercial Vehicles in Kano State

Supervisor: Professor Hadiza J. Ibrahim

Candidate 3: Rabi'atu Bashir Ibrahim

(SPS/19/MMC/00034)

Topic: An Examination of the Effectiveness of Social Media in Cyber Dating among University Students in Kano State

Supervisor: Dr. Musa Adamu Labara

Candidate 4: Alkaseem Muhammad Ali

(SPS/21/MMC/00009)

Topic: An Analysis of the Press Coverage of the 2023 Elections: A Study of Daily Trust and Vanguard Newspapers

Supervisor: Dr. Suleiman Y. Sule

Candidate 5: Nura Isah (SPS/21/MMC/00011)

Topic: Analysis of Danbello's social media Memes as Tools for Bad Governance Critique in Kano State

Supervisor: Professor Mainasara Y. Kurfi

Candidate 6: Esther Michael Ogbu (CPC/24/MMC/00004)

Topic: Reconfiguring Media Practice in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: A Critical Study of Content Creation in the Use of AI Tools Such as CHATGPT and MIDJOURNEY

Supervisor: Professor Hajara Umar Sanda

Chairman: Dr. Gambo Shehu Nababa

Date: Thursday 29th October, 2026

Time: 9:30am

Venue: Mass Communication Departmental Board Room

CALL FOR PAPERS



FACULTY OF ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT SCIENCES
BAYERO UNIVERSITY KANO

5TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE & DOCTORAL COLLOQUIUM

THEME:

SUSTAINABLE GOVERNANCE AND THE GREEN ECONOMY:

Strategies for Addressing Insecurity and Promoting Inclusive Development in Africa

DATE: Tuesday, 3rd – Thursday, 5th November, 2026 TIME: 10:00am.
 VENUE: CBN Centre of Excellence, New Campus, Bayero University, Kano

SUB-THEMES:

1. Public Financial Management, Transparency, and Accountability for Sustainable Governance
2. Corporate Governance, Sustainability Reporting (ESG), and Accounting Ethics for Sustainable Development
3. Forensic Accounting, Financial Integrity, and Anti-Corruption in Addressing Insecurity
4. Digital Accounting Systems, Artificial Intelligence, and Financial Innovation for Sustainable Development
5. Sustainable Business Strategies, Organizational Resilience, and Business Continuity in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Environments
6. Entrepreneurship, Innovation, SMEs, and Green Business Models for Inclusive Development and Job Creation
7. Strategic Human Resource Management, Ethical Leadership, and Sustainable Enterprise Development
8. Digital Transformation, Business Intelligence, and Competitive Advantage in the Green Economy
9. Green Growth, Circular Economy, and Sustainable Economic Transformation for Peace and Shared Prosperity
10. Macroeconomic Stability, Employment, Poverty Reduction, and Economic Security
11. Trade, Regional Integration under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), and Inclusive Economic Development for Peace and Stability
12. Natural Resource Governance, Energy Security, and Environmental Sustainability
13. Green Finance, Climate Finance, and Sustainable Investment for Economic Resilience and Peacebuilding
14. Financial Inclusion, FinTech, and Digital Financial Services for Inclusive Development and Economic Security
15. Islamic Finance, Ethical Investment, and Sustainable Development
16. Financial Markets, Financial Stability, and Green Economic Development
17. Institutional Quality, Ethical Leadership, Good Governance, and Public Sector Reforms for Sustainable Development
18. Digital Governance, Public Policy Innovation, Peacebuilding, and Security Governance
19. Climate Change, Environmental Degradation, Conflict Resilience, and Sustainable Communities
20. Public-Private Partnerships, Multi-Stakeholder Collaboration, and the Achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

SUBMISSION AND REGISTRATION DEADLINES

Early Bird Registration Deadline: 31st August, 2026
 Abstract Submission Deadline: 30th September, 2026
 Full Paper Submission Deadline: 15th October, 2026
 All submissions must be made online via the Conference Portal.

JOURNAL PUBLICATION OPPORTUNITIES:

Authors of outstanding papers presented at the Conference will be invited to submit their work for peer-reviewed publication in our Faculty and Departmental Journals.

CONFERENCE DATES

Arrival and Registration: Monday, 2nd November, 2026
 Workshop on Research Methodology: Monday, 2nd November, 2026
 Opening Ceremony: Tuesday, 3rd November, 2026
 Plenary Sessions and Doctoral Colloquium:
 Tuesday, 3rd to Thursday, 5th November, 2026
 Time: 10:00 a.m. daily
 Venue: CBN Centre of Excellence, New Campus,
 Bayero University, Kano
 Departure: Friday, 6th November, 2026

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

A Workshop on Research Methodology will be held on Monday, 2nd November, 2026, one day before the commencement of the conference.

REGISTRATION FEE

CATEGORY	FEE
Physical Attendance	N40,000
Physical Attendance (Early Bird)	N35,000
Virtual Attendance	N25,000
Students	N25,000
Doctoral Colloquium	N15,000
Workshop Registration	N10,000
Foreign Participants	US\$50

All payments must be made online via the Conference Portal.

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PAPER REQUIREMENTS

- a. Original research not published elsewhere.
- b. Abstract of 150–250 words with Five (5) keywords.
- c. APA 7th Edition referencing style.
- d. Submit papers in Microsoft Word format and presentation in Powerpoint.
- e. Times New Roman, 12 point size, single line spacing.
- f. Maximum length: 6,000 words

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DEADLINE EXTENDED

5th International Conference & Doctoral Colloquium

Faculty of Economics and Management Sciences,
 Bayero University, Kano
Date: 3rd – 5th November, 2026

Good news! The submission deadline has been extended to **31st October, 2026** for both abstracts and full papers.

If you missed the earlier deadline, this is your chance. We welcome submissions from academics, researchers, doctoral students and practitioners. Outstanding papers will be considered for publication in the Faculty journals.





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Date:
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IMPORTANT NOTICE: Balloting Exercise For Disposal of Unserviceable Items

Sequel to the earlier Special Bulletin regarding the **Disposal of Unserviceable Items**, the **Board of Survey** wishes to inform members of the University community that due to limited available slots/lots, a **Balloting Exercise** will be conducted prior to the main disposal.

Details of balloting and disposal exercises:

BALLOTING EXERCISE

Date: Monday, 9th November, 2026

Time: 8:00 AM

Venue: Convocation Arena, New Campus

DISPOSAL EXERCISE

Date: Tuesday, 10th November, 2026

Time: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Location: New Campus, Old Power House

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS & ELIGIBILITY:

1. **Limited Slots:** Balloting will determine the allocation of potential spaces/lots available for purchase.
2. **Participation Eligibility:** Only staff who are successful during the Balloting Exercise on Monday, 9th November, 2026 will be permitted to participate in the Disposal Exercise on Tuesday, 10th November, 2026.
3. **Staff Only:** The exercise is strictly open to University staff members **ONLY**.
4. Items available for disposal include wooden and metallic junks, unserviceable electronic equipment and some scrap items.

We kindly request your full cooperation and adherence of all interested staff members to ensure an orderly and successful process.

Signed:

Secretary, Board of Survey
For: Chairman, Board of Survey



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