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## New Horizon for Non-Teaching Staff as BUK Council **Approves Promotion to CONTISS 15**

Bayero University Kano's Governing Council has others. approved a new terminal point of promotion for nonteaching staff cadres, setting CONTISS 15 as the highest attainable grade. The decision was reached at the Council's 2nd meeting held on Thursday, 6th February 2025.

In a formal statement, the Director of the Directorate of Establishment Matters, Malam Shehu Galadima, listed the eligible staff categories, including Administrative Officers, Pharmacists, Library Officers, Engineers, Legal Officers, Nurses, Environmental Health Officers, Dental Therapists, and Medical Laboratory Scientists, among

The Technology Staff Cadre was excluded from this adjustment, having previously secured approval to progress to CONTISS 15.

The Council noted that the policy shift was in line with the 2009 agreement between the Federal Government and the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU). It extended congratulations to the affected staff and expressed optimism that the elevation would inspire renewed commitment to the university's service delivery.

## Kano's Maternal Deaths Drop Sharply as ACEPHAP Unveils **Game-Changing Health Surveillance Data**

■ Bv Bala G. Abdullahi ■

Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) has revealed a dramatic reduction in Kano State's maternal mortality rate, marking a significant milestone in the fight to protect women's lives during pregnancy and childbirth.

The study, conducted under the Kano State Surveillance for Evidence and Policy (KASSEP) project, showed that



Director ACEPHAP, Prof. Hadiza Galadanci presenting the KASSEP Findings Report to Commissioner of Health Dr. Abubakar L. Yusuf

the state's maternal mortality rate (MMR) has fallen from a staggering 1,600 deaths per 100,000 live births in 2015 to 1,147 per 100,000, with KASSEP's own unweighted estimate placing the figure at 937 per 100,000 live births.

Unveiled on Tuesday, 13th May 2025, at a high-level dissemination meeting held at Tahir Guest Palace in Kano, the findings were the result of a robust surveillance effort

A groundbreaking study conducted by the Bayero spanning all 44 Local Government Areas. The KASSEP University's Africa Centre of Excellence for Population project, launched in 2023, aims to generate real-time data on pregnancy outcomes, offering a more accurate alternative to the hospital-based estimates that often dominate national statistics.

> Presenting the retrospective findings, ACEPHAP Director Professor Hadiza Shehu Galadanci explained the mixedmethods approach used in the study. A Sample Registration System (SRS) was set up using a representative sampling method, drawing from both urban and rural communities across the three senatorial zones of the state.

> The project consists of two components: a retrospective analysis of maternal deaths and stillbirths in the 12 months before the system was implemented, and a forwardlooking, ongoing data collection initiative. Both segments utilized the 2022 WHO Verbal Autopsy tool, with social autopsy data analyzed via Deedose software and cause-ofdeath modelling performed using InterVA-5.

> The retrospective analysis revealed major disparities in maternal mortality across LGAs and educational levels. Women with no formal education faced significantly higher mortality rates, while no deaths were reported among women who had received formal education.

> The primary medical causes of maternal deaths identified in the study included hypertensive disorders (20.4%), pregnancy-related sepsis (17.2%), obstetric haemorrhage (9.4%), cardiac disorders (9.7%), HIV/AIDS (7.5%), and other causes (25.8%).

> Professor Galadanci emphasized the urgent need for institutionalizing the SRS to sustain real-time maternal mortality monitoring. She also advocated for

system, and maternal education.

"For decades, maternal deaths in Kano State have remained a silent crisis—but they no longer need to be," she said. "With real-time insights from the SRS, Kano now has a historic opportunity to take evidence-based action to save mothers' lives and secure healthier futures for families across the state."

Receiving the report on behalf of the Kano State Government, Commissioner for Health Dr. Abubakar Labaran Yusuf lauded ACEPHAP's work as transformative. "No other state in Nigeria possesses this level of robust, locally sourced data on maternal mortality," he noted. "The reported decline to 937 per 100,000 live births, though still unacceptably high, gives us a clear and reliable baseline to work from."

Dr. Yusuf assured stakeholders that the Ministry of Health would study the report in detail and translate its findings into actionable policy. He called for continued collaboration with ACEPHAP, stating, "The outcome of the KASSEP study should not mark the end of this partnership—we want it strengthened and continued."

Earlier, Dr. Iman Haruna Usman of North West University

improvements in emergency obstetric care, the referral gave a comprehensive overview of the KASSEP project, while Project Manager Dr. Fatima Muhammad led stakeholders in a reflection on the process and key results.

> Other speakers included Professor Baba Maiyaki Musa (ACEPHAP's Monitoring and Evaluation Officer), Malam Abdulrahman Ibrahim, Dr. Shehu Abdullahi (Director of Medical and Health Services, Kano State), and Professor Salisu Maiwada Abubakar, Deputy Director of Outreach at ACEPHAP and President of the Nutrition Society of Nigeria.

> The meeting attracted a wide array of participants, from government officials and academics to development partners and community leaders. Notable institutions represented included the Kano State Ministry of Health, the Emir of Kano's office, the State Primary Health Care Management Board, Yusuf Maitama Sule University, the National Bureau of Statistics, the Kano Bureau of Statistics, the National Population Commission, and the Ministry of Women Affairs.

> All the speakers submitted that with accurate data, dedicated partnerships, and political will, maternal deaths in Kano can be drastically reduced—and the lives of women across the state can be safeguarded for generations

## **CDA Leads Field Mission to Niger Republic for Cross-Border Agricultural Collaboration**



CDA delegation on strategic field mission to Niger Republic in a group photograph

A 12-member delegation from Bayero University, Kano (BUK), through the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), recently embarked on a strategic field mission to Agadez, Niger Republic, to deepen academic ties and foster cross-border knowledge exchange in dryland agriculture.

Accompanied by 40 students from the Centre's Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resource Management (SANRM) program, the mission emphasized practical learning and international cooperation. The PhD and M.Sc students from CDA and Geography Department in the Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences engaged in immersive academic and cultural experiences, including guided tours

of key agricultural and ecological sites.

The delegation also paid a courtesy visit to the Governor of the Agadez Region, Brig. Gen. Ibra Boulama Issa, where discussions focused on strengthening regional efforts to combat the shared challenges of dryland ecosystems.

The team leader, Prof, Sanusi Gaya Muhammad (Deputy Director Training and team from the University of Agadez and CDA highlighted the power of collaboration in building sustainable agricultural practices and boosting resilience across the Sahel. The mission reaffirmed CDA's drive toward experiential education, regional outreach, and sustainable resource management.

## **ANUPA-BUK Hails Haruna Aliyu's Labour Union Recognition**

The Caretaker Committee of the Association of Nigerian welfare and professional development. University Professional Administrators (ANUPA), Bayero University Kano Branch, has celebrated the Registrar, Malam Haruna Aliyu, for receiving a Merit Award from the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) and Trade Union Congress (TUC).

The accolade was presented during the 2025 Workers' Day celebration in Kano, acknowledging Malam Aliyu's longstanding service and his impactful role in advancing staff read.

In a congratulatory statement signed by Branch Caretaker Committee Secretary Malam Mustapha Isa, the association expressed gratitude to the NLC and TUC for recognizing Malam Aliyu's efforts. "We commend the labour unions for identifying Haruna Aliyu as a worthy recipient of this prestigious honour. This award will no doubt encourage continued excellence in his public service," the statement

## **BUK Senate Approves Academic Calendar for 2024/2025 Undergraduate Session**

The Senate of Bayero University Kano, at its 423rd meeting held on Wednesday, 30th April 2025, approved the official academic calendar for undergraduate programmes for the 2024/2025 academic session as follows:

S/N	FROM	ТО	ACTIVITY	PERIOD
1.	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May, 2025	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Online Screening for Fresh Students	2 Weeks
2.	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May, 2025	Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2025	Registration for Fresh & Returning Students	2 Weeks
3.	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June, 2025	Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> September, 2025	First Semester Lectures	13 Weeks
4.	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July, 2025	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> July, 2025	Mid Semester Break	1 Week
5.	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September, 2025	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	First Semester Examinations	4 Weeks
6.	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> October, 2025	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> October, 2025	First Semester Break	1 Week
7.	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October, 2025	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> January, 2026	Second Semester Lectures	13 weeks
8.	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October, 2025	Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> November, 2025	Add & Drop	2 Weeks
9.	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November, 2025	Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November, 2025	Mid Semester Break	1 Week
10.	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December, 2025	Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January, 2026	Christmas & New Year Break	2 Weeks
11.	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> January, 2026	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> February, 2026	Second Semester Examinations	4 Weeks
12.	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February, 2026	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> April, 2026	End of the session Break	8 Weeks
14.	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April, 2026	Begin	nning of New Session	

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## **BUK Health Services Staff Cooperative Society Expresses Gratitude to Registrar**

The Management of the BUK Health Services Staff with no restrictions to membership. The Management also Cooperative Society (BUKHCOPS) wishes to express its profound appreciation to the esteemed Registrar of Bayero University, Kano, Malam Haruna Aliyu, for honouring the Society as the Guest Speaker at its 2024/2025 Annual General Meeting (AGM).

In a message issued by the BUKHCOPS Team, the Management conveyed its deep gratitude to Dr. Aliyu for sharing his wealth of experience, professional expertise, and invaluable insights during the event. His address, which resonated powerfully with attendees, was described as emotionally stirring and intellectually enriching.

"We remain honoured to have had you in our midst. Your kind words and thoughtful guidance left a lasting impression on all members," the message read.

The Cooperative Society also extended heartfelt thanks to all members who participated in the AGM, including representatives from the Kano State Ministry and other invited resource persons. "We cannot thank you all sufficiently for your presence and valuable contributions," the statement added.

Furthermore, the message reiterated that BUKHCOPS is an inclusive platform open to all staff of Bayero University,

welcomed constructive feedback, observations, and suggestions that could contribute to the Society's growth.

The Society concluded by appreciating the moral support and understanding of its members, assuring them of its continued commitment to their welfare and development.



Registrar, Haruna Aliyu presenting his address

## BAYERO UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC STAFF COOPERATIVE SOCIETY LIMITED (BUKASCO LTD)

Bayero University Academic Staff Cooperative Society Limited (BUKASCO) wishes to inform the University Community that we are now fully operational. The principal objective of BUKASCO is to promote the economic interests of its members in accordance with co-operative Principles. Becoming a member of BUKASCO entails:

a) Being a Staff of the University

- b) Obtaining and filling membership form (available @ ASUU Secretariat)
- c) Paying a non-refundable fee of №5000:00 only

#### Subscription

Investment options for members include the following

- Share capital (mandatory) of at least 200 Shares @ №100:00 per share
- ii. Monthly savings of at least ₹5000:00
- iii. Additional Shares (optional)
- iv. Non-share Investments (optional)

Members can access their accounts online via https://bukasco.co-operatie.com.ng/member using your Staff Number as username and Password (1000 in the first instance)

We offer, but not limited to the following services:

- 1. Mortgage/ Property Facilities
- 2. Electronics, Building Materials and general supplies
- 3. Payment of School fees
- 4. Solar installation
- 5. Cars and Electric Bikes
- 6. Financial Services (Short- and Long-term Loans)
- 7. Farm implements and Fertilizers
- 8. Travel Arrangements (Hajj, etc)
- 9. Monthly meat and Chickens Subscription
- 10. Monthly Yam Subscription
- 11. Monthly Essential Commodities (Rice, Vegetable Oil, palm oil, Sugar, e.tc)
- 12. Any other Products or Services consistent with the objective of BUKASCO

For more information contact the following numbers +234 08103672257 or +234 08035610427

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Prof Mohammed Yusuf Waziri Chairman



# FACULTY OF EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

Talking Environment Seminar Series No. 12



MJM THEATRE FACULTY OF EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES



Date

MAY 27th

Time

10.00 AM



May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Tuesday LIVE AND INTERACTIVE SESSION



A Thousand Years of Solitude: Genetic and Enzymatic Echoes in the Fulani Lineage

BY

Professor Baba Maiyaki Musa

Department of Medicine, Bayero University, Kano

#### **SEMINARS**

Department Environmental Management: Submission: Proposal Defense

PhD SEMINAR series

First Presenter 1: Sagir Ibrahim Muhammad

Topic: Impact of Solid Minerals Mining on Environmental Degradation and Local Livelihoods

(Ph.D Review, Seminar I)

Chairperson: Prof. Maharazu A. Yusuf Second Presenter 2: Abdulrazak Ahmed

Topic: Household Energy Transition Pathways and Barriers for Adopting Sustainable Energy Solutions

(Ph.D Review, Seminar I)

Chairperson: Dr. Sulaiman M. Zubairu

Ummukhulsum Mohammed

Third Presenter 3: Muhammed Amin Kodiva

**Topic:** Assessment of Socio-economic, Environmental and Public Health Impacts of Metal Fabrication Works

(Ph.D Review, Seminar I)

Chairperson: Prof. L.F Buba & Dr. Amina Shaikh

Abdullahi

Date: Wednesday 21<sup>th</sup> May, 2025.

**Time:** 10.00am prompt

Venue: Departmental seminar room

**Note:** Attendance to seminars is compulsory to all MSc I

MSc II PhD I and II

**Department of Mass Communication:** 

M.Sc./PhD Proposal/Internal Defense/Seminar

Presentation

**Date:** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 2025

Venue: Mass Communication Departmental Board

Room

**Time:** 9:30am

Chairman: Dr. Gambo Shehu Nababa

Candidate 1: Suwaiba Adamu Jibrin

(SPS/21/MMC/00028)

**Topic:** An Analysis of Communication Pattern Between Healthcare Givers and Mentally Ill Patients in Kano

Metropolis

Supervisor: Professor Gausu Ahmad **Submission:** Proposal Defense

Candidate 2: Terhemba Cyprian Gbasha

(SPS/21/MMC/00010)

Topic: Journalists' Knowledge and Application of World Health Organisations Road Safety Reporting

Guidelines in Benue State

Supervisor: Dr. Gambo Shehu Nababa

Submission: Proposal Defense

Candidate 3: Saleh Shakiru (SPS/19/MMC/00035)

**Topic:** Broadcast Compliance Monitoring: A Study of NBC's Broadcast Compliance Monitoring of Some Selected Radio Adverts on Traditional Medicine

Adverts in Kano

Supervisor: Professor Suleiman M. Yar'Adua

Candidate 4: Mu'azu Jibril Mu'azu

(SPS/20/MMC/00020)

Topic: The Economy of News Management among

Radio Stations in Kano

Supervisor: Professor Umaru Alhaji Pate

Submission: Internal Defense

Candidate 5: Nassarawa Yasseer Mohammed

(SPS/18/MMC/00036)

**Topic:** An examination of Commercial Graffiti as a

& Dr. Means of Advertising in Kano Metropolis Supervisor: Professor Maryam Umar Mukhtar

Submission: Internal Defense

Candidate 6: Bashir Usman (SPS/20/PMC/00003) **Topic:** The Motive and Influence of Fake News Spread

on Social Media Durin Election: A Study of Nigeria

2023 General Elections

Supervisor: Professor Umaru Alhaji Pate

Submission: PhD Seminar One

Candidate 7: Nura Garba (SPS/18/PMC/00010)

Topic: An Analysis of Social Media Engagement of Nigerian Professional Football Clubs in Building Relationships with their Fans: A Comparative Study of

Enyemba and Kano Pillars Football Club Supervisor: Professor Umar Faruk Jibril Submission: PhD Internal Defense

Department of Geography: PhD Seminar

1<sup>ST</sup> PRESENTER: Umar Yusuf Abdullahi

**TOPIC:** Analysis of fertility differentials among different socio-ethnic group in Gombe state, Nigeria

CHAIRMAN: Prof. Ibrahim Badamasi Lambu

2<sup>ND</sup> **PRESENTER:** Hindu Musa Karaye

TOPIC: Application of indigenous knowledge techniques in weather and seasonal climate forecasts for agriculture in the Kano region, Nigeria

CHAIRMAN: Prof. Adnan Abdullahamid 3<sup>RD</sup> PRESENTER: Umar Isah Ahmad

**TOPIC:** Biophysical requirements of arable crops and fertilizer use and recommendations under the different

agroecological zone in the Kano region CHAIRMAN: Prof. Maharazu A. Yusuf

**DATE:** Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2025

Time: 10.00 am prompt

Venue: NRM Class, Geography Department

NOTE: Attendance to seminars compulsory to all MSc

I. MSc II. PhD I and PhD II students

#### 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

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

#### **NOTICE OF 2025 PROMOTION EXERCISE**

I write to notify you that the following Time-Table for the 2025 Promotion Exercise is approved for your compliance.

S/N	DATE	ACTIVITY
1.	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June, 2025	Latest Date for Departmental, Faculty
		and College A&PCs Meetings.
2.	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June, 2025	Latest Date for Colleges/Faculties to
		make Submissions to the Secretariat.
3.	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July, 2025	Secretariat to Collate and prepare
		submissions for the Central A & PC.
4.	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> July - Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> August, 2025	Central A&PC to Meet and Consider
		the cases.

Heads of Department should please note the following:

- (a) That staff to be recommended for promotions must have served for at least three/four years as the case may be in their positions by 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2025 and their appointments duly confirmed;
- (b) That cases of administrative staff in various Faculties/Departments should be routed through the Registry Departmental Appointments and Promotions and General Purposes Committee;
- (c) That cases of Bursary Staff/Stores Officers in various Faculties/Departments should be routed through the Bursary Department;
- (d) That cases of Librarians and Library Officers in various Faculties/Departments should be routed through the University Librarian;
- (e) Cases of Academic Staff and Technologist must pass through the Departmental, Faculty and or School/College A&PC and Minutes of Meeting of the School/College/Faculty/ Appointments and Promotions Committee should be attached to the recommendations;
- (f) Cases of all Faculties under the Colleges should be coordinated for submission by the provosts
- (g) Academic Staff on approved Study Fellowship could be promoted up to the rank of Lecturer I or equivalent, provided that he/she would not be promoted twice in one study fellowship period;
- (h) All submissions should be strictly based on the extant guidelines for the appropriate cadres; Provost and Dean must ensure compliance as the case may be.
- (i) Schools, Colleges and Faculties are to forward a soft and **ONE** (1) hard copy of their submissions to the Director, Establishment Matters not later than **27**<sup>th</sup> **June**, **2025**.
- (j) Original documents for sighting during the meeting should not accompany the submission to the Secretariat.
- (k) Provosts, Deans and HODs should ensure that all documents for presentation at the A&PC are properly TAGGED and ARRANGED according to the CV for ease of reference.

This supersedes the earlier one circulated dated 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2025

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## The Vice-Chancellor Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, FMAN

Invites the general public to the

## **COMMISSIONING** NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY CENTRE BAYERO UNIVERSITY, KANO

HONOURABLE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, INNOVATION AND DIGITAL ECONOMY DR. BOSUN TIJANI

DATE: TUESDAY 20TH MAY, 2025

TIME: 10:00AM

VENUE: NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY CENTRE BUK NEW CAMPUS

## Request for Submission of Unserviceable Equipment, Waste Papers and Other Unserviceable Items

The University Board of Survey wishes to request accordance with extant regulations. Provosts, Deans, Directors and Heads of Department to please furnish the Board with a comprehensive list of all unserviceable items situated in their respective locations. This is to enable the Board of Survey determine the practicability or otherwise of disposing off the items in

Signed: Hajiya Halima Shehu Hayat Secretary, Board of Survey, For: Chairman

## **WORDSCAPE**

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

#### **MY CHOICE**

Life gives us many choices But each choice we made Has a price tag on its seal Sometimes we chose right Other times we pay it big

I decided to take you a wife How much was the cost?

I never bothered to know I agreed to pay any cost That was how it all began

After many moons and sunsets Your company has been a joy You are doing so well dear It was right not to hesitate I made the right choice, I'm happy.

