



FG Woos Agencies to Combat Environmental Challenges – Minister of Environment

The federal government has established various agencies and institutions that are setting up a number of programmes aimed at combating challenges on climate change, as well as environmental degradation. The Minister of Environment, Hajiya Amina Mohammed, has disclosed.

Speaking on Monday, 7th March, 2016 during a film show titled “Nowhere To Run: Nigeria’s Climate and Environment Crises” at Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Bayero University, she said there were potential renewable energy resources in Nigeria, which were being explored to address carbon emissions and diversify the nation’s economy.

Hajiya Amina Mohammed, represented by Dr. Yerima Tarfa, said the government is embarking on sugarcane and cassava ethanol, palm oil and jatropha biofuel projects, as well as promoting investment in solar power projects to improve education, water supply, health, agriculture, commerce, security and women’s opportunities.

She commended Bayero University and the Shehu Musa Yar’adua Foundation for partnering to popularise the film, saying “I firmly believe that we can commit to action that will serve as a springboard to Nigeria’s new climate economy.”

She listed major projects geared towards combating ecological problems and improving the economy, such as the Nigeria Liquefied

Natural Gas (NLGN) project, the elaboration of National Tropical Forest Action Plan and the establishment of the Great Green Wall Agency to combat desertification in the eleven frontline states amongst other numerous programmes.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, commended the effort of the centre for coming up with the documentary that will ginger input from the academics who are expert on environmental issues as part of the move to salvage the environment and sustain it for the benefit of the incoming generations.

Professor Yahuza Bello said Bayero University had established Faculty of Earth and Environmental Science to train and conduct researches, saying “we want to make the Faculty a model, we want to make the whole of the University green that’s why in every new building we try to address issues pertaining environment, including landscaping and we are cautious about the issue of renewable energy.”

He called for effective sensitisation of the public to minimise damage to the environment, urging the participants to watch the film carefully for them to be able to contribute to the improvement of the environment.

Dr. Saleh Momale, while introducing the documentary, expressed concern about the low awareness on environmental issues. He said the centre was established to support development and, as such, it had partnered with the Faculty of Earth and Environmental Science, Centre for Dryland Agriculture and Department of Political Science, Bayero University to ensure the production of the documentary.

The Dean, Faculty of Earth and Environment, Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, said the introduction of another version of the documentary which was launched in Bayero University would go a long way in addressing the problems of the environment.

BUK VC Calls For Review In Government Scholarship Policy

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has called on state governments to review their scholarship policies with a view to making its impact more effective.

Speaking while receiving the Executive Secretary of the Kano State Scholarship Board, who paid him a courtesy visit in his office on Monday, 8th March, 2016, Professor Bello explained that the concept of scholarship was to assist the less-privileged members of the society, but was somehow politicized, thereby becoming ineffective.

“Scholarship should be based on the peculiar needs and should as well be reasonable to make the desired impact on the beneficiary, a situation whereby the allowances are made across board, is seriously negating its purposes and intention,” he declared.

According to him, government should review the policy to make it such that only those who were really in need should be enlisted to benefit, otherwise, a greater percentage of the populace would not feel its impact as intended.

Professor Yahuza Bello suggested that among the new policies to be adopted should be that all parents who by all standards were well to do should kindly withdraw their children from government sponsorship, pointing out that if a child's parents could afford to pay as much as

₦20,000 or ₦50,000 as school fees per term at a primary or secondary level, certainly such a person should not be included in the general scholarship by the government, as it was tantamount to denying more deserving students.

He equally called on the well to do members in the society to supplement government efforts at supporting indigent families by offering scholarships to the needy, disclosing that the University had been providing such supports to many of its students as part of its community service.

The Vice Chancellor expressed appreciation for the visit by the Executive Secretary of the State Scholarship, Professor Fatima Umar, describing her as a good Ambassador to the University and prayed for a successful tenure in office.

Earlier, the Executive Secretary of the Kano State Scholarship Board, Professor Fatima Umar, said she was in the University to formally congratulate the Vice Chancellor on what she described as a well deserved appointment and prayed for a successful tenure.

According to her, Bayero University was very lucky to have Professor Yahuza Bello as the VC, noting that he was well fit for the position and capable of moving the institution to greater heights.

Professor Fatima Umar, who was accompanied by her Directors and other top management staff of the Board, said they embarked on a verification exercise with a view to ascertaining the exact number of students benefitting from the scholarship. She commended the students for their patience despite the nonpayment of their allowances for almost three years, assuring that very soon all the outstanding claims would be settled.

DRIP: Deadline for Submission of National Research Fund (NRF) Proposals

Following the extension of deadline for the submission of National Research Fund (NRF) proposals by TETFund, from Friday 26th February, 2016 to Friday, 22nd April, 2016, the Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership (DRIP) wishes to announce its readiness to process further submissions from researchers accordingly. Researchers are advised to download and use the NRF proposal guidelines and 2016 revised application form from www.tetfund.org. Four spirally bound hard copies of NRF proposal, a CD carrying a soft copy of filled TETFund application and attachments enclosed in an envelope and submitted to DRIP by Thursday 14th April, 2016. Submissions after the institutional deadline will not be entertained.

Muslim Forum Inaugurates New Executive Council

The newly constituted Executive Council of the Muslim Forum, Bayero University, Kano was inaugurated on Saturday, 21st February, 2016 by the Ameer, Shurah Council, Professor Ahmed Rufai Mohammed. The newly constituted council members are as follows:

1. Professor Musa M. Borodo - *Ameer*
2. Dr Muhammad Rabi'u Sa'ad - *Na'ibul Ameer*
3. Dr Usman Aliyu Dutsinma - *Secretary General*
4. Engr Umar Balarabe - *Assistant Secretary General*
5. Dr Tijjani Hassan Darma - *PRO (Old Campus)*.
6. Mal Gambo S. Nababa - *PRO (New Campus)*
7. Dr Usman M. Shuaib (Zunnurain) - *Legal Adviser*.

8. Alh Abdu M. Haruna - *Treasurer*
9. Professor Garba Bala - *Financial Secretary*.
10. Professor Junaidu Na'aliya - *Representative Mosque Committee*

The Sister Wing of the Executive Council will be announced soon.

A statement signed by Dr. Usman Aliyu Dutsinma, the Secretary General thanked Almighty Allah for granting all the opportunity to serve His religion and called on members to dedicate themselves towards uplifting Islam.

In his acceptance speech, the New Ameer of the Executive Council, Professor Musa M. Borodo, called on members to be committed and to face the challenges ahead.

HEALTH TIP: Proper Hand Washing

- Do you know that proper hand washing plays a significant role in disease prevention?
- Diseases like cholera, typhoid fever, dysentery, ascariasis, etc. are all preventable through proper hand washing.
- Faeco-oral route of diseases transmission, i.e. from anus to hand and from hand to mouth occurs as a result of improper hand washing, especially after visiting the toilet and before eating food.
- Proper hand washing is the act of using clean water and soap or detergent to thoroughly wash your hand once or twice and allow it to dry or use a clean handkerchief to wipe it.

SPORTS: BUK, COE Kumbotso, COE Bichi Quality For Quarter Finals As School of Nursing Crush out

Bayero University, College of Education, Kumbotso and College of Education, Bichi, have qualified for quarter finals of the Kano State Higher Institutions Staff Football Tournament currently going on in BUK.

Bayero University defeated School of Nursing 3-1 and College of Arts and Remedial Studies 3-1 to book the quarter final ticket while College of Education, Bichi saw off Kano Polytechnic 3-2 before smashing Immigration Training School 2-1.

Similarly, the College of Education Kumbotso, got its quarter final berth after trouncing Northwest University 2-1 and beating Kano University of Science and Technology 1-0.

In another development, School of Nursing became the first institution to be axed out of the tournament after suffering a 1-3 defeat in the hands of BUK and 0-2 from the dominant College of Arts and Science, Tudunwada.

The fixture for week 3 is:

College of Education, Kumbotso Vs School of Hygiene 12/3/2016

KUST Wudil Vs Northwest University, Kano 12/3/2016

Custom Vs COE Bichi - 12/3/2016

Legal Vs Health Technology - 12/3/2016

Northwest University Vs School of Hygiene - 13/3/2016

Kano Polytechnic Vs Immigration - 13/3/2016

Appointments of Heads of Departments

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Yahuza Bello Muhammad has approved the appointments of Heads of Departments, as follows:

S/N	NAME	UNIT/DEPARTMENT	EFFECTIVE DATE
1	Dr Muhammad Zakari Department of Gynaecology and Obstetrics	Department of Gynaecology and Obstetrics	1 st March, 2016
2	Dr Abubakar M. Jibo Department of Community Medicine	Department of Community Medicine	3 rd March, 2016
3	Dr. A.B. Mohammed Department of Agric Economics and Extension	Department of Agric Economics and Extension	3 rd March, 2016
4	Professor Auwal Muhammad Lawal Department of Education	Department of Education	26 th February, 2016
5	Dr. Shehu Umar Abdullahi Department of Paediatrics	Department of Paediatrics	1 st March, 2016
6	Dr. Isa Mudi Malumfashi Department of Business Admin and Entrepreneurship	Department of Business Admin and Entrepreneurship	3 rd March, 2016

SEMINARS

The following Departments/Centre invite the University Community to their seminars/workshop, scheduled as follows:

Department of Nigerian Languages: Ph.D/M.A. Seminar

M.A. Seminar Panel A:

Presenter 1: Rabiu Garba - SPS/13/MHA/00001

Topic: "Nazarin Jigon Fadakarwa da Wayar da kai a rubutattun Wakokin Garba Gashua".

Presenter 2: Nura Abdullahi Faragai (SPS/13/MHA/00007)

Topic: "Tarihin Rayuwa da Nazarin Waqoqin Hafiz Abdalla".

Presenter 3: Faruk Nalele Kulo (SPS/13/MHA/00008)

Topic: "Nazarin Dani na 'yan amshi da na rauji a wakokin makadan baka na Hausa"

Presenter 4: Kamilu Dahiru Gwammaja (SPS/13/MHA/00002)

Topic: "Nazarin Tarihin Rayuwa da Wakokin Mamman Gawo Filinge, Jamhuriyar Nijar".

Presenter 5: Umar Abubakar Ahmad - (SPS/13/MHA/00010)

Topic: "Nazarin kwatanta salo a rubutattun wakokin Akilu Aliyu dana Muhammadu Aliyu Jega".

Presenter 6: Fatima Ahmad Magaji (SPS/13/MHA/00004)

Topic: "Nazari a kan zumunci a Al'ummar Hausawa jiya da yau.

Chairman: Professor Saidu Muhammad Gusau

Date: Wednesday 16th March, 2016

Ph.D/M.A. Seminar Panel B:

Presenter 1: Binta Usaini Umar (SPS/12/PHA/00006)

Topic: "Nazarin Kumburin Kalma ta Fuskar Jituwa Tsakanin 'ya'yan Hausawa".

Presenter 2: Bala Abba Isah (SPS/13/MHA/00003)

Topic: "Fassara da Bayanan wasu matsalolin kwakwalwa da suka shafi yanayin mutum (Mood Disorder) daga Ingilishi zuwa Hausa.

Presenter 3: Aminu Babaji Adamu (SPS/13/MHA/00005)

Topic: "Fassara da Bayanai akan wasu cututtukan da suka shafi mafurtan sauti daga ingilishi zuwa Hausa"

Presenter 4: Muhammad Zahraddeen Bello (SPS/13/MHA/00006)

Topic: "Nazarin Ma'ana a Kalmomin Amsa-kama na Harshen Hausa.

Chairman: Professor Ahmadu Bello

Date: Wednesday 16th March, 2016

Department of Mechatronics Engineering: Seminar

Presenter: Mallam Najib Kabir Dankadai

Topic: *Modelling of Pneumatic soft Actuator using System Identification*

Chairman: Dr. Mustafa Muhammad

Date: 24th March, 2016

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Faculty of Engineering Conference Room

Department Of Physics: Notice of Seminar Presentations

Presenter 1: Isa Muhammad Mukthar (SPS/12/MPY/00033)

Topic: *Numerical Simulation of Polycrystalline Semi-Conductor Solar Cells (CdTe and Cu(In,Ga)Se₂ (CIGS) using Scaps 3.3.00.*

Chairman: Professor G. Babaji

Presenter 2: Faiza Ahmed (SPS/13/PPY/00003)

Topic: *Comparative Analysis of Breast milk Nutrition in Rural, Semi-Urban and Urban Dwellers in Breastfeeding Children of Age Zero to Nine*

Months with formula milk using Neutron Activation Analysis (NAA).

Chairman: Professor A.O. Musa

Date: Thursday 10th and 17th March, 2016

Time: 10:00am

Venue: Physics Research Laboratory

Date: Thursday 10th March, 2016

Time: 10:00am

Venue: IIIBF Conference Room

College of Health Sciences Foundation Day

International Institute of Islamic Banking & Finance (IIIBF): M.Sc Internal Defense

Candidate 1: Abubakar Salisu
(SPS/12/MIF/00003)

Topic: *An Assessment Satisfaction on Islamic Banking Products of Jaiz Bank Katsina Branch.*

Internal Examiner: Professor Garba Bala Bello

Candidate 2: Abdurrahman Habibullahi
(SPS/12/MIF/00006)

Topic: *An Explanatory Study on the Application of Usul-Fiqh in the Development of Islamic Banking Product and Services in Nigeria.*

Internal Examiner: Dr. Usman Muhammad Shuaib

Candidate 3: Aminu Salisu (SPS/12/MIF/00009)

Topic: *Potentialities of Bai-Salam Contract in Financing Agriculture Project in Kura Local Government Area, Kano State.*

Internal Examiner: Professor Shehu Usman Rano Aliyu

Candidate 4: Habiba Ali Yaqub
(SPS/12/MIF/00012)

Topic: *Awareness, Perception and Self-Efficacy of Commercial Vehicle Owners Towards Patronage of Motor Takaful in Kano Metropolis.*

Internal Examiner: Professor Garba Bala Bello

Candidate 5: Muhammad Kamaluddeen Sani
SPS/12/MIF/00001

Topic: *An Assessment of the Role of Non-Interest Banking in Mitigating Financial Exclusion in North-West Nigeria.*

Internal Examiner: Dr Aliyu Dahiru Muhammad

Chairperson: Dr Binta Tijjani Jibril

The College of Health Sciences, Bayero University wishes to invite the entire University community to its maiden Foundation Day events, which include oral abstract presentation; public debate and award presentation to outstanding staff in teaching, research and services; and dinner. The town hall event is scheduled to hold as follows:

Date: 16th March, 2016

Time: 8:00am - 6:00pm

Venue: Musa Abdullahi Auditorium and Convocation Arena.

A statement signed by Muhammad Abbas Liman, Assistant Registrar, on behalf of the Provost, said Foundation Day is organized to serve as an avenue to reach the wider community on some health issues and activities of the College; and to serve as a forum where the whole country may benefit from the College, through communiqué of the proceeding, which may positively influence healthcare policy.

Appreciation From Professor Shehu Dalhatu

I, Professor Shehu Dalhatu Director Consultancy Unit, Bayero University on behalf of our family wish to thank members of the University Community for the support and solidarity shown to us during the trying times after the death of our Father, Alhaji Dalhatu Shehu Karfen Dawakin Zazzau on 3rd March, 2016. We wish to appreciate the heartwarming presence and prayers of the Principal officers of the University and members of the Senate and Management, as well as colleagues and students. We remain eternally grateful to all of you.