



Kaduna State Forum Honours BUK Heroes

Indigenes of Kaduna State working for Bayero University, Kano, under the platform of Kaduna State Forum on Tuesday, 24th May, 2016 held a reception in honour of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Yahuza Bello, former Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abubakar Rasheed, the Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, MNI and the former Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin, FNIM.

The occasion which took place at the lecture theatre of the Faculty of Agriculture attracted dignitaries including a member of the Federal House of Representatives, representing Zaria Federal Constituency, Alhaji Ahmad Muhammad.

In his welcome address, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, thanked members of the Forum for their hard work. He said whatever was done to show appreciation to the former Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Rasheed, *mni* for the unprecedented development he brought to the university was worth it.

The Vice Chancellor confessed that as a major player in the administration of Professor Rasheed, he attested to the fact that Rasheed's successes in BUK in the last five years remain unequalled and he deserved whatever honour being bestowed on him.

Prof. Yahuza equally thanked the forum for considering him worthy to be honoured and assured that he would stand by his promise to consolidate on the successes of his predecessor.

Earlier, the chairman of the occasion, Professor Mu'azu Sani Zaria, gave reasons why the forum was formed and its decision to honour the four

celebrants. He said Professor Rasheed was being honoured because of his accomplishments when he held sway as the 9th Vice Chancellor of the university, describing his tenure as eventful and unparalleled in the history of the university.

He added that Professor Rasheed is an accomplished administrator, an erudite scholar who as of the time he took over the office of BUK after an eventful and successful five years in office, as Vice Chancellor literally became the cynosure of all eyes both at home and beyond the shores of the country. 'We are proud to be associated with you and your success story.'

Advancing as to why the incumbent Vice Chancellor, Professor Yahuza Bello, was also being honoured, the chairman described him as a scholar of immeasurable proportion, a workaholic and a man who believed in due process. He said before his appointment and during the politicking, a few staff of the university were not comfortable with his candidature simply because 'he is a man of due process. But unfortunately for them, the majority staff of the university who shared his conviction and ideology stood by him and they remain undaunted. And at the end of the day Professor Yahuza triumphed.'

To the former Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin, Professor Mu'azu Zaria said he was not surprised by his success story. Sani, he said 'is an epitome of discipline, hard work and a committed administrator, and for him to have succeeded, it should not surprise anybody.'

Turning to the incumbent Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, Professor Mu'azu Zaria said he was fully convinced that she was capable of

building from where Sani Ibrahim stopped. And that having worked with him closely for over 15 years, Hajiya has learnt a lot and from her records of performance at the Directorate of Examinations, Admissions and Records, DEAR, it was only a matter of time before she turns the tide by making the Registry the envy of all.

After the presentation of token gifts in form of portraits to the four celebrants: Professor A. A. Rasheed, Professor, M.Y. Bello, Sani Ibrahim Amin and Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, the chairman of the occasion invited the former Vice Chancellor, Professor Abubakar Adamu Rasheed to speak on behalf of the recipients.

He began by thanking the forum and all those who found time to attend the occasion, especially Alhaji Ahmad Muhammad, member, House of Representatives, representing Zaria Federal Constituency.

Professor Rasheed said the successes recorded during his tenure as Vice Chancellor was a collective effort and not his alone, because 'nobody is an island unto himself, no administrator will succeed without the collective support and cooperation of his colleagues. So my success is for all,' he remarked.

He said when he learnt that he was going to be honoured along with the incumbent Vice Chancellor, Professor Yahuza Bello, the former Registrar, Sani Ibrahim Amin and the incumbent Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, he felt happy because they, along with others, were part and parcel of his success story as Vice Chancellor.

Those who attended the occasion included Professor Sagir Abbas, DVC Academics; Professor Sadiq Radda, DVC Administration; Professor Shehu Dalhatu, Professor Balarabe Haruna, Professor Kawu, Professor Jibrin Jibrin; and Dr. Abdulhamid Yusuf, the Dean, Faculty of Agriculture. The rest were, Dr. Bashir Ali, Dr. Hajara Umar Sanda, Dr. Mainasara Kurfi, and

Dr. Suleiman Yar'Adua, as well as the Directors of Public Affairs and Establishment Matters, Deputy

Registrar, DEAR and Secretary Student Affairs, among many others.

BUK Partners Jifatu to Address Societal Challenges

Bayero University has expressed willingness and determination to partner Jifatu General Enterprises on findings ways towards tackling societal challenges bedeviling Northern Nigeria.

Worried by the level of decay in the economy, politics, religion and other social vices, the Chairman/CEO of Jifatu General Enterprises, Alhaji Muhammad Sabitu Yahaya has reached out to the university to collaborate with a view to devising meaningful strategies that could address myriad problems facing the Nigerian society.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, who received Alhaji Sabitu Yahaya and some of the executive members of his enterprise, said the University was highly appreciative of the fundamental ideas raised by the entrepreneur which if properly utilized would usher in a new era of political, economic and social prosperity in northern Nigeria.

According to the Vice Chancellor, the University would remain grateful to the Chairman of Jifatu for the goodwill gesture of scholarship to indigent students he initiated in the University, which propelled other philanthropic individuals to emulate.

Professor Bello informed the visitors that some of the issues raised were being tackled by the University, especially with the establishment of Centre for Qur'anic Studies, which was aimed at addressing the challenges faced in Qur'anic recitation, translation and interpretation and the International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance, which at all times planned to bring about methods of business and banking through Islamic principles.

The Vice Chancellor told Alhaji Sabitu that the Emir of Kano came to the University recently and invited Islamic scholars and all the relevant

stakeholders to discuss the modalities of addressing frequent divorce in the society. He said the discussion had reached an advanced stage and their recommendations would be passed to the State House of Assembly to deliberate in order to make laws on the marriage institution.

He said the University introduced Entrepreneurship Study for all students to learn how to become self-reliant after graduation.

Earlier, the CEO of Jifatu, Alhaji Sabitu Mohammed Yahaya, said he came to the University in order to discuss the myriad challenges facing the political and socio-economic development of Nigerian societies, especially northern Nigeria with a view to fine-tuning workable strategies to address them.

Alhaji Sabitu said a lot needed to be done in order to change the orientation of people from unrealizable hopes to sustainable reality which would make the country wake up from its slumber.

Alhaji Sabitu lamented that societal and moral decadence became the order of the day and divorce became so common, asking “why couldn’t all the stakeholders meet and bring out practical solutions that would address the menace?”

He said gone were the days when people would always fold their arms and attribute their failures and shortcomings to God instead of making practical efforts to solve them.

Alhaji Sabitu, however, challenged members of the academics and all the stakeholders to meet and design practical solutions that would address the problems in the society.

The philanthropist said he would pay the next batch of his scholarship to indigent students very soon and added that he would also sponsor another 50 students for the Centre of Qur’anic Studies as the step towards addressing the challenges of *almajiri* system.

Zikirillah Ali is NAAT Acting Chairman

The Congress of NAAT B.U.K. branch has unanimously endorsed Malam Zikirillah Ali of the Department of Geography to serve as the acting

Chairman of the National Association of Academic Technologists (NAAT). He has succeeded Aliyu Abba Mukhtar, who was recently elected as national Assistant Secretary of the association.

ASFECOM Organizes Orientation and Symposium for Female Students

The Association of Female Congregation (ASFECOM), BUK has organized a one-day orientation and symposium for female students of the university. The event took place on Wednesday, 18th May, 2016 at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, New Campus.

In her welcome address, the President of the association, Professor Gaji Fatima Dantata, expressed happiness for the matriculation of the students and advised them to abide by the rules and regulations of the university.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Dean Female, Student Affairs, Dr. Rabi’a Sa’id stressed that women should make themselves visible by coming together, interacting and sharing knowledge in order to uplift one another and achieve more greatness.

Four papers were presented at the symposium which included “Personal Hygiene and HIV/STD Awareness” by Dr. Hauwa Musa Abdullahi of AKTH; “The Ideal Female Student” by Dr. Hassana Sani Darma; “Achieving Academic Success: Knowledge, Values and Action” by Dr Aisha Umar Tsiga and “How to Become a Successful Independent Business Entrepreneur” by Hajiya Jamila Saleh.

In her remark, the former Minister of Education, Professor Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufai, OON, noted that the association had been planning to hold the symposium for long but actualized it this time around. She congratulated the participants for being the first set of female students to witness the event and charged them to heed to the advice given to them in order to succeed in their studies.

On her part, the former head, Department of Education, Professor Talatu Musa Garba, urged students and members of the forum to feel free to

seek for guidance and counseling services, as her doors were always open to render such assistance.

In her vote of thanks, the Vice President of the association and Deputy Dean, Faculty of Computer Science and Information Technology, Hajiya Hadiza Umar expressed appreciation and gratitude to all invited guests and enjoined students to come out enmasse to attend such important events in the near future.

Among the important dignitaries that graced the occasion were the Executive Secretary of Kano State Scholarship Board, Professor Fatima Umar, wife of the Deputy Governor of Kano State, Dr. Hadiza Hafizu Abubakar, immediate past Vice President of the association, Hajiya Halima Hayatu and numerous members of the association.

Bayero University Press Registers with Nigerian Publishers Association (NPA)

The Bayero University Press has been registered with the Nigerian Publishers Association (NPA), having met the criteria for professional registration.

Bayero University Press, shoulders the responsibility of publishing academic journals and books from the faculties, departments and units.

The B.U.K. Press was registered in the first week of May. It is now a recognised academic publishing outfit in Nigeria and beyond. With this development, B.U.K. Press will be listed in the directory of Nigerian Publishers, according to a statement signed by Abdulkadir Badsha Mukhtar, an Assistant Editor.

NPA has been in existence since 1965. It is the only collective voice of publishers in Nigeria. It serves as a rallying point for all books, journals and electronic publishers in the country.

“This is a welcome development and the Bayero University Press will use the opportunity to improve the quality of publication and promote its works,” the Director of the University Press, Professor Yusuf M. Adamu, remarked shortly after

a meeting with the University Press staff who returned from training.

Three editorial staff of the University Press just returned from a five-day workshop on scholarly publication organised by the NPA. The theme of the five-day workshop “Scholarly Publishing/Essential of Book Editing,” attracted publishers from Ibadan and Lagos, while Bayero University, Kano had the largest number of participants.

The university, had earlier sponsored three staff for a training in Ibadan, last February, on Essentials of Book Publishing.

On the first day of the training, participants evaluated the university presses in Nigeria after the normal introduction of key concept on the Book Publishing. While on the remaining days participants underwent training on planning and management of university press, procedures in scholarly publishing and editorial procedures in scholarly publishing, copy and content editing, scholarly publishing and copyright and design, as well as production of scholarly publishing.

The Director of the Bayero University Press, Professor Yusuf M. Adamu, further noted that “This is a good investment by the University, because with this training the quality of journals and books published by the Bayero University will improve, and this will make great impact in the academic excellence in favour of the University.”

Dr. Jibrin Shu’aibu Garko of Accounting Department Wins Award

Dr. Jibrin Shu’aibu Garko of Accounting Department, Faculty of Social and Management Sciences has received a prize of fifty thousand Naira (₦50,000) as the winner of third best paper presented out of seventy others at the 2nd Annual International Academic Conference in Accounting and Finance organized by the Institution of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN).

The event took place between 19th and 20th of May, 2016 at Ikeja Airport Hotel, Lagos. This award is a

pointer to the dream of the current University administration of ensuring excellent in research.

The title of the paper was: OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE AND VOLUNTARY DISCLOSURE IN THE NIGERIAN LISTED INDUSTRIAL GOODS COMPANIES

URGENT REMINDER:

Wednesday Noon is Deadline for All Bulletin Materials

All Faculties, Centres, Administrative Departments and Service Units in the University are reminded that Wednesday Noon each week is the deadline for submission of materials meant for the Bulletin. This is to allow for proper processing, to meet the distribution target of Friday morning.

Other than seminars, conference and similar announcements, all materials meant for the Bulletin should be routed through the Registrar and should therefore be sent in good time, for the vetted copy to reach the Editor before the deadline. While hardcopy of the material is sent to the Registrar, a softcopy should be sent to: bukbulletin@gmail.com or submitted on CD/flash drive.

As a matter of policy, all materials that are more than two paragraphs should be sent in softcopy to ensure accurate reproduction and avoid errors during word re-processing.

Have You Obtained Your National ID Card?

All B.U.K. Staff, students and their families who have not obtained their national ID card are reminded that the National Identity Card Management Agency staff are still expecting them to come and be registered for issuance of the document.

VENUE: Advancement Office, behind Musa Abdullahi Auditorium

TIME: 8a.m. to 4p.m.

DIRECTORATE OF RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND PARTNERSHIP

The Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership wishes to announce the following:

1. TWAS-UNESCO Associateship Scheme

The call for application for the TWAS-UNESCO associateship scheme revolves annually. This collaborative scheme was instituted by the Third World Academy of Science (TWAS) jointly with UNESCO, to enable competent researchers from the South to visit selected Centres regularly. An associate is appointed for three years during which he/she can visit any of the 300 participating Centres twice for research collaboration. TWAS provides travel support for the associates and a contribution towards subsistence costs up to USD300.00 per month while living expenses are covered by the host Centres. Applicants must hold a Ph.D or equivalent degree. Application deadline is 1st December of each year. For further details visit <http://twas.org/opportunity/twas-unesco-associateship-scheme>

2. The Royal Society - Royal Society of Chemistry International Exchanges Award

Thanks to the support of the Royal Society of Chemistry additional grants are available through the Royal Society – Royal Society of Chemistry International Exchanges Award for collaborations between researchers in the UK and those in Sub-Saharan Africa working on projects in the field of Chemistry. Up to £12,000 is available for 2-year projects for travel and subsistence including a maximum of £2,000 for research expenses. Applications must be made through the Standard Programme 2016/R2 deadline, which is now open and will close 7 June 2016. For more information visit: <https://royalsociety.org/grants-schemes-awards/grants/international-exchanges/>

3. Intra-ACP Academic Mobility Scheme

The Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership wishes to announce the Intra-ACP Academic Mobility Scheme of the Association of African Universities (AAU). The scheme offers

funding opportunities to African Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) for the organization and implementation of mobility of staff and students (Master/Doctorate) within the continent.

In particular, the programme funds partnerships between HEIs from different countries in Africa and grants scholarships for students and academics to carry out studies, research or teaching in another African country. The “Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme” is funded under the Pan-African Programme of the European Union and is managed by the EACEA in close collaboration with the African Union Commission. The deadline for applications is 15th June, 2015. For details visit <https://blog.aau.org/2016/03/11/first-call-for-proposals-new-intra-africa-academic-mobility-scheme/>

SECURITY DIVISION: Farming Within the University Residential Area is Prohibited

This is to remind members of the University Community that the Management policy which proscribes farming within the residential areas is still in force. Now that the rainy season has begun, staff members who wish to plant crops **MUST NOT** plant stem growing crops. Any person who violates this policy would have his crops destroyed and might face disciplinary action, according to a statement from A.A. Mohammed, Director Security.

Those planting around the borehole area up to the river bank along the fence (**New Campus**) should give at least 2 meters before and after the fence and should not plant stem growing crops inside the fence. A team of Security Officials will embark on house to house visit to ensure compliance of this policy defaults would be arraigned before the Staff Disciplinary Committee for appropriate sanction, the statement added.

Prof. Abubakar Ohinoyi Musa Appointed Chairman, Junior Staff Disciplinary Committee

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello has approved the appointment of

Prof. Abubakar Ohinoyi Musa of Physics Department as Chairman, Junior Staff Disciplinary Committee.

According to a letter signed by the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed, MNI, the appointment is for a period of two years, from 20th May, 2016.

Dr. Aliyu Mu'azu Appointed Chairman, Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello has approved the appointment of Dr. Aliyu Mu'azu of Nigerian Languages Department as Chairman, Junior Staff Appointments and Promotions Committee.

According to a letter signed by the Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed, MNI, the appointment is for a period of two years, from 20th May, 2016.

Prof. Adamu A. Samaila Appointed Head, Department of Medicine

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello has approved the appointment of Professor Adamu A. Samaila, as Head, Department of Medicine.

According to a letter signed by the Vice Chancellor, the appointment is for a period of two years, from 30th May, 2016.

Dr. Bashir Ali Reappointed Head, Mathematical Sciences Department

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello has approved the re-appointment of Dr. Bashir Ali, as Head, Department of Mathematical Sciences.

According to a letter signed by the Vice Chancellor, the re-appointment is for another two years, from 12th May, 2016.

Dr. Musa Njidda Appointed Head, Physical and Health Education Department

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello has approved the appointment of Dr. Musa Njidda, as Head, Department of Physical and Health Education.

According to a letter signed by the Vice Chancellor, the appointment is for a period of two years, from 30th May, 2016.

Dr. Haruna Musa appointed Head, Mechatronics Engineering Department

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello has approved the appointment of Dr. Haruna Musa, as Head, Department of Mechatronics Engineering.

According to a letter signed by the Vice Chancellor, the appointment is for a period of two years, from 19th June, 2016.

Staff Housing Committee: Cleaning of Roof of University Houses

The Staff Housing Allocation and Maintenance Committee (SHA&MC) has advised members of the university community who are occupying university accommodation to clean the roof of their houses as tree leaves together with rain water and other materials cause roof leakages and also contribute to blockage of roof gutters particularly in the New Campus.

A statement dated 25th May, 2016, signed by Mohammed Bello Garba, Secretary, Housing, said SHA&MC will soon embark on cutting of tree branches lying on top of houses roof and power lines (electrical cables).

Sales of Primary One New Intake and Transfer Admission Forms for 2016/2017 Session

This is to inform all parents and University Community as well as interested individuals that the School Management has commenced the sale of primary one new intakes and transfer admission forms at the following rates:

- i) University Staff - ₦1,000.00
- ii) Non-University Staff - ₦2,000.00

Venue: School premises for the collection of Bank Tellers from the school accountant, payable through the School Bank Account (**Skye Bank Plc.; A/c No. 4090068332**). All payment should henceforth be made through the above mentioned bank account at any of the Skye Bank Branch.

GUIDE TO BETTER GRAMMAR

With Sheriff Ahmed

Common Mistakes in Subject -Verb Agreement (3)

Before we proceed, let us provide the correct answers to the practice exercise we had in the last lesson. The underlined verbs are the correct options.

Select one of the two verbs in parentheses which agrees in number with the subject. Remember that the verb and the subject must agree in number.

1. A large pile of broken bricks and stones (was, were) left outside the town.
2. Carelessness in the use of simple tools (causes, cause) many household accidents.
3. Abba, along with Shehu, Ladan and Ummi, (has, have) decided to become a teacher.
4. The opinions of the critics, not the acclaim of the audience, often (determines, determine) the success of the play.
5. In England, participation in class discussions, not just high test scores, (counts, count) towards one's final grade.
6. The players on our team (looks, look) tired.
7. An exhibit of student drawings and photographs (is, are) on display in the main hall.
8. Coach Siasia's remarks concerning Mikel Obi (was, were) most flattering.

9. The loss of the two track meets (**leaves**, leave) us in last place.
10. In bobsledding, perfect rhythm on the turns, in addition to a certain disregard of danger, (**is**, are) necessary to win.

If you scored 10, I say more **grease** to your elbow! Wait a minute. I'm not comfortable with the word 'grease'. This is a distortion of the original idiom: *more power to your elbow*. We shall, subsequently, take a look at some commonly distorted idiomatic expressions. Until then let's discuss more problems in subject-verb agreement.

- The number of women in the Governing Council are increasing.

There is a noticeable error of agreement in the sentence above. The verb 'are' and its subject 'the number of' do not agree. Indeed, this is a common mistake in English. It should be noted that the expressions 'the number of' and 'a number of' have been misused by a good number of speakers and writers. These expressions should not be confused. *The number of* takes a singular verb, and *a number of* takes a plural verb. Therefore, the sentence above can be corrected thus:

The number of women in the Governing Council is increasing.

More examples:

1. *A number of women are attracted to the National Assembly.*
2. *The organisers said the number of participants at the two separate conferences was far below expectation.*

It should also be noted that words stating amount are usually singular. Study the following sentences:

3. *Two thousand naira was too much to pay for the sweater.*
4. *Four weeks is the usual incubation period.*
5. *Ninety per cent of the student body is present.*

When the sense of the sentence indicates that the subject designates a collection of individual parts rather than a single unit or quantity, the verb must be plural in number. Study the examples below:

6. *Two books are on the table.*
7. *Four long weeks pass before the eggs hatch.*
8. *Ninety per cent of the students are present today.*

- "President Buhari is using the military so that such **insurgence are nabbed** in the bud," the administrative officer said.

First and foremost, the expression 'insurgence are' is guilty of grammatical rule of agreement (between subject and verb). Secondly, the expression 'nabbed in the bud' is incorrect. The correct idiom is **nip something in the bud**, meaning to put an end to something considered undesirable before it can develop.

Correct: *President Buhari is using the military so that such **insurgence is nipped** in the bud.*

Correct: *President Buhari is using the military so that **insurgency is nipped** in the bud.*

Correct: *President Buhari is using the military so that the **insurgents are** exterminated.*

Health and Safety Advice from the Health Services Department

- ❖ Some long staying untreated STDs can spread in to the uterus (womb) and fallopian tubes to cause pelvic inflammatory disease (PID) which can turn to a major cause of infertility.
- ❖ Untreated STDs can be passed from mother to her baby before, during or immediately after birth and some of these infections of newborn can be cured easily while others cause a baby to be permanently disabled or even die.
- ❖ Research has shown that, untreated human papilloma virus (HPV) can cause cervical and genital cancers.
- ❖ Medical experts believe that having long staying untreated STDs other than HIV/AIDs may increase one's risk for becoming infected with HIV/AIDs.

- ❖ Lack of awareness from the part of many couples on how and where to treat STDs effectively resulted in many divorces.

SEMINARS

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

Faculty of Engineering: **Faculty Seminar**

Presenter: Dr. Hashim M. Alhassan

Topic: Impact of Adverse Weather on Roadway Capacities

Chairman: Dr. S. Dan'azuma

Date: Tuesday, 31st May, 2016

Time: 11:00 p.m.

Venue: Faculty Conference Room

International Institute of Islamic Banking and

Finance: *M.Sc. External Defense*

Presenter 1: Umar Muhammad A. (SPS/12/MIF/00002)

Topic: An Assessment of Shari'ah Compliance of Non-Interest Banking Window Products of Stanbic IBTC Bank Plc.

Presenter 2: Muhammad Bako (SPS/12/MIF/00004)

Topic: Potentials of Ijara-Wa-Iqtina in Venture Financing of Tricycle Operation in Kano Metropolis.

Presenter 3: Abdurrahman Habibullahi (SPS/12/MIF/00006)

Topic: An Exploratory Study on the Application of Usul-Figh in the Development of Islamic Banking Products and Services in Nigeria.

Chairman: Assoc. Prof. Binta Tijjani Jibril

Date: Wednesday, 1st June, 2016

Time: 10:00 a.m. Prompt

Venue: IIIB&F Conference Room

Department of Business Administration and Entrepreneurship: Seminar Presentation

Presenter: Musa Abdullahi Bayero

Topic: Addressing Infrastructure Deficit through Public Partnerships (PPPs): Issues, Benefits and Challenges.

Reviewer: Prof. Aminu Kado Kurfi

Chairman: Dr. Isa Mudi Malumfashi

Date: Tuesday, 31st May, 2016

Time: 11:00am

Venue: Departmental Conference Room

Department of Islamic Law:

The Department of Islamic Law held a round table discussion on: "The 2014 Draft NUC BMAS for Law Programs and the Challenges of Teaching Islamic Law in Nigerian Universities" as follows:

Date: Wednesday, 25th May, 2016

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Venue: F204 Faculty of Law

NOTICE OF "WALK FOR LIFE"

The Department of Physical and Health Education wishes to remind staff and students of this month's "WALK FOR LIFE PROGRAMME" as follows:

Date: 4th June, 2016

Time: 7:00 a.m.

Venue: Take off point (New Site Stadium)

LOST ID CARD

The following B.U.K. ID Cards are reportedly missing.

Owner 1: Hafizu Abubakar Hassan (EDU/14/LIS/00630), Library and Information Science Department.

If found, please call 0806 2598 654.

Owner 2: Ashiru Abdulhadi, Department of Education.

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NATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION CONFERENCE 6 – 8 December 2016

CALL FOR PAPERS

THEME: CULTURES OF CORRUPTION

Background

In May 1999, Nigeria witnessed a historic transition from military dictatorship to civilian democratic governance. The era of military rule was marked by a rapid economic decline, ethno-religious tensions and rise of financial and economic crimes, including corruption among state officials and private sector operatives which reached unprecedented levels. To tackle these problems, successive civilian governments since May 1999 have conceived and implemented several anti-corruption measures or policies, majority of which have revolved around a legal-institutional approach, such as the enactment of new legislations and creation of specialized Anti-Corruption Agencies (ACAs) including the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission (ICPC) and the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC).

With the coming to power in May 2015 of President Muhammadu Buhari, who made the fight against corruption the moral centrepiece of his campaign, this legal-institutional approach to fighting corruption has been intensified. This is seen, for instance, in the revitalization of the hitherto dormant ACAs and more aggressive application of existing anti-corruption laws, even as moves are being made to introduce new ones (the Money Laundering Bill before the National Assembly, for example). However, despite heightened optimism, there is little evidence that the intensified campaign is having the desired results.

One major explanation for Nigeria's dismal performance in the area of anti-corruption has been its narrow conception of corruption as a problem arising mainly, if not solely, from inadequate or weak formal institutions which, it is believed, can easily be corrected once there is sufficient political will to enforce anti-corruption laws. The role of other relevant variables such as cultural values and value orientations, social practices, political system, or even the economy has largely been ignored. This is despite the fact that several studies have shown that these variables, especially cultural values and practices are closely associated with levels of corruption or successful anti-corruption drives. Several studies have posited a nexus between pre-colonial cultural practices and political corruption among various dominant ethnic groups in the country (M.G. Smith, 1964, 1979; Peter Ekeh, 1975; Steven Pierce, 2016). Others have examined a vast socio-cultural complex housed under the rubric of a so-called 'culture of corruption' in Africa, particularly Nigeria, with some approaching this as dominant across all levels of state and society,

while others, particularly within popular culture, insisting that it is dominant and most debilitating within "official cultures" – described by Fela Anikulapo-Kuti as "*Authority Stealing*." Corruption has also been approached from the perspective of kinship ties and obligations which place enormous obligations on individuals in positions to divert official resources to advance the cause of members of their social groups (Smith, 2007).

Yet, Nigerian traditional cultures are also believed to contain elements that could serve as effective tools for dealing with corruption. In Nigeria, virtually every community has one traditional mechanism or the other such as "culture of shaming" for dealing with crimes, including stealing and betrayal of public trust while promoting transparency, integrity and accountability. Within those traditional milieus, such criminal behaviours will normally attract immediate and appropriate social sanctions, which may include payment of a heavy fine, modes of civic interdiction like restriction from participating in important communal activities, isolation of the convicted person's family, boycott by other members of the community, or even complete banishment from the community. These mechanisms are usually underpinned by several norms and values which exalt personal sacrifice, sincerity, nationalism, hard work, accountability and transparency. However, these 'indigenous cultural anti-corruption practices' have so far failed to find their way into the official domain. Instead, a relatively moral cultural domain has co-existed with a corrupt official public space (Ekeh, 1975).

So far, anti-corruption policymaking has largely ignored considerations of cultural values, and practices as well as popular culture in developing official responses and legislations. The question therefore is how does the nation engage with its cultural values in developing policies that address corruption and corrupt practices? And are there benefits to be derived in anti-corruption policymaking by the appropriation of relevant cultural values into the process?

The conference is expected to interrogate the intersections between culture and corruption and how policy-making can capture cultural values and perceptions in practices seen to be reinforcing and even deepening corrupt practices, or, on the other hand, supporting anti-corruption values.

Objectives of the Conference

The general aim of this conference is to examine the different ways in which culture has interacted or can interact with corruption in Nigeria, either as an enabler of corruption or as a potential tool for combating it. Specifically, the conference seeks to:

- i. expose the limits of the legal-institutional policy approach to fighting corruption by successive governments in Nigeria;
- ii. shed light on the cultural dimensions of corruption in Nigeria;
- iii. interrogate the various theoretical perspectives and practical approaches to fighting corruption derived from Nigeria's indigenous cultures; and
- iv. suggest effective ways in which a culture-centred approach can be appropriated or incorporated into existing anti-corruption policies and strategies in Nigeria.

THEME: Cultures of Corruption

SUB-THEMES

1. African/indigenous concepts and understanding of corruption
2. Cultural theories of corruption and contemporary anti-corruption policies
3. Pre-colonialism, Colonialism, Post-colonialism and Corruption
4. Political cultures and corruption
5. Sub-cultures and Counter-cultures of corruption

6. Popular culture and corruption
7. Religion and corruption
8. Capitalism, Individualism and corruption
9. Modernity, Foreign Religions and corruption
10. Gender and Corruption
11. Morals, Laws and Culture
12. Socialization, cultural revival and corruption
13. Globalization and corruption

Submission of Proposals/Abstracts

Prospective participants are to indicate their interest by submitting an abstract of not more than 300 words on any of the themes noted above and related issues. Interested scholars may also propose panels on themes that address the focus of the conference with a view to informing policymaking in anti-corruption matters. Abstracts and Proposals for Panels should be sent by email to acan.icpc@outlook.com and academy@icpc.gov.ng by 29 July 2016. Authors of accepted papers would be informed by 19 August and full papers are due by 11 November 2016.

Target Participants

Academics (including postgraduate students) in all fields related to corruption and anti-corruption studies, policymakers and practitioners including members of Anti-Corruption Agencies, members of anti-corruption committees of the National Assembly, Legal Practitioners, civil society organisations, media practitioners, etc.

Conference Venue

Main Auditorium, ICPC Headquarters, Constitution Avenue, Central Area, Abuja

Conference Fee

Full-time Postgraduate Students registered in Nigerian institutions: N5000

Others (Nigeria): N15,000

Overseas Participants: Students - \$25; Others: \$75

Note: Conference fee covers only participation, conference materials, access to business sessions, refreshments and lunch. It does not cover accommodation or transportation. The organisers are discussing with the management of nearby hotels for special discounted rates for participants at the conference. List of recommended hotels would be provided to interested participants.

Sponsorship

While ACAN is seeking financial support to facilitate the participation of scholars who may not be able to attend due to funding limitation, there is no guarantee of success. Thus, interested participants are expected to raise their own funds.

Enquiries

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Signed

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