

# **Information Gap Major Obstacle to Accessing Tetfund Allocations** - Tetfund Executive Secretary, Dr. Bichi Baffa By: Nura Garba

accessing funds from the Tertiary Education Fund L(TETfund) by the beneficiary institutions, the Executive Secretary of TETfund, Dr. Abdullahi Bichi Baffa, has said.

Speaking at the interactive session and awareness seminar for TETfund beneficiaries held at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, New Campus on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2017, Dr. Baffa explained that poor accessibility of TETfund allocations led the agency to organize a nationwide awareness seminar to sensitize the beneficiary institutions, to find out the challenges and ability of institutions to draw the allocations to full utilization and to open doors for subsequent ones.

He said the agency had earlier held an interactive session with the Desk Officers and stakeholders of all the 202 beneficiary institutions and discovered that the information gap was the major obstacle to accessing the Fund's allocations.

According to him, there was the need for all the beneficiary institutions to be fully acquainted with relevant information that would clearly guide them on how to access the allocations, otherwise rumour and false information would misguide them.

The TETfund Executive Secretary noted that the exercise was a success as teams of the agency were going round the six geo-political zones of the country to

nformation gap is the major impediment to interact with beneficiary institutions and enlighten them about the procedure and guidelines of accessing its allocations. The overall aim was to empower them access backlog allocations lying dormant.

> Earlier, in his welcome address, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, commended the TETfund for its intervention in Bayero University, Kano, which had contributed significantly in improving teaching, learning and research.

> He expressed happiness that BUK has little or no problems in accessing allocations and noted that each and every allocation under physical infrastructure was accessed, with good progress on other intervention lines too.

> TETfund departments of Project Management, Monitoring and Evaluation, Academic Staff Training and Development, Education Support Services and Internal Audit Unit made key presentations on activities, guidelines and modalities for accessing TETfund allocations.

> The meeting was highly interactive as members of the University community gave suggestions and asked questions on various issues relating to TETfund allocations. The Executive Secretary answered all the issues and questions raised and thanked the members of the University community for graciously attending the seminar.



Dr. Abdullahi Baffa Bichi, Executive Secretary TETfund at the interactive session

# 1<sup>st</sup> Nigeria Centre For Reading Research and Development (NCRRD) Takes-off Soon

Bayero University has concluded plans to establish the Nigeria; thus, educating future generations of faculty for Nigerian Centre for Reading Research and the teacher training colleges. Development (NCRRD), the first of its kind in the BUK has already arranged temporary offices for the country. The centre will also conduct research on all centre within the premises of the Faculty of Law, on the aspects of reading in Nigeria and is to be headed by Professor Ismaila Tsiga, as Coordinator.

It is being established in collaboration with the Florida State University, Tallahassee, USA. Arrangements have already been concluded to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two universities on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017 in BUK.

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has approved the sum of one million dollars (\$1m) to support the operations of the centre in the first phase, which will cover the first three years of its operations.

The decline in the culture of reading, especially among the youth, has become an issue of great concern to the country. Scholars have observed that the proliferation of cheap tools of communication and the social media are rapidly killing the interest of our youth in reading, as many of them find it easier to 'view' the television or their handsets, rather than open their books. This is the case even among students in tertiary institutions, as they now seem to rely mostly on browsing the internet for their academic researches, rather than read published works.

The NCRRD, when established, is expected to address this decline, with focus on the promotion of the teaching of reading in the early learning grades and the training of teachers for the teaching of reading in the country in general, especially reading in English and Hausa. At a later stage, the centre is expected to cover all the major languages being used in Nigeria and even extend its services to the West-African sub-region.

It will also undertake advanced research on reading and work to evolve university-based programmes offering graduate study or research in early grades reading in

New Campus. Eventually, a permanent official accommodation shall be constructed at an appropriate location on the campus.

The Vice Chancellor had also approved the posting of six academic fellows, who are experienced in the teaching of Hausa, English and Language Arts, as part of the seed staff to run the operations of the centre.

On its own part, the Florida State University shall provide training for one academic semester to these staff in the USA, in order to equip them fully to undertake their operational responsibilities. The first preliminary workshop shall take place here in BUK from  $4^{th} - 6^{th}$ October, 2017.

Expected at the MOU signing ceremony are the Executive Secretary, National Universities Commission, Professor A.A. Rasheed; Executive Secretary, Tetfund, Dr. Abdullahi Baffa Bichi; Executive Secretary, National Commission for Colleges of Education; Executive Secretary, Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council; Registrar, Teachers Registration Council of Nigeria; USAID; Executive Secretary, National Teachers Institute, Professor Garba Dahuwa Azare; Vice Chancellor, National Open University of Nigeria, Professor Abdalla Uba Adamu; Executive Secretary, National Mass Education Commission; Executive Secretary, National Library Board of Nigeria and Executive Secretary, Universal Basic Education Commission, Dr. Hamid Bobboyi. Also expected to attend are the Honourable Commissioners of Education, Sokoto and Bauchi States along Katsina and Zamfara states, along with Executive Chairmen, STATE Universal Basic Education Boards of the States and Provosts of Seven (7) Colleges of Education in the project states.

#### **TETfund Has Revolutionary Impact on Education Sector, Says Dr. Baffa**

#### By: Lamara Garba

The Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETfund) has made had brought hope to a hitherto deplorable education a positive impact in shaping the education sector in the country barely two decades after its establishment, the Executive Secretary of the Fund, Dr. Abdullahi Baffa Bichi, has disclosed.

Speaking to newsmen shortly after an interactive session with beneficiaries and stakeholders at Musa Abdullahi Auditorium, New Campus, on Wednesday, 27th September, 2017, as part of the nationwide sensitization and enlightenment tour, Dr. Bichi noted that TETfund

sector.

"The feedback of TETfund intervention is very encouraging. Certainly, with TETfund, the future prospect of the education system and by extension Nigerian state is very bright," he declared, pointing out that Nigeria is on the path to attaining global education excellence and prosperity.

The Executive Secretary further revealed that through its many interventions on the provision of physical and infrastructural facilities, research grants to academics for intellectual development and fellowship fundings for capacity building, Nigerian tertiary institutions were now better off.

"The Agency had made revolutionary changes that had given hope not only to students, staff or the institutions but to our country as a whole," he remarked.

Meanwhile, the Executive Secretary has advanced reason as to why the agency was not sponsoring nonteaching staff of tertiary institutions to undertake higher degree programmes saying, they were not on the essential lists of the Fund's intervention.

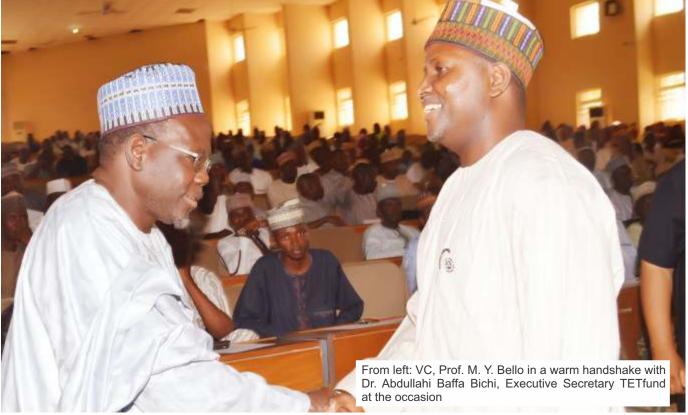
Responding to an inquiry from stakeholders during the interactive session, Dr. Baffa Bichi explained that as time goes by, TETfund may review its policy to also include non-teaching staff in the sponsorship for higher degree programmes.

"As you are all aware, the agency is responsible for the provision of essential facilities for teaching and research

particularly after its transformation to TETfund from hitherto ETF and these essential areas centred mainly around teaching staff," he disclosed.

According to him, the minimum teaching requirement in the tertiary institution was a Ph.D, however, a survey conducted revealed that almost 50% of the teaching staff do not possess such qualification; "therefore, the priority now was to ensure that our institutions have attained such level, and thereafter, a consideration would be made to also include non-teaching staff in that respect," he said.

He also drew the attention of beneficiaries to be wary of fraudulent organizations that organize fake conferences and/or journals, saying many a times the Fund rejects proposals for conference sponsorship because of improper submissions or the organizers were not reputable.



### Combine Computer Studies with all University Courses - Vice Chancellor Advises NUC By: Abubakar Yusuf

Vice Chancellor Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello has advised the Nigerian Universities Commission to combine computer studies with all the Nigerian University courses. He gave the advice on Tuesday, 26th September, 2017, when delegates from the National Information Technology Development Agency (NITDA) paid him a courtesy visit in his office.

He said considering the importance of information technology in today's world, every course in the universities needed computer to simplify and advance it.

ice Chancellor Professor Muhammad Yahuza "Even in programs like Arabic Language or Religious Bello has advised the Nigerian Universities studies, for students to be successful in that direction, Commission to combine computer studies with they need computer training", the Vice Chancellor ligerian University courses. He gave the advice added.

> Professor Yahuza Bello said Bayero University had given information technology the importance it deserved since its establishment in 1977. According to him, the University is among the few in the country using computers progressively with the expansion of the ICT hardware and applications.

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On the need to collaborate with NITDA in training hoped Bayero University would give them all the people on information technology, the Vice Chancellor necessary assistance to achieve the desired goals. said, "the University is ready to work with NITDA in that direction". He said the University has enough human resources to achieve the desired goal. "What we may require from you is equipment", he told the

delegation.

Earlier, the leader of the delegation, Mr. Eniola Ayodeji, who is the acting Head of Human Resource and Administration in NITDA, said they were at the University to seek collaboration for training people in information technology. The main objective of NITDA, according to him is to train people on information technology, which, he said, the agency has gone far in this direction. He said the purpose of their visit was apart from paying homage to the Vice Chancellor was also to meet with the people concerned with the training. He



The VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello handing over copies of BUK Today to Mr. Eniola Ayodeji (1st right)

# BUK Mourns Professor Mortimore By: Lamara Garba

death of one of the pioneer academic staff of the staff and students of the University were greatly shocked Department of Geography, Professor Micheal John Mortimore (MJM), describing his demise as a great loss to the global intellectual community.

In a condolence letter signed by the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, dated 26th September, 2017 and sent to the family of the late

The Management of Bayero University has mourned the Geographer, the Vice Chancellor said the Management, at the sad news of his demise, and prayed for the repose of his soul as well as for the family to have the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss.

The condolence letter, which was addressed to the widow, Dr. Julia Mortimore, also reads inpart thus: "Professor Mortimore had served Bayero University Professor, the Vice Chancellor noted the immeasurable and Nigeria diligently. To immortalize these services for



contribution of the deceased to the development and growth of the University and that he had served the University and Nigeria diligently.

It was reported that late Professor Micheal Mortimore had died on Saturday, 9th September, 2017 after a protracted illness in his home country, the United Kingdom.

posterity we named a lecture theatre after him."

The Late Mortimore joined the services of Bayero University in 1979 and retired in 1986 after working for almost a decade. Throughout his stay in the University, he served as the Head of Department of Geography. Prior to his joining the services of Bayero University, he was at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria from 1962 to 1979.

Born in 1937 to British parents, Mortimore trained at the University of Leeds (BA Geography 1960, MA 1962). He left the UK in 1962 to become a lecturer in Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria with his wife, Julia.

He was involved in building Nigeria's capacity to train and support its own interdisciplinary research into human-environmental dynamics. He first taught and While commiserating with the family of the late researched at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, between students, built a map library, and edited the journal Savanna. He was then Professor of Geography at the Bayero University, Kano, from 1979 to 1986. He then left Nigeria with his family and returned to his native home.

Subsequently, he continued research studies as a Senior Research Associate in the Department of Geography, University of Cambridge, the Overseas Development

#### **INVITATION:** Centre for Research in Nigerian Languages, Translation and Folklore celebrates 2017 International Translation Day

The Centre for Research in Nigerian Languages, Date: Tuesday 3rd October, 2017 Translation and Folklore (CRNLT&F) in collaboration with the Nigerian Institute of Translators and Interpreters (NITI) invites the University Community to attend the Celebration of the 2017 International Translation Day.

Theme: "Translation and Diversity"

Speaker: Professor Hafizu Miko Yakasai - National President NITI

Chairman: Emeritus Professor Dandatti Abdulkadir

#### 1962 and 1979, during which time he trained many Institute in London, and as an Honorary Fellow of the Centre of West African Studies, University of Birmingham.

He was a partner of a policy consultancy set up with Mary Tiffen in the 1990's, Dry land Research. He was an Honorary Senior Fellow at the University of Melbourne, Australia. He was a consultant for DFID, CIFOR, the UNCCD, DANIDA, the Natural Environment Research Council, and the Dry lands Development Centre. He was a frequent visitor to Nigeria.

# Time: 10:30 am Venue: Conference Hall CRNLT&F

A statement signed by the Director CRNLT&F, Professor Sammani Sani recalled that the United Nations General Assembly declared 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 to be the United Nations International Translation Day. "It is, in view of this that the Centre wishes to celebrate the day on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017", he added.

# ANNOUNCEMENT: Islamiyya School (Evening Section) and Qurra'ul Mustaqbal School (Tahfeez Section) Bayero University, Kano

#### **Quranic Graduation Ceremony:**

The Governing Board invites members of the University Chairman of the occasion: Professor Auwal Abubakar, Community to the Ouranic Graduation Ceremony of the Former Chairperson Board of Governors, Mosque and above named school scheduled as follows:

Chief Host: Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, Vice Date: Saturday 7th October, 2017 Chancellor, Bayero University, Kano

Special Guest of Honour: Professor Hafizu Abubakar, University, Kano New Campus

Deputy Governor, Kano State

Islamiyya, BUK New Campus

Venue: School Premises, @ Juma'at Mosque, Bayero

## THE NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (NIN), **E-ID Card and their Benefits:**

#### **1. THE NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER** (NIN)

- The NIN is the most important token and a  $\diamond$ foundational identity issued by NIMC and the federal government of Nigeria for all citizens and legal residences to assert their identities with.
- When a NIN is issued to an individual it SHALL  $\diamond$ never be used again or issued to another person. Even if the previous person is dead, the number is rested and never issued to anyone else.
- The NIN slip is a valid means of identification in all ∻ financial transactions \_ it has been made mandatory on institutions and organisations providing services to identify their clients / customers by their NIN. The CBN has already directed your banks accordingly. (CBN document

attached)

- ∻ Enrolment for the NIN is for every Nigerian irrespective of age or gender
- ∻ Enrolment is **FREE**
- $\diamond$ You can enrol anywhere in Nigeria
- $\diamond$ You can only enrol ONCE
- You can request for a reprint of your slip from any of our offices

#### 2. THE NIN IS MANDATORY FOR THE **FOLLOWING TRANSACTIONS:**

- Issuance and application for International passport ∻ (from January, 2018)
- ∻ Opening of a personal account in a bank (active already)
- ∻ Obtaining of insurance policies
- ∻ The acquisition, registration and transfer of land by

individual

- ∻ Pension reforms
- $\diamond$ Contributory health insurance scheme
- $\diamond$ Transactions that involve social security implications
- ∻ All consumer credit transactions
- ∻ Voters transactions
- ∻ Tax payment

#### **3. THE NATIONAL E-ID CARD**

- $\diamond$ The new national ID card is an E-Card - It carries the information and record of the holder encrypted on a chip.
- ∻ The new E-id card has a payment applets - it has a master-card financial applet which guarantees transaction all over the world
- ∻ The e-ID card has 13 Applets and five of these are activated at the point of collection, the remaining eight are the e ID card potentials which will be activated in due course.

#### The Five Current Functions of the e-ID card

- $\diamond$ Match-on- Card: The card has 10 finger prints of a person stored away on it. It is programmed in such a way that a secure terminal matches a specific reliable and cannot be faked and can be used to identify a person on demand. It contains the same (a) e-Health (b) e-Pension (c) e-Voting (d) e-Tax (e) biometric data as your international passport.
- ♦ International Civil Aviation Organization Insurance

(ICAO): The National e-ID card is designed with the same standard (ICAO9303Rev2) of the international passport and National ID card of other Nations .Therefore it can serve the purpose of a travel document.

- Electronic Identity (e ID): It is the main applet which contains most of the vital information submitted during enrolment. Other information such as address, Next of kin etc., are contained in the National Identity database or locked away in the EAC2 protection.
- ∻ Payment: The National ID card is designed with features which offer financial and payment functionalities. All that the cardholder has to do is to visit one of the participating banks (Access Bank) and load money on the card; this turns your card into an electronic wallet accessible anywhere in the world where there is master card service.
- ∻ Electronic Public Key Infrastructure (e PKI): This is an applet that contains an electronic certificate which allows for document signing, nonrepudiation etc. It is designed such that once a person signs it; he/she cannot turn around to deny the electronic signature or certificate.

#### fingerprint against that locked on the card. It is Potentials of the e-ID card (other applets to be added on the card)

e- Driver's License (f) e- Transport (g) e- Sim (h) e-

#### Chairman: Professor Hafizu Miko Yakasai **Department of Linguistic and Foreign Date:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017 Languages: M.A. Proposal/Seminar Time: 10:00AM Presenter 1: Usman Shuaibu (SPS/14/MLG/00027) Venue: Board Room Topic: A linguistic Analysis of Slogans Used by **Department of Science & Technology** Telecommunication Industries: A Case Study MTN, Education: Departmental Seminar and M.Sc Ed. GLO and Etisalat/9Mobile in Nigeria **External Defence** Presenter 2: Suleiman A. Dandago **Departmental Seminar:** (SPS/14/MLG/00003) Presenter: Dr. Ali Idris Topic: A Semiotic Study of Hausa Indexical Sign **Topic:** Women in Technology Education: Experience **Presenter 3:** Patience Doom Abo and Barriers of Undergraduate Students of Bayero (SPS/14/MLG/00042) University, Kano **Topic:** The Study of Compound Word Formation in Chairman: Professor Muhammad Abdullahi Tiv Language Discussant: Dr. Suwaiba Sa'id Ahmad Presenter 4: Muhammad Sani Lawan **Date:** Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017 (SPS/15/MLG/00001) **Time:** 10:00AM Topic: Hausa-English Code-Switching among Venue: Departmental Conference Room Students of Sule Lamido University Kafin Hausa **M.Sc Ed. External Defence:** Presenter 5: Rabi'u Sani Usman Presenter 1: Aisha Galadima Nura (SPS/15/MLG/00012) (SPS/13/MST/00016) Topic: Morphological Study of Registers: A Case Topic: Effects of Computer Assisted Instruction on the Study of Farm Centre Cell Phone Marketers Academic Achievement and Retention of Science Presenter 6: Almustapha W. Sambo Senior Secondary Students in Jigawa State. (SPS/15/MLG/00019) Supervisor: Dr. Ali Idris **Topic:** Language Endangerment and Documentation: Internal Examiner: Dr. Yahaya Isa Bature A Case Study of Fakkanci Sound System 6 Vol. XXXVI No. 42 Bulletin Friday, 29th September 2017

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External Examiner: Dr. Sani Sale Bichi Presenter 2: Mustapha Abdulkadir Adahama (SPS/13/MST/00030) **Topic:** Relationship between Science Process Skills and Efficient Laboratory Use on Students' Academic Achievement in Biology among Science Secondary School Students in Jigawa State. Supervisor: Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas Internal Examiner: Dr. Ali Idris External Examiner: Dr. Sani Sale Bichi Presenter 3: Rukayya Hassan (SPS/13/MST/00032) **Topic:** Effects of Conceptual Change Instructional Strategy on Misconceptions and Academic Achievement in practical Chemistry among Secondary School Students I Zaria Metropolis. Supervisor: Dr. Suwaiba Sa'id Ahmad Internal Examiner: Dr. Yahaya Isa Bunkure External Examiner: Dr. Sani Sale Bichi **Presenter 4:** Sadiv Inuwa (SPS/13/MST/00015) Topic: Effects of Cooperative Learning Strategy on Academic Achievement Retention in Biology among Senior Secondary School Students in Kano Metropolis Supervisor: Dr. Ali Idris Internal Examiner: Dr. Suwaiba Sa'id Ahmad External Examiner: Dr. Sani Sale Bichi Presenter 5: Yusif Dahiru (SPS/13/MST/00018) Topic: A study of Geography Students' Knowledge and Perceptions on Environmental Problems and Management in Senior Secondary Schools in Municipal Education Zone, Kano State Nigeria Supervisor: Dr. Garba Shuaibu Internal Examiner: Dr. Idris Isa Danladi External Examiner: Dr. Sani Sale Bichi **Date:** October 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 **Time:** 10:00am Venue: Departmental Conference Room Department of Geography: Ph.D Seminar Presenter 1: Shehu Zakari Damau Topic: Oil Refinery and Socio-Economic Impact in Chikun Local Government Area, Kaduna State, Nigeria

**Chairman:** Professor Adamu Idris Tanko **Presenter 2:** Joseph Emaikwu Ogbole **Topic:** The Nexus between Poverty and Land Degradation among Arable Farmers in the Samaru Agro-Ecological Zone of Kaduna State, Nigeria Chairman: Professor Maharazu A. Yusuf Presenter 3: Elizabeth John **Topic:** Comparative Analysis of Production Efficiency of Irrigated Rice in Kano State, Nigeria Chairman: Dr. Bello Gambo **Date:** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 **Time:** 10:00 am Venue: CB 17, Geography Department International Institute of Islamic Banking & Finance: M.Sc IBF Internal/Proposal Defence Candidate 1: Sabiu Usaini Ado (SPS/14/MIF/00006) **Topic:** Potentials of Salam in Financing Dry Season Farming in Kano State: A Study of Kano River Project Supervisor: Dr. Warshu Tijjani Rabiu Internal Examiner: Associate Professor Kabir Tahir Hamid Candidate 2: Shuaibu Alhaji Umar (SPS/14/MIF/00002) Topic: Potentials of Musharaka Mutanagisah (Diminishing Partnership) in Financing Small Scale Enterprises in Kano Metropolis. Supervisor: Dr. Aliyu Dahiru Muhammad Internal Examiner: Professor Mansur Idris Candidate 3: Aisha Muhammad Mijinyawa (SPS/14/MIF/00025) **Topic:** Awareness, Perception and Patronage of Islamic Banking Products among Kantin-Kwari Traders in Kano Metropolis. Supervisor: Associate Professor Kabir Tahir Hamid Internal Examiner: Dr. Aliyu Dahiru Muhammad Candidate 4: Adamu Rabiu Kazaure (SPS/14/MIF/00001) Topic: The Role of Zakah on Poverty Alleviation (A Case Study of Kazaure Emirate Zakah Committee Supervisor: Professor Garba Bala Bello Reviewer: Professor Binta Tijjani Jibril Chairman: Professor Binta Tijjani Jibril Director, IIIBF

**Date:** 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2017 **Time:** 10:00 am **Venue:** IIIBF Conference Room





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# **GENERAL CIRCULAR**

To: Members of the University Community

# PUBLIC HOLIDAY

This is to inform the University Community that the Federal Government has declared Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017 as public holiday to mark Nigeria's 57<sup>th</sup> Independence Anniversary.

However, staff on shift duty, emergency or essential services in various units will report for duty as usual.

Work resumes on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2017.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello wishes all members of the University Community a happy celebration.

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