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The Late Prof. Haruna Wakili DVC (Admin) 2018-2020

BUK Mourns Prof. Haruna Wakili DVC (Admin) ...As VC Leads Delegation to Hadejia for Condolence

By Lamara Garba & Nura Garba

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, on behalf of the Council, Senate, Management, Staff and students, with deep sorrow and a heavy heart regrets to announce the death of Professor Haruna Wakili.

Until his death, Professor Wakili was the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration). He died at the age of 60 on Saturday, 20th June, 2020 at the National Hospital, Abuja after a protracted illness.

The Vice Chancellor, on behalf of the Council, the Senate, Management, staff and students of the University wishes to express heartfelt condolences to the members of his immediate family, the Emir of Hadejia, government and the people of Jigawa State and the entire members of the university community on this great loss.

The Late Professor Wakili was a one-time Commissioner for Education, Science and Technology in Jigawa State (2009-2015) and also a Director of the University's Centre for Democratic Studies (Mambayya House), before his appointment as DVC (Administration) in 2018.

Prof. Haruna Wakili was born in June 1960 at Rumfa Quarters of Hadejia town in Jigawa State. He attended Government Teachers Collage, Dutse, where he obtained his Grade II Certificate in 1980. He proceeded to Bayero university, Kano for his first degree programme. He graduated in 1985 and emerged as the best graduating student in history, thereby winning the Professor M. A Al-Hajj memorial prize and also received the Professor Michael Crowder prize for best graduating student in modern history.

Professor Haruna wakili got his Masters Degree in History in 1989 from the same University and his PhD in History in 1998. In 2004, he went to the New York University in USA for a certificate in American History.

He joined the services of the University on 14th June, 1990 as an Assistant Lecturer at the History Department. Professor Wakili, until his appointment as Commissioner, was the Head of Department of History of the Bayero University. On record, he was the only one to serve twice (at different times) as Director Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Studies, Mambayya House, Bayero University Kano. He was appointed Deputy Vice Chancellor Administration on 4th October, 2018.

He has numerous publications to his credit. He co-authored some and edited many others as well as made many presentations at conferences and seminars. His doctoral thesis was on the phenomenon of riots and revolts in Kano, Nigeria. He had done considerable work on ethno-religious and communal conflicts in North-western Nigeria. He also worked on a number of research teams that studied the phenomenon of conflicts and conflict management in the Northern states. He participated in various training workshops on democracy and good governance organized by USAID-Nigeria in 1998 and 2000. Professor Wakili was a visiting Fulbright scholar at New York University, NYU, (June-July, 2004). His membership of professional and voluntary Associations included the Historical Society of Nigeria (HSN), Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Fulbright Alumni Association of Nigeria (FAAN), African Studies Association of the United Kingdom (ASAUK) and the Kano Heritage Society. He was also a consultant to an agency of the Federal Ministry of Education and contributed to the final draft of syllabi and restoration of the teaching of history in Nigerian secondary schools. He was survived by two wives and ten children.

Professor Wakili would forever be remembered for his commitment and selfless services to the University in particular and humanity in general.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello on Sunday, 21st June, 2020 led the management and staff of the University to attend the burial of the late Deputy Vice Chancellor, Administration, Professor Haruna Wakili in Hadejia town.

The delegation included the former Deputy Governor, Professor Hafiz Abubakar, Principal Officers, Deans, Directors and hundreds of other staff.

Prof. Bello led the BUK delegation to condole the Emir of Hadejia, Alhaji Abubakar Maje Haruna in his palace. He said the late Prof. Wakili served the University diligently and would forever be remembered for his immense contributions to the University's growth and development.

The Vice Chancellor also visited the late Prof Wakili's family and commiserated with his wives, children and relatives. He prayed to Allah to grant him *Jannatul Firdausi* and give them the fortitude to bear the loss.

“We have lost a highly disciplined, committed and dedicated staff whose void will be difficult to be replaced, saying that “despite our love for him Allah loves him the most.”

Meanwhile, Professor Hafiz Abubakar expressed his sadness over the demise of the late academic icon whom he said had lived a fulfilled life.

The Emir of Hadejia, Alhaji Adamu Abubakar Maje eulogized the late Prof Haruna Wakili's immense hospitality, transparency and fear of God, having known him very well as friends, saying that the people of Jigawa State had benefitted from him tremendously.

He said the hundreds of thousands of people trouping in and out Hadejia town for condolence “shows how he related and treated people well.”

The Royal Father condoled the entire Bayero University community for the death of one of its Principal Officers, whose services are highly needed at this critical time of knowledge revolution, praying fervently to God to replace him with another capable person.

The former Governor of Jigawa State, Alhaji Sule Lamido, extolled the virtues of Professor Wakili and described him as a fountain of knowledge, which people from all walks of life in Nigeria came to drink from.

He recalled his sacrifices, commitment, dedication to service and unalloyed contributions towards rejuvenating the education system of Jigawa State when he held sway as Commissioner for Higher Education, Science and Technology.

APPOINTMENTS

Dr. Nu’uman Habib Appointed Director CESPOR

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Dr. Nu’uman Habib as the new Director, Centre for

Economic, Social and Population Research (CESPOR).

A letter signed by the Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, says the appointment is for an initial period of two years with effect from 19th June, 2020.

Prof. Aminu Mohammed Fagge, Now Deputy Director I, CESPOR

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COVID-19: Mambayya House Conducts Safety Training on Staff

By Adamu Garba



Some of the participants of the Covid-19 safety training

The Mambayya House, Centre for Democratic Studies has conducted tripartite training on safety, operations and maintenance to members of its staff as part of measures to contain the spread of Corona Virus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The training was conducted by a team of professionals from the Federal Ministry of Environment, Abuja on Wednesday, 24th June, 2020, at the Abba Maikwaru Auditorium of the Centre.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the training, the Director of the Mambayya House, Centre for Democratic Studies, Professor Isma'ila M. Zango explained that the objective of the training was to provide participants with a good understanding of critical areas of safety oversight in a pandemic situation such as the COVID-19.

During the training, best practices in safety management with focus on practical operations of safety machines were dwelt upon.

Professor Zango noted that the training came at a very appropriate time, considering the fight against corona virus. He commended the partnership with the Ministry, which, he said, had contributed immensely to strengthening safety responsibilities.

He disclosed that the Centre, on the recommendation of the Federal Ministry of Environment, purchased safety equipment worth hundreds of thousands of naira to safeguard its environment.

The equipment purchased and put into use by the Centre include: Non-contact infrared thermometer, Electric sprayer (rechargeable machine), Anti-virus or microcode, and personal protective equipment (P.P.E.), and sanitizers to mention a few.

In his remarks, the Northwest Zonal Coordinator on Environmental Medical Council, Mr. Bala Muhammad Tukur, described the training as the first of its kind organized by any sector within the areas under his supervision.

Mr. Bala, however, commended the Centre for purchasing highly sophisticated machines such as fogging machine, thermometer, washing hand machine and chemicals for fumigation.

Amongst the safety measures adopted based on the recommendation of experts was that only accredited visitors should be allowed access to the Centre as part of enforcing measures to curtail the spread of the disease.

There was an interactive session during the training, followed by practical operations and maintenance of the equipments.

The participants cut across various units of the Centre including Auditorium, Library, Museum, Kitchen, Chalet, Account and Administrative units.

Malam Murtala Ringim who spoke on behalf of the participants, said the training was apt and it widened the horizon of their understanding about the covid-19 pandemic.



VC, Prof. M. Y. Bello (left) receiving a condolence letter from Kano State Commissioner for Youths and Sports Development, Comrade Kabiru Ado Lakwaya

Late DVC Admin: Reps Member, Kano Commissioner, Others Condoles BUK Mgnt.

By Rabi'u M. Sagir

Member House of Representative representing Minjibir/Ungogo Federal Constituency, Honourable Sani Ma'aruf (Maiwake) has described the death of late Prof. Haruna Wakili as a great loss not only to BUK but Nigeria as a whole.

Speaking when he paid a condolence visit to the Management of BUK on Thursday, 24th June, 2020, Honourable Maiwake said the likes of late Professor Wakili are very rare.

Accompanied by the member of the Kano State House of Assembly, Honourable Aminu Sa'adu and other members of his constituency, he said Prof. Haruna Wakili will forever be remembered for his selfless service to humanity.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor Prof. M. Y. Bello commended the honourable member for the visit and prayed Allah to grant the deceased eternal peace.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor of Bayero University, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has commended Kano State Government for its mutual cooperation towards supporting the University in executing many projects towards improving teaching and research.

Speaking on Thursday, 24th June, 2020, while receiving Kano State Commissioner for Youth, Sports and Development, Comrade Kabiru Ado Lakwaya on a condolence visit over the death of the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration), Professor Haruna Wakili, the Vice Chancellor said Kano State Government and Bayero University are partners in Progress.

Professor Bello prayed for the repose of the soul of Professor Haruna Wakili and prayed to Allah to give his family the fortitude to bear the loss.

Earlier, the Honourable Commissioner for Youths and Sports Development, Comrade Kabiru Ado Lakwaya, said they were on official visit to condole with the University Management over the death of Professor Wakili, which he described as a great loss to the entire country. He described him as humble person that distinguished himself with many qualities that made him to be unique in carrying administration and academic duties.

Hon. Lakwaya commended the Vice Chancellor for the success recorded during his tenure in office and wished him success in his future endeavor.

CDA Director, Prof Jibrin, One Other Win PASET's Competitive Funding

By Nura Garba

The Director, Centre for Dryland Agriculture, Professor Jibrin Mohammed Jibrin and Dr. Aliyu Salisu Barau have won a competitive funding of their research proposals from the Partnership for Skills in



Prof. Jibrin M. Jibrin, Director, CDA

Applied Science, Engineering and Technology (PASET).

According to Dr. Moses Osiru, the Manager, RSIF's Regional Coordination Unit, who signed notification of awards for proposals submitted in response to RSIF Institutional Innovation Capacity Building Program Grant (ICBP) Call and sent to the Vice Chancellor,

Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, said the competitive selection process involved three stages, an eligibility screening conducted by the RCU, followed by a technical review by a panel of independent experts and lastly an evaluation by the RSIF Grants Independent Technical Committee (GITC). "On behalf of the Partnership for skills in Applied Sciences, Engineering and Technology (PASET) Executive Board, I am pleased to inform you that your proposal titled *"Initiatives for Sustainable Food Security Innovations in the Drylands"* has been selected and approved for funding by the PASET Executive Board, said Mr Osiru on Prof Jibrin's proposal.

The title of Dr. Aliyu Barau's proposal is *"Do-It-For-Yourself Adaptation: New Pathways For Community Flood Risk Communication."*

It could be recalled that last year, Bayero University was selected to serve as one of the host universities for PASET's PhD programmes in Natural Resource Management and Climate Change at the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA). The agreement was signed on Monday, 7th October, 2019 in Nairobi, Kenya along with ten other African universities.

SSANU Expresses Shock, Condolences VC over DVC's Death

By Nura Garba

The Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), on Monday, 22nd June, 2020 condoled the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello over the demise of Professor Haruna Wakili.

The Chairman of SSANU, BUK branch, Dr. Haruna Aliyu, who led the executives said the University had lost a rare gem, highly resourceful scholar of history and true reflection of exemplary leadership. He said the Union was shocked when it got the news of Prof Wakili's death, saying that the non-teaching staff union would greatly miss him.

The Chairman also used the opportunity to extend the condolence of the National President of SSANU, Comrade Samson Ugwoke, who sent a heartfelt condolence message on behalf of the National Executive Council and National Administrative Council (NAC) members.

He prayed for the repose of the soul of Prof Wakili and prayed to Allah to grant his family the fortitude to bear the loss.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Bello said the deceased



SSANU Executives during a condolence visit

had served the University diligently and would forever be remembered for his selfless services to the University.

Governor Ganduje Condoles BUK Over Prof Haruna Wakili's Death

By Nura Garba

The Kano State Governor, Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje has expressed shock over the death of Bayero University, Kano's Deputy Vice Chancellor, Administration, Professor Haruna Wakili, who died on Saturday, 20th June, 2020 at the National Hospital, Abuja.

"This shocking death and one of the most difficult to bear, of Professor Haruna Wakili, is not only shocking, but devastating to academia, that is being manifested in true pursuance of knowledge, which characterized the whole life of the deceased," said the Governor.

In a statement signed by the Chief Press Secretary of the Governor, Malam Abba Anwar, quoted the Governor as saying that, with the demise of Prof. Wakili, History, as a discipline, suffers a setback, particularly talking about decent, disciplined, coherent and promising scholar, at the level of Prof. Wakili, in the country.

"It is, therefore, with deep sense of sorrow and unbearable feeling of existence of gap, that I, Abdullahi Umar Ganduje, the Governor of Kano state, on behalf of the government and the good

people of Kano state, am extending our condolence to the immediate family of our unrelenting and not-lazy Prof. Haruna Wakili over his death."

"I am equally extending the same condolence to Vice Chancellor, University Community and students, over this hard-to-forget loss of one of our celebrated Historians in the country."

The Governor also extended similar condolence to the government of Jigawa state and the Hadejia Emirate over this demise of an illustrious son, scholar, administrator, researcher, and an embodiment of discipline and patriotism.

Governor Ganduje enjoined his family and students to copy the exemplary life of the deceased Professor Wakili, reminding that the late Professor was an icon whose exemplary life was a flagship for many within and outside the academic circle.

"May Almighty Allah forgive all his wrongdoings and accept all his good deeds. May Allah take good care of what he left behind. May Allah make his hereafter far better than where he exited from, this world," the governor prayed.



His Excellency, Governor of Kano State, Dr. Abdullahi Umar Ganduje in a handshake with VC, Prof. Muhammad Yahuza Bello

The VCs, Directors & Deans of Law

All Nigerian Universities/Institutes

Dear Sir/Madams,

RE: HOSTING NALT CONFERENCE 2020 BY FACULTY OF LAW, BAYERO UNIVERSITY, KANO (BUK)

With reference to the above subject matter and the Committee of Deans, Directors and Board of Trustees' meeting held at University of Ibadan on 13th day of February 2020 at which a resolution was passed to hold the 2020 NALT CONFERENCE at BUK latest by the 2nd week of July, 2020, I write to intimate you with the latest developments regarding the conference.

2. No sooner than BUK took over the mandate, a Conference Planning Committee (CPC) with various sub-committees were constituted to facilitate the successful hosting of the conference. To this end, the Academic Sub – Committee developed sub themes and topics around the assigned central theme of the conference, to wit: “Law and Electoral Processes in Nigeria: Challenges and the Way Forward”. Accordingly, the Sub – Committee is currently working towards assignment of topics to presenting and discussing Faculties/Institutes respectively.

3. Regrettably, however, due to the prevailing COVID 19 pandemic coupled with the ongoing ASUU strike, hosting the conference in July 2020 is NOT feasible. In view of this, high level consultations have been initiated with a view to coming up with a more realistic date for hosting the conference after the official verdict on the pandemic and suspension of the ASUU strike. Further details, in this regards, will be appropriately communicated in due course.

4. Please, accept the renewed assurances of my highest regards and esteem.

Signed

Prof. Usman Muhammad Shu'aib
President, NALT 2020



Malam Rabi'u Muhammad Sagir of the Information and Publication Division, Directorate of Public Affairs, wishes to invite members of the University Community and the general public to the wedding fatiha of his sister, **Saratu Sagir Muhammad** and her fiancée, **Muhammad**

Balarabe, scheduled to take place as follows:

Date: Friday, 3rd July, 2020

Time: 1:30pm

Venue: Masallacin Juma'a na ZHERA, Kundila Gandu, Kano State.

To:
The Provost of Colleges,
Deans of Faculties,
Directors of Centres and Institute

This is to inform members of the University community that the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) has issued a call notice for concept Notes for the 2020 Grant Cycle of its National Research Fund (NRF). A copy of the call notice is attached. Those interested in preparing and submitting concept notes should take note and log-on to nrf.tetfund.gov.ng and follow the guidelines.



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TETFUND NATIONAL RESEARCH FUND (NRF) 2020 GRANTS CYCLE: CALL FOR CONCEPT NOTES

INTRODUCTION

Following the successful completion of the processing of the research proposals submitted to NRF under the 2019 Grants Cycle, culminating in the total award of N3.9 billion to support 128 research projects, the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) wishes to inform the Nigerian research community, in particular, and the public in general, that President Muhammadu Buhari has approved the sum of N7.5 billion for the current 2020 NRF Grants Cycle. The process of accessing the 2020 NRF grants involves the response to this Call-for-Concept-Notes by the Principal Investigators of the proposed research projects, to be followed later by the submission of full proposals by only those whose concept notes have been evaluated and the research projects are considered fundable.

THEMATIC AREAS FOR THE 2020 NRF GRANT APPLICATION

The twenty eight prioritized thematic areas of research are, as presented below, in three categories: Humanities and Social Sciences; Science, Technology and Innovation; and Cross-Cutting.

Category 1	Science, Engineering, Technology and Innovation
Thematic Area 1	Agriculture and Food Security
Thematic Area 2	Health and Social Welfare
Thematic Area 3	Transport
Thematic Area 4	Power and Energy
Thematic Area 5	IT, Computing & Telecommunications
Thematic Area 6	Space Science and Technology
Thematic Area 7	Geosciences
Thematic Area 8	Science and Engineering
Thematic Area 9	Water & Sanitation
Thematic Area 10	Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure
Thematic Area 11	Sustainable use of Natural Resources and Terrestrial Ecosystems
Category 2	Humanities and Social Sciences
Thematic Area 12	National Integration, Conflict, Defence and Security
Thematic Area 13	Education and Human Capital
Thematic Area 14	Economic Development and Globalization
Thematic Area 15	History, Culture and Identities

Thematic Area 16	Languages, Literatures and Media
Thematic Area 17	Social Development and Welfare
Thematic Area 18	Population and Migration
Thematic Area 19	Governance, Politics, Law and Ethics
Thematic Area 20	Tourism, Sports and Recreation
Thematic Area 21	Gender, Equity and Social Inclusion
Thematic Area 22	Humanities, Social Sciences, Technology and Business Interface
Category 3	Cross-Cutting
Thematic Area 23	Entrepreneurship & Wealth Creation
Thematic Area 24	Environment, Housing & Urban and Regional Development
Thematic Area 25	Resource Governance
Thematic Area 26	Science, Technology and Innovation System Management
Thematic Area 27	Blue Economy
Thematic Area 28	Clean and Affordable Energy

ELIGIBILITY

Lecturers in any of our public universities, polytechnics and colleges of education in Nigeria are eligible. Multi-Disciplinary and Interdisciplinary research projects, comprising researchers from various disciplines, are most highly encouraged. The Principal Investigator (PI) who must preferably be of professional cadre in a university, chief lecturer in a polytechnic or college of education, will lead the research team and be personally responsible and held accountable for the conduct of the research. An added requirement is that the PI must be institution based, with the PI's institution regarded as the Coordinating Institution. However, in line with the approval of Board of Trustees (BOT) of TETFund, additional members of the research team can be drawn from researchers in private tertiary institutions, research institutes, Centres of Excellence and the industry. This is consistent with the global best practice of involving non-governmental organizations and other non-state actors in research projects that are to address national needs.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The process of application is entirely on an online platform. The Principal Investigator is expected to visit nrf.tetfund.gov.ng upon the opening of the Portal, where he or she will be closely guided on the preparation and final submission of the concept note.

All the submitted Concept Notes will be evaluated by the National Research Fund Screening and Monitoring Committee (NRF&MC). The PIs of the successful Concept Notes will be communicated to proceed to the preparation of the Full Proposals which will also be processed online. The PI and, at least a member of the Research Team of an adjudged fundable proposal, shall be invited to defend their proposal before the NRF&MC. Thereafter, the successful proposals for grant awards will be presented to the Board of Trustees of TETFund for approval.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF CONCEPT NOTES

The Portal will be open for the submission of the Concept Notes from Monday 22nd June to Tuesday 21st July.

For any enquiry, please contact the TETFund NRF Secretariat using the following e-mail addresses: sabihg@tetfund.gov.ng, odoju@tetfund.gov.ng, bushirgaladanci@yahoo.com, nbamiro@yahoo.com

Signed

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