



CDA Interacts with Save the Children International to Develop Work Plan for Training in EU Resilience Project

By Nura Garba

The Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) interacted with Save the Children International to develop a work plan for EU Resilience Project in Yobe State on 21st October, 2019 at the Conference Hall of CDA.

Save the Children is the world's leading independent organization for children that strives to give children an environment in which their human rights and needs are respected and protected, so that they can realize their full potentials.

The Program Manager for EU Resilience in Yobe State, Atiku Muhammad Yola, said the objective of the project was targeting resilience to provide capacity development and succour to affected communities. He said they came to seek the assistance of the CDA to work together as collaborators, particularly training of field staff in the area of resilience and livelihood.

Under livelihood, he explained that they had several agricultural approaches, which they wanted the centre to help, especially in curriculum development and guidelines for the training modules of the

extension agents and lead farmers.

For the resilience activities, “we are targeting issues like environmental impact assessment, environmental protection and management, which will all be implemented at the rural areas. We know that the CDA has the capacity and expertise to train and develop the modules as well as train the participants at the community level,” he explained.

The Program Manager stated that at the end of the interactive session, a joint work-plan would be developed, so that the CDA and SCI would work together as a team to implement the project activities.

The Save the Children International made some presentations on EU Resilience Activity and Resilience Approach as part of their activities in Yobe State.

Earlier in his opening remarks, the Director of CDA, Professor Jibrin M. Jibrin, welcomed the visitors and briefed them about the Centre's tripartite activities research, training and outreach, with the latter following the collaborative programme with SCI.



A group photograph of Save the Children officials and CDA staff



EU Resilience Program Manager, Atiku M. Yola addressing CDA staff and Faculty representatives

Centre for Gender Studies Organizes Policy Dialogue on Gender Equity

By Fausat A. Opayomi

The Bayero University, Kano Centre for Gender Studies joined the rest of the world to commemorate the 2019 International Day of the Girl Child with a policy dialogue on **Gender Equity and Social Inclusion (GESI) Policy as a safeguard for Girls in Kano State** on Monday 21st October, 2019 at the Centre's Conference Room.

Speaking at the policy dialogue, the lead discussant, Hajia Nafisa Ado, who is the Regional Coordinator and Head of Kano office, Department for International Development (DFID), said the topic of discussion tended to lean more towards the education of the girl-child as a strategy to improve the level of women and gender equity, which were global treaties. She said the underlying idea was that everyone irrespective of sex and race was of equal value.

While commending Kano State Government for the social investment program of cash transfer, which had proven to have positive effects, such as uplifting households, improved retention in schools, prevention of early marriages and unintended consequences, among others, Hajia Nafisa Ado also said the free and compulsory education from basic to secondary school declared by Kano State Government was a step towards moving close to achieving gender equality.

She disclosed that DFID was committed to working with Kano State Government to enable the girl-child to benefit from the policy, if it was the wish of the good people of Kano State and government to domesticate the national policy.

Earlier, the Chairman, Dr. Isma'il Lawan Suleiman, who is a Federal Commissioner, National Population Commission, in his remarks, said there was a great divide between men and women, adding that women were greatly disadvantaged right from childhood through life. He revealed that the population of women was half of that of men contrary to the belief that women were far more than men in population.

The Director of the Center, Professor Aisha Isma'il, in her remarks, said she had spoken individually to almost all the participants to support the policy, looking at the peculiar desire of Kano State to develop the gender policy that would be accepted by the government and people of Kano State.

Dr Maikano Madaki, in his introduction, told the gathering that the center had organized the dialogue to safeguard the gender policy by domesticating it in Kano State to have a better start up considering the cultural and religious structure of the State.



A cross section of the participants in a discussion session

Faculty of Communication Holds Interactive Session on Exams Invigilation

By Gambo S. Nababa

The purpose of invigilation is to help students have comfort to write examinations in a conducive atmosphere, the former Chairman of the Bayero University Senate Committee on Examinations Misconduct and Leakages, Professor Mamman Lawan Yusufari, has said.

Professor Yusufari made the remarks at an interactive



session on examinations invigilation organized by the Faculty of Communication on Wednesday, 16th October, 2019.

He said some invigilators went to examinations halls with the aim of catching students involving in exams

misconduct. That was not the essence of invigilation.

“The essence of invigilation is to assist the students; if windows are closed, open them; ensure fans and clocks are working and lightening and other important aspects are also provided and sufficient. As an invigilator, wear a human face and attend to students' complaints,” he said.

Professor Yusufari, who is also the former Dean, Faculty of Law, said invigilation was a sole duty of academic staff, as some departments often made the mistake of assigning non-academic staff as invigilators.

“Invigilation requires our time. As invigilators, don't read newspapers or chat with smart phones in exams halls; don't sit to discuss with other invigilators, it is important to move around,” he said.

The Faculty staff members raised questions, comments and observations in relation to invigilation, which were properly discussed during the session.

The Dean, Faculty of Communication, Professor Mustapha Nasir Malam, who appreciated the staff of the Faculty for taking the meeting serious, also thanked Professor Yusufari for leading the interaction, congratulated him for attaining the position of Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN) and prayed to Almighty Allah to bless the promotion.

ASUU-BUK Indigent Scholarship: Call For Applications

Applications are invited for Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) Indigent Scholarship Scheme 2019. The scholarship which will be at the rate of fifty thousand naira (N 50,000.00) per beneficiary on one-off basis, will be awarded to indigent students in Bayero University, Kano.

CRITERIA FOR AWARD

1. Applicant must be indigent and needy.
2. Applicant must be a registered student of Bayero University, Kano.
3. Applicant must have good academic performance.
4. Only original forms will be accepted by the Union.
5. The recipients of last session's awards are not eligible to apply for this session's scholarship.
6. Candidates selected for the award of University scholarship are not eligible to apply for ASUU scholarship.
7. ASUU scholarship is not awarded based on quota system but rather on critical needs of the applicants

MODE OF APPLICATION

- A. Each applicant shall submit a completed application form, which is available in the Department
- B. Completed application form must be accompanied with:
 - i. A copy of the candidate's registration form (CRF) for the current session.
 - ii. A copy of candidate's end of session report form for the previous session.
 - iii. Two (2) current passport size photographs.

The application forms with all the supporting documents should be submitted by the applicants to ASUU-BUK Scholarship Committee @ ASUU-BUK Secretariat, Old Campus.

IMPORTANT DATES

- i. Deadline for return of completed forms by candidates to ASUU Secretariat is Wednesday 30th October, 2019.
- ii. Interview date: Sunday 3rd November, 2019.



Registrar, Fatima Binta Mohammed (left) presenting a gift to Malam Mansur Jikamshi (right) on behalf of ANUPA

ANUPA Holds Congress Meeting, Honours Mansur Jikamshi

By Nura Garba

The Association of National University Professional Administrators (ANUPA), Bayero University, Kano branch on Tuesday, 22nd October, 2019, conducted its congress meeting at the Senate Chamber, in which members took time to extensively deliberate on issues that affect their professional and welfare matters.

The Chairperson of ANUPA and Registrar, Fatima Binta Isyaku Mohammed, welcomed all the members to the meeting and explained that the BUK branch of ANUPA had continued to gain recognition from the national body by the former being prompt in conferences, annual general meetings and council meetings.

The Chairperson told members that the first or second week of December was slated for the celebration of ANUPA Day with the theme: Emerging Trends in University Management in Nigeria in which the Registrar of Ahmadu Bello

University, Zaria, Malam Kundila, would be the keynote speaker, while the former Registrar, Sani Amin Ibrahim, would be the discussant.

During the meeting, Malam Mansur Jikamshi was honoured for the services he rendered to the University, having reached his retirement age. The Registrar took time to eulogize the retiree for his selfless service, commitment and dedication to duty, as well as his love for the university system. She wished him well in his future endeavours. Directors, Deputy Directors and other senior staff showered their encomiums on Jikamshi and commended him for his resilience and commitment while serving the University.

On his part, Malam Jikamshi expressed appreciation to ANUPA for honouring him and thanked the University for giving him the opportunity to serve.

Malam Jikamshi retired as a Deputy Registrar.

FESA Launches Operation Keep Faculty of Education Clean (OKEC)

By Rabi'u M. Sagir & Sunusi Waziri

The Faculty of Education Student Association, (FESA), BUK Chapter, in collaboration with the Deanery of the Faculty of Education launched a programme called “**Operation Keep Faculty of Education Clean**”. The programme was meant to ensure that the Faculty of Education is clean and tidy and to ensure that all the students of the Faculty understand the essence of sanity and cleanliness of the environment for effective healthcare. The event took place on Tuesday, 22nd October, 2019 at the Faculty premises.

In his remarks, the Dean of the Faculty of Education, Professor Ali Tijjani Abdullahi, commended the effort of FESA in terms of this initiative. He recalled that the wife of the Governor of Kano State, Hajiya Dr Hafsa Abdullahi Umar Ganduje, assisted the association with some money to run their activities. This enabled them to implement the programme that would uplift the image of the faculty in terms of environmental sanitation. He said the programme would be continuously implemented every month.

Speaking at the occasion, Dr. Auwal Halilu, the Student's Faculty Adviser, expressed his happiness and appreciation to the members of the association for this unique exercise, which he said was a great achievement to the faculty and the university in general.

The Faculty Officer, represented by Mallam Hafiz Mohammed, appreciated their remarkable effort and urged other student unions to do similar work.

The President of FESA, Comrade Muzammil Ibrahim (Ma'aji), appreciated the cooperation, assistance, guidance and encouragement from the wife of the Governor of Kano State, the Dean of the Faculty of Education, the Association's Faculty Adviser and members of the association.

He said the programme was part of his agenda during the time of his campaign before he was elected as President of

FESA. He also revealed some of his achievements, which included: Students Guide during the Screening of newly admitted students and launching of the Dress Code Modesty to guide and help students know how to dress appropriately. He also created a forum **Team Education First**, to revive unity among all.



OKEC members on duty



A group photograph of OKEC members displaying their work equipment



A cross section of some OKEC members

SSANU Wins Inter-Unions Football Trophy, Beats ASUU 1-0

By Nura Garba

Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), on Friday, 18th October, 2019 defeated Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) 1-0 to emerge as champions of the 2nd edition of Staff Inter-Unions Football Championship.

The match, which was played at the Ahmadu Adamu Mu'azu Stadium, New Campus, saw the two unions compete for honours after winning their previous matches.

SSANU whitewashed the defending champions and favourite, NASU, by 3-0, while ASUU defeated NAAT 5-4 through penalty shootout after the regulation time ended 1-1.

Nasiru Garba of the Student Affairs scored the only goal of the match after SSANU's midfield maestro, Murtala Ibrahim, of the Information and Publication sent an inch-perfect through pass, which the scorer wasted no time in burying the ball into the far corner of ASUU's net.

NASU, however, won the third place match after beating NAAT 7-6 through penalty shootout.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, who was represented by the University Librarian, Dr. Musa Auyo at the closing ceremony commended the unions for demonstrating sportsmanship behaviour and reiterated the University Management's determination to continue to support staff and students to engage in healthy sporting activities.

The Director of Sports, Malam Usman Salihu, said the trophy and the jerseys were donated by the Kano State Chairman of Football Association, Alhaji Sharu Rabiu Inuwa Ahalan and the competition was tagged: Game of Friendly, Unity and Peace.

He said the Sports Directorate in conjunction with the Sports Consultative Committee would continue to organize healthy competitions among staff and students.

With this victory, SSANU (staff champions) and Faculty of Management Sciences (student champions) would engage in Super Cup at a later date, according to the Sports Director, saying that it would be a trend every year.

Meanwhile, Murtala Ibrahim of Information and Publication Division was voted the **Most Valuable Player** of the Championship.



Librarian, Dr. Musa Auyo (3rd left) presenting the trophy to SSANU Captain, Sulaiman Garba



Victorious SSANU players jubilating the trophy

SEMINARS

Centre for Biotechnology Research: *Second Lecture Series*

Speaker: Francis Adelaide G.O. Fakoya (Professor and Neuroteratologist Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, UK),

Topic: "Advancing Responsible Animal-Based Experimentation in Health Research: Ethical Dilemma for Developing Nations Introduction to the Zebrafish"

Date: Tuesday, 29th October, 2019

Time: 11:30am

Venue: CBR Conference Hall, Bayero University, Kano

Chairman: Professor M.Y. Gwarzo, (Director, Centre for Biotechnology Research BUK)

Department of Geography: *PhD Seminar*

Presenter: Bello Umaru Sifawa

Topic: An Examination of Environmental Conditions of Charcoal Production Sites in Parts of Nigeria's Dryland and its Use as Domestic Energy Source in Urban Sokoto, Nigeria.

Date: Thursday 31st October, 2019

Time: 10:00am

Venue: CB 17, Department of Geography

Chairman: Prof. Adamu Idris Tanko, DVC (Academics)

NOTE: Attendance to seminars is compulsory to all M.Sc I, M.Sc II, PhD I and PhD II students

Department of Environmental Management: *PhD proposal Seminar*

Presenter 1: Aminu Sulaiman Zangina (SPS/17/PEM/0004)

Title: Analysis of e-waste Utilization and its Environmental Implications in Kano Metropolis, Nigeria.

Presenter 2: Bala Muhammad Tukur (SPS/17/PEM/00013)

Title: Assessment of Public Private Partnership in Municipal Solid Waste Management in Kano State.

Supervisors: Prof Ahmed Maigari Ibrahim and Dr Murtala Muhammad Badamasi

Date: 31/10/2019

Time: 10.00am-12 Noon

Department of Microbiology: *2018/2019 2nd Semester PG Seminar*

PhD. Proposal Seminar

Presenter 1: Sani Umar Diso (SPS/17/MMB/00004)

Topic: Molecular study on the antibacterial activity of *Mangifera indica* extracts against clinical isolates of MRSA

Supervisors: Prof.M.D. Mukhtar and Dr. Usman Aliyu Dutsinma

Specialization: Medical Microbiology

Presenter 2: Hauwa Muhammad Sani (SPS/17/MMB/00014)

Topic: Detection and preservative studies of plant peptides from some germinating leguminous seeds on some minimally and fully processed foods

Supervisors: Prof. A.M. Magashi and Dr. Aminu Bukar

Specialization: Industrial Microbiology

M.Sc. Proposal Seminar

Presenter 3: Maryam Iliyasu Shuaibu (SPS/18/MMB/00006)

Topic: Isolation of cellulose degrading bacteria from termite gut and evaluation of its cellulolytic potentials for bioethanol production

Supervisors: Prof. A.H. Kawo

Specialization: Environmental Microbiology

Presenter 4: Hauwa Baba Pate (SPS/18/MMB/00009)

Topic: Bioethanol production from waste fruits

Supervisors: Prof. A.H. Kawo

Specialization: Environmental Microbiology

Presenter 5: Muhammad Manko Muhammed (SPS/18/MMB/00001)

Topic: Isolation and assessment of diesel biodegradation capacity of bacteria isolated from diesel contaminated soil

Supervisors: Prof. A.H. Kawo

Specialization: Environmental Microbiology

Chairman: Prof. M.D. Mukhtar

Date: Thursday 31st October, 2019

Time: 9:30am prompt

Venue: Level 300 Laboratory (Near Undergraduate Microbiology Laboratory)



Professor Musa Garba Yakasai of the Department of Physical and Health Education, Faculty of Education cordially invites the University Community and the General Public to the Wedding Fatiha of his daughter, **Khadija Musa Yakasai**, scheduled to take place as

follows:

Date: Saturday 26th October, 2019

Time: 11:00am

Venue: BUK Central Mosque, Old Campus, Kano State



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