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VC Charges Fresh Students to Embrace Excellence, Discipline as BUK Matriculates 8,041

By Hamza Usman

The Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, has urged newly admitted students to embrace academic excellence and discipline as the University formally matriculated 8,041 fresh undergraduates for the 2025/2026 academic session.

The matriculation ceremony, held on Thursday, 16 July 2026, marked the students' formal entry into one of Nigeria's leading universities, renowned for its commitment to teaching, research, innovation and community service.

Addressing the matriculating students, Professor Musa congratulated them on securing admission into Bayero University, describing their success as the reward for hard work, perseverance and academic merit.

He noted that Bayero University had, over the years, established itself as a Centre of Excellence and remained committed to its vision of leading research and education in Africa.

"Your admission into Bayero University is a significant milestone in your academic journey," the Vice-Chancellor said. "Today's matriculation is not merely a ceremonial event; it is your formal induction into the academic community of this great institution. By taking the matriculation oath, you have undertaken to abide by the University's rules, regulations and traditions."

He therefore charged the students to remain disciplined, law-abiding and focused on their studies throughout their academic journey, emphasizing that success at the University requires commitment, integrity and respect for institutional values.

Professor Musa encouraged the students to take full advantage of the University's extensive academic resources, including its libraries, laboratories, information and communication technology facilities and research centres, to broaden their knowledge and develop the skills required to excel in their chosen fields.

The Vice-Chancellor also warned against examination malpractice, cultism, drug abuse, cybercrime, violence and other forms of misconduct, stressing that Bayero University places equal importance on academic achievement and good character.



VC, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi and other members of the University Senate during the procession



The Registrar, Malam Haruna Aliyu administering the Oath of Matriculation



Cross section of the matriculating students

He reminded the students that they were expected to uphold the University's core values of humanity and sacrifice, discipline and commitment, innovation, professionalism and active learning, adding that these principles should guide their conduct both within and outside the campus.

Professor Musa reaffirmed the University's commitment to providing a conducive environment for learning, research, entrepreneurship, innovation and character development, with the ultimate goal of producing graduates who are intellectually competent, morally upright and capable of contributing meaningful solutions to national and continental development challenges.

Earlier, the University Registrar, Comrade Haruna Aliyu, administered the matriculation oath after the formal presentation of the students by the Deans of the

University's various faculties.

A total of 8,041 students drawn from 18 faculties took the matriculation oath. Of this number, 6,155 students (76.54%) were admitted into science-based programmes, while 1,886 students (23.46%) enrolled in arts-based disciplines.

The admission statistics also reflected continued progress toward gender balance, with 4,450 students (55.34%) being male and 3,591 students (44.66%) female.

The colourful ceremony, attended by principal officers, deans, members of the Senate, staff, parents and well-wishers, signalled the beginning of a new academic journey for the fresh students and reaffirmed Bayero University's enduring commitment to academic excellence, character development and the pursuit of knowledge.

BUK Leadership Returns from UK Executive Programme, Commits to AI-Driven Innovation and Institutional Excellence

By Nura Garba, PhD

The Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Professor Haruna Musa, FSI, has pledged that the knowledge and practical skills acquired during a week-long executive training programme in the United Kingdom will be translated into tangible improvements in teaching, research, administration and institutional governance at the University.

Professor Musa made the commitment at the conclusion of the Executive Training on Organizational Performance Enhancement: Integrating Problem Solving, Sustainable

Leadership and Artificial Intelligence Innovation for Executives and Board Members, held in London from 6th to 12th July, 2026. The programme was organised by Prospects Development Services (PDS), United Kingdom, in collaboration with the Women Farmers Advancement Network (WOFAN).

Speaking after the training, the Vice-Chancellor described Artificial Intelligence (AI) as one of the most transformative technologies of the 21st century, noting that it is reshaping higher education, governance and



VC, Pro-Chancellor and other participants of the training in London

organisational management across the world.

He said the programme exposed participants to practical strategies for deploying AI to enhance institutional performance through evidence-based decision-making, improved productivity, streamlined administrative processes and more efficient service delivery, particularly in resource-constrained environments.

According to Professor Musa, the training also reinforced the importance of strengthening collaboration among universities, industry and government through the Triple Helix Model as a strategy for addressing contemporary development challenges and fostering sustainable innovation.

He expressed appreciation to WOFAN and Prospects Development Services for organising the international executive programme and assured that the knowledge gained would be shared with staff and students of Bayero University to accelerate responsible AI adoption, promote innovation and improve institutional effectiveness.

The Bayero University delegation was led by the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council, Air Vice Marshal Saddik Ismail Kaita (Rtd.), alongside the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, FSI. Other members of the delegation included the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics), Professor Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni; the Chairman of the WOFAN Technical Advisory Board, Professor Sani Miko; and Dr. Nura Garba, Communication Specialist at the Centre for Dryland Agriculture and Head of the Digital Media Unit, Bayero University, Kano.

The international executive programme attracted senior government officials, university administrators, development practitioners and media professionals from Nigeria and several other countries, including Turkey, India, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and the United States.

Among the participants were the Vice-Chancellor of Northwest University, Kano, Professor Amina Salihi Bayero; the Vice-Chancellor of Capital City University, Kano, Professor Yusuf Bala Daraja; Iyabo Lawal Mustapha, Deputy Director in the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security; Abdullatif Abubakar Jos, Editor-in-Chief of *Solacebase*; Dr. Umar Saleh Anka of the WOFAN-ICON2 Project; Tyoker Barnabas, Media Head of WOFAN-ICON2; and Sadik Hassan Zakariya, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer of the WOFAN-ICON2 Project.

Earlier, the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Prospects Development Services, Bayode Tokumbo Hambolu, explained that the programme was designed to equip executives and board members with advanced competencies in organisational performance, strategic problem-solving, sustainable leadership and the practical application of Artificial Intelligence to enhance innovation, productivity, risk management and organisational effectiveness.

In her opening remarks, the Executive Director and Global Advocate of WOFAN, Dr. Salamat Garba, described the training as an important platform for leadership development, international collaboration and knowledge exchange. She urged participants to take full advantage of the interactive sessions and to transfer the knowledge acquired to their respective institutions and organisations.

A major highlight of the programme was the intensive Artificial Intelligence module conducted on 8th and 9th July at the Royal Institution, London. The sessions were facilitated by digital transformation and business management expert, Dr. Ketrina Beta, who introduced participants to emerging AI technologies and their practical applications in organisational leadership and performance management.

Through live demonstrations, case studies, group exercises and hands-on practical sessions, participants explored AI-driven organisational performance, intelligent process automation, responsible AI practices, data governance, privacy protection, AI agents for workflow automation and prompt engineering.

Dr. Beta emphasised that Artificial Intelligence should be regarded as a tool that enhances human capabilities rather than replaces them. She also cautioned organisations against uploading confidential or sensitive information to AI platforms without adequate safeguards, stressing that AI-generated outputs must always be subjected to human oversight to ensure ethical, transparent and accountable decision-making.

The practical sessions provided participants with the opportunity to work directly with leading AI platforms, including ChatGPT, Microsoft Copilot, Gemini, DeepSeek and NotebookLM, as well as AI workflow automation tools such as OpenAI Codex, Open Claw and Hermes-style agents. Participants developed prompts, tested AI capabilities and explored practical applications for teaching, research, university administration and organisational management.

Reflecting on the AI component of the programme, Professor Haruna Musa said the practical exercises significantly expanded his understanding of how Artificial Intelligence could be strategically integrated into university operations to optimise resources, improve efficiency and strengthen institutional performance.

Similarly, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics), Professor Ahmad Muhammad Tsauni, described the training as highly practical and insightful, noting that the knowledge acquired would help simplify institutional processes, improve productivity and strengthen evidence-based decision-making across Bayero University.

The London executive programme forms part of Bayero University's ongoing commitment to strengthening leadership capacity, embracing digital transformation and positioning the institution to harness emerging technologies for academic excellence, research advancement and efficient university administration.

Beyond the Ballot: Professor Pate Says Security, Public Trust Hold Key to Nigeria's Democratic Future

By Lamara Garba

Nigeria's democracy cannot be measured merely by the conduct of periodic elections but by its ability to guarantee security, improve citizens' welfare, uphold accountability and rebuild public trust, the former Vice Chancellor of Federal University of Kashere, Professor Umaru A. Pate, has declared.

Delivering the 18th Annual Media Lecture themed "Beyond the Ballot: Measuring Democracy Through Security, Welfare, Accountability and Public Trust," in Lagos, Professor Pate argued that the survival and success of democratic governance depended on whether governments could provide citizens with safety, dignity, economic opportunities and confidence in public institutions.



Prof. Umaru A. Pate delivering his lecture

The lecture was organized in honour of Africa's first Nobel Laureate in Literature, Professor Wole Soyinka, as part of activities marking his 92nd birthday.

Professor Pate painted a sobering picture of the state of democracy across Africa, noting that while democratic governance remained the preferred system on the continent, however, growing dissatisfaction among citizens raised serious questions about its effectiveness.

Quoting findings from recent Afro barometer surveys conducted across 39 African countries, he said nearly two thirds of Africans still prefer democracy to any other form of government. However, only 37 percent expressed satisfaction with the way democracy is functioning in their respective countries.

According to him, the widening gap between democratic aspirations and citizens' lived experiences reflected the urgent need for governments to move beyond electoral rituals and deliver tangible improvements in people's lives.

He said the growing frustration was particularly evident among young Africans.

Citing the 2024 African Young People Survey, which involved about 5,600 respondents from several countries,

including Nigeria, Professor Pate said six out of every ten young Africans expressed a desire to emigrate because corruption threatened both their personal futures and the collective prospects of their nations. Alarming, one in every three respondents believed democracy offers little or no future for them.

"This should concern every policymaker," he said. "Democracy must inspire hope, especially among young people who represent the future of our continent."

Professor Pate argued that Nigeria's current security challenges could not be understood solely through military or law enforcement perspectives. Rather, he identified deeper structural factors including historical grievances, identity politics, social and economic exclusion, youth unemployment, governance deficits, misinformation, hate speech and divisive narratives.

He stressed that modern security extended far beyond protecting territorial boundaries. According to him, hunger, poverty, disease, unemployment, environmental disasters and digital threats now constituted critical dimensions of human security, making citizens' wellbeing the true frontier of democratic governance. "Security remains the most fundamental public good citizens expect from their governments," he said.

Reflecting on Nigeria's democratic journey since 1999, Professor Pate observed that the country's democratic experience had unfolded alongside persistent security crises including the Boko Haram insurgency, banditry, kidnapping, farmer herder conflicts, communal violence, separatist agitations and increasing urban criminality.

He noted that these challenges had imposed enormous human, social and economic costs while weakening confidence in democratic institutions. "No democratic value can flourish where citizens live in fear and uncertainty," he said.

The communication scholar warned that one of Nigeria's gravest challenges today was the deepening crisis of trust between citizens and the state, cutting across ethnic, religious and regional divides.

He said the erosion of trust now affected governance, security, education, the media and virtually every institution responsible for national development.

According to him, poor communication by public institutions, lack of transparency, widening inequality and the spread of misinformation had further alienated citizens from government.

Professor Pate lamented that truth itself had come under sustained attack from organized networks of fake news, disinformation campaigns and the increasing weaponization of information through hate and dangerous speech.

"Trust is the invisible hand that holds a nation together," he said, adding that this is even more critical in multicultural and diverse societies such as Nigeria.

He maintained that democracy could only thrive when citizens have confidence in government, electoral bodies, security agencies, the judiciary and the media.

Professor Pate identified corruption, poor governance, elite conflicts, unemployment, identity politics, deepening poverty and the activities of violent non-state actors, often supported by shadowy external interests, as major factors undermining public trust.

WOFAN's Community Projects Earn BUK VC's Commendation as Dambare Residents Benefit from New Infrastructure

By: Nura Garba, Ph.D and Sabitu M. Jinjiri

The Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), Professor Haruna Musa, fsi, has praised the Women Farmers Advancement Network (WOFAN) for its impactful community development initiatives following the commissioning of a pedestrian bridge, borehole and access road network in Dambare, a community adjoining the University's New Campus.

Speaking at the commissioning ceremony on Wednesday, Professor Musa described the projects as timely interventions that would improve the living conditions of residents while enhancing safety, accessibility and mobility for members of the University community and the general public.

The Vice-Chancellor noted that the newly constructed pedestrian bridge would provide a safer crossing over the busy Gwarzo Road, significantly reducing the risks faced daily by students, residents and other commuters. He added that the borehole would guarantee a reliable supply of clean and potable water to the community, while the network of access roads would ease movement, improve connectivity and facilitate socio-economic activities within Dambare.

Professor Musa commended WOFAN for complementing government efforts in community development through projects that directly address the needs of the people. He observed that such interventions demonstrate the importance of collaboration between development organisations, educational institutions and host communities in promoting sustainable development.

He further expressed the University's appreciation to WOFAN for identifying with communities surrounding Bayero University and assured that the institution would continue to support partnerships that improve the welfare of neighbouring communities and strengthen the relationship between the University and its host environment.

The Vice-Chancellor congratulated WOFAN on the landmark achievement and urged members of the benefiting communities to safeguard and make judicious use of the facilities. He also encouraged students of WOFAN Secondary School to remain focused on their studies, assuring them that outstanding graduates would have the opportunity to pursue higher education at Bayero University.

He warned that continued erosion of trust would fuel political apathy, deepen social fragmentation, strengthen extremist tendencies and accelerate the spread of disinformation.

The erudite scholar called for deliberate efforts to strengthen institutions, promote transparency, improve public communication, tackle corruption and prioritize inclusive development capable of restoring citizens' confidence in democratic governance.

The projects, commissioned by the Women Farmers Advancement Network (WOFAN), form part of the organisation's broader commitment to improving livelihoods through community-based infrastructure and social development initiatives.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Executive Director and International Global Advocate of WOFAN, Dr. Salamatu Garba, explained that the pedestrian bridge was constructed to provide a safe crossing for students, commuters and residents in view of the heavy traffic and



VC, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi assisted by WOFAN Director, Dr. Salamatu Garba and other dignitaries to cut the tape for the commissioning of the pedestrian bridge

speeding vehicles along the Gwarzo Road corridor.

She noted that the projects were designed to address pressing community needs by improving access, enhancing public safety and providing a sustainable source of clean water for residents. She also appreciated the Kano State Urban Planning and Development Authority (KNUPDA) and the Kano State Ministry of Works for their support during the execution of the projects.

In his remarks, the District Head of Kumbotso and Barden Kano, Alhaji Abdullahi Lamido Sanusi, described the projects as life-changing interventions, commending WOFAN for investing in initiatives that directly improve the wellbeing of ordinary citizens. He said only Almighty Allah could adequately reward Hajiya Dr. Salamatu Garba for her selfless service to humanity.

Representing the Executive Governor of Kano State, Alhaji Abba Kabir Yusuf, the Special Adviser on Empowerment, Alhaji Nasir Isa Dikko, said the state

government recognised WOFAN's enormous socio-economic contributions and would continue to support initiatives that promote community development and improve the lives of citizens.

Also speaking, the Chairman of the WOFAN Board, Professor Sani Miko, immediate past Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Professor Muhammad Auwal Hussaini, and WOFAN Board member, Professor Mahmud Daneji, applauded the organisation for delivering impactful community projects and urged residents to protect and maintain the facilities for future generations.

Similarly, the Acting Managing Director of KNUPDA, Alhaji Dalhatu Aliyu Sani, the Chairman of the Parents-Teachers Association of WOFAN Secondary School, Alhaji Musa Kalla, and community representative Alhaji Abdullahi **Tukur** expressed appreciation for the interventions, describing them as timely projects that would address long-standing challenges faced by the communities.

Speaking on behalf of the students, Iman Nasiru Ilu

expressed gratitude for the projects, noting that the pedestrian bridge, access road and borehole would create a safer and more conducive learning environment. He said the interventions had inspired the students to strive for academic excellence and prayed for Almighty Allah to continue to bless Hajiya Dr. Salamat Garba with good health, strength and wisdom to sustain her humanitarian efforts.

Many beneficiaries interviewed at the event said the projects would have a lasting impact on their daily lives by improving safety, access to clean water and ease of movement within the community.

Many people interviewed said they could not thank Hajiya enough because of the intervention. They showered praises on her effort to improve their lives.

The commissioned projects are expected to enhance public safety, improve access to essential services and contribute to the overall development of Dambare, reaffirming WOFAN's commitment to empowering communities through sustainable infrastructure and social investment.

BUK Trains Journalists on Earth Observation Technology to Strengthen Climate Reporting

By Nura Garba, PhD

Bayero University, Kano (BUK), has taken another significant step towards promoting evidence-based environmental journalism by equipping journalists and media practitioners with Earth Observation (EO) technologies to strengthen reporting on climate change, disaster risk reduction and environmental sustainability.

The capacity-building workshop, held at the University on

loss—have made science-based journalism more important than ever.

He noted that the media occupies a strategic position in informing the public, shaping policy discussions and promoting accountability, stressing that journalists must increasingly rely on credible scientific evidence to produce compelling and impactful environmental stories.

"Earth Observation technologies provide reliable, objective and continuously updated information about our changing environment. They enable journalists to verify facts, undertake investigative reporting, produce data-driven stories and communicate complex environmental issues through powerful visual evidence," Professor Barau said.

According to him, the workshop was designed to expose participants to practical Earth Observation platforms and geospatial tools for monitoring land-use changes, flooding, drought, water resources and other forms of environmental degradation.

He added that wider adoption of these technologies would enhance public awareness, strengthen disaster preparedness, promote environmental accountability and contribute to climate resilience and sustainable development.

In her remarks, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research and Development), Professor Amina Mustapha, described climate change as one of the most pressing development and security challenges facing Northern Nigeria and the wider Sahel region.

She observed that the shrinking Lake Chad, advancing desertification, degrading rangelands and increasingly unpredictable weather patterns continue to threaten



Workshop participants in a group photograph

Monday, July 13, 2026, brought together journalists, researchers and development partners to enhance participants' skills in the use of satellite imagery, geospatial data and other Earth Observation tools for accurate, data-driven reporting.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Project Team Lead, Professor Aliyu Salisu Barau, said the increasing impacts of climate change, including flooding, drought, desertification, deforestation, pollution and biodiversity

livelihoods, food security and economic stability across the region.

Professor Mustapha challenged journalists to devote greater attention to climate-related issues affecting Nigeria rather than focusing predominantly on environmental disasters in other parts of the world.

"The media serves as the bridge between scientific knowledge and public understanding. You have the responsibility to translate scientific evidence into stories that influence policy, shape public behaviour and hold governments and institutions accountable," she said.

She further encouraged participants to embrace investigative and solutions-focused journalism by documenting the experiences of vulnerable communities and scrutinising the management of environmental and ecological resources.

"Climate change is not merely an environmental issue; it is a development issue, a justice issue and a human security issue. The stories you tell can inspire action, strengthen resilience and drive sustainable development," she added.

Professor Mustapha reaffirmed Bayero University's

commitment to supporting journalists through collaboration with its researchers, laboratories and research centres to ensure scientific findings are effectively translated into public knowledge and policy action.

Delivering a virtual presentation, the Research Coordinator and European Space Agency (ESA) Liaison for Future Earth, Freya Muir, highlighted the role of Earth Observation technologies in improving climate modelling, environmental monitoring and evidence-based decision-making.

The workshop, themed "Earth Observation Journalism, Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Communication," featured practical sessions on the use of satellite imagery, remote sensing and geospatial data to enhance climate and environmental reporting.

Participants described the training as timely and highly relevant, pledging to apply the knowledge acquired to produce accurate, evidence-based reports while combating misinformation and fake news on climate change and other environmental issues.

BUK, WOFAN Sign SIBLING MoU as University Receives N28 Million Farm Inputs

By Nura Garba, PhD

Bayero University Kano (BUK) has received N28 million worth of agricultural inputs from the Women Farmers Advancement Network (WOFAN) following the signing of a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on the Skills Improvement to Boost Livelihood and Nurture Growth (SIBLING) Project, a pioneering initiative aimed at transforming students into successful agricultural entrepreneurs.

The agreement, signed on Thursday, 2 July 2026, formalizes the partnership between Bayero University Kano, WOFAN, the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), and the Faculty of Agriculture to provide students with practical agricultural skills, entrepreneurship training, and hands-on experience in modern crop production.

The two-year pilot programme seeks to equip 150 students with practical knowledge across the agricultural value chain, enabling them to establish sustainable agribusinesses and become self-reliant after graduation. The initiative is expected to expand to accommodate 300 students annually, positioning it as one of Nigeria's most innovative university-based agricultural entrepreneurship programmes.

Signing the Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of Bayero University Kano, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, FSI, described the partnership as a historic milestone in the University's quest to bridge the gap between classroom learning and practical enterprise.

He expressed profound appreciation to WOFAN for what he described as a transformative intervention that will empower students with practical skills, entrepreneurial

competence, and access to productive resources needed to build successful careers in agriculture.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, the initiative represents a major turning point in the University's history and is the first programme of its kind in a Nigerian university to combine practical agricultural production, entrepreneurship development, mentorship, and a revolving input financing model for students who will



MoU Signing ceremony between BUK and WOFAN led by the VC, Professor Haruna Musa, fsiand WOFAN Executive Director, Hajiya Dr. Salamatu Garba



subsequently boost agricultural extension services needed to build the capacity of farmers that leads to sustainable food security.

Professor Musa assured WOFAN of the University's unwavering commitment to the successful implementation of the project, stressing that the institution would provide every necessary support to ensure the initiative achieves its objectives.

He particularly commended the Founder and Executive Director of WOFAN, Hajiya Dr. Salamat Garba (Garkuwan Aujara), for her visionary leadership and sustained investment in youth empowerment, women development, food security, and agricultural transformation.

Speaking at the ceremony, Hajiya Dr. Salamat Garba said the signing of the MoU also marked the formal handover of ₦28 million worth of farm inputs to Bayero University Kano as an Input Revolving Scheme Grant for the implementation of the SIBLING Project. She explained that the grant is intended to sustain the initiative, provided that an appropriate recovery model is established by the relevant departments of the University.

She explained that the package comprises 300 bags of customised WOFAN-branded NPK fertiliser, 150 bags of customised WOFAN-branded Urea fertiliser, improved maize and rice seeds, pre- and post-emergence herbicides, crop protection chemicals, and other essential farm inputs required for cultivating 50 hectares of farmland, consisting of 40 hectares of maize and 10 hectares of rice.

Dr. Garba disclosed that the University had already allocated 25 hectares to the pioneer batch of 50 students, with each beneficiary cultivating half a hectare of farmland under close technical supervision. She added that the remaining 25 hectares would support the funding of related programmes within the University, thereby paving the way for the adoption and scalability of lessons learnt from the SIBLING Project.

Emphasising the structure of the model, the WOFAN Executive Director further explained that the SIBLING Project operates on a revolving input financing model, through which students between the ages of 18 and 35 years in their fourth and fifth years of study would receive agricultural inputs from a central project stock. Through training and market linkages, the beneficiaries would repay the cost of the inputs after harvest. The recovered

funds, she said, would be used to replenish the project account, ensuring that future participants continue to benefit from the initiative without depending entirely on external funding.

The official flag-off of the farming activities for the pioneer beneficiaries was conducted at the project site, where the Vice-Chancellor, in a demonstration of the University's commitment, announced a ₦1 million donation to strengthen the WOFAN-CDA SIBLING Revolving Fund.

The donation increased the project's cash seed fund to ₦11 million, comprising ₦6 million contributed by WOFAN, ₦2 million by the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), ₦2 million by the Faculty of Agriculture, and ₦1 million from the Vice-Chancellor and University Management.

The Memorandum of Understanding was jointly signed by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi; the Director of the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), Professor Sanusi Gaya Mohammed; the Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Professor Aminu Sulaiman; the Chairman of the WOFAN Technical Board, Professor Sani Miko; and the President of the Nigerian Association of Agricultural Students (NAAS), Umar Kabir Bello symbolising the collective commitment of all stakeholders to the success of the initiative.

Earlier in their remarks, the Director of the Centre for Dryland Agriculture, Professor Sanusi Gaya Mohammed; the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Professor Aminu Sulaiman; the Chairman of the WOFAN Technical Board, Professor Sani Miko; the former Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, Professor Muhammad Auwal Hussain; and Professor Mahmoud Daneji commended the partnership, describing the SIBLING Project as a strategic investment in human capital development, agricultural entrepreneurship, food security, and sustainable agriculture.

Participants at Mambayya–Al-Habibiyya Collaborative Workshop Call for Peaceful and Inclusive Democratic Participation

By Bala G. Abdullahi

Participants at a one-day stakeholders' workshop on "Strengthening Electoral Engagement for Peaceful Democratic Participation," organized by the Al-Habibiyyah Islamic Society in collaboration with the Mambayya House, Aminu Kano Centre for Democratic Studies, Bayero University Kano, called for a peaceful electoral process as a panacea for encouraging Nigerians to participate actively in the electoral process ahead of 2027 polls.

They also advocated for a comprehensive overhaul of Nigeria's democratic system to reflect the aspirations and interests of the Nigerian people.

The workshop which took place at Ajuji Greenwich Hotel, Abuja on Wednesday July, 15th 2026 brought together

representatives of security agencies, the media, religious organizations, academia and civil society to discuss strategies for promoting peaceful elections ahead of the 2027 polls.

The participants also made a case for greater citizens' participation, credible elections and sustained collaboration among government institutions, security agencies, civil society organizations, religious leaders and the media to strengthen the country's democracy. They also agreed that credible elections require collective action by electoral institutions, security agencies, political actors, civil society organizations, religious leaders, the media and the electorate.

In a keynote address delivered by Professor Abubakar

Abba of the University of Abuja, he stated that only a comprehensive overhaul of Nigeria's democratic system to reflect the aspirations and interests of the Nigerian people could lead to wider participations and peaceful elections.

The erudite scholar observed that the country's democratic process is confronted by numerous structural and institutional challenges that continue to undermine good governance and public confidence in elections.

Professor Abba further noted that Nigeria's democratic system suffered from the absence of clear political ideologies, a situation that had weakened party politics and contributed to persistent internal crises within political parties.

He said lack of ideological distinction among political parties had encouraged political defections, undermined democratic accountability and limited meaningful policy debates, thereby posing significant challenges to the country's democratic development.

In his address, the Commissioner of Police in charge of Election Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation at the Nigeria Police Force Headquarters, Abuja, Dr. Abayomi Shogunle, said the Police had undertaken extensive reviews of previous elections to identify the causes of security challenges and develop effective strategies to address them.

He said, the lessons learned had already produced positive outcomes, as demonstrated during the recent governorship elections in Anambra and Ekiti States, where proactive security measures contributed to peaceful electoral processes. He assured Nigerians that comprehensive security arrangements were already being put in place to guarantee peaceful, free and credible elections in 2027.

Dr. Shogunle added that "We have developed strategies based on lessons from previous elections, and they are

yielding positive results. Our security plans begin days and even weeks before election day. Nigerians should be confident that adequate security measures will be in place during the 2027 general elections."

In his remarks, the Chief Imam of Al-Habibiyyah Islamic Society, Imam Fuad Adeyemi, said credible elections remained the foundation of good governance and national development, adding that partnership between Al-Habibiyyah Islamic Society and Mambayya House was aimed at fostering inclusive dialogue on improving Nigeria's democratic process.

Imam Adeyemi called on Nigerians to reject violence, electoral malpractice and divisive politics, urging citizens to embrace peace, national unity and responsible leadership. "Nigeria is blessed with abundant human and natural resources. What we need is good leadership and collective commitment to national development. We must not allow anyone to undermine our democratic institutions. Peaceful and credible elections remain the pathway to a better Nigeria," he remarked.

In his contribution, President of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Alhassan Yahaya, underscored the critical role of the media before, during and after elections. He said journalists have a responsibility to provide accurate information, educate voters, combat misinformation and promote issue-based political discourse.

He called for increased collaboration between the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) and media organizations to enhance the capacity of journalists covering elections. "Journalists must continue to uphold professionalism through accurate reporting, fact-checking and voter education. We also need continuous training to effectively combat misinformation and disinformation during election periods," he emphasized.



Director, Mambayya, Prof. Habu Muhammad (2nd left) in a group photograph with other dignitaries at the Abuja workshop

SEMINARS

Department of Mass Communication:

M.Sc./PhD Proposal/Internal Defense/Seminar

Candidate 1: Aliyu Damri (SPS/21/PMC/00021)

Topic: Journalists' Understanding of Child Rights Reporting in Zamfara State

Supervisor: Professor Mustapha Nasir Malam

Submission: PhD Seminar II

Candidate 2: Lamara Garba (SPS/19/PMC/00011)

Topic: Assessment of Economic Safety, Motivation and Editorial Judgement among Broadcast Media Journalists in Kano State

Supervisor: Professor Umaru A. Pate

Submission: PhD Seminar I

Candidate 3: Aisha Sidi Hussain (SPS/19/MMC/00004)

Topic: An Examination of Public Relations Strategies in Higher Institutions in Kano: A Comparative Studies of BUK and ADUSTECH, Wudil.

Supervisor: Dr. Sunusi Iguda

Submission: M.Sc.Internal Defense

Candidate 4: Cyprian Terhemba Gbasha (SPS/21/MMC/00010)

Topic: An Exploratory Study of Journalists' Knowledge and Application of WHO Guidelines on Road Safety Reporting in Benue State

Supervisor: Dr. Gambo Shehu Nababa

Submission: M.Sc.Internal Defense

Candidate 5: Mu'zu Suleiman (SPS/20/MMC/00031)

Topic: Challenges of Reporting Human Rights Abuses in Nigeria: An Analysis of *Brekele* Family Program

Supervisor: Dr. Hassan Alhaji Ya'u

Submission: M.Sc. Internal Defense

Candidate 6: Momoh Abdulrazaq Adeiza

(SPS/23/MMC/00016)

Topic: Public Relations Practice in Nigeria: A Study of Strategies and Challenges in Public and Private Organisations (BUK and NNDC)

Supervisor: Professor Mustapha Nasir Malam

Submission: M.Sc. Proposal Defense

Chairman: Dr. Gambo Shehu Nababa

Date: Thursday 30th July, 2026

Time: 9:30am

Venue: Mass Communication Departmental Board Room

Department of Geography: PhD Seminar

1st Presenter: Hindu Musa Karaye

Topic: Indigenous weather forecasting practices and farmers' perception on conventional weather and climate information in Kano region, Nigeria

Chairperson: Prof. Adnan AbdulHamid

2nd Presenter: Mustapha Sani Makama

Topic: Land acquisition and compensation arising from road development projects, and associated impacts on livelihood and environment: A Review

Chairperson: Prof. Bello Gambo

3rd Presenter: Sani Dayyabu

Topic: Cultural determinants of vital registration and their socio-economic implications in Gombe State, Nigeria.

Chairperson: Prof. Ibrahim Badamasi Lambu

Date: Thursday, 23rd July, 2026

Time: 10.00 am prompt

Venue: NRM Class, Geography Department

Note: Attendance to Seminar is Compulsory to all PGD, MSc I & II and PhD I & II Students

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Thank you very much and looking forward to your kind response.

Prof. Maryam Mansur Yol0a0
Director - CRNLT&F

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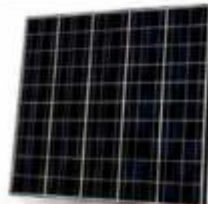
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Dear Sir,

ADVERTISEMENT FOR INDIGENT SCHOLARSHIP AWARD 2025/2026 ACADEMIC SESSION

The Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU), Bayero University Kano Branch is pleased to announce the opening of applications for the indigent scholarship scheme for 2025/2026 academic session. The scholarship aimed at supporting academically sound but financially disadvantaged students within Bayero University Kano.

In view of the above, applications are hereby invited from eligible indigent students of Bayero University, Kano.

Eligible Criteria: Applicants must

- Be bonafide students of Bayero University Kano
- Possess a minimum of CGPA of 1.50
- Provide verifiable evidence of financial need/indigence, and
- Not be beneficiaries of any other scholarship scheme (e.g., NELFUND).

Required Documents

- Application letter accompanied by the following:
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 - A letter from the candidate's current Head of Department
 - Current candidate's CGPA for preceding academic session
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All applications must be submitted to ASUU-BUK Secretariat on or before

Thursday 23rd July 2026;

Deans are kindly requested to give this advertisement wide publicity within their respective Faculties.

Thank you for your usual cooperation.

Comrade Magaji Ladan
Convener

Comrade Mansur Abdul Mohammed
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Professor Mustapha Muhammad of Department of English cordially invites members of the University Community and the general public to the wedding fatiha of his son, **Umar Farouq Mustapha** and his fiancée, **Aisha Musa Umar**, which will take place as follows:

Date: Friday, 24th July, 2026

Time: 1:30pm (immediately after Friday Prayer)

Venue: Zarban Mosque, 'Yankaba Hadejia Road, adjacent to Tanko Yakasai's Residence, Sagir Kumasi Street, Kano State.



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