



BUK, MAAUN Sign MoU on Staff, Students Exchange, Joint Publications and Conferences

By Suleiman Salihu

Bayero University, Kano and Maryam Abacha American University of Nigeria (MAAUN) on Thursday, May 21st 2026 signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on staff and students exchange.

Speaking shortly before the signing ceremony, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi, informed the delegation that BUK would continue to provide the necessary guidance and counselling aimed at mentoring upcoming Universities including MAAUN to achieve their potentials to the fullest. He said the MoU would go along way to strengthen the bond of relationship that had existed between BUK and MAAUN.

Prof. Haruna congratulated the MAAUN Vice Chancellor for the milestone he achieved in his 4-year tenure including the President, Prof. Adamu Abubakar Gwarzo, for promoting higher education in BUK, Nigeria and beyond.

Speaking on the major breakthrough achieved by Bayero University, the Vice Chancellor informed the delegation

that the University is currently the 3rd leading University in Nigeria, best in northern Nigeria and had retained the first position in international outlook for the last three years. This, he said was according to the Times Higher Education Ranking for 2026.

He disclosed that in the last three decades, BUK had recorded tremendous transformation with 19 faculties, 18 research centres, among them two are now World Centre's of Excellence funded by the World Bank. He noted that one other Center; Centre for Renewable Energy and Sustainability Transitions (CREST) had also being upgraded into TETFund Centre of Excellence, a feat, the Vice Chancellor described as a major recognition of BUK.

Prof. Musa also revealed that Bayero University is among three universities selected under the partnership for skills in applied sciences, engineering and technology programme in climate change and 6th among the African Centre of Competence in Digital Education, selected by



BUK Management led by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi in a group photograph with MAAUN officials

the Association of African Universities, between 2024 and 2026.

In addition, the Vice Chancellor stated that two Scientists from the University were identified as Top-100 most cited scholars in the world of medicine and mechatronics. A professor was also selected among the Top-500 most influential in global health, among others.

He revealed that the University had just approved over 50 programmes in its Academic Development Committee for both undergraduate and postgraduate programmes. He advised the Management of MAAUN to leverage on this great opportunity of the University in achieving its societal impacts in solving most of the developmental challenges.

Earlier in his remarks, the team leader and Vice-Chancellor of MAAUN, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Israr, stated that the team was at the VC's office to pay a courtesy visit and to

sign a five-year MoU on staff and students exchange, joint publication and conferences.

He explained that MAAUN ranked second best private university in Nigeria in 2025 and its 19 programmes were fully accredited by the National Universities Commission (NUC). He disclosed that the University had international students from different countries including China, India, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Togo, Chad, Ethiopia, among others with over 5,000 student's population.

Prof. Israr noted that the University held its convocation in 2025, graduating 192 students out of which 43 graduated with first Class degrees and got direct sponsorship to pursue free masters' degree programme abroad. He thanked the Vice Chancellor for the long cordial relationship and the mentorship MAAUN was receiving from BUK.

VGN Verification Team Visits BUK, Verifies Vet. Medicine Programmes ...Expresses Satisfaction with Staffing, e-library & State-of-the-art Facilities

By Suleiman Salihu

Bayero University, Kano on Thursday, May 22nd 2026 received Veterinary Council of Nigeria (VCN) on a visit to verify Veterinary Medicine programmes.

The Veterinary Council of Nigeria is an important body charged with the responsibility of regulating the training of Veterinary Medicine programme in the country.

Receiving the team in his office, the Vice Chancellor, Prof.

Prof. Musa told his guests that BUK prioritized the development of the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, because of its strategic importance in the region. He noted that without the Council's regulatory activities and approval of its veterinary medicine programme, the target of the University to contribute to attain food security would be a mirage.

On the issue of security, the VC disclosed that the University had installed fifteen (15) solar streetlights for the proper illumination of light in the Faculty.

Earlier, the VCN verification team's leader, Prof. Caleb Ayuba Kudi, told the Vice Chancellor during a combined courtesy call and exit briefing that the team was in the University to verify Veterinary Medicine Programme. He noted that the team had successfully verified pre-clinical and para clinical programmes between July and August last year, saying that the team this time was in the university to verify veterinary clinical aspect of the programme.

He described clinical programme in veterinary medicine as very important, because according to him, it was the finishing stage of the programme which prepared students to qualify as veterinarian compared to pre-clinical and para-clinical aspects where students are taught the foundation and basic application of the programme.

He commended the commitment of Bayero University for providing the required and adequate facilities to the faculty including furnished offices for staff, e-library, staffing, mobility, desired equipment, among others.

He advised the Management not to relent in staffing as the field demanded, especially as the students entered 500 level on the training and burglarproof to key areas for added security on the equipment placed.



VCN Verification Team in a group photograph with BUK Management

Haruna Musa, fsi, welcomed the team and described the Council as an important regulatory body that work assiduously to ensure that institutions offering Veterinary Medicine programme abide by the standard and professional ethics of training Veterinary Medical doctors in Nigeria.

He said Bayero University, is proud to be associated with the Council and is always ready to cooperate and collaborate with the Council to maintain veterinary medicine training standard. He appreciated the Council for granting accreditation to the faculty on pre-clinical and para-clinical and also for the observation and commendation put forward on the clinical accreditation.

ACEPHAP Hosts Oxford University Scholar, Dr. Nyasha Manyeruke

By Bala G. Abdullahi

Africa Center of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP), played host to a scholar, Dr. Nyasha Manyeruke from Oxford University, United Kingdom.

She Visited the Center as an Africa Oxford (AfoX) fellow which is part of an exchange programme between the Center and Oxford University. She was in the center from January to April 2026.

During her stay at the Center, Dr. Manyeruke provided technical contributions to strengthen the Kano State Surveillance for Evidence and Policy (KASSEP) project's data pipeline, analytics and dashboard visualizations for maternal death verbal autopsy work.

Dr. Manyeruke went further to design and built a geospatial R Shiny application for integration into the KASSEP dashboard and this work had been recognized through the acceptance of an abstract for a poster presentation at the Africa Digital Health Summit in June 2026 titled "Scaling open source spatial monitoring of maternal deaths with R Shiny: evidence from Kano State, Nigeria."

The erudite scholar also carried out cause of death assignment for the prospective KASSEP dataset and advanced reproducible analytical workflows with a focus

on automating InterVA5 processing in R, enabling live cause of death assignment integrated into the KASSEP dashboard.

In addition, Dr. Manyeruke developed key components to enable maternal mortality risk prediction through statistical analysis, coefficient derivation, construction of a model training dataset and establishment of a technical workflow for AI model training and testing.

In parallel, Dr. Manyeruke produced KASSEP data architecture documentation to support continuity and shared critical exploratory data analysis insights with the KASSEP team. She would continue to work with the ACEPHAP team as a Health Innovation Consultant.

Speaking on the activities of the visitor, the Director of ACEPHAP, Prof. Hadiza Galadanci expressed satisfaction with the level of contributions the Centre received from Dr. Manyeruke, saying that the KASSEP research work had been strengthened by the research innovation introduced by the visiting research fellow. Prof. Galadanci expressed happiness over the decision of the visitor to continue to work with ACEPHAP team as a Health Innovation Consultant.



ACEPHAP Director, Prof. H. Galadanci, Oxford scholar, Dr. N. Manyeruke and Dr. Fatima Mahmud sharing point of interest

BUK Mourns Scholar, Dr. Musa Adamu Labaran

By Nura Garba, PhD

Bayero University, community has been thrown into mourning following the death of a senior academic staff of the Department of Mass Communication, Faculty of Communication, Dr. Musa Adamu Labaran.

Dr. Labaran died in the early hours of Monday, May 25th 2026, after a brief illness. His death came as a shock to colleagues, students, associates and members of the wider university community who described him as a humble, dedicated and highly committed scholar.

His remains were conveyed to his hometown, Makarfi town in Kaduna State, where funeral prayers were conducted in accordance with Islamic rites.

The burial attracted hundreds of mourners from members of the Bayero University community, family members, friends, former students, professional colleagues and well-wishers who gathered in Makarfi to pay their last respects to the late academic.

Among those who condoled the family were the Vice Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, fsi; members of the University Management; the Dean of the Faculty of Communication, Professor Mainasara Yakubu Kurfi; the immediate past Dean of the Faculty, Professor Umar Faruk Jibril; heads of department of Information and Media Studies, Professor Nura Ibrahim and Mass Communication, Dr Gambo Nababa, senior lecturers; academic and non-teaching staff; as well as current and former students of the university.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Haruna Musa, on Tuesday, May 26th 2026, led members of the University Management and other officials on a condolence visit to the family of the late Dr. Musa Adamu Labaran in Makarfi, Kaduna State.

During the visit, Professor Musa expressed deep sorrow over the loss,



Late Dr. Musa Adamu Labaran

describing the deceased as a committed academic, seasoned administrator and a dependable member of the university community whose contributions to teaching, mentorship and academic development would continue to be remembered.

The Vice Chancellor prayed to Almighty Allah to forgive the shortcomings of the deceased, reward his good deeds and grant him eternal rest in Aljannatul Firdaus. He also prayed for Allah to grant the family, friends, colleagues and students the strength and fortitude to bear the irreparable loss.

Professor Musa further commiserated with the people of Makarfi, the Faculty of Communication, the Department of Mass Communication and the entire Bayero University community over what he described as a painful and monumental loss to the institution.

“He was a committed staff member, a disciplined scholar and a respected administrator who dedicated his life to the service of humanity and academic excellence. His death is indeed a huge loss not only to Bayero University but

to the communication and media profession at large,” the Vice Chancellor stated.

The death of Dr. Musa Adamu Labaran has continued to attract emotional tributes from colleagues, students, associates, and friends who took to various platforms to mourn the late academic and celebrate his impactful life.

Among those who paid glowing tributes, were the Head of the Department of Information and Media Studies, Professor Nura Ibrahim; the Head of the Department of Mass Communication, Dr. Gambo Nababa; Dr. Muhammad Danja; Dr. Ashir Tukur Inuwa; Dr. Saminu Umar; alongside many other academics and associates who described him as peaceful, hardworking, supportive and intellectually sound.

Many of his former students also recalled his passion for teaching, mentorship and academic discipline, noting that Dr. Labaran was always willing to guide and support young scholars and students pursuing careers



VC, Prof. Haruna Musa, fsi (centre) with other management staff at the family residence of late Dr. Musa A. Labaran

in communication and media studies.

Until his death, Dr. Musa Adamu Labaran is the deputy Dean of the Faculty. He is widely respected within and outside Bayero University for his contributions to scholarship, university administration and the development of communication studies.

BUK's CQS Trains *Muezzins* on Correct Rendition of Call to Prayer (*Adhan*)

By Ibrahim Ado Saleh



CQS Director, Prof. Ahmad Murtala with Prof. Junaidu Na'aliya, Vice Chairman of BUK Mosque Management Committee

In a pioneering effort aimed at correcting the mistakes associated with the Islamic call to prayer (*Adzan*), the Centre for Qur'anic Studies, organized a maiden sensitization and training workshop for prayer callers (*Muezzins*) across Kano State.

The workshop, held on May, 9th 2026 at the Mahmud Tukur Theatre, was organized in collaboration with the National Association of *Muezzins*, Kano State Chapter and attracted over 300 participants from different parts of the state.

The training was aimed at improving the call to prayers (*Adhan*) in accordance with authentic Islamic teachings and correcting common errors associated with the religious exercise.

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University Kano, Professor Haruna Musa, *fsi*, represented by the Dean Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies, Professor Rabi'u Sa'ad, described the initiative as a historic and commendable step towards promoting excellence among *Muezzins* in Kano State.

He stated that the workshop, the first of its kind in the state, had created a unique platform for *Muezzins* to improve their knowledge, correct long-standing mistakes and deepen their understanding of the proper Islamic

procedures for the *Adhan*.

According to him, the training would not only simplify the responsibilities of the *Muezzins* but also contribute immensely to preserving the sanctity and accuracy of the Islamic call to prayer.

Professor Rabi'u further applauded the Centre for Qur'anic Studies for introducing what he described as a visionary initiative, while also commending the National Association of *Muezzins* for assembling experienced tutors and experts to guide participants during the workshop.

He expressed confidence that the programme would produce lasting positive results and significantly reduce errors in the rendition of the *Adhan* across mosques in Kano State.

Earlier in his address, the Director of the Centre for Qur'anic Studies, Professor Ahmad Murtala, explained that the workshop became necessary following growing concerns over noticeable mistakes in the manner some *Muezzins* render the *Adhan* which he said failed short of the correct Islamic teachings.

He noted that while several capacity building workshops had previously been organized for *Imams*, the Centre considered it important to extend similar opportunities to *Muezzins* because of their critical role in Islamic worship.

Professor Murtala added that the National Association of *Muezzins* provided qualified tutors for the exercise, including talented young scholars recognized for their exceptional mastery of the *Adhan*.

He reaffirmed the commitment of the Association towards supporting initiatives that would produce well trained and highly competent *Muezzins* in Kano State.

Also speaking, the Chairman of the Council of Ulama, Malam Ibrahim Khalil, commended the Vice Chancellor and the Management of Bayero University Kano for supporting the initiative, describing the workshop as timely and highly impactful.

He stressed that *Muezzins* occupy a vital position in Islamic worship just like *Imams*, warning that inadequate training among *Muezzins* could create serious challenges within the Muslim community.

Malam Ibrahim Khalil observed that misunderstandings relating to the proper conduct of the *Adhan* had existed for many years, but expressed optimism that the workshop would help address such issues and strengthen adherence to authentic Islamic teachings.

CDA, HortiNigeria, YAS-IITA Empower 63 Youths with Climate-Smart Horticulture Skills

By Nura Garba, PhD

The Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA), Bayero University Kano, in partnership with HortiNigeria and the YAS Project of International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), has graduated 63 young agripreneurs after intensive training in climate-smart horticulture production and agribusiness development.

The graduation ceremony, held on Monday, 25th May 2026 at the Conference Hall of the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) marked the successful completion of a practical-based programme designed to tackle youth unemployment, food insecurity and poverty through modern agricultural entrepreneurship.

Speaking at the event, the Director of the Centre for Dryland Agriculture, Professor Sanusi Gaya Mohammed, described the graduation as a celebration of innovation, resilience and economic empowerment. He disclosed that the beneficiaries, made up of 42 males and 21 females, underwent rigorous hands-on training in tomato, onion, cucumber and pepper production, alongside agribusiness management and market development.



Group photograph of the participants

According to him, the programme moved beyond classroom learning to practical enterprise development. Participants were grouped into production clusters, allocated irrigated farmland at the CDA demonstration farm, provided with starter packs and mentored throughout the production cycle.

“The trainees not only cultivated vegetables successfully but also marketed their produce and established direct linkages with off-takers and marketers. This demonstrates that agriculture, when approached scientifically and entrepreneurially, can become a profitable and sustainable business for young people,” he said.

Professor Gaya further explained that the initiative was aimed at strengthening youth participation across Nigeria's horticultural value chain through practical skills acquisition, mentorship, input support and market access opportunities.

Earlier, the Deputy Director, Research and Innovation of CDA, Dr. Mustapha Muhammad Bello, revealed that the trainees participated in two days of intensive classroom sessions and three days of field practicals covering climate-smart horticulture, irrigation management, post-harvest handling, organic farming, value addition and agribusiness development.

He added that about 87 percent of the participants demonstrated excellent performance during the practical sessions and successfully cultivated and sold their produce.

The Vice Chancellor of Bayero University Kano, Professor Haruna Musa fsi, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research and Development, Professor Amina Mustapha commended the collaboration between CDA, HortiNigeria and the YAS-IITA Project, describing it as a model for addressing unemployment and food insecurity through university-community partnerships.

He urged the graduates to transform the knowledge acquired into sustainable businesses capable of creating jobs and improving livelihoods.

“You must see yourselves not just as job seekers, but as future employers of labour, innovators and ambassadors of sustainable agriculture,” she advised.

Professor Musa also encouraged the beneficiaries to pay close attention to market demand and consumer needs in order to maximize profitability and remain competitive in the agribusiness sector.

Delivering a keynote address on the impact of the YAS Project, the YAS Training Coordinator, Muniratu Jibrin, said the programme targets over 20,000 direct and indirect beneficiaries through training young people between the ages of 18 and 35 in agricultural production, processing, distribution and exportation.

According to her, nearly 11,000 direct beneficiaries and over 9,930 smallholder farmers have already been empowered under the initiative.

Muniratu noted that the programme prioritizes inclusiveness by ensuring equal participation of women, men and persons living with disabilities, while also providing mentorship, agricultural inputs and access to agribusiness hubs to support long-term sustainability.

Also speaking, the YAS Project Coordinator, Mr. Adebayo Awotodunbo, congratulated the participants, noting that the 63 beneficiaries were selected from over 1,000 applicants. He stressed that the intervention was carefully designed to move beneficiaries beyond training into actual business establishment and sustainability.

“As part of the programme, 55 participants have been selected to receive agricultural inputs and additional

support based on their commitment, discipline and active participation during the training,” he stated.

The event also featured inspiring success stories from agribusiness champions under the IITA-YAS-IITA and HortiNigeria and CDA. Ummulkhairi Almustapha, Jibril

Lawan Adam, Najeeb Yunusa Hassan and Dr. Zainab Lawan Gwadabe shared practical experiences on entrepreneurship, innovation, value addition and market competitiveness, encouraging the graduates to remain focused and resilient in building successful agribusiness ventures.

GUIDELINES FOR 2026 JUNIOR STAFF PROMOTION



Attention: Provosts, Deans, Directors and Heads of Department/Units

This is to request Provosts, Deans, Directors and Heads of Departments/Units to submit to the Junior Staff Unit, their recommendations for the 2026 annual promotions of Junior Staff in their Faculty, Departments/Sections/Units.

- 1 The candidate(s) being presented for promotion should be confirmed staff and must be qualified academically and professionally. Such staff must have demonstrated exceptional performance meriting promotion.
- 2
 - (a) He/she must have served the University for at least 3 years after his/her last promotion.
 - (b) For the newly appointed he/she must be confirmed and spent at least three years by 30th September, 2026
 - (c) Staff upgraded or converted upward shall not be presented for promotion until after three (3) years
- 3
 - (a) Candidate(s) for promotion to ranks on CONTISS 03 and 04 must have at least three (3) c credits in SSCE/GCE or its equivalent, except Motor Driver.
 - (b) Candidate(s) for promotion to CONTISS 05 must have same as (a) above plus a relevant certificate, except Driver/Mechanics, Artisans, Medical Records Assistant, Medical Technicians, Messenger/Cleaner, Gardner and Groundmen.
 - (c) Candidate for promotion to CONTISS 06 must have any of the following qualifications:
 - a. Two-year Diploma in relevant fields;
 - b. Certificate in Public Administration/ plus three O/level credits;
 - c. Professional Diploma in Computer Studies/ plus three O/level credits;
 - d. Clerical Officer Certificate/ plus three O/level credits;
 - e. Assistant Library Officer Certificate/ plus three O/level credits;
 - f. Certificate in Science Laboratory Technology/ plus three O/level credits in science subjects;
 - g. Military Police Special Investigation Course II/ plus three O/level credits;
 - h. Except Driver/Mechanics.
- 4 Staff on study fellowship or who has been granted study fellowship can be presented for promotion.
- 5 Staff with a warning letter in the last 6 months should not be presented for promotion.
- 6 All re-designation cases (upgrading, change of cadre and conversion) should not be presented to the Junior Staff A & PC, instead it should be directed to the Registrar.
- 7 Departments should not re-submit cases for promotion which were earlier rejected without acquiring the needed relevant qualification.
- 8 Staff posted to a new dept/unit must spend at least six months before the new unit can assess him/her for promotion. Staff affected by the recent redeployment should therefore, be assessed by their former head of department.
- 9 Only November/December O/level is acceptable for promotion after appointment.
- 10 Two (2) copies of the attached forms should be completed and submitted in both **hard** and **soft copy** in respect of each candidate.
- 11 All submissions and recommendations are to be submitted to the Junior Staff Office on or before **29th May, 2026** late submission would not be entertained.



NB: Officers presenting candidates for promotion shall be required to come and defend their submissions before the Junior Staff A & PC with their departmental files and photocopies of relevant credentials on the scheduled date.

Signed

Ali Umar Yakasai

Secretary

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13th May, 2026.

To All: Provosts, Deans of Faculties/Schools, Directors, Heads of Department/Unit,

NOTICE OF 2026 PROMOTION EXERCISE

I write to notify you that the following Time-Table for the 2026 Promotion Exercise is approved for your compliance.

| S/N | DATE | ACTIVITY |
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| 1. | Monday 10 th June, 2026 | Latest date for Departmental, Faculty and College A&PCs Meetings. |
| 2. | Monday 15 th June, 2026 | Latest date for Colleges/Faculties to make Submissions to the Secretariat. |
| 3. | Monday 15 th June - 15 th July, 2026 | Secretariat to Collate and prepare submissions for the Central A&PC. |
| 4 | Monday 20 th July - 23 rd July, 2026 | Central A&PC to meet and consider the cases. |

Heads of Department should please note the following:

- That staff to be recommended for Promotions must have served for at least three/four years as the case may be in their positions by 30th September, 2026 and their appointments duly confirmed.
- That cases of Administrative Staff in various Faculties/Departments should be routed through the Registry Departmental Appointments, Promotions and General Purposes Committee.
- That cases of Bursary Staff/Stores Officers in various Faculties/Departments should be routed through the Bursary Department.
- That cases of Librarians and Library Officers in various Faculties/Departments should be routed through the University Librarian.
- Cases of Academic Staff and Technologist must pass through the Department, Faculty or School/College A&PC and Minutes of Meeting should be attached to the recommendations.
- Cases of all Faculties under the Colleges should be coordinated for submission by the Provosts.
- Academic Staff on approved Study Fellowship could be promoted once up to the rank of Lecturer I or equivalent.
- All submissions should be strictly based on the extant guidelines for the appropriate cadres. Provost and Dean must ensure compliance as the case may be.
- Schools, Colleges and Faculties are to forward a soft and **ONE (1)** hard copy of their submissions to the Director, Establishment Matters not later than 15th June, 2026.
- Original documents for sighting during the Meeting should not accompany the submission to the Secretariat.
- Provosts, Deans and Heads of Department should ensure that all documents for presentation at the A&PC are properly TAGGED and ARRANGED according to the CV for ease of reference.

Note: Please find attached herewith copies of the assessment forms for both Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff cadres for guidance

Signed:

Shehu Usman Galadima

Director, Directorate of Establishment Matters

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