



World Bank, AAU Satisfied with ACEPHAP Implementation Initiative

By Bala G. Abdullahi



World Bank, AAU, NUC and ACEPHAP teams in a group photograph after the Implementation Plan meeting

World Bank and Association of African Universities (AAU) officials have expressed satisfaction with the level of preparedness of ACEPHAP in its implementation of initiatives and urged the Centre to take a cue from the success story of Centre for Dryland Agriculture.

The duo of Professor Nodumo Dhlamini, the Director-ICT Services of AAU and Michelle Niesciresko of the World Bank, who spoke separately during an ACE Impact Implementation Plan meeting at ACEPHAP, on Wednesday, 20th November, 2019, said 'they were convinced that from what they saw on ground. Africa Centre of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP), Bayero University, Kano was capable of following the impressive footsteps of the Centre for Dryland Agriculture in the implementation of the World Bank ACE projects.

Professor Nodumo Dhlamini, who spoke first during a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, shortly before the commencement of the meeting, said they were in BUK to hold discussion with ACEPHAP team members on the implementation plans of the centre and see if their initiative was in tandem with existing ACE standards.

'We are here to ensure that the right things are done. We are not here to police the Centre. We are here to assist ACEPHAP in the implementation of the ACE projects in line with World Bank accepted standards. Our mandate in AAU is to improve the quality of education,' she remarked.

AAU Director of ICT Services congratulated Bayero University for being one of the few universities that had two centres of excellence, implementing World Bank ACE Projects, adding that the choice of ACEPHAP was an indication that CDA was not only doing well, but has also excelled in the implementation strategy.

Professor Nodumo stated that AAU and World Bank had a good working relationship with Bayero University, assuring that they would continue to strengthen such relationships in the interest of humanity.

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Bello expressed gratitude to the AAU and the World Bank for believing in the institution's two Centres, ACEPHAP and CDA, assuring that the University would do everything humanly possible to support the centres to succeed in the ACE Impact Implementation plans of the projects.

He said ACE was making a difference across Africa, saying that the University would surely use the experience of CDA to put ACEPHAP on sound footing to ensure the success of the ACE project.

Professor Bello said their visit was timely, urging them to let the University know areas of ACEPHAP's deficiency and needs in the ACE implementation plans, so that they could make the necessary amends.

In her presentation, Michelle Niesciresko from the World Bank spoke extensively on what the centre needed to do to achieve results. She drew the attention of the ACEPHAP team that the World Bank money was not a grant but a loan and that unless there were good results in terms of project execution further funds would not be accessed. She also revealed that unspent funds would be returned back to government coffers.

The World Bank expert took time to explain in detail how proper budgeting in line with the loan's standard was prepared and executed. She also explained the ACE requirement in terms of admission policy for ACE postgraduate training programmes. She stated that 30 per cent were reserved for female candidates both regional and national 'as anything short of that will not be accepted by the World Bank and AAU.'

She described ACEPHAP as a lucky child who would definitely learn from the mistakes, successes and experiences of CDA to record great achievements. She hoped that all the observations made would be taken into consideration during the implementation phase of the project.

Also in her address, Professor Nodumo Dhlamini of AAU spoke of the need for the Centre to have a robust, effective and functional website, a dedicated officer manning the centre's ICT. Through this, she added the Centre could be visible globally.

Earlier, the centre made three presentations. Firstly, a brief on the mission, vision and objectives of the centre by Deputy Director, Outreach, Dr Salisu Maiwada Abubakar. Secondly, details' regarding the activities of the centre so far, by the Deputy Director, Research, Dr. Taiwo Amole Thirdly, was the Centre's implementation plan, by the Centre's director, Professor Hadiza Galadanci.

Those who attended the meeting are: Michelle Niesciresko and Janis P. Tuptsis from the World Bank, Professor Nodumo Dhlamini from AAU and Mr. Obi Ukwuagu and Mrs. Lulu Udoka from NUC. From the ACEPHAP team, Professor Hadiza Galadanci, Director of the Centre, two Deputy Directors, Dr. Taiwo Amole and Dr. Salisu Maiwada Abubakar as well as the Centre's Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) officer, Dr. Baba Maiyaki.

Others were, the Finance Officer, Mr. Usman Gomina, the Auditor, Abubakar Adamu Rano, Rabiou Hussein Sagagi, Procurement Officer, Bala G. Abdullahi, Communication Officer and representatives from the 8 collaborating Departments of the University as well as the Centre's administrative Secretary, Ali Yakasai and his assistant, Malam Tijjani Mohammed Musa.

SSANU, IIIBF Sensitize Staff on Life after Retirement

By Adamu Garba with additional report from students on attachment: Bashirat A. Shaibu & Favour Ijeoma Nwachukwu

The Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), BUK Chapter, in collaboration with the



Director DEM, Mal. Sabo Mijinyawa with officials of SSANU and IIIBF in a group photograph

International Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance (IIIBF) has organized a workshop to sensitize and prepare staff for life after retirement.

The workshop, which was held on Friday, 15th November, 2019 at the Centre for Islamic Civilization and Interfaith Dialogue (CICID), tagged: **“Financial Literacy”**, was to ensure that all senior staff of the University and especially those nearing retirement in the next five to ten years, were trained on how they could adequately prepare for the future.

Speaking at the occasion, The Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, who was represented by the Director, Establishment Matters, Malam Mijinyawa Sabo, said the training was imperative in order to create a smooth transition for the retirees for them to enjoy a better life after service.

In her opening remarks, the Director, IIIBF, Professor Binta Tijjani Jibril, stated that the workshop was aimed at training the senior staff of the University about financial literacy specifically on how to plan their financial spending. Prof Jibril added that the

training was apt as it would prepare retirees on how to manage life before and after retirement.

Professor Jibril enjoined the participants to prepare themselves by making savings, having program plans that would assist them after service years, stressing the need to distinguish between individual's needs and wants.

In his remarks, the SSANU Chairman, BUK Chapter, Comrade Haruna Aliyu, who was represented by Vice Chairman, Comrade Mustapha Aminu, thanked IIIBF for the collaboration and called on the participants to make good use of the knowledge they learned during the workshop.

He reiterated the Union's commitment for continued support and readiness to prioritize staff welfare, which would add value to their lives during service and after

retirement.

Papers presented at the workshop were: "Using Money Wisely: Distinguishing between Needs and Wants" by Professor Binta Jibril; "My Job, My Business and My Retirement Plan" by Dr. Aliyu Dahiru Muhammad and "Avoiding Fraud and Scam" by Ka'ilu Umar Sa'id. Others were "Growing your Money: Savings, Group Savings and Borrowing" by Dr. Warshu Tijjani Rabi'u and Introduction to Islamic Banking Products" by Adamu Umar.

One of the participants, Malam Auwalu Sa'idu, of the Centre for Qur'anic Studies, showed satisfaction with the training. While thanking the organizers, he said the workshop had equipped him with professional knowledge on how to go about his financial expenditure.

Physicians Across Continents, BUK to Establish Heart Centre

By Adamu Garba

The Saudi-based Non-Governmental Organization, the Physicians Across Continents (PAC) through the King Salman Health Foundation is to collaborate with Bayero University, Kano and Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital towards establishment of a Centre for Heart Diseases in Kano.

President of Physicians Across Continents (PAC), Dr. Sa'ad Qarni stated this during a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello on Friday, 22nd November, 2019 at Council Chamber.

Dr. Qarni who led the delegation has solicited the support of Bayero University to jointly establish the Centre. He described the rising heart diseases in Nigeria as worrisome that drew attention of PAC to establish a well-equipped Heart Centre in Kano that would cater for the teeming population of the country.

He said PAC was a Saudi-based non-governmental organization established in 2003 and operating in over 40 countries. It came to Nigeria in 2016.

Dr. Saad enjoined BUK to ensure a transparent and conducive environment that would enable it to function. He added that the Centre, through the collaboration, would advance African physicians especially in the areas of training and research.

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, while responding, assured the support of the University in whatever aspect that PAC may require. He said, in terms of transparency, the University has been receiving many international grants including those from the MacArthur Foundation and the World



Members of Physicians Across Continents (PAC) in a group photograph with Management of BUK

Bank grants for the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) and Africa Centre for Excellence in Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) and the University had been utilizing the grants judiciously.

Professor Yahuza described the objectives of PAC as noble and glaring. He reiterated that the University would ensure that PAC succeeds not only in Nigeria but across the world.

NATE BUK Chapter Inaugurated

By Bashirat Anako Shu'aibu (student on industrial attachment)

The Nigerian Association of Technologist in Engineering (NATE) BUK Chapter has been inaugurated. The Inauguration and Award presentation took place on Saturday, 12th October, 2019 at Petroleum and Chemical Engineering Theatre, behind Faculty of Engineering BUK, during which 105 members were inducted.

The Chairman of the Occasion, Technologist Prof Shehu Abdullahi, Ma'aji from Kano University of Science and Technology, Wudil, Kano State, in his welcome address, congratulated BUK Chapter, the newly inducted members and the award recipients of the occasion. (NATE) was led by Tgst. Ahmad M. Yabaji (National President) and his Lieutenants, Tgst Engineer Yunusa H. Gabasawa, Tgst Salisu Abdulhamid Babura and Tgst A.A. Auyo.



New NATE Executives Taking Oath of office

The Chairman of NATE BUK Chapter, Tgst Salisu Abdulhamid Babura said the association was optimistic that the steps taken to inaugurate BUK Chapter would greatly improve service delivery for the much needed technological advancement of the university, Nigeria and humanity at large.

Engr Yunusa Hamisu Gabasawa, the Vice President Northwest Zone/Zonal Chairman in his keynote address thanked President Muhammad Buhari of signing the COREN Amended BUK into law as a way to promote

good engineering practices in Nigeria. He also appealed to the COREN President, Engr A.A. Rabi FNSE, Chigarin Lafia, to strengthen the Engineering Regulation Monitoring (ERM) and to ensure the full implementation of the law to expunge quickly into the profession so as to reduce rampant building collapse in Nigeria.

G.H. Yunusa, PhD from the Department of Civil Engineering, Bayero University, Kano in his paper presentation "**The Role of Engineering Professionals in Ensuring Safe and Resilient Engineering Infrastructures in Nigeria**" said civil engineering professionals played a significant role in the conception, design and construction of public infrastructures such as water treatment facilities, bridges and roads, public transit, buildings, etc. For this reason, engineering practitioners should be held accountable for any engineering blunder.

The BUK Chapter Executive Council includes:

1. Tgst Salisu Abdulhamid Babura - *Chairman*
2. Tgst Auwal Abubakar Aminu - *Vice Chairman*
3. Tgst Ashiru A. Abdulsalam - *Secretary General*
4. Tgst Abdulrahman Shehu - *Treasurer*
5. Tgst Auwalu Ahmad Abubakar - *Financial Secretary*
6. Tgst Ahmad Muhammad - *Assistant Secretary*
7. Tgst Muhammad Salisu Adamu - *Auditor General*
8. Tgst Abubakar Mohammed - *Science & Tech Secretary*
9. Tgst Kansari Ma'mun Bello - *Membership Secretary*
10. Tgst Umaru O. Musa Aminu - *Publicity Secretary*

Dr. Munnir Suleiman now the Director, University Health Services

The University's Principal Officers at their 14th (2019) meeting held on Monday, 21st October, 2019, approved the appointment of Dr Munnir Suleiman as the Director, Bayero University Health Services for an initial period of Five (5) years, in the first instance, with effect from 1st November, 2019.

Dr. Munnir took over from Dr. Maryam S. Waziri who completed her tenure.



Dr. Munnir Suleiman, New Director Health Services

Credible Research Promotes Development

By Adamu Saleh Yanganau

The Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnership (DRIP), has conducted a one-day training workshop on Research Ethics and Integrity for members of the board of the directorate.

DRIP was established to principally coordinate and manage all aspects of research in the University, among others. The workshop, which was the first of its kind, took place on Wednesday, 20th November, 2019 at the Centre for Gender Studies.

While declaring the workshop open, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Muhammad Yahuza Bello represented by the Director of Public Affairs, Malam Ahmad Shehu reiterated the University management's commitment to supporting high impact research.

He said researches are very vital in the growth and development of any society, and this could only be possible when members of the academia engage in the conduct of ethical and credible high impact researches for the overall interest of the society.

Papers were presented at the workshop highlighted the nexus between societal growth and development with a credible research, as speakers came to the apt conclusion that it was through research that the society would be able to identify its problem and find solution on to them.

BUK to Purchase Optometric Equipments - VC

By Sabitu M. Jinjiri

Bayero University Management is to purchase an Optometric equipments for use by the University Health Centre, this was disclosed by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Muhammad Yahuza Bello, during a courtesy call on him by a five-member team Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Registration Board of Nigeria (ODORBN).

During the visit, the VC revealed that the University had resolved on improving the quality of its optometrists. He, therefore, guaranteed the visitors of the University's determination and readiness to progress by following the recommendations presented by the visiting team.

Prof. M.Y. Bello, who said he was delighted that the first set of the University's optometry students would graduate during his tenure, also informed the reviewers that the University Management wanted to have "one of the strongest optometry programmes in the country".

The first presenter, Dr. A. M. Abdussamad, in his paper titled "*Concept and Principles of Research Ethics*" explained the importance of research ethics as it provides checks and balances for the researcher, protects the research participants, sets standards and is a major requirement for practitioners in most fields.

Also in his presentation, Prof. Muhammad Musa Borodo, highlight the significance of Research Ethics Review Committees. He also advised that for a research to be credible, right from the writing of the proposals, it must follow prescribed protocols to ensure the research has ethical and

scientific validity.

A paper titled "*Ethical Issues in Academic Research*" presented by Prof. by Usman Shu'aib, was about the issue of plagiarism and intellectual dishonesty, lack of humility, violation of copyrights, phrases depicting lack of knowledge and responsibility.

In her vote of thanks, the Deputy Director, Innovation and Technology Transfer, Dr. Hassana Sani Darma thanked the presenters and participants and prayed that what had been learnt would be put into practice for the development of the University.



Participants in a group photograph

Earlier, the leader of the visiting team, Prof. Frank Iwugwu, divulged that they were at the University to assist her yield "good optometrists, who could compete" with others globally and to make sure that the University was following ODORBN's standards.

The team would examine the University's optometry programme and report back to the Vice Chancellor, who would take action according to the report of the inspectors.

Also present at the event were Prof. Ebele Uzodike, Registrar (ODORBN); Prof. Oghre, Fellow Nigerian Post Graduate College, University of Benin; Dr. Umar M. Badaru, Deputy Dean, Faculty of Allied Sciences – representing Dean and Dr. Ikechukwu Nwaku, H.O.D., Department of Optometry.

Highlight of the courtesy call included the presentation of souvenirs to the visitors and the calling team taking a group photograph with the VC and some other members of the University Management.

BUK Sign MoU with Turkish University on Academic Linkage

By Nura Garba

Bayero University Kano and Marmara University, Turkey have signed a memorandum of understanding on research linkage, staff and students exchange and other areas that will improve the relationship between Nigerian and Turkish communities.

Fatih Kucukour Maz, the leader of Turkish delegation that paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello on Tuesday, 19th November, 2019 and accompanied by the Chief Medical Director of National Orthopaedic Hospital, Dala, Dr Nuhu Salihu, said they were ready to see the immediate take-off of the MoU between the two institutions.

He said the Turkish University would be willing to sign the MoU on Medicine, Basic Medical Sciences,

Engineering and other related health disciplines, adding that the two Universities could exploit other areas of collaboration.

Vice Chancellor, Professor Bello welcomed the delegation and reiterated the University's readiness to sign the MoU and implement it as soon as possible.

The Chief Medical Director of National Orthopaedic Hospital, Dr Nuhu Salihu, said his hospital and Marmara University had been enjoying, positive collaboration for the last seven years, adding that the collaboration was fruitful and beneficial to both parties. The final MoU documents were signed and sealed on Friday, 22nd November, 2019.

Three Staff Benefits from Group Insurance

By Rabi'u M. Sagir

The Registrar, Hajiya Fatima Binta Mohammed, represented by the Director, Establishment Matters, Malam Sabo Mijinyawa said it was the University's priority to ensure adequate concentration on its worker's welfare in order to create conducive atmosphere in their working place.

Speaking on Wednesday 20th November, 2019 at General Administrative office during a distribution of installment group insurance cheque issued by Ministry of Education to 3 staff of the university who passed away, advise their next of kin to use the money given to them judiciously and to involve all their family members that are concerned with the issue to avoid contentious matters.

Malam Muhammad Bello, Head of Pension Unit commended the effort of the Registrar. He said it was the key to the successes recorded under this office.

The beneficiaries were: **Malam Isa Mudi Malumfashi, Adamu Ibrahim and Hadiza Mukhtar.**



Malam Sabo Mijinyawa, Director Establishment Matters (centre), presenting a cheque to one of the beneficiaries, while Director Gen. Admin, Mal. Jamilu Salim looks on

Professor Ibrahim Baba Mohammed now Head, Department of Agronomy

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Muhammad Yahuza Bello, has approved the appointment of Professor Ibrahim Baba

Mohammed as the Head, Department of Agronomy for two years commencing from December, 18, 2019.

HEALTH TIPS ON COMMON COLD!!!

The **common cold** is an upper respiratory tract infection **caused** by many different viruses. The **common cold** is transmitted by virus-infected airborne droplets or by direct contact with infected secretions. Being in **cold** weather does not **cause the common cold**, but **cold** weather promotes close contact, making it easier for the viruses to spread and infect more people. Cold weather may also reduce the immune response and make it harder for the body to fight off germs.

Cold symptoms come on gradually and can include:

- a blocked or runny nose
- a sore throat
- headaches
- muscle aches
- coughs
- sneezing
- a raised temperature
- pressure in your ears and face
- loss of taste and smell

The symptoms are the same in adults and children.

Sometimes, symptoms last longer in children.

Prevention

Some precautions that can help avoid catching the common cold include:

- Avoid close contact with someone infected with a cold.
- Eat plenty of vitamin-rich fruit and vegetables to help keep the immune system strong.
- When sneezing or coughing, make sure it is done into a tissue. Discard the tissue carefully and wash your hands.
- If you sneeze into your hands, make sure you wash them with soap and water immediately.
- If you have no tissues or a handkerchief, cough into the inside (crook) of your elbow rather than into your hands.
- Wash your hands regularly; cold viruses can be transmitted from one person to another by touch. In fact, more germs are passed by shaking hands than by kissing.
- Keep surfaces in your home clean — especially in the kitchen or bathroom.
- Avoid touching your face, especially your nose and mouth.

SEMINAR

Department of Geography: *PhD Seminar*

Presenter 1: Maikudi D. Lawan

Topic: Descriptive and Explanatory Analysis of Spatial Growth and Road Network Development in Kano Metropolis, Nigeria

Chairman: Professor J. Afolabi Falola

Presenter 2: Ibrahim Danladi Sule

Topic: Assessment of Accessibility and Utilization of

Renewable Energy in Northern Bauchi State, Nigeria

Chairman: Professor Ibrahim Baba Yakubu

Date: Thursday 28th November, 2019

Time: 10:00am

Venue: CB 17, Geography Department

NOTE: *Attending Seminars is compulsory to all M.Sc I, M.Sc II, PhD I and PhD II Students*



(1) **Malam Idris Ibrahim Nayarwa** of the Physical Planning Unit (PPU), Bayero University, Kano cordially invites the University Community and the General Public to his Wedding Fatiha with his fiancée **Jameela Abubakar Muhammad**, scheduled to take place as follows:

Date: Sunday, 1st December, 2019

Time: 11:00

Venue: Makera, *Layin Gidan Kashi*



(2) **Malam Lawal Aliyu Ajiga** of the Department of Electrical Engineering cordially invites the University Community and the General Public to the Wedding Fatiha of (1) **Engineer Abdul-Majeed A. Lawal** and **Muneerah A. Shitu**.

(2) **Lawi Tijani Isah Okene** and **Maryam A. Lawal**, scheduled to take place as follows:

Date: Saturday 7th December, 2019

Time: 10:30am

Venue: BUK Old Campus, Central Mosque, Kano



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Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), BUK

Chief Host:

Prof. Muhammad Yahuza Bello,
Vice Chancellor, BUK

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Notice of 54th Congregation Meeting

This is to inform members of the University Community that the 54th Congregation meeting is scheduled to hold on **SATURDAY, 21ST DECEMBER, 2019** at Convocation Arena, New Campus at 8:00 am.

Congregation is a gathering of degree holders cutting across all categories of staff working in the University. Therefore, only eligible members are entitled to attend, please.

Members should endeavour to attend, as important issues are going to be discussed at the meeting.

AGENDA OF THE MEETING

1. Opening Prayer
2. National Anthem/BUK Anthem
3. Welcome address by the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Congregation
4. Adoption of the agenda
5. Composition of Resolutions Drafting Committee

6. Opening remarks by the Chairman of the Congregation/Vice Chancellor
7. Reading/adoption of minutes of 53rd Congregation Meeting
8. Matters Arising
9. Report by the Vice Chancellor and Chairman of the Congregation
10. Comments from members of the Congregation
11. Election to replace member representing the Congregation in the UMC
12. Any Other Business
13. Reading of the resolutions
14. Closing Prayer
15. BUK Anthem/National Anthem

Lamara Garba,
Secretary, Standing Committee on Congregation,
For: Registrar

