



## ACEPHAP on Track for International Accreditation ...Experts Assess two Postgraduate Programmes

By Lamara Garba



The accreditation team in one of the interactive sessions

In a significant step towards cementing its reputation as a center of excellence, the Bayero University's Africa Center of Excellence for Population Health and Policy (ACEPHAP) received an international assessment team to evaluate two of its postgraduate programs for accreditation.

The team's visit, which took place on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 aimed to assess the programs' quality, relevance, and impact on the field of public health in West and Central Africa and by extension the African continent.

As ACEPHAP strives to promote population health outcomes through training and research, this accreditation would further endorse its commitment to excellence and enhance its graduates' prospects in the global health landscape.

The resource verification team from Agency for Public Health Education Accreditation (APHEA) on arrival paid a courtesy visit to the Vice Chancellor Professor Sagir

Adamu Abbas on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2024 at the SBC Committee Room.

The team leader, Professor Julien David Goodman said the team was in Kano to assess facilities in the University for the international accreditation of the M.Sc in Public Health, Nursing and Policy (MPHNP) and Masters in Maternal Child Health and Policy.

The exercise is part of the routine checks to ensure quality and standards in line with international best practices.

Earlier, the Director, Africa Centre of Excellence for Population, Health and Policy (ACEPHAP), Professor Hadiza Galadanci who gave a brief background of the centre, explained that since its establishment it attracted grants from World Bank and other reputable international donor agencies.

She also revealed that ACEPHAP has been in collaboration with many research centres and other tertiary institutions within Africa and other continents including Europe and America.

Professor Galadanci while appreciating the support and assistance rendered to the Centre by the Management of the University, noted that this has made it to be among the best research centres not only in the country but Africa as a whole.

In his brief remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, reaffirmed the commitment of the Management of the University to provide an enabling environment conducive for learning and teaching.

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor Academics, Professor Sani Muhammad Gumel, revealed that Bayero University was ranked as amongst the best ten universities in the country by the 2025 Times Higher Education (THE) World University Ranking.

According to him, this feat was recorded based on the University's adherence to quality and standards, he assured them of all necessary support and cooperation with a view

to ensuring that all the necessary facilities are provided to the specifications of international standards.

He said it was based on these qualities that BUK was ranked as the overall best university in Nigeria in terms of international outlook, saying programmes mounted by ACEPHAP have contributed in attracting international students.

The team had interacted with various stakeholders from across directorates and units including the Director ACEPHAP, Provost College of Postgraduate Studies, the heads of departments of the programmes under assessment, Director Academic Planning, Director Career Service Centre, head of Public Affairs, Director DEAR, Dean Students Affairs, Director SERVICOM and students respectively.

## ANUPA BUK Hosts Congress Meeting, Appoints Caretaker Committee

By Nura Garba



Haruna Aliyu, President

In a unanimous decision, the Association of Nigerian University Professional Administrators (ANUPA) members at Bayero University Kano (BUK) have appointed a caretaker committee to lead the association for the next six months until a new executive team is elected. This pivotal meeting took place on November 7, 2024, at the Senate Chambers of the Abubakar Adamu Rasheed Senate Building.

The Registrar, Haruna Aliyu, who chaired the congress, explained that the gathering aimed to revitalize the BUK chapter and position it alongside other dynamic ANUPA chapters nationwide. He emphasized the essential role that ANUPA, as a body of dedicated university administrators, plays within the academic landscape, describing its

members as the "vital cog in the wheel" of university administration.

The Registrar underscored the importance of adapting to the fast-evolving technological and information landscapes that shape today's world, urging administrators to align themselves with these advancements to enhance their impact on the university system. In this spirit, he announced ANUPA's commitment to introducing various capacity-building initiatives designed to reshape the narrative of university administration.

The Registrar expressed deep appreciation for the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, commending his steadfast support for the Registry Department, particularly in advancing staff development and career progression. Aliyu praised the Vice Chancellor's pivotal role in facilitating an unprecedented transition from executive to administrative cadre, marking a historic milestone at BUK.

The newly appointed caretaker committee members include:

Haruna Aliyu	- President
Aisha Dahiru	- Vice President I
Ali Umar Yakasai	- Vice President II
Mustapha Isa	- Secretary
Rukayya M. Bello	- Assistant Secretary
Ka'ilu Umar Sa'id	- Treasurer
Pelu Olofin	- Financial Secretary
Nura Garba	- PRO and Editor-in-Chief
Barr. Yusuf Mustapha	- Legal Advisor

The Registrar charged the caretaker committee to uphold the highest standards of professionalism, emphasizing their role in revitalizing ANUPA BUK and setting a solid foundation for the chapter's future.



# NBRRI Boosts BUK's Research Capacity with Multi-Million Naira Equipment Donation

By Lamara Garba

The Nigerian Building and Road Research Institute (NBRRI) has donated state-of-the-art equipment worth millions of naira to the Department Civil Engineering of Bayero University Kano (BUK), marking a significant milestone in the institution's quest for research excellence.

This generous donation is expected to bolster the university's capacity for innovative research and development, particularly in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Receiving the items, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, expressed heartfelt gratitude to NBRRI for the donation, emphasizing its timeliness and relevance to the university's research agenda. "This equipment will greatly enhance our researchers' ability to conduct cutting-edge studies, drive innovation, and address pressing national challenges," he noted.

The Vice Chancellor who was represented by Deputy Vice Chancellor Management Services, Professor Mahmoud Umar Sani commended NBRRI's commitment to promoting collaborative research and development between academia and industry

The donated equipment is expected to benefit various departments within the university, including engineering, physics, and chemistry. Faculty members and students will have access to advanced tools, facilitating groundbreaking research and fostering a culture of innovation.

"On behalf of the Management, staff and the entire students of this great University, we wish to once again extend our heartfelt appreciation to NBRRI for this wonderful gesture. We pray this will be the beginning of good collaboration for the development of our dear country," he declared.

"As BUK continues to strive for excellence, this donation serves as a testament to the power of partnerships in driving progress and national development. With this boost to its research infrastructure, BUK is poised to make even greater contributions to Nigeria's scientific and technological advancement," he concluded.

Presenting the items, the Director General/Chief Executive Officer of the Institute, Professor Samson Duna, said the donation was part of the initiative to support quality teaching and research in Bayero University.

"On completion of the formalities for the handover ceremony and on behalf of the Management and staff of Nigerian Building and Road Research Institute, I hereby transfer the right of ownership of the State-of-the-Art

Laboratory Equipment for learning and teaching in the Department of Civil Engineering of the University," he said.



Prof. Samson Duna Director General /Chief Executive Officer of NBRRI (right) presenting the lists of donated items to DVC MS, Prof. Mahmoud Umar Sani

Professor Duna who commended the Management of Bayero University, Kano under the leadership of Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, for its laudable initiatives, also congratulate the Vice Chancellor over the 2025 world University ranking released by the Time Higher Education in which BUK was ranked amongst the top ten universities in the country.



Management staff of NBRRI and DVC MS at the ceremony during the presentation of the equipment in Abuja

The items donated include a Mining Tray, Pycnometers, Le-Chatelier Flask, Electromagnetic Sieve Shaker complete with set of Sieves 200/203mm 300/315mm Sieve cap and Soil Hydrometer 151/H.

Other items include Two Stage Vacuum Pump, Ultimate Vacuum with Accessories 79,80,81 HDs, Proctor Universal Compactor, Standard Compaction Rammer, Modified Compaction Rammer, Gay-Lussac Specific Gravity Bottle, Compaction Factor Apparatus and Digital Programmable Hammer.

# African Nations Pledge Unprecedented Decade-long Education Reform to Transform the Futures of Millions of Children

By Lamara Garba

In a landmark decision, African education leaders have in a unanimous decision adopted an ambitious vision to eliminate learning poverty in the continent by 2035.

A communiqué issued at the end of the 2024 Africa Foundational Learning Exchange (FLEX 2024), held in Kigali, Rwanda from 11th to 13th November 2024, 22 Ministers of Education, and 12 Heads of Ministerial Delegations from 34 countries in Africa endorsed the African Union's call to declare a 'Decade of Education', aimed at tackling the continent's learning crisis.

The World Bank has predicted that success could unlock Africa's contribution to the global economy, to the tune of \$6.5 trillion in economic potential by 2030. Conversely, failure to act threatens catastrophic consequences - an estimated \$17 trillion in lifetime learning losses across low and middle-income countries globally.

This stark contrast underscores the critical importance of immediate, decisive action to transform Africa's educational landscape.

These considerations followed the passionate appeal by the Guest of Honour at FLEX, Her Excellency, Mrs Jeanette Kagame, the First Lady of the Republic of Rwanda, during her keynote address that officially launched the convening of leaders.

The First Lady clearly articulated the challenges facing the continent to include poor reading and comprehension among children aged 10 and below.

“Reading and comprehension of simple texts is still an issue for 9 out of 10 children aged 10 and below, in the majority of African countries. What a loud alarm bell this statistic rings,” declared.

According to her failure to strengthen Foundational Learning and critical thinking, increase primary education completion rates, and allocate more resources to education, specifically to the more vulnerable learners, the consequences is enormous. She advised that deliberate action must be taken to address the issue of their skills development, employability, and social welfare.

The Rwanda's First Lady's passionate appeal was echoed by the President of Zambia and Africa Champion of Foundational Learning Mr. Hakainde Hichelima who said in his remarks.

“We need to start thinking more strategically about innovative models of funding education and to use our resources more effectively. We need to implement

evidence-based approaches and scale what works to improve foundational learning on the continent and we need robust accountability mechanisms at national, regional, and continental levels for both partners and governments.”

The summit, attended by over 540 global education leaders and featuring 25 technical sessions, culminated in a five-point declaration that will transform the landscape of African education. The five core commitments are:

Set and achieve a continental target of zero learning poverty by 2035 through concentrated investment in foundational skills and systematic measurement of progress across all participating nations.

The summit equally, agreed for full endorsement and implementation of the African Union's Decade of Education initiative, mobilizing resources and political will for sustained educational transformation.

They also vowed to establish robust inter-country collaboration frameworks to facilitate knowledge exchange, share best practices, and create synergistic



Ministers of Education from African countries in a group photograph during the summit

learning opportunities across African nations and scale evidence-based interventions through efficient resource allocation, focusing on proven methodologies that demonstrably improve foundational learning outcomes at the country level.

The Ministers promised to implement comprehensive data and accountability mechanisms to track progress, ensure quality assessment, and coordinate partner initiatives for maximum impact across the continent.

This unprecedented collaboration between governments, and development partners including the World Bank, ADEA, UNICEF, USAID, FCDO, Hempel Foundation, New Globe, and UNESCO, marks a turning point in Africa's educational journey



## NAQSS Organizes a 2 day Training for Quantity Surveying Students

By Fausat A. Opayomi

The National Association of Quantity Surveying Students, BUK branch organized Plain Swift Software training for Surveying Students recently at the Departmental E- library.

The Dean, Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences, while declaring the workshop open, commended the facilitator of the training, Dr. Aminu Bashir for the brilliant idea which will impact on the students positively. He reiterated the management's commitment to always support the interest and aspiration of the students in as much it will be beneficial to the

In his words: "Learn the software and other application that will help and also adapt to what is taught so as to look for solutions that will fit"

The Head Department of Quantity Surveying, Dr. Ghali Audu Zarewa, expressed his appreciation to the organizers for the foresight in facilitating the program. He said the importance of the training cannot be over emphasized because the students were going to learn major software on bill of quantity used in costing building. He said it would increase the quality of their learning and urged them to pay attention and make maximum use of the opportunity.

Dr. Aminu Bashir, in his remarks, said the training was a landmark achievement organized by the students, which would enable them to learn how to measure quantities using software different from the conventional manual processes that they are being taught in the University, because the global trend now is to go digital.

He said PlanSwift software is user friendly and the computer is the way to go and that is why it is expedient to expose them to the training by inviting a professional from the industry to come for a two day training to teach the students how to use the software to shape their future, because it will expose and prepare them for the challenges ahead.

While wishing them a fruitful deliberation, he urged them to make the maximum use of the opportunity and carry the momentum forward because more software will be introduced for more proficiency.

The presenter, Abubakar Ahmed Maigatari, MNIQS said PlanSwift is a leading takeoff and estimating software used in construction so as to speed off the takeoff process, increase accuracy and integrate with existing workflows.

He said PlanSwift is used by contractors, estimators, builders and project managers and industries.



Executives of NAQSS, facilitators and other senior academics from FEES in a group photograph

students.

He said the training was an opportunity to polish learning process in a limited space and a challenge because those who are willing to learn and master the software will have to develop their own to fill the gap.

## FEESSA Collaborates with CDA on Sustainable Greenhouse Solutions

By Nura Garba

The Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences Students Association (FEESSA), Bayero University Kano is partnering with the Centre for Dryland Agriculture (CDA) on sustainable greenhouse solutions.

A delegation of the FEESSA led by its president, Aliyu Abubakar Hussaini on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2024, paid a consultation visit to the CDA to explore partnership opportunities and foster collaboration.

The meeting aimed to discuss sustainable greenhouse solutions for indoor plants and climate change initiatives, enhancing the Faculty's indoor environment, promoting sustainability awareness, and encouraging ethical behaviors.

Key objectives of the partnership include developing innovative indoor plant solutions for improved air quality and aesthetic appeal, enhancing sustainability awareness through joint awareness campaigns and educational programs and promoting ethical behaviors and environmental stewardship among students and staff.

FEESSA is committed to creating a sustainable and

environmentally conscious community.

According to the President, Aliyu Hussaini, this partnership with CDA would enable FEESSA to achieve its goals and set a benchmark for environmental excellence in Bayero University Kano



FEESSA executives led by its President Aliyu Abubakar at CDA's RAI Hub building with Ibrahim Na'Abdu of CDA

## Faculty of Engineering Holds Seminars on Ensuring Integrity in the Conduct of Examination for Staff and Students

The Faculty of Engineering organized a series of seminars to address the critical issue of ensuring integrity in the conduct of examinations. These seminars were held on different dates for both staff and students, with each session tailored to the specific roles and responsibilities of the participants.

### STAFF SEMINAR

The seminar for staff, which took place on Tuesday, 20th August 2024, brought together academic and administrative personnel involved in examination management. The seminar took place at the faculty conference room and began with an opening address by the Dean, Prof Mohammed Shua'ibu Abubakar FNSE, who stressed the value of integrity in education, explaining how examination misconduct undermines both the student's learning experience and institution's credibility. He called on all staff to work together to ensure highest standards of

also stressed the importance of strict adherence to rules and regulations and outlined the University's Senate policies and regulations guiding students and staff on acceptable conduct during examinations.

The seminar transitioned into an interactive Question and Answer Session. This segment provided an opportunity for the staff to seek clarifications on academic related inquest and offer suggestions on how to improve the integrity of the examination process. The Faculty Examination Officer, Dr. Sunusi Marwana Manladan thanked everyone for their input and emphasized the importance of open communication in addressing concerns about examination integrity. He stressed that upholding the integrity of the examination system is not the task of a single office or individual- it requires a joint effort from all of us. He assured the audience that all feedback would be considered for improving the examination processes.



Participants of the staff seminar on ensuring integrity in the conduct of examinations



Cross section of the students during the seminar

academic excellence and ethical conduct is upheld. Key speakers were Professor Ibrahim Abdullahi (Mechanical Engineering), Dr Gambo Haruna Yunusa (Civil Engineering) and Malam Mahfuz Zubair (Directorate of Examinations, Admission and Records).

Prof Ibrahim Abdullahi outlined the strategies and compliance with rules and regulations governing examinations and the roles of staff in enforcing these standards. Dr Gambo Haruna Yunusa gave detailed explanation of the procedures for handling cases of examination malpractice and strategies on how to detect and prevent cheating during examinations. Emphasis was placed on creating a fair and stress-free examination environment, where students are less likely to resort to dishonest behavior. The session was further enriched by Malam Mahfuz Zubair, who provide valuable insights on the pivotal role of the examinations, admission and records in maintaining the integrity of the examination process. He

### STUDENT SEMINAR

On Thursday, 3rd October 2024, a separate seminar was conducted for students at the Electrical Engineering Theatre, focusing on their role in upholding academic integrity during exams. The

Deputy Dean, Dr. Adamu Abubakar Rasheed, while representing the Dean commended the faculty examination office for organizing such seminar for the students, which he described as apt and timely, saying that it was meant to remind students of the importance of academic honesty and the consequences of engaging in examination misconduct. He stressed that Bayero University Kano has clear policies and penalties for those who engage in misconduct, and ignorance of these rules is not an excuse. The lead speakers were former faculty examination officers, Dr. Mubarak Danladi Muhammad (Mechanical Engineering) and Dr. Gambo Haruna Yunusa (Civil Engineering)



During his presentation, Dr. Mubarak highlighted the importance of understanding and adhering to the rules and regulations. He provided clear guidance on the acceptable and prohibited behaviors during the conduct of examinations, emphasizing the importance of adhering to institutional rules to maintain fairness and integrity. The speaker further advised students to take personal responsibility for their actions, maintain academic honesty, and report any observed incidents of malpractice to the appropriate authorities.

Dr. Gambo Haruna Yunusa addressed the immediate and long-term consequences of engaging in examination misconduct. He informed students of the severe academic and disciplinary consequences of cheating, including suspension, rustication, expulsion and damage to their academic records. Real life examples of anonymous students who faced these consequences were shared to reinforce the message. He also provided clear guidance on the appropriate actions for students to take if they find themselves caught in examination misconduct. Both speakers recommended that students familiarize themselves with the institution's academic integrity

policies contained in the general examination and academic regulations (GEAR).

The Head of Chemical and Petroleum Engineering, Dr Omar Umar Ahmed in his short remarks encouraged the students to value integrity and hard work, as these principles lay the foundation for future success. Following the informative presentations, the session transitioned into a dynamic Q&A segment where students had the opportunity to seek clarification and express their concerns regarding examination conduct and the best practices.

In his closing remarks, the Faculty Examination Officer, Dr. Sunusi Marwana Manladan urged the students to avoid engaging in any form of examination misconduct. He stated that academic dishonesty is not only detrimental in the short term but can have far-reaching effects on one's career and personal life.

Overall, the two seminars were successful in raising awareness about the importance of maintaining integrity during examinations and equipping both staff and students of the faculty with the knowledge and tools to uphold ethical standards in their academic endeavors.

## BUK Registrar Hails Historic Re-Election of Haruna as SSANU President

By Nura Garba

The Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) has concluded its delegate conference with the re-election of Mohammed Haruna Ibrahim for second term securing an overwhelming majority of 842 votes to defeat his closest opponent, Mr. Luper Shishi who polled 88 votes.

This impressive win solidifies Haruna's position as SSANU President, cementing his leadership and vision for the organization.

Bayero University Kano (BUK) Registrar, Haruna Aliyu, was quick to offer his warmest congratulations to President Haruna, praising his dedication to the advancement of SSANU's goals and objectives. "Your re-election is a testament to your tireless efforts and commitment to the betterment of our union," Aliyu stated.

President Haruna's victory is seen as a significant milestone for SSANU, as he has been instrumental in championing the rights and interests of university staff. His leadership has been marked by significant achievements, including improved welfare packages and enhanced working conditions for members.

With his experience and vision, however, there is optimism that SSANU will continue to thrive under his leadership.

The election process was observed to be free and fair, with representatives from various universities in attendance. The outcome is a reflection of the confidence SSANU members have in President Haruna's ability to lead the organization to greater heights.

Mohammed Haruna Ibrahim was re-elected during the 3rd Quadrennial National Delegates Conference (NDC) held on Thursday, 14th November, 2024 at the Nigerian Air force Conference Centre, Abuja.

The BUK Registrar, Comrade Haruna Aliyu, in a congratulatory message, expressed heartfelt



Re-elected SSANU President Comrade Mohammed Haruna Ibrahim acknowledging cheers from members shortly after the declaration of the winner

congratulations to Mr. President "on your re-election for a second term as the President of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU)."

"Your victory didn't come as a surprise, given your outstanding performance over the past four years", said Mr Aliyu. He said during the first tenure, "you have elevated SSANU to a level comparable with any other union in terms of success and accomplishments"

Comrade Haruna Aliyu prayed that the re-elected President will not only maintain but also surpass his previous achievements. "May you continue to receive the support and guidance of Almighty Allah throughout your second term."

Similarly, the Chairman of SSANU, BUK, Comrade Mustapha Aminu, on behalf of the executives and Congress members, expressed happiness over the re-election of Ibrahim and congratulated the entire SSANU family across the country for re-electing a leader whose doggedness, resilience and unparalleled administrative acumen have endeared the union into an enviable height and amplified voice in Nigeria.

The SSANU-BUK Chairman urged the National President to continue to raise the flag of the union to greater height by ensuring that the federal government's resolutions and agreement with the union are not only resolved but holistically addressed in order to have individual harmony in the University system.

In another development, Comrade Sabo Balarabe Wudil of the University Library was sworn in as the Vice President of SSANU Northwest Zone.

It could be recalled that comrade Sabo was earlier elected at a special SSANU Northwest Zonal meeting held at Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria sometimes in October, 2024.



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<b>CHIEF HOST</b> PROFESSOR SAGIR ADAMU ABBAS (Vice Chancellor Bayero University, Kano)	PROFESSOR SAMBO WALI JUNAIDU (Wazirin Sokoto)	<b>HOST</b> PROFESSOR IBRAHIM GARBA SATATIMA (Dean Faculty of Arts and Islamic Studies, Bayero University, Kano)

*Wedding Fatiha*

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Professor Abdulhadi Sale Kumurya of the Department of Medical Laboratory Science invites members of the University community to the wedding fatiha of his daughter, Rabi Abdulhadi Kumurya and her groom, Abubakar Shehu Barde, scheduled as follows:

**Date:** Saturday, 23rd November, 2024

**Time:** 11:00am

**Venue:** Umar Bin Khattab Juma'at Mosque, Dangi Round About, Kano State



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