



# VC Pays Tribute to Outgoing Deputy Vice Chancellors

By Lamara Garba

At the 421<sup>st</sup> Senate Meeting on Wednesday 26, February, 2025, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas paid glowing tribute to the three outgoing Deputy Vice Chancellors, acknowledging their immense and invaluable contributions to the success of his administration



Vice-Chancellor, Prof. S. A. Abbas

He praised the trio of DVC Academic, Professor Sani Muhammed Gumel; DVC Management Services, Professor Mahmoud Umar Sani and DVC Research and Development, Professor Abdullahi Sule-Kano for their exceptional leadership, commitment, and dedication to the university's growth and development.

He noted that their selfless service, steadfastness and unalloyed support had been instrumental in shaping the university's vision and the successes it recorded in the past few years.

See the full text of the tribute below:

**Tribute in Appreciation of the Outgoing Deputy  
Vice-Chancellors  
At 421st Senate Meeting  
By Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, FMAN**

*Wednesday, February 26, 2025*

*Distinguished Colleagues,*

*Members of the University Senate,*

*Ladies and Gentlemen.*

It is with a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation that I stand before you today to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of three outstanding individuals who have served this great university with dedication, diligence, and

distinction.

As we mark the completion of their tenure as Deputy Vice-Chancellors, I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to Professor Sani Mohammed Gumel, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic); Professor Mahmoud Umar Sani, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Management Services); and Professor Abdullahi Sule-Kano, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research & Development). These three distinguished scholars have been pillars of support, wisdom, and commitment throughout my tenure as Vice-Chancellor, and I am truly grateful for their service.

Each of them brought unique strengths to the leadership of our university, working tirelessly to uphold the core values of Bayero University, Kano. Professor Sani Mohammed Gumel played a critical role in advancing our academic programs, ensuring the continued accreditation of our courses, and upholding the highest standards of teaching and learning. Under his leadership, we witnessed significant academic progress, including curriculum enhancements and the introduction of new programs that align with national and global educational trends.

Professor Mahmoud Umar Sani has been instrumental in the effective management of our administrative and support services. His meticulous attention to detail, problem-solving skills, and ability to foster a culture of efficiency within the university's management framework have greatly contributed to the smooth operation of our institution. His unwavering commitment to the welfare of staff and students has left a lasting impact on our university community.

Professor Abdullahi Sule-Kano has led groundbreaking initiatives in research and development, strengthening Bayero University's reputation as a hub of knowledge creation and innovation. His efforts in securing research grants, fostering collaborations and promoting a culture of inquiry have significantly advanced our research output. Through his leadership, we have seen increased international partnerships and a more robust research ecosystem that continues to produce high-impact contributions to society.

Beyond their official responsibilities, these three gentlemen have been trusted colleagues and dependable allies. They have demonstrated exceptional teamwork, unwavering loyalty, and an unrelenting commitment to the success of this administration. I can confidently say that my job as Vice-Chancellor was made easier because of

their support, cooperation, and dedication. Their wisdom and professionalism were evident in every decision, and their passion for the progress of this institution never waned.

To Professors Gumel, Sani, and Sule-Kano, I say a resounding thank you for your service, sacrifice, and leadership. You have each left a mark on this university, and your contributions will be remembered long after your tenure. I have no doubt that wherever your next endeavors take you, you will continue to be shining examples of

excellence and integrity.

As you conclude this phase of service, I wish you success in your future pursuits. May you continue to find fulfillment in your professional and personal endeavors, and may Bayero University, Kano always remain proud of your contributions.

Once again, thank you for your dedication, your partnership, and your friendship.

*God bless you all. Thank you.*

## Senate Approves Appointment of Three New DVCs ... Amina First Female DVC, Haruna Heads Academics, Aliyu MS

By Lamara Garba



Prof. Haruna Musa  
new DVC Academics



Prof. Aliyu Mu'azu,  
new DVC Management Services



Prof. Amina Mustapha  
new DVC Research and Development

The Senate at its 421<sup>st</sup> meeting held on Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 2025, approved the appointments of three new Deputy Vice Chancellors. They are; Professor Haruna Musa (Academic), Professor Aliyu Mu'azu (Management Services) and Professor Amina Mustapha (Research and Development).

Professor Haruna Musa, attended Government Secondary School Danbatta in 1985 and proceeded to Bayero University, Kano where he obtained Bachelor's degree in Chemistry in 1991. Haruna obtained his masters degree in Polymer Chemistry in 1999 and PhD in the same Polymer Chemistry from the University of Bristol, United Kingdom in 2009.

The new DVC Academics, joined the services of Bayero University, Kano in 1993 as a Graduate Assistant and rose through the rank to become a professor in 2019.

Prof. Haruna was a former HOD Pure and Industrial Chemistry and is the immediate past Chairperson of BUK branch of the Academic Staff Union of Universities.

He is a BUK Governing Council member from 2023 to date, Deputy Director Centre for Renewable Energy and Sustainability Transitions.. He will definitely bring his wealth of experience in academic leadership to bear on his new challenging responsibility. He also served as the Deputy Director, Centre for Renewable Energy and Sustainability Transition (CREST).

Professor Aliyu Mu'azu, the new Deputy Vice Chancellor, Management Services, graduated from Bayero University,

Kano in 1993 from the Department of Nigerian Languages. He obtained his MA and PhD in 1997 and 2008 from BUK as well as obtained Certificate Course on Higher Education and Administration from China. He joined the services of the University in 2002 as an Assistant Lecturer and rose through the rank to become a professor in 2017. He is a member of the prestigious National Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS). Until his appointment he was the Director of SERVICOM. His expertise will undoubtedly enhance the university's management services. He has been a visiting lecturer to many universities in Italy and Poland.

Professor Amina Mustapha, the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research and Development is a 1994 graduate of Agricultural Science from the Usmanu Danfodio University, Sokoto. She obtained Master's degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Ibadan in 1998 as well as a PhD in 2012 with specialization in Agricultural Marketing and Value Chain Analysis.

Amina joined Bayero University in 2002 and rose through the ranks to become a Professor of Agricultural Economics in 2018. She is the first female professor from Yauri Emirate of Kebbi state.

The new Deputy Vice Chancellor was until her appointment, the Deputy Director, Outreach and Publications in the Centre for Dryland Agriculture since 2015 to date. Her research expertise and experience will drive the university's research and development agenda.

# BUK Celebrates Excellence, Awards Emeritus Professorship on three Distinguished Academics

By Lamara Garba

Bayero University, Kano, celebrated a milestone in academic excellence and humanitarian service at its 39th Convocation Ceremony, held on Saturday, February 15, 2025.

The University conferred Emeritus Professorships on three distinguished academics: Professor Garba Dahuwa Azare, Professor Musa Muhammad Borodo, and Professor Julius Afolabi Falola. This prestigious award recognizes their exceptional service to academia, marked by passion, diligence, and commitment to humanity.

Vice Chancellor Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas praised the honorees, saying, "These individuals have served academia with distinction, and their contributions will never be forgotten. "They have inspired generations of students and academics, leaving an indelible mark on our institution."

The Emeritus Professorship award is the highest honor bestowed by a University, on its most distinguished academics. This year's recipients have demonstrated

exceptional dedication to their fields, producing groundbreaking research and mentoring countless students.

Professor Garba Dahuwa Azare, a renowned educationist, has published numerous papers and books, earning him



VC, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas presenting Emeritus certificate to Professor Garba Dahuwa Azare



VC, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas, presenting Emeritus plaque to Professor Julius Afolabi Falola



VC, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas, presenting Emeritus plaque to Professor Musa Muhammad Borodo

national and international recognition. Professor Musa Muhammad Borodo, a prolific researcher, has made significant contributions in the medical field, inspiring a new generation of scholars. Professor Julius Afolabi Falola, a distinguished academic, has served the university with distinction, providing leadership and guidance to his

colleagues.

The trios have all served nearly for four decades conducting teaching and research thereby producing numerous students at undergraduate and postgraduate levels within and outside the country, having served as visiting academics to many foreign universities.

## ... A. A. Rano, Col. Sani Bello (Rtd) Bag Honorary Degrees

In addition to the Emeritus Professorship awards, two eminent personalities, Colonel Sani Bello (Rtd.) former Military Governor of Kano state and Alhaji Auwalu Abdullahi Rano an oil business mogul, received honorary degrees for their selfless service to humanity.

Colonel Sani Bello (Rtd) was awarded Honorary Doctorate degree on education for initiating the famous science school in Kano State. He had brought remarkable changes to the education landscape of the state and the nation.

Alhaji Auwalu Abdullahi Rano's business empire has been a major employer of labor in Kano State and the entire north. He has also contributed significantly to the education of teeming youth in the state.

In their separate speeches shortly after the conferment, the recipients expressed gratitude for the honor, saying, "this recognition will propel us to do more for society. We thank the University for finding us worthy of this award."



VC, Prof. S.A. Abbas congratulates Col. Sani Bello (Rtd)



VC, Prof. S.A. Abbas presenting a plaque to Alhaji A. A. Rano

## Gambian Government Seeks Collaboration with BUK on Technical Support, Staff, and Student Exchange

By Suleiman Salihu

A high-level delegation from the Republic of the Gambia, led by the Minister of Education, Professor Pierre Gomez, visited Bayero University, Kano (BUK) on Monday, February 25, 2025, to explore potential collaboration in technical support, staff capacity building, and student exchange programs.

During a courtesy visit to the Vice-Chancellor of BUK, the Gambian Minister of Education, Professor Pierre Gomez explained that the newly established University of Education in Gambia was recently upgraded from a College of Education and now required technical expertise to ensure its smooth takeoff. Specifically, he sought BUK's assistance in providing a Vice-Chancellor, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academics), and a Senior Professor of Education to serve as the Director of Research and Development.

He emphasized that BUK's reputation for academic excellence, robust faculty strength, and impressive infrastructure motivated them to seek its support in developing the pioneering university.

Responding to the delegation, BUK's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, welcomed the proposal and highlighted the university's impressive track record. He noted that BUK, with a history spanning 45 years, currently boasts 18 faculties, 16 research centers—including three Centres of Excellence—and over 90 academic departments. The university, he said, has evolved into a hub of academic excellence, with significant contributions in fields such as agriculture and medicine.

On staff and student population, Professor Abbas revealed that BUK accommodates over 45,000 students and has more than 4,000 staff, both academic and non-academic. He further noted that BUK is ranked among the top universities in Nigeria, placed 6th out of 275 universities

nationwide, 2nd in the northern region, and the best in terms of international outlook according to the Times Higher Education (THE) ranking.

The Vice-Chancellor reaffirmed BUK's commitment to partnerships and expressed optimism that the proposed collaboration would be mutually beneficial to both



Gambian delegation in a group photograph with BUK Management

institutions.

In his vote of thanks, the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Council of the Gambian University of Education, **Dr. Alieu Badou Senghore**, expressed gratitude for the warm reception. He also congratulated Professor Abbas on his recent appointment as Chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities (**CVCNU**). He expressed confidence that the partnership would play a crucial role in transforming the Gambian University of Education into a future center of excellence.

With this proposed collaboration, both institutions are set to strengthen educational ties, fostering academic exchange and institutional development

## VC, Prof. Abbas Distributes Second Batch of Bicycles to Junior Staff

By Nura Garba

In a bid to ease transportation challenges for junior staff, the **Vice-Chancellor of Bayero University, Kano, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas**, on **Wednesday, February 26, 2025**, distributed the second batch of bicycles under the university's welfare initiative.

During the distribution ceremony, **Professor Abbas**, assisted by the **Chairman of the Bicycle Loan Committee, Professor Mahmoud Umar Sani**, and other committee members, reaffirmed the university's commitment to staff welfare. He noted that the initiative aims to provide affordable and sustainable mobility options for staff, enhancing their efficiency at work.

Highlighting the success of the first batch, **Professor Abbas** commended the beneficiaries for fulfilling their loan repayments. He further announced that loan deductions for the newly distributed bicycles would commence **after the Sallah festival**, allowing staff to utilize their salaries for **Ramadhan fasting and Eid celebrations**.

Beneficiaries expressed their gratitude to the **Vice-Chancellor and the university management**, describing the initiative as timely, especially given the rising transportation costs. Many pledged to make good use of the bicycles.

A total of **47 bicycles** were distributed in this phase.



VC, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas launching the distribution of bicycle loan

## Professors to Earn Full Salary as Pension on Retirement, Says DG, PenCOM

By Suleiman Salihu

The National Pension Commission (PenCom) in collaboration with the Nigerian University Pension Management Company (NUPEMCO) held a one-day sensitization workshop on Programmed Withdrawal Template for the payment of retirement benefits to Professors covered under the Universities Miscellaneous Provisions Amendment Act (UMPAA) 2012.



Representatives of PENCOM and NUPENCO officials in a group photograph with Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sagir Adamu Abbas (4th left)

The workshop took place on Friday February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, at Mahmoud Tukur Theatre Old Campus.

In his welcome address, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, stated that the workshop was apt, as it aimed to provide clarity on an important issue affecting professors with regard to their retirement benefits.

He said retirement marks a significant milestone in every

academic arena after decades of commitment to research, teaching and mentorship, noting that it was only fair that professors retire with dignity and be assured of their full-salary stipulated in the UMPAA, 2012.

He, however, stated that concerns had been raised regarding the interpretation and implementation of the provision, leading to uncertainties and anxieties about assessing pension benefits.

He expressed happiness that the workshop would provide excellent opportunities to gain comprehensive understanding of the withdrawal template designed by PenCom for implementation by NUPEMCO, which ensured that professors get their entitlements seamlessly and in full.

He appreciated the stakeholders for organizing the workshop. He added that BUK was always committed to ensuring that professors were protected both in service and on retirement. He assured that the University would continue to engage stakeholders in ensuring that the rights and benefits of professors were protected.

In her keynote Address, the Director General of PenCom, Mrs. Omolola Oloworaran, represented by Malam Usman Musa, stated that the workshop was aimed at sensitizing the participants on the UMPPA, 2012 for the payment of hundred percentage of their last salaries as an pension to eligible professors who spent 20 years on continued service, 70 years at retirement age, among others.

She said this would serve as the final preparation towards the implementation of the provision of the law in terms of

paying the professors their last salary as their pension. She recalled the provision of the UMPAA Law, 2012 which provided that professors were entitled to a pension equivalent to their last total annual salary for life.

The Director-General noted that in line with the law, the Commission issued guidelines for the administration and funding arrangement for any shortfall that might arise in the payment of the last salary as the pension for professors from the employers.

She stated that the new revised template had taken care of the old template that limited 65 years as the retirement age as well as the current reality. She assured that the Commission had approved the new revised template and looked forward to clearing certain delays in fund raising for payment in earnest.

The Chairman of ASUU-BUK, Prof. Ibrahim Tajo Suraj, who represented the ASSU Zonal Coordinator, North-west Zone, appreciated the organizers of the workshop on educating Professors about the enshrined law to retire with full emoluments and for choosing BUK to host the event.

Malam Murtala Modibbo, from NUPEMCO, took participants through “**Procedure for Funding of the Shortfall,**” using templates with clear scenarios on calculating the retirement benefits, lump-sum, en-bloc, among others.

Mr. Aliyu Sani from PenCom, presented, “**Payment of Retirement and Terminal Benefits**” and “**Data Recapture Exercise.**” He explained the grounds, documentation, mode and procedure for accessing benefits. He also elaborated on the benefits of the data recapture exercise by Retirement Savings Account (RSA) holders in relation to their Pension Fund Administrators (PFAs).

In his vote of thanks, the former Chairman, ASUU, Prof. Haruna Musa, on behalf of the ASUU family nation-wide, thanked the organizers, participants from both far and near and the University for hosting the event.

He hoped the well-taught interaction would help in bringing an everlasting solution to the bottlenecks surrounding access to pensions in Nigeria.

## Shaping Africa's Future: CDA, World Bank and icipe Strategize on Next-Generation Innovators

By Nura Garba

The Centre for Dryland Agriculture, (CDA) hosted a high-level delegation from the World Bank and icipe-RSIF to evaluate the progress of the PASET PhD Programme on Natural Resources Management and Climate Change. The discussions focused on fostering the next generation of African innovators equipped to address climate challenges and drive sustainable development.

As one of only 15 institutions selected from 147 applicants across Africa to host the prestigious PASET PhD Programme, CDA has positioned itself as a leading hub for cutting-edge climate research and innovation. The World Bank's Senior Education Specialist, Ruth Charo, along with the ICIPE delegation, commended CDA for its world-class facilities and its commitment to creating a conducive environment for international scholars.

The event featured two insightful panel discussions organized by RSIF, bringing together experts to explore critical themes in climate change research and innovation.

The first session, moderated by Dr. Evelyn Nguku (RSIF Head of Capacity Building), examined how doctoral training can be transformed to meet climate challenges. Panelists—including Professor Murtala M. Badamasi, PASET Coordinator at Bayero University Kano (BUK), Professor Amina Mustapha, Deputy Director Outreach, Dr. Adnan Aminu, and Rsif scholars Susan Simon and Momath Diankha—highlighted the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration, enhanced supervision frameworks, and improved research infrastructure. Discussions also emphasized the value of sandwich programs for international exposure and the need for safeguards to uphold research integrity and impact.

The second session, moderated by Cynthia Orang'o (Rsif Grant Manager), focused on scaling innovative research

outputs for climate action by bridging academia, industry, and policy. Panelists—including Bayero University's Director of Research, Innovation, and Partnership, Professor Ahmad Rufai, AMAL Technology Chairman, Shehu Tijjani Abdullahi, Professor Aliyu Barau, Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, and Professor Muhammad



CDA, World Bank and icipe teams during the interaction

Auwal Hussaini, industry leaders, and government representatives—deliberated on commercialization strategies, the role of technology incubation hubs, and investment in startup ecosystems. The discussions underscored the importance of fostering partnerships that translate research into practical climate solutions, reinforcing Rsif's commitment to impactful capacity-building and cross-sector collaboration.

Setting the tone for the deliberations, CDA Director, Professor Jibrin Mohammed Jibrin, delivered a keynote presentation on “*Innovative Academic Research for Tackling Climate Change: Solutions for a Sustainable Future.*” The discussions culminated in a call to action for faculty members to mentor emerging scholars, ensuring

that research translates into real-world solutions aligned with industry needs.

Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, and Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Professor Sani Muhammad Gumel, delivered goodwill messages, reaffirming the University's commitment to strengthening its partnership with PASET.

The icipe team expressed confidence in CDA's continued leadership in climate research and its ability to sustain the

PASET programme beyond the World Bank's ACE for Impact funding.

Other members of the ICIPE PASET-RSIF delegation included Caroline Adala Oremo (Capacity Building Officer), Bonface Nyagah (Capacity Building Officer), Mercyann Gacingiri, Cynthia Orang'o (Senior Project Accountant), Mary Majani (Project Support Officer), and Sakina Mapeini (Communications Officer).

## BUK Wins Inaugural *Kanawa* Basketball Championship in Dominant Fashion

By Nura Garba

Bayero University, Kano (BUK) emerged as the champions of the 1st *Kanawa* Basketball Championship after a commanding 49-20 victory over Northwest University in the final.

Aliko Dangote University of Science and Technology, Wudil, secured third place after defeating Khalifa Isyaka Rabiun University of Nigeria, 51-20 in an entertaining match.

The tournament, organized by the DAM Foundation, received widespread praise for promoting basketball in the region. The foundation reaffirmed its commitment to making the championship a permanent fixture in Northern Nigeria's sporting calendar.

During the semi-finals, BUK delivered a dominant performance, overwhelming KHAIRUN University with a resounding 60-13 victory, while Northwest University narrowly edged past Aliko Dangote University 34-29.

Speaking at the event, BUK's Chief Basketball Coach and Local Organizing Committee member, Sunusi Shuaibu (Badway), hailed the championship as a significant success, bringing together universities across Kano, including federal, state, and private institutions. He emphasized that the tournament would boost basketball's development in tertiary institutions. He also commended BUK's Director of Sports, Professor Rabiun Mohammed, and Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, for their unwavering support in hosting a successful competition.

The final match was attended by several distinguished guests, including Professor Adamu Idris Tanko, Vice

Chancellor of Baba Ahmed University; Professor Musa Garba Yakasai, Chairman of the Sports Consultative Committee; Professor Rabiun Mohammed, BUK's Director of Sports; former University Librarian Professor Lukuman Diso; former Director of Sports Malam Usman Salihu; and Malam Tijjani Ahmad Salisu Sa'id, BUK's Deputy Director of Sports. Representatives from the DAM Foundation, coaches, and a large crowd of students from various universities across Kano also witnessed the thrilling finale.

Professor Musa Garba Yakasai, Chairman of the NUGA Technical Committee, described the championship as a



BUK basketball team celebrating the trophy

vital platform for discovering and developing young basketball talent for zonal and national competitions. He applauded the DAM Foundation for sponsoring the event and urged them to extend their support to NUGA to further

## APPOINTMENT AND RE-APPOINTMENT

The Vice Chancellor, Professor Sagir Adamu Abbas, has approved the appointment and re-appointment of the underlisted staff members:

S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	APPOINTMENT	EFFECTIVE
1	Professor Abdulazeez Umar Raji	Department of Estate Management	Appointed as the new Dean, Faculty of Earth and Environmental Sciences	20 <sup>th</sup> February, 2025 to 19 <sup>th</sup> February, 2027
2	ESV Dr. Musa Abubakar Alkali	Department of Estate Management	Appointed as the Head, Department of Estate Management	1 <sup>st</sup> April, 2025

# Department Environmental Management: *PhD Seminar series*

**First Presenter:** Wasila Muhammad Kolo

**Topic:** Assessing the suitability of Soil and Shallow Groundwater Quality in Some Irrigated Farmlands in Miga L.G.A, Jigawa State

(Ph.D Progress Report II, Seminar IV)

**Chairperson:** Dr. Ahmed Fate Ali

**Second Presenter:** Aminu Yusuf Abubakar

**Topic:** Assessing Solar PV Cost Trends (2018-2024), Adoption Barriers, and User Satisfaction Among MSMES in Kano Metropolis

(Ph.D Progress Report I, Seminar III)

**Chairperson:** Prof. L.F Buba

**Third Presenter:** Haruna Manu Isah

**Topic:** Assessment of Borrow Pit Management in Kano River and Hadejia Valley Irrigation Schemes, Nigeria

(Ph.D, Progress Report II, Seminar IV)

**Chairperson:** Dr. Ahmed Fate Ali

**Date:** Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2025.

**Time:** 10.00am prompt Venue: Departmental seminar room

**Note:** Attendance to seminars is compulsory to all MSc I MSc II PhD I and II

