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FIVE HONOURED WITH IRAMN FELLOWSHIP, INCLUDING KASU REGISTRAR AND TWO ACADEMICS



Five distinguished professionals, including the Registrar of Kaduna State University (KASU), Samira Umar Balarabe Esq, and two senior academics from the institution, have been conferred with the Fellowship of the Institute of Registered Administrative Managers of Nigeria (IRAMN).

The new fellows include Samira Umar Balarabe Esq, Registrar of KASU; Prof. Sadiq Abdu Garba, Provost, College of Postgraduate Studies, KASU; Dr. Bashariya Mustapha Baba, Director, Centre for Mentorship and Career Development; Mrs. Nwankwo Cecilia Chinyere; and Prof. Saifullahi Bala Muhammad.

The honours were presented during the 2025 Administrative Professionals National Conference, jointly organized by the Institute of Registered Administrative Managers of Nigeria and Kaduna State University. The conference, themed “Transforming Registry Management through Innovation, Digitalization, and Artificial Intelligence,” brought together scholars, administrators, and professionals from across Nigeria.

In his welcome address, Professor Abubakar Ahmed, President of IRAMN, highlighted the significance of the annual conference as a platform for advancing research and promoting transparent data practices.

He noted key milestones achieved during his tenure, including the institute's official recognition for career progression and membership in the Nigerian Council of Managers. He emphasized that effective management and responsible technology use are critical for sustainable development, urging participants to engage actively in shaping the future of governance and institutional leadership.

Representative of the Kaduna State Governor Senator Uba Sani underscored the urgency of transitioning from traditional administrative systems to digital knowledge ecosystems that drive innovation and sustainability. He further called for enhanced digital literacy and workforce capacity-building while urging professionals to responsibly explore the potential of artificial intelligence within local contexts.

The keynote address, delivered by Mrs. Jummai Bako, Kaduna State Head of Service, delivered by Director Human Resources Usman Aliyu Jumare focused on the transformation of registry management through innovation, digitalization, and AI. He described the registry as an essential pillar of governance, warning that outdated systems hinder efficiency and growth.



He stressed the need for ethical governance, trust in digital systems, and collective efforts toward developing inclusive registry frameworks that support national progress.

Delivering a goodwill message, Barrister Samira Umar Balarabe Esq, Registrar of KASU, welcomed participants to the university and reaffirmed KASU's commitment to providing a conducive environment for intellectual engagement. She commended IRAMN for recognizing excellence and promoting professionalism among administrative managers nationwide.

Other goodwill messages were delivered by Mr. Barnabas Musa Buba, State Commandant of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps, who urged participants to harness creativity in building future-ready administrative systems; Prof. Sadiq Abdu Garba and Mr. Dan-Nana, who represented the Assistant Controller of Immigration, Kaduna State Command.

In his vote of thanks, Dr. Oboigbe Victor, Registrar of IRAMN, expressed appreciation to all participants, particularly Governor Uba Sani, for his support and to KASU's management for hosting the event. He also acknowledged Dr. Bashariya for her pivotal role in coordinating the conference and thanked all contributors for ensuring its success.

Meanwhile, the Registrar sponsored a large number of staff in the spirit of upskilling and in alignment with KASU's theme.

In addition, the Provost sponsored some of his administrative staff for continuous professional development and engagement.

KADUNA STATE UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR ADVOCATES DRIVING EFFICIENCIES AS INDISPENSABLE TO NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT



The Registrar of Kaduna State University (KASU), Samira Umar Balarabe Esq, has emphasized the importance of adopting innovation, digitalization, and artificial intelligence (AI) in transforming registry management across Nigerian institutions.

She made this known during her presentation titled “Transforming Registry Management through Innovation, Digitalization and Artificial Intelligence” at the 2025 Administrative Professionals National Conference, jointly organized by the Institute of Registered Administrative Managers of Nigeria and Kaduna State University.

Balarabe traced the evolution of registry management in Nigeria to the colonial era, noting that the registry remains the administrative backbone of policy interpretation, record keeping, and staff management in higher institutions.

She observed that the structure of registries in Nigerian universities has evolved from manual systems to digital platforms that enhance administrative efficiency.

According to her, “History is preserved through the registry, and it remains indispensable to national development and institutional prominence.”

Using KASU as a case study, Balarabe recalled the days when admission lists were pasted on walls for public viewing. “Today, technology has changed everything — all admission and staff records are fully digitized, and access has become seamless,” she noted.

The Registrar explained that the COVID-19 pandemic accelerated digital transformation within university registries, compelling administrators to adopt remote and technology-driven approaches. This shift, she said, has significantly reduced the cumbersome nature of registry work and lowered the cost of governance.

While acknowledging the benefits of digitalization, Balarabe identified challenges such as resistance to change among staff, stressing that registries must take the lead in driving technological adaptation. She commended TETFund’s intervention in sponsoring ICT projects, describing it as a major catalyst for growth in registry operations.

She concluded with a call for administrative professionals to “think global and act global”, and to uphold integrity in their use of ICT tools. “Avoid shortcuts that compromise the credibility and sanctity of registry work,” she advised.

