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KASU's New Dawn: How Governor Uba Sani's Leadership is Transforming Kaduna State University



His Excellency, Distinguished Senator Uba Sani
Executive Governor of Kaduna State

Two years ago, Kaduna State University (KASU) stood on the edge of possibility rich in talent, history, and ambition, yet constrained by limited infrastructure, outdated programmes, and insufficient investment. Today, the story is remarkably different.

Under the purposeful leadership of His Excellency, Distinguished Senator Uba Sani, the Executive Governor of Kaduna State, KASU has undergone a sweeping transformation that has repositioned it as one of Nigeria's most innovative and future-ready institutions of higher learning.

With reforms touching academics, research, infrastructure, digital innovation, agriculture, healthcare, and community service, the University has become a symbol of what is possible when education is placed at the centre of development. The milestone achievement a historic ₦1 billion TETFund competitive grant for commercial agriculture, the only one awarded to any state university in Nigeria stands as a powerful testament to KASU's rising national stature.

This is the story of how, between 2023 and 2025, KASU emerged as a leading force in Kaduna State's quest for human capital development and inclusive prosperity.

A University Reborn: Academic Renewal for a New Generation

Education is only as strong as the programmes it offers. Recognising this, KASU undertook bold and far reaching academic restructuring that aligned the University with global standards and labour market demands.

Two new academic colleges, the College of Science, Computing & Engineering and the College of Allied Health & Pharmaceutical Sciences expanded the institution's capacity in high-impact fields. Existing programmes were "unbundled" into modern, specialised disciplines. Mass Communication was redesigned into distinct pathways: Broadcasting, Film & Multimedia, and Journalism & Media Studies.

KASU also launched new, high demand programmes in:

- *Cyber Security*
- *Data Science*
- *Engineering*
- *Biotechnology*
- *Information Systems*

With 40 newly verified programmes, and over 50 accredited 47 with full accreditation, the University has become one of the most academically progressive institutions in the country.

These reforms send one clear message: KASU is preparing graduates not for yesterday, but for the future.

Research on the Rise: From Kaduna to the World Stage

Over the past two years, KASU has taken its place on the global research map. For the first time in history, three KASU scholars were ranked among the World's Top 2% Scientists, a historic moment for both the University and Kaduna State.

KASU's leap in the Webometrics Ranking from 176th to 76th reflects this growing visibility fuelled by higher research output, stronger digital presence, and expanded partnerships.

One of the University's proudest achievements is the establishment of Nigeria's first Optica Student Association Chapter (OPSA-KD). Recognised by Optica USA, the chapter earned international credibility when two KASU students received invitations to a conference in Colorado.



Prof. Ibrahim Inuwa



Dr. Daniel Yahaya



Dr. Abdullahi Zuntu

Global partnerships have flourished, including collaborations with:

- Lomonosov Moscow State University (digital innovation & academic exchange)
- Universitas Indonesia (stem cell research)
- Ledger Lab & Ascending Consultants (AI & Blockchain innovation)
- AMA Foundation (advanced biomedical research)

The message is unmistakable: KASU is no longer just keeping up, it is breaking new ground.

Infrastructure for the Future: Building a Modern Learning Environment

Across KASU’s campuses, the physical transformation is visible and inspiring.

New and upgraded buildings supported by TETFund have redefined the learning and research landscape. Modern laboratories in Nursing, Allied Health, and the sciences now match world-class standards. The University’s library has been digitalised into a knowledge powerhouse, hosting over 500 million e-resources, one of the largest collections among state universities.

Other Landmark Developments Includes:

- A remodelled KASU Main Gate befitting a modern institution facilitated by KASU Alumni.
- Solar-powered lecture theatres and administrative blocks
- Acquisition of 10 hectares of farmland for agricultural expansion
- Revitalisation of KASU Farms Ltd as a teaching, research, and food production hub
- Creation of green learning spaces and environmental sustainability projects

These changes reflect the Governor’s recognition that great education requires great infrastructure.

A Digital Revolution: KASU as a Technology Leader

While many Nigerian universities still struggle with technological gaps, KASU has emerged as a leader in digital innovation.

With 24-hour high speed internet, a fully integrated e-learning ecosystem, and university-wide computer-based testing systems, KASU has embraced technology to enhance teaching, research, and administration.

At the heart of this transformation is a forthcoming ICT Centre of Excellence, designed to host:

- Microchip development units
- Solar-backed energy systems
- Digital innovation labs



This digital shift aligns with Kaduna State’s long-term goal of building a competitive digital economy.

Community at the Centre: Serving People Beyond the Campus Gates

KASU’s transformation goes beyond lecture halls. The University has strengthened its community impact through health, agriculture, and social development programmes.

These include:

- Free medical outreach missions offering surgeries, eye treatments, and screenings

- Expansion of health insurance to vulnerable households
- Strengthening of the KASU Fire Service to support surrounding communities

- Agricultural research addressing climate-smart farming and diseases affecting crops like ginger and soybean

KASU is not just an academic institution, it is a community partner and a driver of grassroots development.

A People-Focused University: Welfare, Support, and Mobility

To support its vibrant community of learners and workers, KASU introduced several student- and staff-centered initiatives.

Major achievements include:

- A Student Financial Aid & Scholarship Office
- Implementation of the Nigerian Education Loan Fund (NELFund)
- Health insurance for over 2,500 staff and students
- Training programmes, workshops, and academic exchange opportunities

The University has nurtured an environment where staff feel valued, and students feel supported to achieve their dreams.



A Sporting Powerhouse: KASU’s Rise in Athletics

KASU’s sports culture has experienced a renaissance.

The University:

- Won 10 medals at the 27th NUGA Games
- Successfully hosted the 2025 NUGA Games Zone F Preliminaries to national acclaim
- Emerged overall champion at the 2023 and 2024 Kaduna Metro Games

These victories reflect not just athletic talent but institutional confidence and pride.



Governance, Innovation, and Strategic Leadership

New structures and centres have strengthened KASU’s governance and operational efficiency. These include:

- Office of the Deputy Vice Chancellor for Strategy, Innovation & Service
- Productivity Hour for enhanced output
- Establishment of major centres such as:
 - Centre for Digital Transformation
 - Centre for Biosecurity & Infectious Diseases
 - Centre for Democracy & Good Governance
 - Centre for Soft Skills Development
 - Centre for Nutrition & Public Health

This forward thinking governance model positions KASU as a prototype for modern university administration in Nigeria.

Driving Development in Key Sectors: Agriculture, Education & Health

The university’s contributions to Kaduna State’s development priorities have been profound.

Agriculture

KASU has played a major role in boosting agricultural innovation through:

- Greenhouses under the ACRoSAL project
 - Climate-smart agriculture collaborations
- Ginger pandemic research with the Ministry of Agriculture and KADA in Southern Kaduna
- Joint projects with OCP Africa

Education

The establishment of the Distance Learning Institute has widened access for working professionals and rural learners.

Health

Through the management of Barau Dikko Teaching Hospital and massive screening campaigns, KASU is a frontline actor in improving public health.

Conclusion: A University Transformed, A Future Reimagined

From curriculum reform to global research partnerships, from digital transformation to community impact, KASU has evolved into a bold, innovative, and future facing institution.

These achievements made between 2023 and 2025 reflect a transformational agenda rooted in the vision of Governor Uba Sani: one that sees education not as a cost, but as the foundation of economic growth, security, and prosperity.

Today, KASU stands stronger, prouder, and more globally connected than ever before. It has become a catalyst for Kaduna State’s advancement and a model for what state universities can achieve through purposeful leadership.

The transformation is not just ongoing, it is accelerating. And the story of KASU’s renewal is only just beginning.

Kaduna State University Announces End of Year Break

Kaduna State University (KASU) has announced the commencement of its End of Year Break as part of activities marking the close of the 2025 academic year.

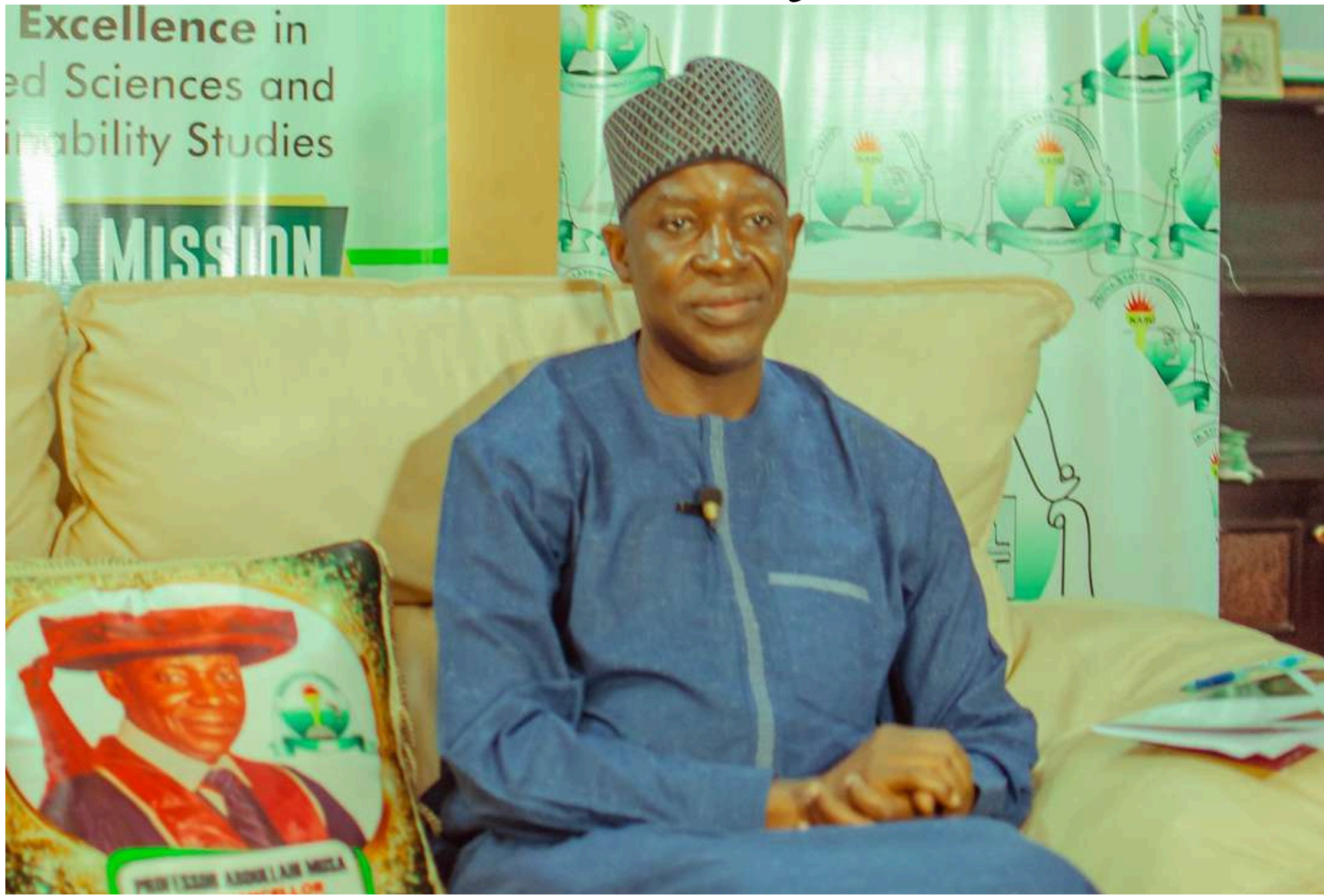
According to an official statement signed by the Registrar Samira Balarabe Esq said all academic activities in the University will be suspended for the End of Year Break, which will begin on Friday, 19th December 2025 and run through Sunday, 4th January 2026.



Academic activities are scheduled to resume on Monday, 5th January 2026, across all faculties, departments, and units of the university.

The university management has advised staff and students to take note of the dates and plan accordingly. The break is intended to allow members of the university community adequate time for rest and rejuvenation ahead of the resumption of academic activities in the new year.

Aligning Knowledge with Governance: KASU Backs Kaduna State Development Vision



Securing a year-end interview with the Vice Chancellor is ordinarily an undertaking marked by the peculiarities that attend such an enterprise, more so when the interviewee is the chief executive of the university. For the Corporate Services Department, which operates directly under the Vice Chancellor's Office and works almost daily to cover his official engagements and those of the wider university community, arranging a sit-down conversation was itself a significant task. Indeed, it became the last official assignment undertaken in preparation for this year-end publication.

Although the interview did not take place as early as initially planned, this was by no means a reflection of any lack of appreciation by the Vice Chancellor of the importance of such an engagement. Rather, the delay was occasioned by an exceptionally demanding schedule that included local and international trips, participation in professorial inaugural lectures, and attendance at statutory university meetings.

When the opportunity finally presented itself, sitting down with the Vice Chancellor for this year-end conversation felt akin to netting the proverbial big catch. As the Head of Kaduna State University, his busy schedule is both understandable and inevitable. While awaiting a most convenient date and time diligently coordinated by the Administrative Secretary to the Vice Chancellor, Mr. Bakut Josephat Amai, the team proceeded with planning the content, layout, and design of the publication.

As the saying goes, there is a time for everything. That moment of time and space eventually arrived, and what follows is the product of that long-anticipated conversation with our team, presented here for the benefit of our readers.

Mujahid: *What defining moments in 2025 most shaped KASU's progress and identity as a growing academic institution?*

Vice Chancellor: Thank you so much. As some of you may be aware, Kaduna State University is undergoing a lot of transformation with the idea that we recognise the contributions of all our predecessors and those who have tirelessly to make Kaduna State University great. We started the year with a management retreat where the reviewed our strategic plan and identified key initiatives that we translated into objectives and actions that will shape Kaduna State University into a very vibrant academic institution that will be competitive globally. And Al-Hamdu-Lillah the year has been good. We started the year with the launching of new programmes that are emerging. These programmes are in line with our strategic initiative of fine tuning our programmes, courses and curriculum into 21st century courses. This resulted in coming up with courses in engineering like electronic engineering, software engineering and mechanical engineering. In the area of computing, we have split our computer science department into department of data science, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and information systems.

Mujahid: *Which achievements from the past year had the greatest transformative impact on the university's academic, research, or administrative operations?*

Vice Chancellor: 2024 was the year in which we launched our strategic plan and the first thing we did in 2024 was to cascade down our strategic planning document to every single stakeholder on campus.

And this include all four of our unions; ASUU, NASU, SSANU and the union that is in charge of laboratory technologists, NATT. Apart from that, we have cascaded the strategic planning document to members of Senate and every single stakeholder including the students on campus. By far, we have the spent the whole of 2024 to introduce the concept of productivity, introduce the need for innovation, to introduce the critical need of accepting change and to also introduce technology, disruptive technology to be specific as some of the top priorities of Kaduna State University. We made it very clear that Kaduna State University will be technology-driven and whatever we do, we will not be doing things the way it used to be. We identified key traditions that do not serve KASU very well and no matter how much we love those traditions, we have to painfully let them go to accept new traditions that will improve our productivity and organisational culture.

Mujahid: *What challenges did KASU face in 2025, and how did your administration address them?*

Vice Chancellor: Mujahid, you will be surprised if I tell you that for KASU management, honestly, we don't talk about challenges. Challenges are part of everyday life and we made it very clear at the management level that if we identify anything that will move KASU forward, we will just go ahead without any fear. We are not afraid to introduce change. We are not afraid to put all of our efforts on issues we feel will benefit the system even if what we are bringing forward will come up with challenges. For us at KASU, we look at challenges as an avenue to go back to the drawing board and fine tune the way we do things so that we shape our future direction. So next time you are talking to me, don't talk to me about challenges (laughs)

Mujahid: *Which are the significant lessons from 2025 will guide institutional decisions in 2026?*

Vice Chancellor: For us in KASU, everyday is a new day. Every day we learn a lot and I am telling you, what people may consider to be a big challenge or a lesson, I just laugh over it. If I see something coming, it doesn't shock me anymore because every day is a new day. Every day is a lesson learnt. There are no two days that would be the same. So, if you come up with something obscure, that is perfectly what we need. We need people to come up with something out of the box and then we say, "that is our guy, come over".

Mujahid: *How would you evaluate progress made in improving student welfare, staff development, and the general campus experience?*

Vice Chancellor: In terms of student welfare, we made it very clear that Kaduna State University is a student-centred institution and we do not say it simply because we want to say it. We mean every word that we say and in it is this same spirit, that the phone number of all management staff is open to everybody. Students call us at anytime of the day and I tell you that whether they call, send email or messages, we almost always respond. The office of all of the management staff is open, particularly my office. It is open 24 hours. If nobody is willing to see them, the VC is there for them. I guarantee you that, in terms of student welfare, we are really moving in that direction. While what we are doing may not be enough but I assure you that we are making significant progress in terms of student welfare.



Mujahid: *What strides have been made in strengthening alumni relations, industry linkages, and engagement with host communities?*

Vice Chancellor: As I said Kaduna State University is on the path to achieving global excellence and we do know that we cannot achieve global excellence without partnering the State Government. No organisation, no institution, no agency can do it alone and it is in that regard that we realise the need to consciously make effort to reach out to agencies, industries, individuals and parastatals at local, regional and global levels. Over the accounting period, we have partnered with series of organisations and agencies. And we conducted series of programmes. Locally, we have partnered with agencies and we have performed a lot of programmes on agriculture, on health and well-being. Just about three to four weeks ago, we partnered with a foundation that gave free medical eye-care services on campus. They provided free screening, free eye glasses and other facilities. In terms of agriculture, we also partnered with institutions and agencies. Just about eight weeks ago, we partnered with TETFund whereby we got a One Billion Naira sponsorship grant from them to undertake commercial agriculture and I must say that Kaduna State University the only University that won that grant among all the State Universities in Nigeria. Globally, I just returned from Moscow. We have partnered with RUDN University in Russia whereby they invited KASU to manage a session on Africa. That success did not happen by accident. It was as a result of careful planning.

Mujahid: *What are your top strategic priorities for 2026 in consolidating KASU's academic leadership?*

Vice Chancellor: One good thing we are doing across all these years, is that we are not competing with anybody. We are KASU and we are championing a transformative agenda that is uniquely peculiar to KASU and we will continue to do that. In doing that, it will surprise you to understand that we are not focused on specific indices in terms of achieving certain milestones. What we are doing is trying to build a mindset that will improve productivity. Once productivity improves at every level, we will achieve milestones without realising that we have achieved those milestones. So, what we are doing is changing mindsets and 2026 will continue to be the same story. To change the mindset of our employees, to change the mindset of every stakeholder that is partnering with KASU. That it is not business as usual. If you are in KASU, you know that you need to count your contributions not on daily basis but by the hour. If you are a partner to KASU, whether you are coming on sabbatical, as a supplier or as a part-time teacher, you should know that it is all about what value you can add to KASU. It is this value addition at individual level that will aggregate to achieve a milestone. By the time we are recounting our stories you will realise that we have achieved milestones we have never imagined. This is a different scenario. Other organisations will tell you we want to achieve A, B, C, D and they keep struggling to achieve those things. They will never achieve those milestones. We are doing it the other way round.



Special Year End Conversation
With the Vice Chancellor

Mujahid: *What bold or innovative initiatives should the university community expect in the coming year?*

Vice Chancellor: They should be expecting excellence of course (laughs). That is the keyword.

Mujahid: *How would those initiatives continue to align with the goals and vision of supporting Kaduna State to deliver good governance to the people?*

Vice Chancellor: We keep saying that universities are there to solve problems. And until we focus on local problems and channel all our efforts, all our resources towards those problems, then we have no need to be a university. That is why over the last one year, we are refocusing our research efforts to a situation whereby we look at our local challenges and then each department, faculty and college will come up with a research agenda that is in tune with the challenges of our local communities. It is in this regard that we are always partnering with the State Government to identify the specific agenda of Gov. Uba Sani. Our research initiatives target that because our university is fully funded by the State and we support the initiatives of our very amiable governor, Sen. Uba Sani to achieve that lofty goal of development of Kaduna State.

Mujahid Balarabe: Thank you very much sir for your time.



Shaping KASU's Future to Excellence

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Prof. Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa

Vice-Chancellor, KASU

A Counsellor's Reflection on the Vision of KASU's Vice-Chancellor

Prof. Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa's leadership at Kaduna State University stands as a testament to the transformative power of scholarship, humility, and purposeful service. His academic journey from Bayero University to a PhD. in Information Management from Emporia State University illustrates how dedication to learning can shape not only an individual's life but also positively impact society. Rising from University Librarian to a globally recognised scholar, he demonstrates that no role is too small to create meaningful influence. Every position, when approached with dedication and vision, becomes a platform for lasting change.

Under his guidance, KASU has blossomed into a hub of research, innovation, and creativity, a university where students are encouraged to dream boldly, embrace challenges, and cultivate resilience. This transformation is not theoretical; it is visible through the university's concrete achievements during his leadership.

One of the most notable recognitions is his Time Africa Vice Chancellor of the Year Award (2024), a reflection of the trust and admiration earned through transparency, innovative thinking, and genuine commitment to both student and staff welfare. This award is not just a personal honour; it symbolises KASU's rising profile under his stewardship.

His administration's success in securing a ₦1 billion TETFund Competitive Grant for Commercial Agriculture showcases his strategic vision for institutional growth. This grant, will be used to strengthen commercial agribusiness and related value chain activities as well as empower research, industry collaboration.

Undoubtedly this reflects his belief that universities must be engines of national development.

It also aligns with his counselling centered philosophy of empowering students with practical skills that prepare them for practical challenges and long-term success.

Prof. Musa's leadership has also strengthened harmony and stability across the university. His intervention in resolving the ASUU strike, coupled with improved staff welfare demonstrates his dedication to fairness, dignity, and compassion and promoting a more sustainable and accountable management culture.



Vice Chancellor Musa at an event

In advancing academic and professional excellence, he ensured KASU joined COMS-A (Consortium of Medical Schools Africa), cementing the university's place on the continental stage. This partnership enhances curriculum quality, facilitates research collaboration, and raises the competence of future healthcare professionals showing his commitment to aligning KASU with global standards.

A forward-thinking leader, Prof. Musa has championed sustainability through partnerships like the World Bank ACReSAL greenhouse development project, emphasising environmental responsibility and long-term impact. This shows his belief that education must prepare students not only academically but also socially, emotionally, and environmentally.

Within the campus, his administration's quest for infrastructural development facilitated by the state government, TETFund and other critical partners, creates a conducive learning environment grounded in equity and inclusion. His focus on e-learning ensures that learning remains accessible and flexible, meeting the needs of a diverse student population. This harmonises with his counselling philosophy: technology should support human growth, not replace it.



Students of Pharmaceutical Sciences in a group photograph

The results of his vision are evident in the accomplishments of KASU students. Under his watch, Microbiology students won a National Quiz and Spelling Bee Competition, earning praise and recognition for their excellence. Societies such as the Optica Student Association have also brought international honour to the university and the state highlighting KASU's growing culture of innovation and global competitiveness. These achievements reinforce his belief that students should be creators of ideas and ambassadors of excellence.

Celebrating his transformative leadership, the university acknowledged his impact across teaching quality, research advancement, staff development, and community engagement. His leadership stands as a model of integrity and purpose-driven governance where success is measured not by titles or accolades but by lives uplifted, futures shaped, and communities strengthened.

Prof. Musa's journey embodies the counselling principle that resilience, perseverance, and adaptability are essential life skills. He inspires students and staff to think critically, act responsibly, and lead with empathy. By reframing challenges as opportunities for growth, he fosters a generation of graduates prepared to step into the world with confidence, dignity, and unwavering commitment to human progress.

In every project, every reform, and every policy, one truth remains clear:

Prof. Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa is not only leading a university, but he is also shaping a legacy of excellence, compassion, and transformative impact that will outlive his tenure.

KASU's Academic Strides Under the Governor Uba Sani Administration:

A Conversation with the Director of Academic Planning, Prof. Awwal Faruk Abdulsalam

As part of our 2025 end-of-year special publication, the Corporate Services Department sat down with the Director of Academic Planning, Professor Awwal Faruk Abdulsalam, to reflect on the remarkable academic transformation taking place at Kaduna State University since May 2023 under the leadership of the Vice Chancellor and the support of the Kaduna State Government.

CSD: Professor, could you start by giving us an overview of what has shaped the academic direction of KASU since May 2023?

Prof. Abdulsalam: Certainly. Since 29th May 2023, KASU has pursued a bold transformation agenda aimed at strengthening academic excellence, innovation, and societal relevance. Guided by the State Government's vision, we introduced major reforms that enhanced academic quality, improved governance structures, and expanded pathways for teaching, research, and inclusive education.

CSD: What major policy reforms would you consider foundational to this transformation?

Prof. Abdulsalam: Several. We institutionalised an annual internal accreditation exercise to ensure quality ahead of NUC visits. We introduced Special Resit Examinations to prevent graduation delays, and updated programme establishment guidelines to align with NUC standards.

We also expanded the Academic Misconduct Policy, created a dedicated Quality Assurance Unit, launched a University-wide Reward System, and approved clearer policies on student and postgraduate transfers. Importantly, KASU developed a Strategic Framework for Artificial Intelligence Integration, positioning us among the first northern universities to embed AI across teaching and administration.



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CSD: KASU has been establishing many centres recently. What inspired this, and what impact do they have?

Prof. Abdulsalam: The centres are strategic investments to deepen research, drive innovation, and engage with societal needs. We established centres such as the University Writing Centre, Centre for Biosecurity and One Health, Centre for Digital Innovation and Transformation, Centre for Democracy and Good Governance, Centre for Soft Skills Development, and others.

These centres align with Kaduna State's priorities: health, technology, education, and governance, while improving our research visibility nationally and globally.

CSD: We have seen significant restructuring in faculties and programmes. What prompted these reforms?

Prof. Abdulsalam: The restructuring was driven by the need to modernise our academic framework. We adopted a Collegiate System, domesticated the NUC Core Curriculum and Minimum Academic Standards (CCMAS), and reorganised faculties for greater efficiency.

We created new Colleges such as the College of Science, Computing and Engineering, and the College of Allied Health and Pharmaceutical Sciences. Many programmes were also renamed or unbundled to reflect global trends, for instance, Mass Communication now stands as Broadcasting, Film & Multimedia, and Journalism & Media Studies.

CSD: How many new academic programmes has KASU secured approval for so far?

Prof. Abdulsalam: Forty (40) new programmes were approved following NUC verification. These include 11 undergraduate, 15 PhD, 11 MSc, and 3 professional Master's programmes, along with the upgrade of Pharmacy to Pharm.D. These additions strengthen our academic portfolio and open more opportunities for students.

CSD: Accreditation remains a key performance indicator for any university. How has KASU fared?

Prof. Abdulsalam: Quite well. Between 2023 and 2025, over 50 academic programmes were assessed. Forty-seven (47) received Full Accreditation, while new programmes earned successful resource verification.

Additionally, our Medical Laboratory Science and Nursing programmes secured professional accreditations with increased admission quotas.

CSD: KASU seems to be taking its research assessment and rankings seriously. What progress has been made?

Prof. Abdulsalam: We introduced biannual institutional surveys to evaluate performance and stakeholder satisfaction. A major vulnerability assessment was also conducted, providing insights into sustainability and staffing needs.

In rankings, KASU improved to 61st on EduRank Nigeria and 65th on UniRank, while also engaging with Times Higher Education (THE) for global benchmarking.

CSD: How has the University responded to national emergencies, such as the crisis involving Nigerian students abroad?

Prof. Abdulsalam: In line with our social responsibility, we admitted Nigerian students displaced by the Sudan crisis and other conflict areas. This was done in accordance with JAMB guidelines and with Senate approval.

CSD: Every institution faces challenges. What are the core issues KASU is working to overcome?

Prof. Abdulsalam: Our major challenges include inadequate funding for expansion, ICT and data management gaps, limited manpower in some disciplines, resistance to organisational change, and occasional delays in administrative processes. However, our ongoing strategic planning, digital transformation, and stakeholder engagement efforts continue to address these issues.

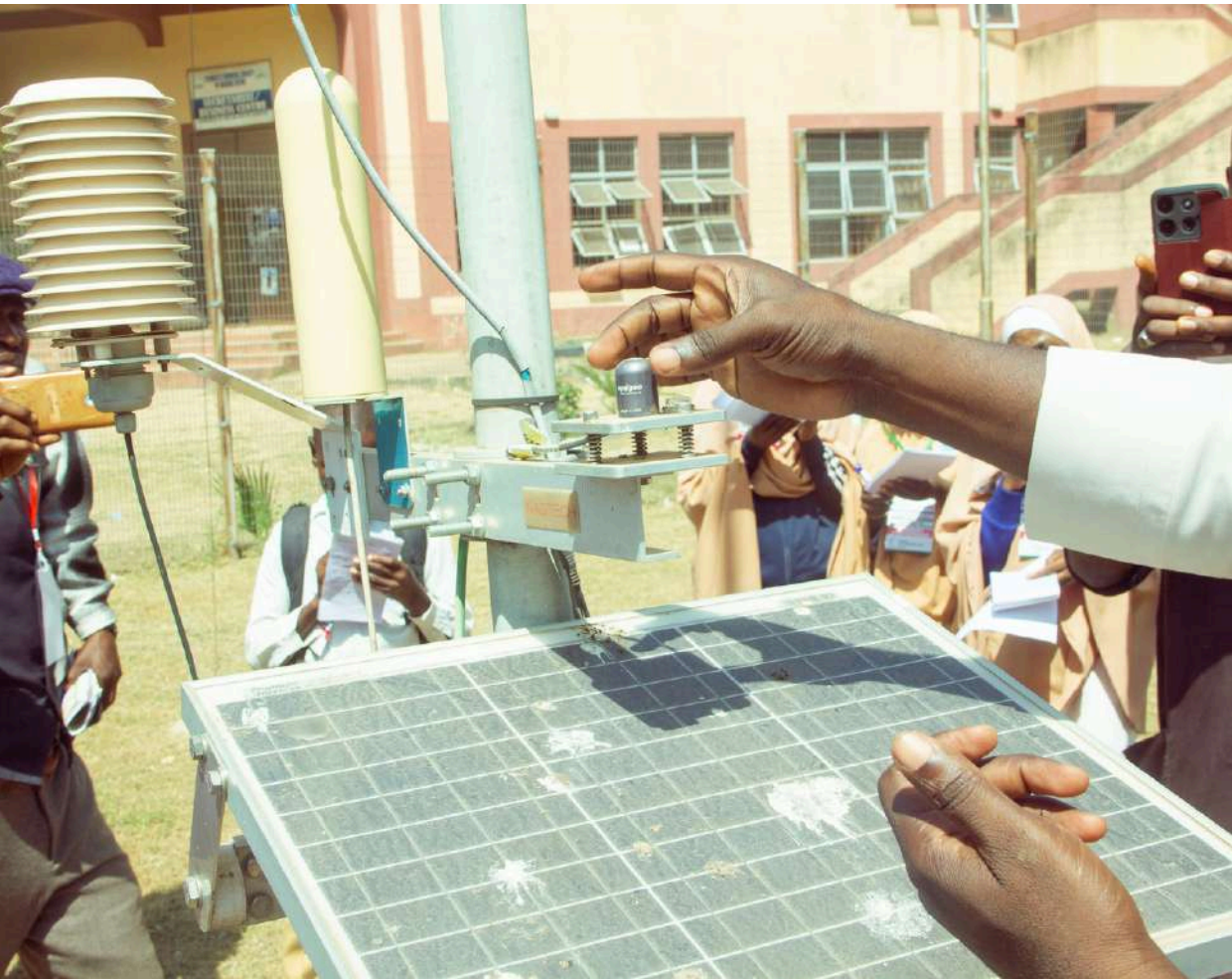
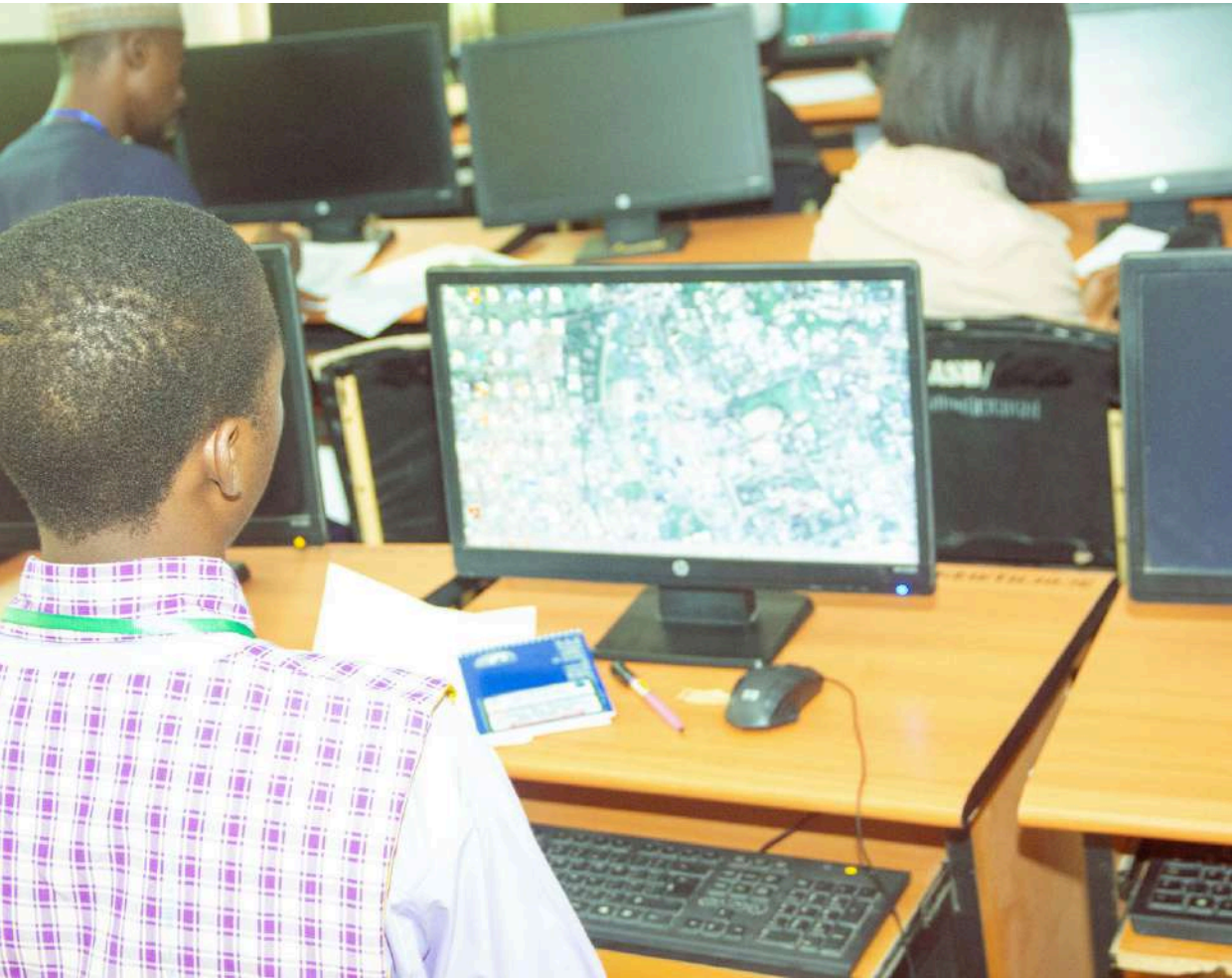
CSD: Looking ahead, what strategic goals will define KASU's next steps?

- Prof. Abdulsalam: We intend to focus on:
 - Strengthening research output and innovation
 - Expanding postgraduate and distance learning enrolment
 - Enhancing staff welfare and training
 - Increasing global visibility through improved rankings
 - Building partnerships with industry and development agencies
 - Deepening digital infrastructure and e-learning capabilities

Our vision is clear, to build a world-class institution rooted in excellence, integrity, and innovation.

CSD: Finally, what message would you like to leave with the University community?

Prof. Abdulsalam: KASU is on a transformative path. With the support of the State Government, the dedication of our staff, and the resilience of our students, we are better positioned than ever to drive human capital development in Kaduna State and beyond. The journey continues, and the future is promising.



The KASU's Tripod of Stability and Growth



Prof. Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa
Vice-Chancellor, KASU



Prof. Muhammad Bashir Ali
DVC-Administration, KASU

You can tell a lot about an institution by the way its leaders walk its corridors, not merely in authority, but in presence. At Kaduna State University, the leadership presence is not distant or ceremonial; it is visible, accessible, and reassuring. When staff speak about “the DVCs,” they do so not as aloof administrators, but as colleagues whose doors and minds remain open. For many, this has been the quiet but powerful heartbeat of KASU’s growth in 2025.

The University’s leadership philosophy rests on a system as old as engineering itself: the tripod. It is the simplest structure that guarantees stability, requiring only three solid legs to balance any load. In the same way, the University’s governance stands on the complementary strengths of three Deputy Vice Chancellors whose roles, personalities, and teamwork form a steady human tripod guiding KASU through a year of transformation.

While the tripod comparison highlights the core leadership axis of the Vice Chancellor and the three Deputy Vice Chancellors, it does not replace the broader governance hierarchy of Kaduna State University. The full administrative structure also includes the University Council, Senate, and an expanded management team.



Prof. Helen Afang Andow
DVC-Strategy, Innovation and Service Delivery, KASU

The tripod represents the central leadership fulcrum, from which the wider governance system draws coordination and direction.

Professor Yusha’u Ibrahim Ango: The Scholar Who Keeps the Academic Pulse Steady

To understand Professor Ango’s leadership is to understand patience, presence, and precision. As DVC Academic, he has become the University’s quiet stabiliser ensuring that processes remain smooth, accreditation demands are met and academic standards stay uncompromised.

But beyond the formal structure is a defining trait: His doors are open with true “openness”. Students who once hesitated to approach senior administrators now walk into his office with questions about supervision, coursework, or exam concerns. His calm demeanour has become part of KASU’s academic identity; steady, predictable, and reassuring.

A staff member describes him simply: “He listens, acts and rarely forgets.”

Muhammad Bashir Ali, Professor of Mass Communication who fits into the Administrative Anchor with a Human Touch



Prof. Yusha’u Ibrahim Ango
DVC-Academic, KASU

If KASU were a machine, the administrative arm would be its engine. And at the centre of that engine is Professor Bashir Ali, the DVC Administration whose understanding of systems is rivalled only by his understanding of people.

His portfolio, spanning human resources, staff welfare, discipline, and operational order demands firmness. Yet colleagues often comment on his balanced approach: firm where necessary, compassionate where possible. He is a stickler for time.

Professor Bashir Ali is known for walking the campus unannounced, not to inspect, but to connect. “He remembers names,” a junior staff member notes with admiration. “He remembers your last concern. And he follows up.” In a university environment where many issues depend on administrative efficiency, his accessibility has eased tensions, accelerated processes, and strengthened internal confidence.

Professor Helen Afang Andow: The Innovation Visionary with Energy to Spare

To meet Professor Helen Andow is to meet motion. As DVC Strategy, Innovation and Service Delivery, she embodies the spirit of forward-thinking leadership. Her office is a hive of ideas, and activities in digital transformation initiatives, service redesigns, strategy briefs, and student-focused reforms.

Yet what stands out most is her collaborative spirit. She solves problems effortlessly whether with students working on tech-driven service improvements or staff reviewing internal processes, she invites participation. She listens. She encourages diverse opinions. She drives innovation not by imposing it, but by involving people in it.

“Her energy is contagious,” a colleague says. “She doesn’t just push for change, she pulls everyone along with her.”

The strength of this leadership tripod is not unnoticed. In September 2025, when the University Senate approved another term of service for the three Deputy Vice Chancellors, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa, offered a glowing tribute to their contributions.

Speaking with characteristic humility yet unmistakable conviction, he described the trio as “strategic pillars whose complementary strengths have significantly advanced the University’s growth trajectory.”

Professor Musa emphasised that KASU’s stability, both academically and administratively was a direct outcome of their teamwork, accessibility, and devotion to service. He noted that each DVC had become “a dependable force multiplier,” ensuring that decisions reached the grassroots, that staff and students felt heard, and that the University’s long-term aspirations were translated into actionable steps.

For him, the reappointment was not merely a procedural endorsement, but a recognition of leadership that had proven its value. “Their synergy has been instrumental in keeping the University balanced, progressive, and responsive to stakeholders. They have earned the confidence of the Senate, the respect of the community, and the admiration of the entire management team.”

This reaffirmation added legitimacy and emotional depth to what many within the University had already observed: the three DVCs are not just administrators, they are co-architects of KASU’s transformation.

A Leadership Culture Rooted in Teamwork, Presence, and Availability

What makes this tripod exceptional is not only the strength of each leg, but also the way they reinforce one another. Professors Ango, Bashir Ali, and Andow work like a well-synchronised leadership organism, professorial in intellect but refreshingly human in approach.

Their coordination sessions are less about hierarchy and more about synergy. They bridge gaps across departments, anticipate collective challenges, and jointly resolve issues that cross traditional boundaries. When academic matters affect administration, or strategy requires new academic pathways, the collaboration is seamless.

This teamwork has become visible across the University in 2025:

Faster response times for student and staff concerns

Improved service delivery across units

A more inclusive decision-making culture

Increased visibility of leadership at events, seminars, and engagements

A renewed morale among academic and non-academic staff

Stakeholders often remark that “you can walk into any of their offices and walk out with a solution.” That culture of availability has steadily transformed the internal climate of KASU reducing friction, inspiring trust, and sharpening institutional focus.

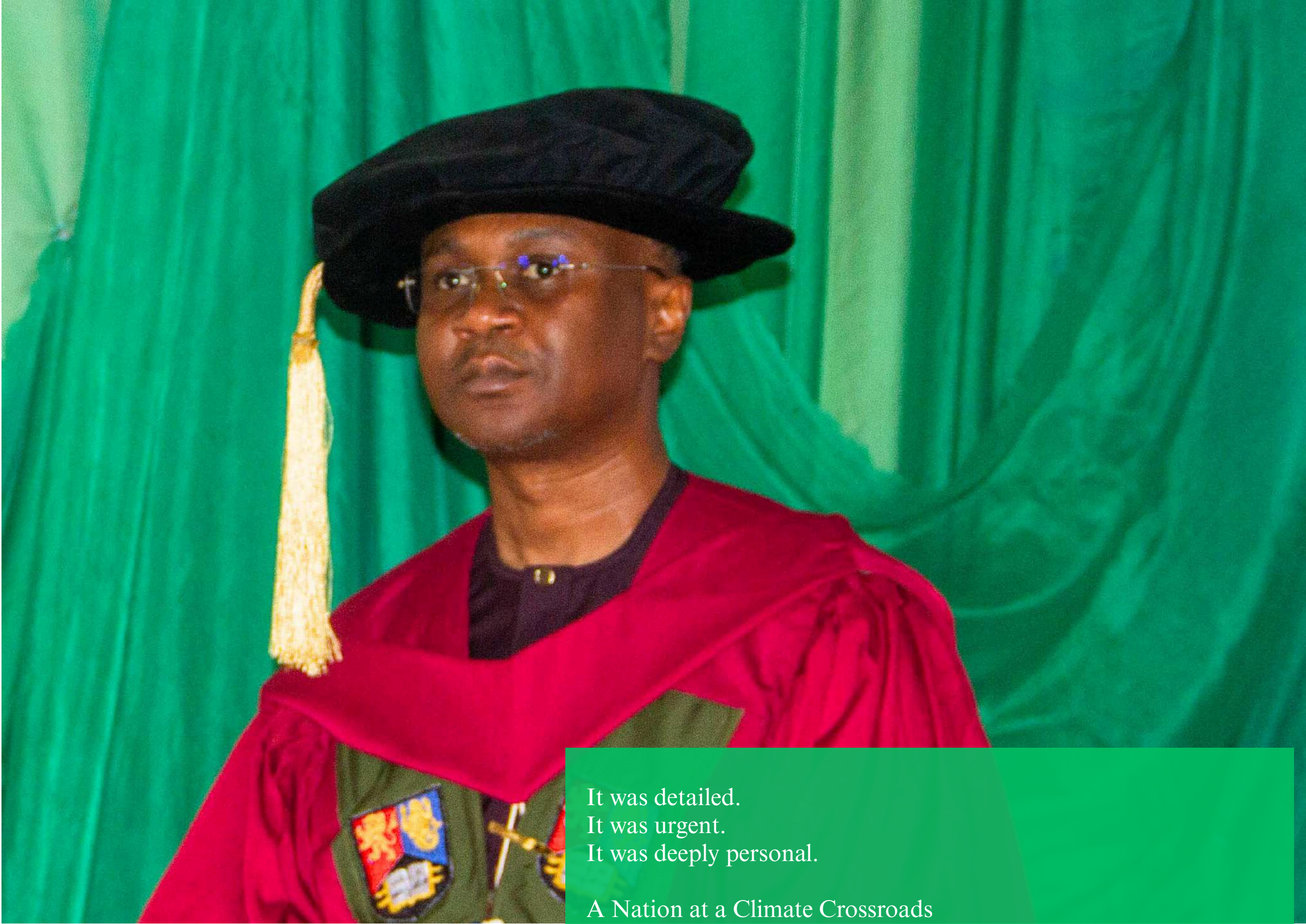
The year 2025 has been significant for Kaduna State University. New initiatives took root; academic standards strengthened; administrative processes tightened; and innovation opportunities expanded. But behind these achievements stands a leadership tripod that holds everything steady and upright.

In mechanical design, a tripod works because each leg carries weight without competing with the others. In KASU, Professors Ango, Bashir Ali, and Andow exemplify this principle. Their teamwork, accessibility, and blend of personalities have given the University not just stability, but momentum.

As KASU prepares to step into 2026, this tripod of leadership remains one of its strongest assets; balanced, united, and firmly grounded in service.

Because in the end, what makes KASU tick is not only its structures or policies, but the people who hold them together.

The Climate Clock Is Ticking for Nigeria: Inside the Landmark Inaugural Lecture That Calls for a National Awakening



It was detailed.
It was urgent.
It was deeply personal.

A Nation at a Climate Crossroads

Prof. Abdussalam began by painting a sweeping picture of Nigeria’s environmental reality. One that can no longer be denied or wished away. Climate change, he argued, has become “a lived experience,” one that is remaking weather patterns, destabilising ecosystems, heightening disease risks, and eroding economic resilience.

From the shrinking Lake Chad to the flooding Niger Delta, he described a country undergoing multiple climate crises at once. The North is drying, heating, and drifting into deeper desertification. Persistent droughts and dust storms destroy crops, displace families, and inflame farmer–herder conflicts. The Middle Belt faces erratic rainfall, soil depletion, loss of arable land, and unpredictable growing seasons that threaten food production. The South battles annual flooding, coastal erosion, surging tides, and the intrusion of saltwater into farmlands and freshwater systems.

The consequences are enormous: fragile livelihoods, rising poverty, environmental displacement, and heightened insecurity.

Climate change is not merely an environmental issue, he insisted, it is an existential one.

It was the day long-awaited on a warm afternoon at Kaduna State University. The location is metropolitan Kaduna, fondly known as the crocodile city, the name from the river infested with crocs, that have disappeared many years ago.

The university itself is not far away from the natural wonder nor the auditorium typically filled with an unusual intensity of people whenever the need arises. On this day academics, students, policymakers, environmentalists, health professionals, and community leaders gathered for the institution’s 13th Professorial Inaugural Lecture.

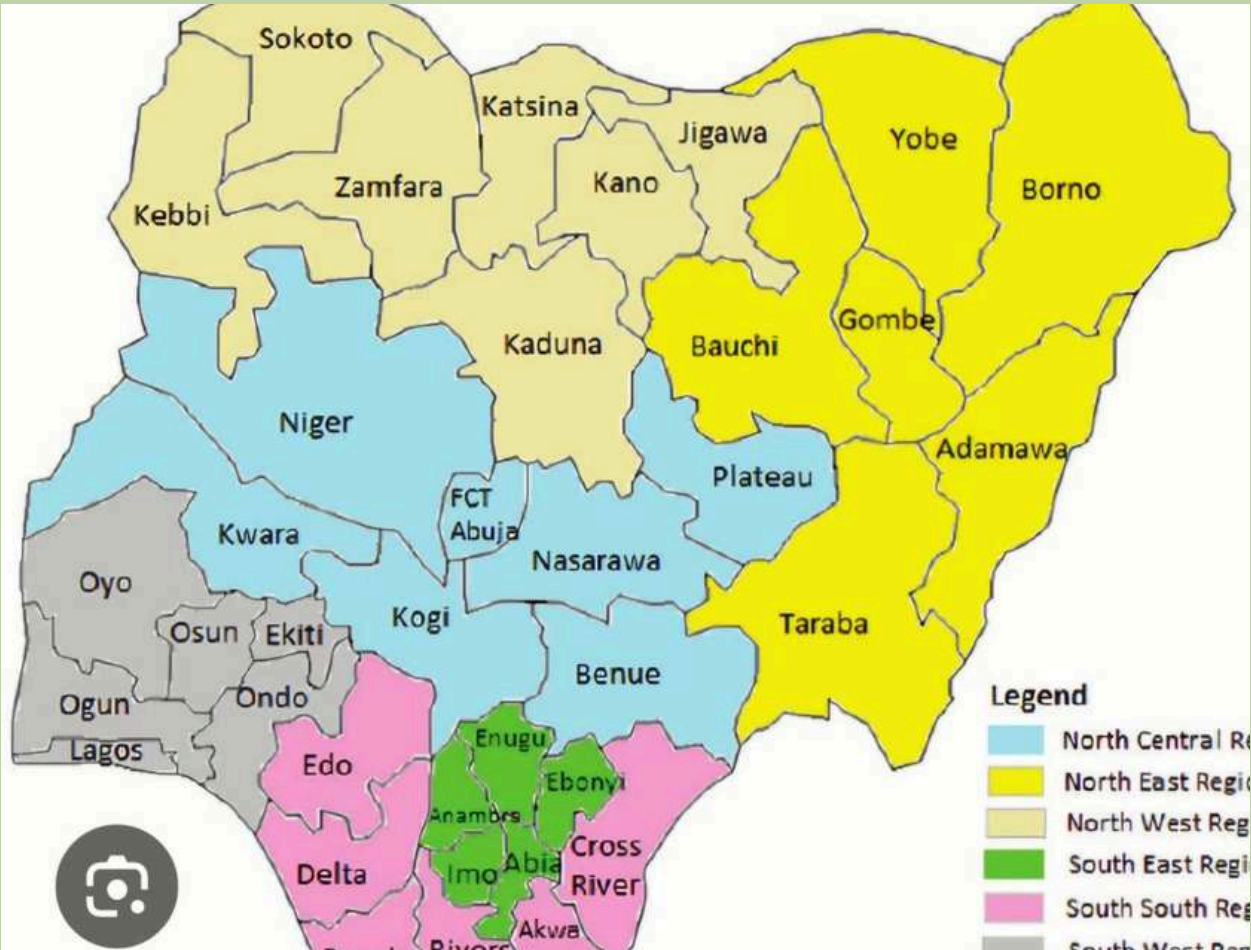
In all of my university years, it was the first time I had the privilege to attend such a high-ranking academic event by choice and call to duty as the Director of Corporate Services-KASU

Stakeholders converged on the edifice expecting a scholarship. To give you an apt summary they left with something far more powerful: a wake-up call.

At the podium stood Professor Auwal Farouk Abdussalam, Nigeria’s foremost scholar in Applied Meteorology and Environmental Sustainability, a scientist whose career has spanned two decades of researching the climate health nexus. His lecture, titled “Climate Dynamics, Environmental Sustainability, and Public Health: Navigating the Impacts of Climate Change in Nigeria,” unfolded like a national diagnosis. He is the Director of Academic Planning and knows too well how to navigate the academic exercise.



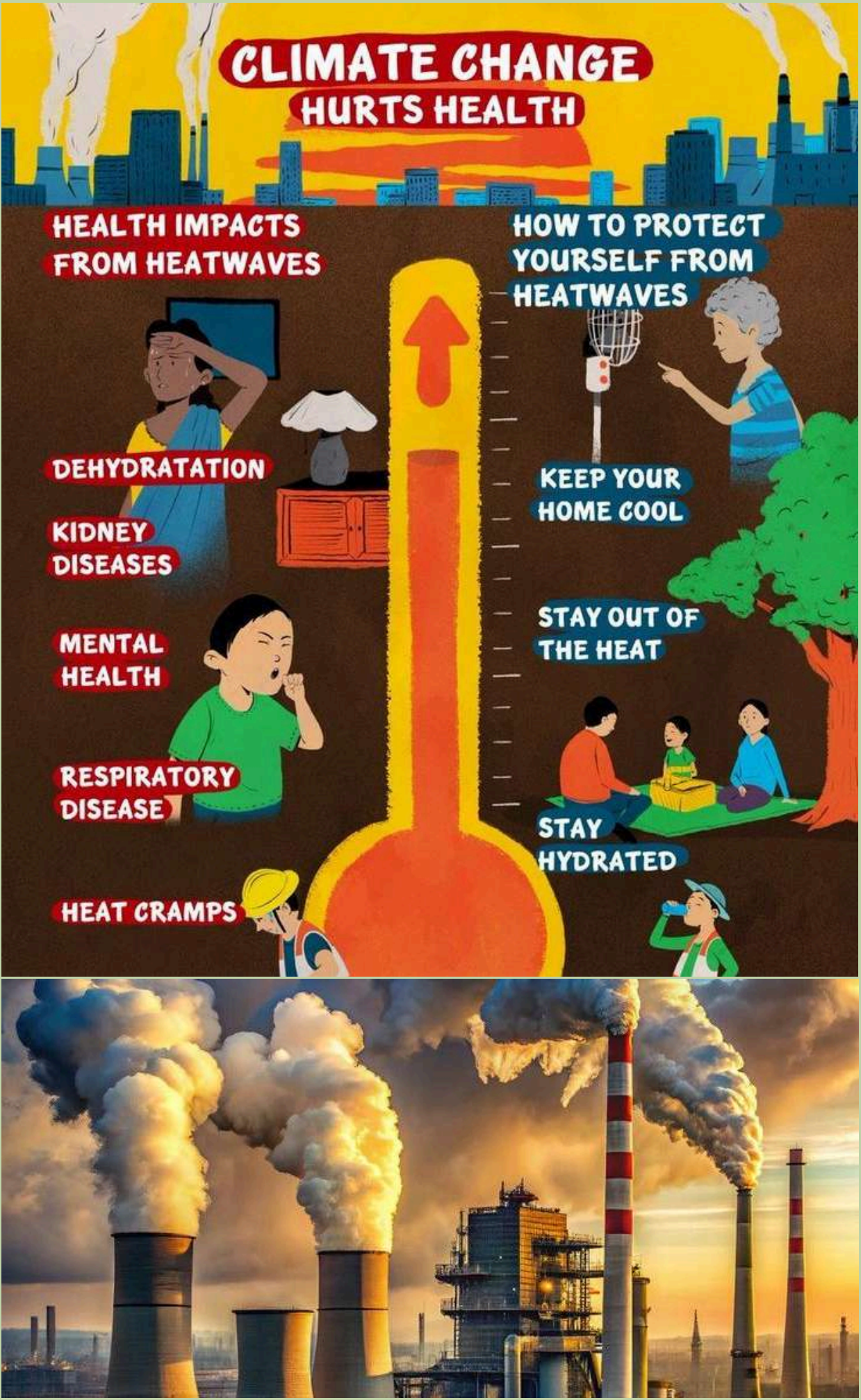
Climate Change Is Redrawing Nigeria’s Public Health Map



Where many discussions stop at weather patterns and deforestation, Prof. Abdussalam’s research goes further: into hospital wards, rural clinics, water systems, and disease surveillance networks.

He explained, with an unsettling clarity, how climate change is shaping Nigeria’s health landscape with a surge in deadly diseases, warmer temperatures, stagnant floodwaters, and more intense rainy seasons are accelerating the spread of malaria and dengue fever, cholera, typhoid, and other waterborne diseases as well as meningitis outbreaks in the dust prone northern states.

His studies reveal striking correlations for instance, how prolonged dry spells intensify meningitis transmission, and how post-flood contamination drives cholera spikes.



Heat as a silent killer

In cities like Lagos, Kano, and Abuja, the urban heat island effect amplified by concrete, air pollution, and vanishing trees is pushing temperatures to health damaging levels. Heat-related illnesses are rising, especially among; the elderly, pregnant women, outdoor workers, and people living in low income settlements with little ventilation.

Air pollution and respiratory stress

With desertification in the north and industrial emissions in the south, respiratory diseases like asthma and COPD are worsening.

The professor described a future where, without intervention, millions more Nigerians may be exposed to dangerous heatwaves and pollution peaks.

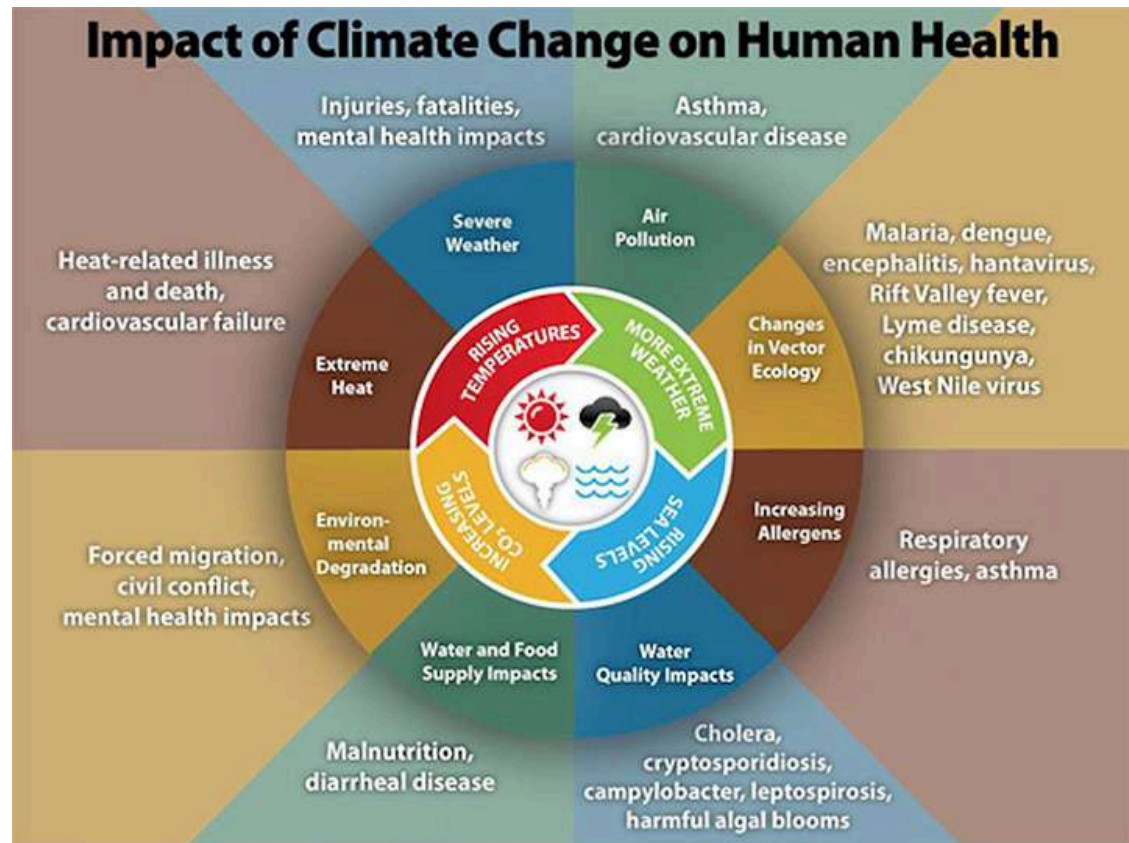
Environmental Decline: The Slow Violence Reshaping Lives

Prof. Abdussalam’s lecture was not limited to health statistics. He highlighted the domino effects of environmental degradation including deforestation, at alarming rates, and intensifying floods, soil erosion, and land degradation are stripping communities of their ability to farm.

Water scarcity threatens entire regions from shrinking rivers to polluted urban water sources. Loss of biodiversity weakens ecosystems that support food chains and medicine.

He emphasised that environmental destruction does not occur in isolation, it creates poverty, triggers migration, fuels conflict, and undermines national stability.





Throughout the lecture, Prof. Abdussalam wove in the story of his own academic journey from studying health facilities in Kaduna as an undergraduate, to conducting advanced climate disease modelling during his PhD at the University of Birmingham.

His pioneering research has:

Linked rainfall patterns to cholera outbreaks; used climate models to forecast meningitis risks; assessed future temperature and rainfall changes across Nigeria; and guided local and national policymakers on climate adaptation.

He currently leads a national research consortium developing a climate resilient framework for Nigerian road infrastructure, ensuring that roads the lifeline of economies can withstand flooding, heat, and erosion.

Another ongoing project connects climate change to antimicrobial resistance, exploring innovative bacteriophage solutions.



By the time he outlined the breadth of his work, the audience understood: this was not just academic achievement. It was a towering legacy of service, saying Nigeria's Adaptation Gap: "Policies exist, but implementation lags."

Prof. Abdussalam noted that although Nigeria has climate policies, national commitments, and updated NDCs, implementation remains slow, fragmented, and underfunded.

He asked tough questions:

- How do policies help farmers if extension services fail?
- How do flood warnings protect cities without proper drainage systems?
- How do climate goals matter if schools lack climate education?

His criticism, however, was constructive. He offered a path forward calling it an agenda for National Resilience. As the second half of the lecture shifted from diagnosis to solutions. With calm authority, Prof. Abdussalam outlined a practical, interdisciplinary roadmap for climate resilience:

1. Climate-smart agriculture
 - Drought-resistant crops
 - Efficient irrigation
 - Soil conservation and agroforestry
 - Early warning systems for farmers
2. Sustainable cities
 - Green urban planning
 - Drainage and waste management reforms
 - Urban forests and heat mitigating infrastructure
3. Stronger public health systems
 - Climate informed disease surveillance
 - Heat and flood response plans
 - Mobile clinics in rural and high risk regions
4. Community-based adaptation
 - Empowering indigenous knowledge
 - Microinsurance for farmers
 - Local stewardship of natural resources
5. Education and climate literacy
 - Climate studies mainstreamed into curricula
 - Training for professionals
 - Public engagement campaigns

He stressed repeatedly that local communities not only scientists or governments hold the keys to durable resilience.



Prof. Awwal Faruk Abdulsalam
Director of Academic Planning, KASU

As the lecture wound down, Prof. Abdussalam paused. What followed was less a conclusion and more a national appeal.

He warned that ignoring climate change risks:

- economic collapse,
- food shortages,
- broader health crises,
- infrastructure loss,
- and rising social instability.

But he also described a future where Nigeria uses innovation, governance, and collective effort to thrive despite the climate challenges.

“The time for bold and deliberate action is now,” he said, his voice firm. “Nigeria must not wait for disaster before learning resilience.”

The audience rose in applause, not out of politeness, but in recognition of the truth they had heard: Nigeria is running out of time but not out of ideas and options.

A Lecture That May Define a Generation

Prof. Abdussalam’s inaugural lecture was more than an academic milestone.

It was a manifesto for a country on the brink of environmental transformation.

It challenged Nigeria to think differently, to see climate change not as an environmental footnote, but as a defining national issue that touches everything: food, water, health, security, and development.

In the months and years ahead, the question will not be whether the science was clear. It will be whether Nigeria listened to the voices of reason.



Geophysics for Development: How Prof. Afuwai’s Research Advances Kaduna State and Nigeria’s Growth Agenda

Kaduna State University’s 14th Inaugural Lecture, delivered by Professor Cyril Gwazah Afuwai, offered more than a scholarly exposition on geophysics. The seasoned academic demonstrated how scientific inquiry beneath the Earth’s surface can directly influence Nigeria’s social and economic transformation.

Prof. Afuwai’s work, as captured in the latter chapters of his lecture, goes beyond theoretical geoscience. It provides practical pathways for resource discovery, environmental resilience, and sustainable infrastructure, three pillars central to Kaduna State’s development plan and to Nigeria’s broader economic aspirations.

Mapping Mineral Potential for Economic Expansion

A significant portion of the lecture explored geophysical techniques applied to discovering mineral deposits. These insights speak directly to ongoing efforts by Kaduna State to leverage its vast solid mineral resources as an engine for diversification. With Nigeria pushing aggressively to reduce dependence on oil, the professor’s research underscores how accurate subsurface mapping can attract investment, reduce exploration risks, and enhance revenue generation for states seeking new frontiers of economic opportunity.

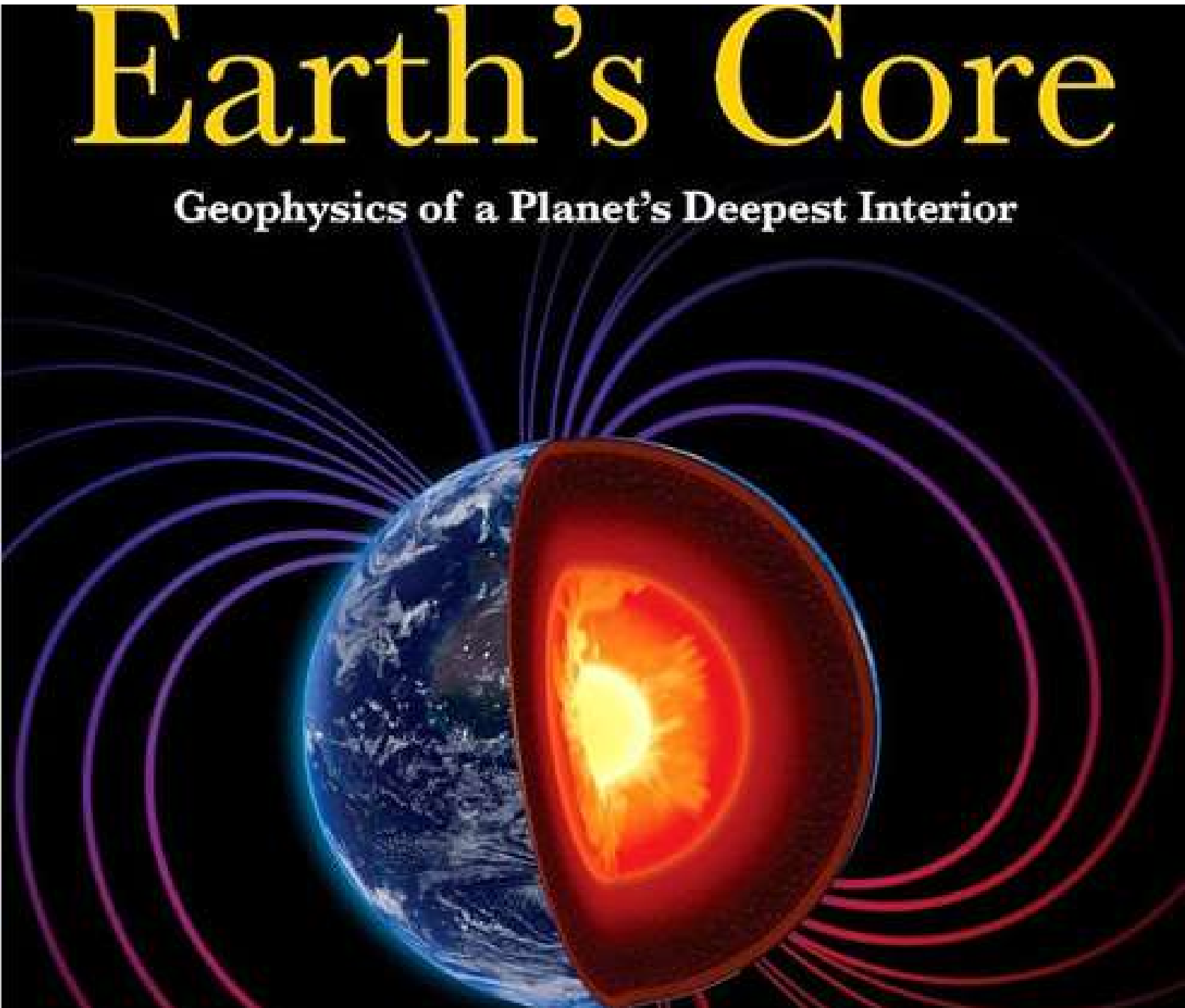
His work feeds into the Federal Government’s renewed agenda on solid minerals development, where data-driven exploration is now indispensable.



Supporting Urban Growth Through Safe Infrastructure

Chapters 4 to 7 highlight geophysical methods used in assessing soil stability, groundwater conditions, and subsurface anomalies. These are critical to infrastructure development—an area where Kaduna State continues to invest heavily in roads, housing, and public utilities.

By providing scientific tools that ensure buildings, bridges, and dams sit on safe ground, Afuwai’s research directly contributes to the integrity of public projects. This supports the state’s drive for smarter urban planning and reduces the long-term costs of structural failures.



Water Security and Environmental Sustainability

The professor’s investigations into groundwater distribution and aquifer characteristics are crucial to improving water access, particularly for peri-urban and rural communities. With climate variability increasing pressure on water systems nationwide, his contributions align with Kaduna’s push for sustainable water management and Nigeria’s broader environmental protection commitments.

The application of geophysical techniques to detect contamination, monitor erosion, and guide environmental remediation strengthens the nation’s resilience against ecological risks.

Boosting Agriculture Through Soil and Land Assessment

Another important alignment is the link between geophysics and agricultural enhancement. By identifying soil structure, moisture levels, and underlying geological constraints, Afuwai’s work supports precision agriculture, an emerging strategy in Kaduna State’s agricultural reforms.

These scientific insights help farmers maximize yield, manage irrigation sustainably, and avoid cultivation on geologically unsuitable land.



A Lecture Rooted in National Priorities

Overall, Prof. Afuwai demonstrates that geophysics is not a distant academic subject but a strategic tool for development. His research strengthens:

State revenue diversification through mineral exploration

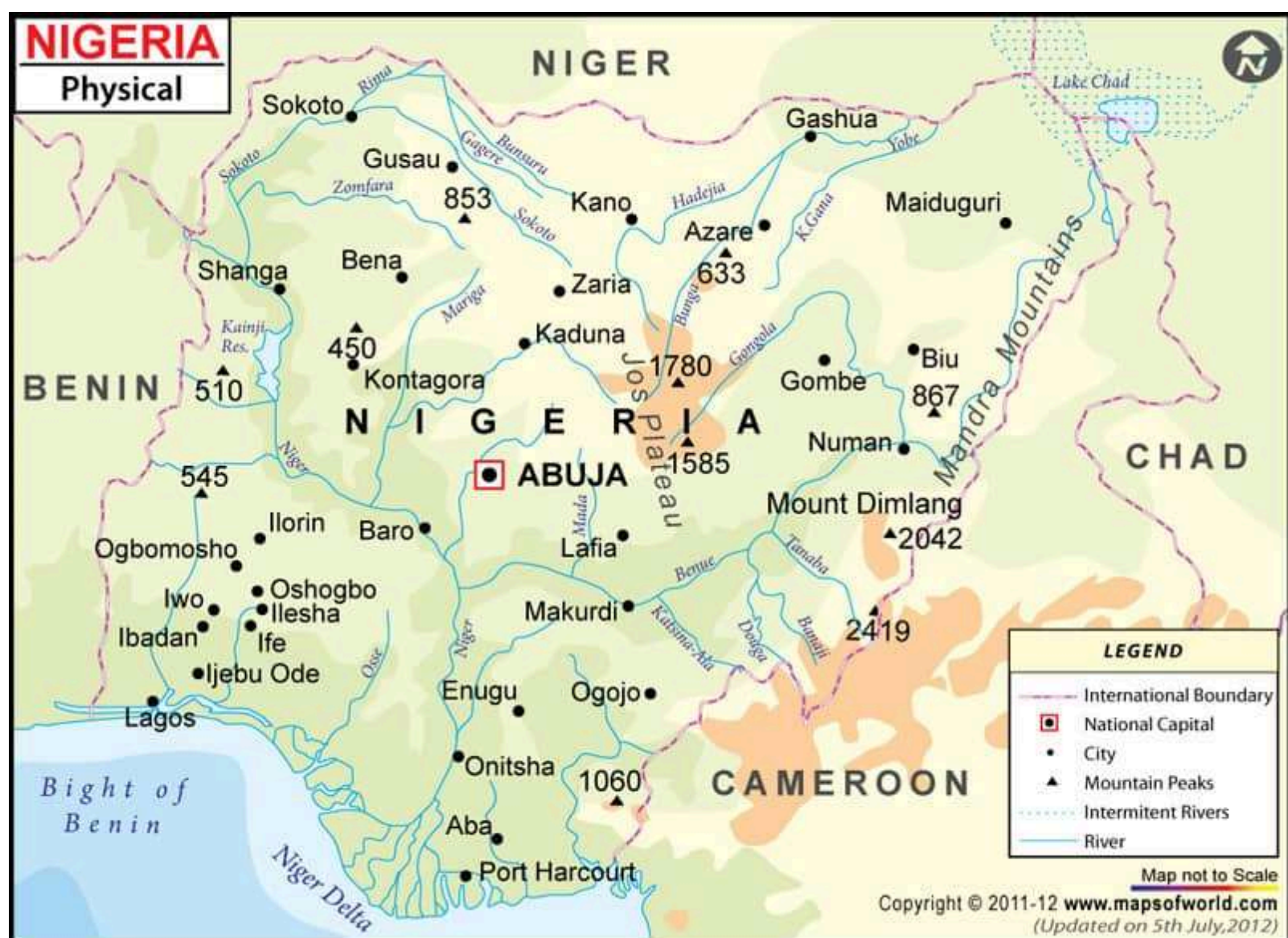
Infrastructure reliability via subsurface analysis

Water security and environmental protection

Agricultural productivity aided by geoscientific land evaluation

In aligning his scholarship with real-world needs, the Kaduna State University professor has reinforced the crucial role of science in policy implementation and economic planning.

His lecture stands as a reminder that the journey “from the Earth’s surface to the inner core,” as his title suggests, ultimately returns to the surface, helping governments, industries, and communities build a more prosperous and sustainable future.



KASU's Hosting of the Association of Registrars of Nigerian Universities



The expression “If you fail to plan, you plan to fail”, is not my own saying. They were spoken long before our time, credited to Benjamin Franklin. If you have ever held a 100 dollar bill, you already know him the bespectacled statesman whose image has become a symbol of foresight, discipline, and meticulous planning. It is no coincidence that his famous maxim still stands as the golden rule for any institution aspiring to excellence.

Planning is the foundation of risk reduction, clarity, focus, and controlled execution. It is the quiet engine behind every success story. And it is this same principle that shaped Kaduna State University's hosting of the Association of Registrars of Nigerian Universities (ARNU) 3rd Registrar's Workshop and the 77th Business Meeting, held from 12th to 17th May 2025. An event that has since become a benchmark for institutional organisation across the Nigerian university system.

Tracing the genesis, where the story began by the time I assumed duty as the Director of Corporate Services, the event had already taken place and the accounts were glowing. Everyone spoke of its success with a certain pride that made me curious. It is the duty of the Corporate Services Directorate to understand, document, and replicate excellence in institutional events; naturally, I felt compelled to uncover the elements that made this one stand out.

My first port of call was the Registrar of Kaduna State University, Samira Umar Balarabe, Esq. When I requested an audience to understand what truly transpired behind the scenes, she received me warmly. As we sat, she expressed profound gratitude to Almighty Allah (SWT) for the hitch-free hosting, and extended appreciation to the Kaduna State Government under the Visitor His Excellency Distinguished Senator Uba Sani, the Vice Chancellor Professor Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa and other management team members for their unwavering support.

In addition, the presence of the former Governor of Kaduna State, His Excellency Distinguished Senator Ahmed Mohammed Makarfi, the pioneer Visitor under whose leadership the University came into existence offered an excellent reflection on history and institutional legacy.

Equally appreciated, in her own words, was the Kaduna State Commissioner of Local Government Affairs, Sadiq Mamman Lagos, for his outstanding contributions, alongside members of the Governing Council, friends, and well-wishers of the University.

Yet, there was something even more profound to be grateful for a moment strengthened by deep family ties: the recognition of the Registrar's mother, Hajiya Safiyya Umar Balarabe, former Registrar of NTI and former Commissioner of KADSIECOM, whose support and accomplishments added a touching personal dimension to the events.

But the real story the “story behind the news” didn't start in May 2025. It began months earlier at the preceding ARNU Meeting.

At that earlier meeting, a significant procedural moment arrived: the announcement of which institution would host the next ARNU Business Meeting and Registrar's Workshop. Delegates turned, almost instinctively, toward the Registrar of Kaduna State University.

In that instant, she placed a call to the Vice Chancellor, to seek approval and the decision was sealed. KASU stepped forward to accept the responsibility.

This was more than logistics. It was a statement of leadership visibility, confidence, and readiness. It aligned with the university's broader aspiration for recognition within the national academic administrative space. KASU's acceptance signaled that the institution was not merely participating in national discourse but was ready to host, convene, and lead it.

Once the commitment was made, the real work began. The planning was deliberate and all embracing. The Registrar constituted relevant committees, mobilised units, and ensured clarity of roles. From protocol to logistics, transportation, hospitality, documentation, and technical coordination, every detail received attention.

What stood out from conversations with those involved was the collective spirit a shared commitment by staff, students, management, and the extended university community. This synergy became the invisible thread binding all operational elements into a seamless whole.

By the time delegates from universities across Nigeria arrived, what they experienced was not just a workshop and business meeting. It was a well-choreographed institutional performance showcasing order, competence, warmth, and organisational qualities that affirm a university’s maturity.

The two events, the 3rd Registrar’s Workshop and the 77th Business Meeting drew participants from public and private universities. They engaged themes around:



Global competitiveness and university ranking and other related themes.

Speakers and facilitators delivered insights that resonated with the daily realities of Nigerian universities. KASU, as host, provided the platform and the atmosphere for this dialogue to flourish.

Hospitality as a Statement of Identity stood out. From arrival through departure, delegates were warmly received, guided, and attended to a reflection of institutional culture.

Hospitality here was not merely about comfort; it was a strategic decision to leave an imprint of KASU’s values courtesy, order, professionalism, and inclusiveness.



Every institution hosts events. But not every institution hosts memorable events. KASU did.

The success story was not accidental. It was a product of intentional planning, committed leadership, team spirit, and the determination to showcase KASU on a national stage.

Tracing the story from its quiet beginnings that moment during the ARNU Meeting when the Registrar reached for her phone to call the Vice Chancellor to the triumphant hosting months later, one comes to a simple truth: Excellence is not improvised. It is prepared. And Kaduna State University prepared well and conquered hearts.

Expanding Horizons: How KASU is Strengthening Its Global Footprint

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In recent years, Kaduna State University (KASU) has quietly but steadily positioned itself as one of Nigeria’s most outward looking institutions, a university intent on building bridges across continents, expanding learning frontiers, and elevating its visibility on the global stage. This transformational push has not come by accident. It is the product of deliberate strategy, purposeful collaboration, and the determination to give KASU students and scholars a place in the world’s knowledge economy.

According to the Department of University Advancement (DUA), the university’s drive for international partnerships is rooted in a simple but powerful philosophy: great universities do not grow in isolation. They grow through exchange of ideas, of people, and of innovation.

KASU’s international partnerships now span respected institutions across the United Kingdom, the United States, Russia, and several African countries. Notably, collaborations with Coventry University (UK), Rutgers University (USA), and Lomonosov Moscow State University (Russian Federation) have become flagship examples of how cross-border engagement can inspire academic and research excellence.

These alliances do more than link institutions, they connect communities. They create new possibilities for: Joint research and publications,

Student and staff mobility,
Capacity-building programmes, and
Shared grants and innovation initiatives.

Each partnership forms a portal through which KASU scholars can explore new questions, challenge old assumptions, and add their voice to global conversations.

From agriculture to health sciences and environmental studies, KASU is deliberately embedding itself in international research ecosystems. The DUA highlights several thematic areas where the university has taken bold steps forward:

Agriculture and Food Security: responding to global concerns about sustainability, nutrition, and modernised food systems.

Health Sciences: collaborating on infectious diseases, primary healthcare, and public health innovations that matter deeply to African contexts.

Environmental Studies: contributing to global efforts on climate resilience, conservation, and environmental management.

Through these collaborations, KASU’s researchers are increasingly generating work that speaks not only to local realities but to continental and global challenges.

Perhaps the most transformative changes are those shaping the lives of KASU’s students and staff. International conferences, workshops, exchange programmes, and academic mobility opportunities are becoming more accessible. Each trip abroad and each visiting delegation to KASU leaves behind a trail of broadened perspectives and renewed ambition.

Students gain exposure that sharpens their academic confidence. Staff return with fresh ideas, stronger research networks, and new methods to bring into the classroom or laboratory. These exchanges, the DUA notes, are fast becoming a hallmark of the KASU experience.

As a direct outcome of these efforts, Kaduna State University is earning increased visibility and respect internationally. Its academic collaborations are yielding innovative research outputs, stronger grant applications, and growing recognition from global partners.

- The benefits are unmistakable:
- Capacity building at scale
 - Improved research quality and volume
 - Access to new funding opportunities
 - A more globally connected student experience
 - Stronger institutional identity on the world stage

Looking forward the Department of University Advancement affirms that this is only the beginning. The university plans to enlarge its circle of global collaborators, deepen its research presence, and create even more pathways for students to engage internationally.

In doing so, KASU continues to evolve into a dynamic, globally aware institution, one ready to shape solutions, inspire innovation, and prepare its community for the demands of a rapidly changing world.



KASU 2025 STUDENTS' WEEK



Kaduna State University (KASU) in 2025 once again affirmed its commitment to holistic education as the campus came alive with activities marking the annual Students' Week. The celebration, a major fixture on the university calendar, reflected KASU's enduring belief that learning extends beyond the classroom to include culture, creativity, leadership, and community engagement.

Throughout the week, students from different faculties, departments, and associations showcased the rich diversity that defines the university community. Cultural displays, social interactions, and student-driven initiatives provided a platform for self expression, unity, and responsible celebration, reinforcing KASU's identity as a melting pot of cultures and ideas.

A key feature of the 2025 Students' Week was the active involvement of student bodies and academic based associations, whose programmes blended intellectual engagement with recreation. Activities organised under the umbrella of Students' Week emphasised innovation, teamwork and the positive use of youthful energy, aligning with the University's broader vision of producing graduates who are not only academically sound but socially conscious and entrepreneurial.

The atmosphere across campus during the celebration was one of inclusiveness and shared purpose. From organised gatherings to informal interactions, the week fostered stronger bonds among students and strengthened their sense of belonging to the KASU community. It also provided an opportunity for students to demonstrate leadership, organisational skills, and discipline in planning and executing activities within the framework of university regulations.

Beyond the festivities, the 2025 Students' Week served as a reminder of the central role students play as ambassadors of the University's values. By combining celebration with responsibility, the event underscored KASU's emphasis on character formation, peaceful coexistence, and mutual respect.

One of the major highlights of Students' Week was the announcement of a N10 million scholarship donation by philanthropist and traditional leader Honourable Shehu Usman Aliyu, the Danmalikin Hausa and Mayanan Gumel.

The donation, presented to the university during the week's activities, is intended to support deserving students and enhance academic excellence at KASU. The Vice Chancellor, Professor Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa, expressed deep appreciation for the generous gesture, affirming that the funds would be utilised transparently based on merit and need.

As the university reflects on the achievements of 2025, the Students' Week stands out as a vibrant expression of campus life and student engagement. It remains a testament to Kaduna State University's resolve to nurture well rounded graduates prepared to contribute meaningfully to society, both during their time on campus and beyond.



My perspective on learning, innovation, and campus life

By: Mukthar Tahir



I am a 300-level computer science student at Kaduna State University (KASU). My academic journey has been driven by a deep passion for research, innovation, and the transformative power of technology. I am inspired by the way digital tools reshape societies, solve problems, connect people, and open new opportunities in ways that were once unimaginable.

My Academic Journey

My story at KASU began during the 2020/2021 academic session as a member of the pioneer Diploma in Information Technology class. The challenges of that period were significant: long daily walks from hostels to lecture halls, limited study resources, and the pressure of mastering a field I truly admired. Despite these hurdles, I graduated as the Best Graduating Student with a CGPA of 4.81. I proceeded to the degree program through Direct Entry in the 2023/2024 academic session.

The transition came with higher expectations and new responsibilities, but I remained disciplined and focused. Today, I maintain a first-class CGPA of 4.89. Along the way, I also memorized the Holy Qur'an, an experience that strengthened my patience, discipline, and sense of purpose.

A major part of my educational stability and growth has been the unwavering support of my uncle, Alhaji Sani Umar, who has sponsored my school fees from my diploma days to date. His son, Sulaiman Sani, who is also my classmate, has been a remarkable companion throughout this journey. Their support and encouragement have been a blessing that has kept me grounded and motivated.

What Inspires My Learning

My love for reading and writing continues to shape my worldview as a student, particularly in the fields of technology and personal development. I draw motivation from exceptional figures whose lives and teachings have greatly influenced me:

Prof. Ibrahim Ahmad Maqary, Chief Imam of the National Mosque Abuja, whose emphasis on youth development continually pushes me to remain purposeful and relevant.

Prof. Isa Ali Pantami, whose strong advocacy for digital literacy and innovation solidified my pursuit of a career in technology. Above all, my greatest inspiration is my mother, Hajiya Hassana Dayyab, whose sacrifices, including selling her own clothes to fund my secondary school education, remain the deepest source of strength behind every milestone I achieve.

Innovation and Skill Development

Beyond the classroom, I intentionally pursued practical digital skills through various professional programs, including:

Computer Professionals of Nigeria (CPN) – Network Support Analyst (Level 4),
MVB Technologies – Network Security Analyst,
Stradia Africa – Communication and Employability Skills,

During my SIWEST, I built a Library Booking System, one of my earliest attempts to use technology to solve real institutional challenges. I also participated in the University Duel Season 2 Smart Challenge, where my team proposed an innovative technological solution titled “Rent Guard.”

Leadership and Campus Life

My campus experience has been shaped by service, teamwork, and leadership. I have had the privilege of serving in various capacities, including:

Academic Director, NACOS Faculty of Computing (2024/2025 & 2025/2026),
Academic Director LEGOSA KASU Chapter (2025/2026),
Tutorial Coordinator MSSN (2024/2025),
Chairman Tutorial and Library Committee MSSN-KASU (2025/2026),
Secretary General, TIMSAN-KASU (2025/2026),

I have tutored students across different departments, statistics, Physics, Mathematics, right from my diploma days. Teaching others has sharpened my understanding and strengthened my commitment to academic excellence. One incident that tested my resilience was being attacked by phone thieves during my 200-level year. Though frightening, it became a reminder of the importance of courage, focus, and gratitude.

My Aspirations for 2026

My goal is to graduate with first-class honours and be among the best graduating students at Kaduna State University. I am committed to building impactful technological solutions and completing a final-year project that contributes meaningfully to society.

A Message to Fellow Students

Success is built on hard work, consistency, and discipline.

If excellence is possible, do not settle for less. Final Reflections Kaduna State University is more than an institution; it is a family and a builder of mindsets. It has shaped my character, broadened my thinking, and strengthened my pursuit of excellence. I remain deeply grateful to my lecturers, colleagues, friends, and my family, especially my mother and my uncle, for their unwavering support throughout this journey.



By: Favour Philibus Danladi



People who are not part of the university often picture student life as just carrying heavy books, sitting through endless classes, and posing for graduation photos. That is a simple stereotype. It leaves out the real challenges, fun times, and personal growth that happen every day. Only those of us living it truly understand how complex it is. We are always balancing two worlds: the traditions of academia and the fast-paced reality outside campus.

We know the world beyond the gates is changing faster than our classes can keep up. Being a student today means living between what we are taught and what we actually need. This gap shapes how we see learning and innovation.

The old school way of learning by just sitting, listening, memorizing, and repeating is becoming outdated. Now, students can find information instantly on their phones or online. Just hearing facts is not enough. Real learning happens when we get hands-on, like fixing a software or hardware problem, debugging code, or learning from a failed project. We want labs that feel like real jobs and lectures that help us get ready for work, not just ones that hand out grades. For us, learning means doing, not just memorizing.

If learning is about taking in knowledge, then innovation is how we show we understand enough to make a difference. On campus, innovation does not happen just because it is in the syllabus. It happens when students challenge the usual way of doing things. It grows in the space between what we are taught and what we actually need. We do not wait for perfect labs or big budgets.

Real student innovation is resourceful. It happens during late-night dorm sessions, using open-source tools and a lot of curiosity. Sometimes it's about fixing a frustrating manual task by writing a script, or spotting a need in the local market and building a solution before the semester ends. For us, innovation is not just about making something new. It is about improving what is already there so it fits the future we are heading into. We innovate not just to pass classes, but to keep up and succeed in a fast-changing world.

Campus life is a lively, sometimes messy place where everything comes together. It is much more than just social events or cafeteria food. It is a crash course in dealing with people. This is where we really build the "soft skills" that job ads talk about.

We learn to handle group projects, make real connections beyond social media, and find balance in a stressful environment.

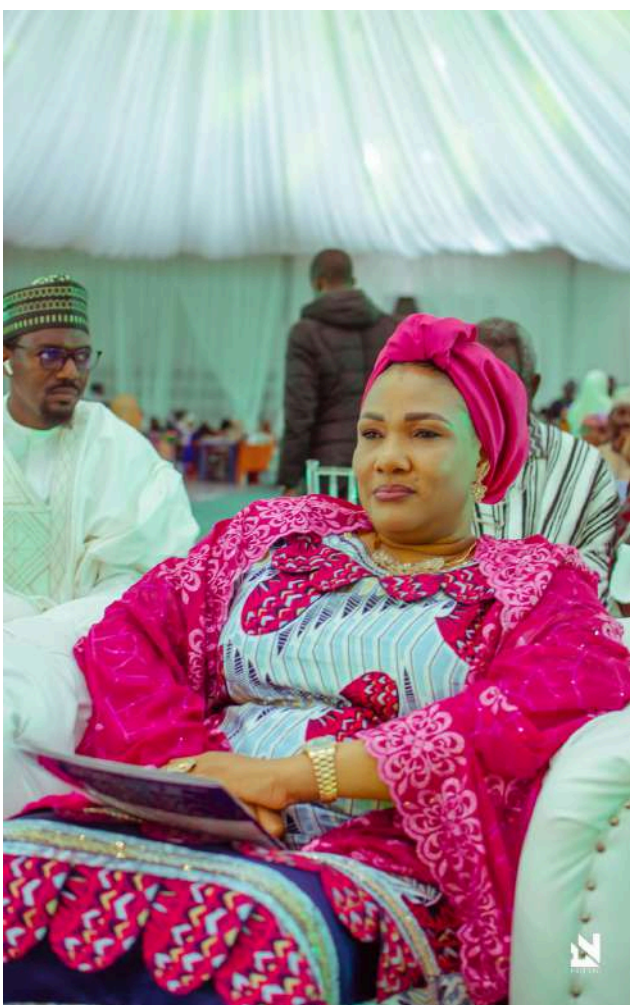
The campus is like a small version of the real world. Some of our best ideas come from chats during breaks or while waiting for class. Campus life teaches us to be resilient -how to recover from a bad grade, manage our time when everything is due, and figure out who we are. It is where we move from just following instructions to shaping our own futures. In the end, campus life is about more than the degree we earn. It's about the person we become along the way.

In the end, being a student is about much more than earning a degree. It is about building the right mindset along the way. By mixing hands-on learning with creative problem-solving and learning from the ups and downs of campus life, we get ready for a world that textbooks do not always cover. We are not just checking off requirements—we are closing the gap between what we are taught and what we really need. When we enter the workforce, our biggest strength will not be what we memorized, but our ability to adapt, create, and keep up in a world that is always changing.



PICTURE SPEAKS A THOUSAND WORDS: MAJOR ACTIVITIES OF KASU IN 2025

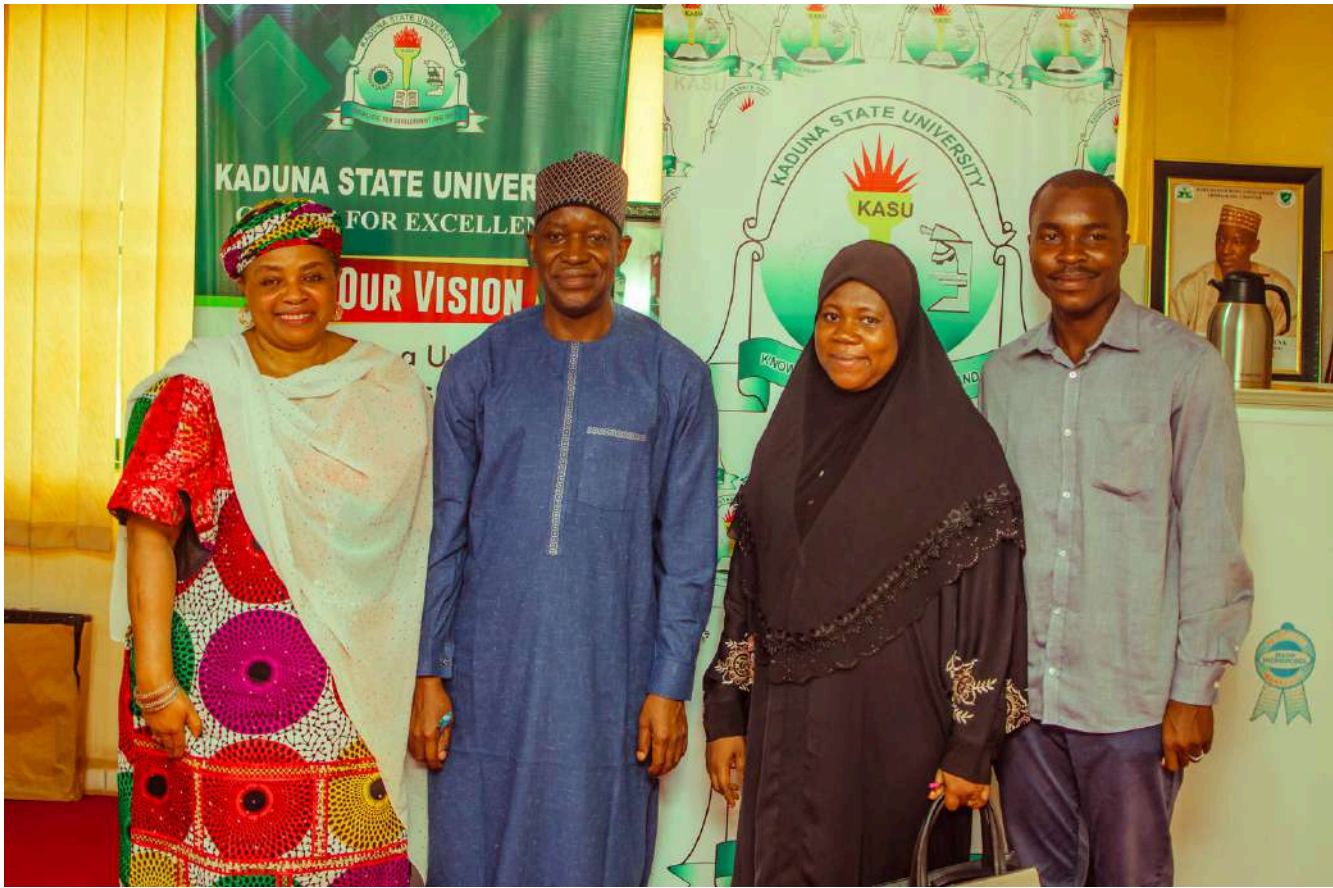






















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