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DAY ONE: KADUNA STATE UNIVERSITY STRATEGIC PLAN RETREAT SETS AGENDA FOR RESULTS, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND RENEWAL

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Kaduna State University (KASU) has commenced its three-day Management Retreat focused on reviewing the progress of the 2023–2028 Strategic Plan and refining priorities to drive institutional growth, efficiency, and academic excellence.

The retreat, themed

“Implementation of the KASU Strategic Plan 2023–2028: The Journey So Far and Into the Future,”

opened on 16th February 2026 at the Quarter House Hotel. It convened principal officers, directors, heads of departments, and representatives of key units across the university to evaluate performance and recalibrate targets for the years ahead.

Government Reaffirms Alignment with State Vision

Representing the Kaduna State Ministry of Education, the Director of Higher Education, Hajiya Adama Abdullahi, delivered the address of the Commissioner for Education, Prof. Abubakar Sambo. She commended KASU for sustaining strong collaboration with the ministry to ensure its strategic direction remains practical, measurable, and aligned with Kaduna State's broader education reform agenda.

She reaffirmed the ministry's commitment to supporting the university, noting that structured retreats such as this strengthen institutional capacity, reinforce accountability, and enhance service delivery.

MEAL Framework Anchors Implementation

A technical highlight of the session was a presentation by Prof. Nasir Usman on the Application Framework for Analysing Strategic Plan Implementation, where he emphasized the MEAL approach—Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning as a continuous improvement cycle.

He stressed that strategic documents must not remain aspirational; they must be data-driven, adaptable, and responsive to emerging challenges. According to him, evidence-based decision-making is central to sustaining relevance and competitiveness.



Registrar: A Blueprint for Institutional Discipline and Sustainability

In her welcome remarks, the Registrar, Barrister Samira Umar Balarabe Esq., described the retreat as a critical platform for harmonizing efforts across colleges, faculties, and administrative units.

She noted that beyond reviewing progress, the retreat serves as a blueprint for running the affairs of the institution more efficiently.



Drawing from the outcome of the previous year's exercise, she explained that the gathering provides an opportunity to objectively assess which strategies are working, which require refinement, and how to strengthen implementation mechanisms.

The Registrar reaffirmed the Registry's commitment to championing the university's vision of excellence and efficiency. She emphasized the need to build a more sustainable and proactive administrative system capable of responding effectively to institutional challenges while maintaining high standards of service delivery.

Vice Chancellor: Strategy as the University's Compass

In his opening remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa, described the retreat as a significant milestone in the university's reform journey. He revealed that prior to developing the Strategic Plan, he engaged in extensive consultations with peer institutions and former Vice Chancellors of KASU to gather insights and best practices.



He maintained that no institution can record meaningful progress without a well-structured strategy supported by clear implementation guidelines. The 2023–2028 Strategic Plan, he said, represents KASU's blueprint for excellence, competitiveness, and sustainable development.

Stakeholders Reflect on Milestones and Next Steps

The Director, Centre for Digital Divide and Social Informatics, Prof. Ayodele Joseph, acknowledged the dynamic changes between last year's retreat and the present session. He described the forum as an opportunity to consolidate gains, confront emerging challenges, and strengthen institutional resilience.

Similarly, the Administrator KASU-Kafanchan Campus Prof. Hauwa'u Evelyn Yusuf noted that the university has recorded milestones comparable with peers globally.

She described the retreat as an avenue to evaluate progress "milestone to milestone," set measurable targets for the next twelve months, and outline practical pathways to achieving them.

As deliberations continue, Day One of the retreat signals KASU's commitment to institutional discipline, measurable performance, and a forward-looking strategy designed to position the university as a hub of innovation, research, and academic distinction.



KASU INDUCTION CEREMONY SHIFTS FOCUS TO NATIONAL IDENTITY, CURRICULUM REFORM, AND THE FUTURE OF HISTORICAL SCHOLARSHIP

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The induction of History graduates at Kaduna State University (KASU) was more than a ceremonial gathering; it became a platform for confronting critical national issues: the preservation of Nigeria's historical memory, the place of History in the school curriculum, and the responsibility of scholars in shaping public discourse.

Representing the President of the Historical Society of Nigeria (HSN), Dr. Jimam T. Lar of the University of Jos described the induction as a defining moment, not merely for the graduates, but for the discipline itself. He framed the occasion around a broader concern: the need to safeguard Nigeria's historical narratives in an era marked by misinformation, identity crises, and global uncertainty.

According to him, historians must move beyond academic exercises to become active interpreters of contemporary realities. By calling the inductees "custodians of the past, analysts of the present, and architects of the future," he underscored the urgent need for historically grounded leadership in governance, civic engagement, and nation-building. He challenged them to use their training as a "navigational instrument" capable of guiding society through complex political and social terrains.

The issue of curriculum reform also featured prominently. Professor Gaius Jatau, Dean Faculty of Arts and Vice President of HSN North-West Zone, reiterated the Society's advocacy for the sustained reintroduction and strengthening of History in Nigeria's basic and secondary education systems. He warned that without institutional support for historical studies, the country risks producing generations disconnected from their roots and unable to contextualize present challenges.

At the departmental level, Dr Suleiman Shehu, Head of the Department of History at Kaduna State University, emphasized professional ethics and institutional discipline. He reminded inductees that membership in the Society carries expectations of compliance with standards, intellectual integrity, and responsible public engagement. His remarks positioned the ceremony as both an honour and a call to accountability.



The recognition of lecturers and outstanding students further highlighted another pressing issue: sustaining academic excellence amid limited resources in Nigeria's higher education sector. By celebrating mentorship, scholarship, and leadership, the department signaled the importance of nurturing quality research and rewarding intellectual commitment.

Beyond celebration, the ceremony projected a deeper message that History remains central to national cohesion, policy formulation, and identity formation. The induction of a second cohort of graduates was presented not simply as continuity, but as a deliberate effort to strengthen the intellectual backbone of society.

In essence, the event evolved into a broader conversation about the role of historians in preserving collective memory, shaping informed citizenship, and contributing meaningfully to Nigeria's development trajectory.



NEW STUDENTS' ORIENTATION: FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES



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