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KADUNA DELEGATION SHOWCASES EDUCATION, INNOVATION AT CODE RIDE 2026 CONFERENCE IN LONDON



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A high-powered delegation from Kaduna State has participated in the CODE RIDE 2026 Conference in London, highlighting the state's strides in education, technology, and youth development.

The delegation, comprising top government officials and academics, reflected a strong commitment to advancing learning and innovation in line with global best practices.

Leading the team was the Honourable Commissioner for Education, Professor Abubakar Sani Sambo, alongside the Vice Chancellor of Kaduna State University, Professor Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa.

Other members of the delegation included the Vice Chancellor of Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Professor Adamu Ahmed; the Deputy Vice Chancellor KASU, Professor Yusha'u Ibrahim Ango; the Principal Private Secretary to the Kaduna State Governor, Professor Bello Ayuba; and the Director of the Distance Learning Centre, Ahmadu Bello University, Professor Muhammed Bashir Mu'azu.

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Also on the team were the Director-General of the Kaduna State Schools Quality Assurance Authority, Professor Usman Abubakar Zaria, and Dr. Fatima Kabir.

At the conference, the Kaduna delegation showcased ongoing reforms and achievements in the state's education sector, with particular emphasis on integrating technology, improving access to quality learning, and empowering young people with relevant skills.

Their participation underscored Kaduna State's growing reputation as a hub for educational development and innovation in Nigeria while also fostering collaboration with international partners to further strengthen the sector.

The presence of the delegation was widely described as a proud moment for both Kaduna State and Nigeria, demonstrating unity of purpose and a shared vision for the future of education.



KASU SCHOLAR APPOINTED JUDGE FOR NIGERIA PRIZE FOR LITERATURE 2026



Professor Audee T. Giwa
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Ascholar of Comparative Literature and Creative Writing at Kaduna State University (KASU), Professor Audee Tanimu Giwa, has been appointed as a member of the Panel of Judges for the 2026 edition of The Nigeria Prize for Literature.

The appointment was approved by the Advisory Board of the prize, a three-member panel chaired by renowned literary scholar Professor Akachi Adimora-Ezeigbo.

In a letter conveying the decision, signed by Anne-Marie Palmer-Ikuku, Manager, Corporate Communication and Public Affairs, the Board expressed confidence that Professor Giwa's expertise and experience would positively impact the adjudication process and contribute to the emergence of a deserving winner for the 2026 edition.

Nigeria LNG Limited, sponsors of the prize, established it in 2004 to promote literary excellence and bring Nigerian authors to greater public recognition.

Since its inception, the competition has attracted writers from across Nigeria and the diaspora, making it one of the most prestigious literary honours on the African continent.

The prize carries a cash award of 100,000 US dollars, further underscoring its status as a major platform for celebrating outstanding contributions to literature.

Professor Giwa's appointment is widely seen as a recognition of KASU's growing academic influence and contribution to literary scholarship in Nigeria.