

KADUNA STATE UNIVERSITY SETS UP COMMITTEE TO DRIVE RESEARCH COMMERCIALISATION INITIATIVES (R2R)



Boabob (Kuka) Tree

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As part of its drive to expand funding opportunities and enhance the visibility of the institution, Kaduna State University (KASU) has constituted a special committee to develop clear frameworks and collate relevant data aimed at harnessing its market-ready research outputs for commercialisation.

This was one of the key highlights of an online meeting convened by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa, and attended by the Deputy Vice Chancellors, Provosts, Deans, Directors, and other principal officers drawn from Colleges, Faculties, Centres, and various units of the University.

Explaining the initiative, Dr. Abdulkarim Mayere of the Faculty of Engineering said the flagship programme, tagged Research to Revenue (R2R), is being promoted by the Federal Ministry of Science and Technology to strengthen research and innovation capacity while attracting investment into the sector.

The Vice-Chancellor emphasised the need for the committee not only to identify research outputs that can be transformed into innovations, but also to develop workable models and package them in ways that will ensure acceptance by prospective clients and investors.

He pointed out that the Centre for Nutrition Research and Innovation (CNRI) had already produced poly-herbal tea, while another scholar, Professor Aishatu Shehu, developed the packaged KASUTAB-500 from baobab (kuka) leaves as food supplements aimed at improving gut health and mental well-being. According to him, these achievements are clear indications that KASU has the capacity to generate hundreds of similar commercially viable products from the wealth of research produced by its scholarly community.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Yusha'u Ibrahim Ango, stated that KASU should not be left behind in embracing the initiative, stressing the need to mobilise all stakeholders toward active participation. Other participants made valuable contributions to the formation of the committee and identified strategic areas for effective implementation. The committee comprises all College Provosts, Professor Timothy Bulus of the Department of Biochemistry, Dr. Abdulkarim Mayere, Director of the Centre for Entrepreneurship Research and Development, Dr. Jamila Mohammed, among others. The committee is to report to the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor Yusha'u Ibrahim Ango.



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Vice-Chancellor Professor Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa further announced that prizes would be awarded to the first three Colleges with the best presentations of Research to Revenue (R2R) projects.



Moringa Leaves

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