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KASU Marching to Excellence: Motivation and Utilizing Emergent Technologies



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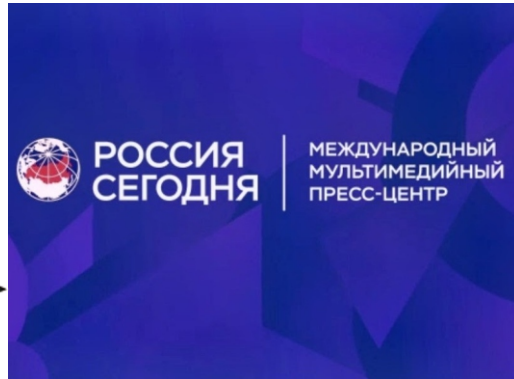
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# KASU, Sputnik Strengthen Collaboration on AI-Driven Content Production

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**K**aduna State University (KASU), in collaboration with Sputnik International News Agency and Radio Broadcaster, has held an online workshop on the theme "Leveraging AI in Video Creation and Beyond", aimed at equipping participants with emerging skills in artificial intelligence-driven content production.

The workshop, organised in partnership with the Centre for Digital Divide and Social Informatics, KASU, attracted a wide range of participants, including the Vice Chancellor, Professor Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa.



**Session Coordinator, Anna Kalinkina, Senior Social Media Editor at Sputnik Int'l**

The session was coordinated by Anna Kalinkina, Senior Social Media Editor at Sputnik International, while the KASU end was anchored by the Director of the Centre for Digital Divide and Social Informatics, Professor Joseph Ayodele.

Discussions centred on the opportunities and challenges presented by artificial intelligence in media production. Participants highlighted the need to uphold credibility, ethical standards, audience trust, authenticity, balanced reporting, and technical competence while leveraging AI technologies.

In his remarks, the Vice Chancellor expressed appreciation to the leadership of Sputnik International and the organisers of the workshop. He described the collaboration as part of KASU's commitment to building strategic global partnerships that enhance knowledge

production, research, innovation, and capacity development.

Professor Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa also commended Professor Joseph Ayodele for facilitating the partnership, noting that the knowledge shared during the workshop would add value to entrepreneurship and innovation in content creation.

It will be recalled that Kaduna State University and Sputnik International previously signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish an academic and media partnership. The agreement provides



**VC KASU Prof. Abdullahi Ibrahim Musa during the AI Workshop**



**Prof. Ayodele Joseph, Dir. Centre for Digital Divide and Social Informatics, KASU**

students and staff with opportunities for professional media practice, specialised training, and capacity-building programmes, further strengthening international collaboration in journalism and digital communication.

# Experts Advocate Responsible Antibiotic Use at KASU AMR Workshop 2026

By Maryam Yakubu Sulaiman



Experts have called for responsible antibiotic use and stronger antimicrobial stewardship to curb the growing threat of antimicrobial resistance (AMR). The call was made during the 2026 AMR Workshop organised by the Antimicrobial Resistance Club, Kaduna State University (KASU), in collaboration with the Pharmaceutical Society of Nigeria Young Pharmacists Group. The workshop, themed "Antimicrobial Stewardship and Rational Drug Use," was held at the 500-Seater Pharmacy Building, KASU.

Delivering the keynote presentation, the Head of the Department of Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmacy Management, Dr. Basira Kankia Lawal, explained that antimicrobial resistance occurs when bacteria, viruses, fungi and parasites become resistant to medicines used to treat infections. She noted that AMR accounts for about 1.27 million deaths annually, with projections indicating that deaths could rise to 10 million yearly by 2050 if urgent action is not taken.

Dr. Lawal attributed the rise in AMR to self-medication, inappropriate prescribing and dispensing of antibiotics, poor infection prevention practices, limited laboratory testing, misuse of antimicrobials in agriculture, and inadequate public awareness. She urged pharmacists and other healthcare professionals to adhere strictly to professional guidelines and ensure the rational use of antibiotics.

She also highlighted the WHO Global Action Plan on AMR

Also speaking, Dr. Adamu Muhammad Bashir of Kaduna State University urged pharmacy students and professionals to simplify complex pharmaceutical information for the public and champion the One Health approach, which recognises the link between human, animal and environmental health. He also encouraged students to advocate institutional policies that integrate antimicrobial stewardship into healthcare training.



In her goodwill message, the Registrar of Kaduna State University, Barrister Samira Balarabe, commended the organisers, describing the workshop as timely in addressing the growing misuse of prescription drugs. She called for sustained public awareness campaigns on antimicrobial resistance across Nigeria.



and Nigeria's 2024–2028 National Action Plan, which focus on improving awareness, strengthening surveillance and research, reducing infections, optimising antimicrobial use, and promoting sustainable investment through a One Health approach.

The workshop concluded with the presentation of awards of excellence and appreciation to individuals who have made significant contributions to promoting antimicrobial stewardship and combating antimicrobial resistance.