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SSANU President applauds UNILORIN on CONTTASS implementation

By Tajudeen Babamale

The National President of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU), Mr Mohammed Haruna Ibrahim, has applauded the management of the University of Ilorin for implementing the Consolidated Tertiary Institutions Salary Structure (CONTTASS), describing the development as a demonstration of the commitment of the University to staff welfare.

Mr Ibrahim gave this commendation in a chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin* penultimate Friday (September 18, 2026) during his visit to the University.

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The SSANU President (right) with the Vice Chancellor

Egbewole, others task Unilorin Library on digital transformation

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has charged the University Library to ensure the digitalisation of its processes to enhance service delivery, relevance and sustainability.

Prof. Egbewole gave the

charge penultimate Saturday (September 19, 2026) while declaring open the maiden retreat of the University Library held at the National Centre for Agricultural Mechanisation (NCAM), Ilorin, with the theme, "Strategies Aimed at Enhancing the Effectiveness, Relevance, and Sustainability of University Library to the University Community".

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■ Prof. Egbewole

Turn research to solutions, UNILORIN VC charges physiologists

By Muizdeen Adewole

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has charged members of the Physiological Society of Nigeria (PSN) to move beyond theoretical expositions and translate their research findings into practical, affordable solutions for Nigeria's rising burden of heart and brain diseases.

Represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat

Bakare-Odunola, at the opening ceremony of the 43rd Annual Scientific Conference of the Society held at the University Auditorium penultimate Thursday (September 17, 2026), Prof. Egbewole described the theme of the conference, "From Cells to Systems: Heart and Brain Physiology for Sustainable Wellness," as profound and timely. He noted that it interrogates the most vital organs of human existence at a time when cardiovascular and neurological disorders pose a major threat to public health.

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■ Prof. Bakare-Odunola

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Egbewole inaugurates LOC for 11th U6+ Confab

By Tajudeen Babamale

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has charged the Local Organising Committee (LOC) of the forthcoming 11th International Conference of the U6+ Consortium of African Universities to ensure that the Conference, which is scheduled for next year, is indexed and that its Book of Proceedings and journal are published promptly.

Prof. Egbewole gave the charge last Monday (September 21, 2026) while inaugurating the Committee at the Auditorium Basement.

The Vice Chancellor said his participation in the 8th, 9th and 10th editions of the U6+ Conferences held in South Africa, Ghana and Kenya, respectively, had afforded him the opportunity to identify areas requiring improvement. He said that the experiences would provide useful lessons for the University as it prepares to host the next edition.

Prof. Egbewole explained that the decision to host the 11th edition was reached at the 10th U6+ meeting held in Kenya, stressing that the early inauguration of the LOC was deliberate to give the committee sufficient time to plan and deliver a befitting international conference.

According to him, the University has a responsibility to build on the successes of previous editions while addressing identified gaps to demonstrate its capacity to host a conference that meets international standards.

Prof. Egbewole particularly



■ Prof. Egbewole

emphasised the need for the Conference proceedings to be indexed, describing this as one of the major lessons from previous editions. He also urged the committee to ensure that the Book of Proceedings and journal are published much earlier than was achieved in previous conferences.

He disclosed that the Conference had been scheduled for either August or September to provide adequate time for the University to plan, organise and package the event effectively.

The Vice Chancellor expressed confidence in the calibre and experience of the LOC members, saying their expertise would enable the University to deliver a successful conference capable of further strengthening its standing within the U6+ Consortium.

Prof. Egbewole also directed the committee to submit regular reports to his office, preferably monthly, to keep him abreast of its preparations and progress.

In her acceptance speech, the Chairperson of the LOC and Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat

Bakare-Odunola, expressed the committee's readiness to take up the responsibility, assuring the Vice Chancellor that members would work diligently to meet the expectations of the University.

Other members of the LOC are the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Muhtar A. Etudaiye, Alternate Chairman; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfania; the Bursar, Mr Abiodun Lawal; and the Dean, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Prof. J.O. Olaoeye.

Others are the Acting Dean, Student Affairs Unit, Dr M.A. Akanmu; the Director, Centre for Internationalisation and Strategic Partnership (CISP), Prof. J.A. Adeniran; the Director, Computer Services and Information Technology (COMSIT), Prof. Sidiqat Aderinoye-Abdulwahab; Prof. Grace F. Adepoju of the Department of Ophthalmology; Prof. Oluyemisi B. Fawole of the Department of Agronomy; and the Project Manager, Ranking, Prof. S.F. Ambali.

Also on the Committee are the Director, Academic Planning Unit, Prof. A.A. Adeoye; the Editor-in-Chief, U6+, Prof. H.K. Okoro; the Director, Science, Technology and Innovation Park, Prof. T.M. Akande; the Director, Works Department, Mr R.K. Amao; the Deputy Director, Estate, Dr S. Baba; the Desk Officer, U6+, Dr. Bilqis A. Lawal; the Acting Director, Security, Mr P. Ogidi; the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr G. K. Akogun; the Coordinator of New Media, Mr Segun Alabi; and the Faculty Officer, Faculty of Agriculture, Mr V.I. Obalola, who will serve as Secretary of the LOC.

SSANU President applauds UNILORIN on CONTTASS implementation

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The SSANU President said information he received from the members of the Association in the University indicated that the University management had already implemented CONTTASS, even as many other universities were still awaiting the release of funds by the Federal Government.

He explained that although the Federal Government had approved the payment, the funds were yet to be released to the affected universities, making it difficult for some institutions to commence implementation.

Mr Ibrahim, however, assured

all that the release of the funds was at an advanced stage, saying that universities should expect to receive the money in the next few weeks.

He said that SSANU had continued to engage relevant government offices to facilitate the release of the funds, adding that he had received assurances from both the Minister of Education and the Minister of Finance on the imminent release.

The SSANU President commended the management of the University of Ilorin, particularly the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfanla; and the Bursar, Mr Abiodun Lawal, for ensuring that the University moves

ahead with the implementation of CONTTASS.

Mr Ibrahim also reaffirmed the commitment of SSANU to maintaining a strong and visible presence across Nigerian universities, noting that the Association will continue to play an active role in promoting the interests of its members nationwide.

He encouraged SSANU executive committees across the country to sustain their participation at intellectual fora, saying that such engagements would enable members to remain abreast of new skills, knowledge and emerging trends in the workplace.

Animasawun seeks daily investment in peace building efforts

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Director of the Centre for Peace and Strategic Studies (CPSS), University of Ilorin, Prof. Gbemisola Abdul-Jelil Animasawun, has called for deliberate and sustained investment in peacebuilding, describing peace as an achievable reality that requires collective commitment and daily action.

Prof. Animasawun made the call last Thursday (September 24, 2026) in his message to commemorate the 2026 International Day of Peace. The theme of this year's celebration is "Invest in Peace For Everyone, Everywhere, Every Day."

He noted that peace should not be regarded as a utopian aspiration or distant ideal, but as a reality that can be achieved through deliberate investments and interventions at individual, community, national and international levels.

According to him, peace must be organically imagined and constructed, particularly in regions facing insecurity, including the Sahel and Lake Chad, as well as communities across Nigeria contending with banditry and violent extremism.



■ **Prof. Animasawun**

He said that the University of Ilorin, under the leadership of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Egbewole, SAN, consistently demonstrates its commitment to peacebuilding through the CPSS' engagements and interventions in communities and at the national level, as well as strategic collaborations with critical stakeholders in the peace and national security ecosystem.

Prof. Animasawun disclosed that in collaboration with its partners, RUDN and CEREDMS, the Centre had

established a 2027 Election Situation Room to monitor campaigns by leading contenders as part of an early warning and early response mechanism, using the evidence to learning model.

He explained that the initiative was designed to support the tracking of electoral campaigns and generate evidence that could inform timely responses to emerging issues.

The Director also highlighted the Centre's "2027 No Be War" Speakers' Series, which engages security chiefs and citizens in discussions aimed at promoting peace and peaceful participation ahead of the 2027 elections.

He said the initiatives build on the Centre's longstanding research and intervention activities towards achieving sustainable peace and security in both peaceful and fragile contexts.

Prof. Animasawun urged stakeholders to sustain their commitment to peacebuilding, emphasising the need to invest in peace for everyone, everywhere and every day.

He equally called on all stakeholders to continue supporting deliberate actions and interventions that promote peace and security across communities and nations.



Egbewole, others task Unilorin Library on digital transformation

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He commended the University Librarian, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa, and the Library management for organising the retreat, expressing hope that its outcome would positively impact the Library and contribute to the repositioning of the University.

The Vice Chancellor said that the Library should develop strategies that would enable registered students to access its materials and services remotely through the University portal, regardless of their location.

He urged the Library to explore ways of converting its rich collection of materials into e-resources, noting that its existing resources could provide valuable content beyond what is currently available through subscribed databases.

Prof. Egbewole, who charged the Library to strengthen its institutional repository by ensuring that it is adequately populated with relevant and quality academic content, urged the Library management to identify the materials required, develop strategies for generating them and set clear targets, key performance indicators and timelines for achieving the objectives.

The Vice Chancellor, who called for the establishment of a dedicated visibility team within the University Library to complement the visibility efforts of the University Management, urged the team to be proactive in generating content rather than waiting for Faculties and other units to provide all the materials needed for the repository.

Prof. Egbewole also advocated greater efficiency in the operations of the Library, urging the various units to develop clear work plans, benchmarks and

turnaround processes for assigned tasks. He said staff with relevant expertise from different sections should be brought together where necessary to achieve specific institutional targets.

He also urged the Library to study leading libraries around the world and identify practices that could be adapted to strengthen its operations and improve its global competitiveness.

In his welcome address, the University Librarian, University of Ilorin, Prof. Kamaldeen Omopupa, applauded the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for his strong support for the University Library, which he said, had enabled it to record significant achievements in staff development, accreditation and service delivery.

Prof. Omopupa explained that the retreat was conceived to consolidate the gains recorded by the Library and address areas requiring improvement in service delivery, saying that, the changing nature of Library users, advances in technology, institutional ranking and visibility had made it necessary for the Library to review its traditional methods of operation and embrace contemporary approaches to information service delivery.

The University Librarian disclosed that the Library had adopted social media platforms, including Telegram, Facebook and LinkedIn, as additional channels for engaging users and providing information services.

He identified the institutional repository as another critical area requiring attention because of its importance to institutional visibility and global university rankings. He said the Library had begun reviewing its repository arrangements to improve its accessibility, reliability and sustainability.

Prof. Omopupa also identified Artificial Intelligence, online tools and other emerging technologies as areas the Library must take seriously in repositioning its services to meet the needs of modern students and researchers.

Also speaking, the Registrar of the University of Ilorin, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfania, charged Library staff to demonstrate commitment, discipline and professionalism in the discharge of their duties.

Mr Alfania also urged staff to regard their appointments as a commitment to the University rather than merely a means of earning salaries and allowances. He explained the importance of punctuality, diligence, productivity and effective use of official working hours, noting that, individual conscience and discipline were essential because the University Librarian and the heads of units could not monitor every staff member at all times.

The Registrar also urged staff to maintain positive relationships with students, researchers and other members of the University community, stating that the Library, as a public-service institution, requires staff to interact with users with courtesy, patience and professionalism. He advised them to separate personal concerns from their official responsibilities. He noted that their conduct could shape perceptions of both the Library and the University.

The Registrar, who is also the Secretary to the Governing Council of the University, further called for the application of fundamental administrative principles, including planning, organising, staffing, directing, coordinating and controlling, in the Library's daily operations.

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Turn research to solutions, UNILORIN VC charges physiologists

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Prof. Egbewole stressed that sustainable wellness can only be achieved when cutting-edge research in physiology moves from the laboratory to real-life solutions for prevention, diagnosis and management of diseases.

The Vice Chancellor commended the Conference Local Organising Committee led by Prof. L. A. Olayaki and the national leadership of the PSN for sustaining the legacy of the Society since 1973. He also lauded the choice of Prof. A.B.O. Omotoso, a former Council member and former Provost of the College of Health Sciences, University of Ilorin, as Keynote Speaker, describing it as well-deserved.

In his welcome address, the Chairman, Local Organising Committee and Dean, Faculty of Basic Medical Sciences, Prof. Luqman A. Olayaki, said it was a great joy to host the national conference for the second time after the University hosted the 28th edition in 2008 at its mini-campus. He noted that based on the number of abstracts submitted, participants were expected from across the country and beyond, with majority choosing physical attendance despite provision for virtual participation. Prof. Olayaki thanked the Vice Chancellor and the University management for their generous support.

Also welcoming participants, the President of the Physiological Society of Nigeria, Prof. Samuel B. Olaleye, described the gathering as a special opportunity for scholars, researchers, educators, clinicians and students committed to advancing the frontiers of physiology in Nigeria and beyond.

Prof. Olaleye said that the annual conference remains a vital platform for scientific exchange, professional networking, mentorship and collaboration, expressing confidence that this year's meeting would be intellectually rewarding and socially enriching. He urged participants to fully engage in the rich programme of keynote lectures, plenary

sessions, paper presentations, panel discussions and interactive sessions to share ideas, build new partnerships and inspire the next generation of scientists.

In his presentation, the Dean of the Faculty of Clinical Sciences, Prof. Kolawole W. Wahab, called for renewed attention to the prevention, early detection and effective management of hypertension, describing the condition as a dominant modifiable risk factor for stroke and a major contributor to the escalating neurological disease burden in Africa. He noted that controlling hypertension could substantially reduce both the incidence and mortality associated with stroke, while stressing that achieving and maintaining optimal blood pressure control remains a major challenge, particularly in low- and middle-income countries.

The don further advised patients diagnosed with hypertension to adhere strictly to prescribed treatment and medical guidance, cautioning that the management of blood pressure in patients with cerebrovascular disease requires careful consideration.

He explained that chronic hypertension alters cerebral autoregulation, making the brain adapt to persistently elevated blood pressure, such that an abrupt and excessive reduction could compromise cerebral perfusion and potentially worsen ischaemia.

Prof. Wahab also emphasised the need to regard stroke as a medical emergency requiring prompt recognition and intervention. He explained that the brain is highly dependent on continuous blood flow, with permanent damage beginning within minutes of prolonged interruption of oxygen and energy supply. He, therefore, stressed the importance of timely intervention, particularly because the consequences of delayed treatment can become severe and irreversible.

Against this background, Prof. Wahab advocated a more coordinated approach to stroke prevention and management, particularly in the African context where the burden of the disease remains disproportionately high. He stressed the importance of combining effective hypertension control with appropriate, stroke-

specific management of blood pressure, noting that the physiological considerations differ between acute ischaemic stroke and intracerebral haemorrhage.

Moving from the immediate challenge of neurological disease to the broader question of how such challenges can be addressed through research, Prof. Bamidele Victor Owoyele urged Nigerian scientists to rethink the way neuroscience research is conceived and developed, arguing that local populations, clinical problems, biological diversity, existing expertise and cultural realities should be treated as research assets rather than limitations.

Prof. Owoyele advocated a three-pronged approach of starting locally, connecting intelligently through networks and partnerships, and translating scientific discoveries into measurable health and policy outcomes.

Prof. Owoyele noted that Nigeria's large and diverse population, growing pool of multidisciplinary experts and proximity between universities and teaching hospitals provide opportunities for research capable of generating evidence of global relevance. He, therefore, advised researchers to formulate questions from local clinical and community realities, particularly in areas where African data could contribute meaningfully to the global evidence base, while ensuring that research questions connect physiological mechanisms to actual patient outcomes.

He further called for a shift from isolated research activities to connected research ecosystems, urging institutions to map and share existing expertise, laboratories, clinical platforms, samples, data and professional networks. According to him, shared infrastructure can generate greater scientific value than isolated facilities, while universities can strengthen research capacity through core platforms, standardised procedures, quality control, maintenance systems and collaboration across disciplines.

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According to him, the Library should set clear and measurable targets, identify activities, assign responsibilities and establish timelines for achieving expected results.

On staffing, Mr Alfanla stressed the importance of placing the right people in appropriate positions based on their skills and expertise as he noted that training, retraining and willingness to learn could enhance the effectiveness of staff and improve competencies required for particular responsibilities.

The Registrar commended the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, for his consultative approach to administration, noting that he often consults Principal Officers before taking important decisions. He urged Library administrators to emulate this approach through effective consultation, coordination and supervision, while creating an environment where staff can share ideas, identify challenges and contribute to solutions.

Presenting a paper, titled "The Role of the Library and Library Personnel in the Implementation of Vision 1:10:500", a former Deputy Vice Chancellor of the University and Project Manager, Ranking Implementation, Prof. Suleiman Folorunsho Ambali, described the University Library as a strategic engine room in the implementation of the institution's Vision 1:10:500.

Prof. Ambali explained that the Library was not merely a support service operating on the margins of the University's ranking ambition, but an integral component of the processes required to achieve the vision of becoming the number one university in Nigeria, among the top 10 in Africa and within the top 500 globally.

According to him, there are roles that connect the daily activities of the Library and its personnel directly to indicators that influence university rankings. He, however, stated that none of these roles could be achieved automatically, as each depended on library personnel acquiring and effectively applying new competencies relevant to ranking performance.

Prof. Ambali identified a range of attributes expected of Library personnel, including a genuine interest in how research is discovered, organised and shared; accuracy in cataloguing, metadata and citation records; prompt and courteous support for researchers and students; trustworthy handling of research data, records and confidential academic materials; and openness to new tools, systems and digital workflows.

The Project Manager, therefore, charged the University Library and its personnel to move beyond the traditional conception of library services and see themselves as active contributors to the University's research visibility, knowledge management and global ranking aspirations.

In another presentation, a Professor of Library and Information Science at the

University of Ilorin, Prof. Adeyinka Tella, urged academic libraries to strategically integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI) into their services while preserving the professional judgment and human touch of librarians.

In a paper, titled "Leveraging AI for Sustainable Development in Library Services Delivery: The Interaction of Artificial Intelligence and Human Intelligence in Academic Libraries", Prof. Tella explained that the sustainable use of AI in academic libraries depends on combining Artificial Intelligence, Human Intelligence and Professional Ethics.

He explained that while AI could accelerate library operations by surfacing literature, identifying patterns across documents, drafting metadata and answering routine enquiries, librarians remained responsible for checking sources, evaluating quality, interpreting information in context and handling complex enquiries.

He, however, suggested that academic libraries should begin by developing AI strategies aligned with their institutional goals, building librarians' capacity in areas such as prompting, ethics and evaluation, and incorporating AI literacy into information-literacy programmes.

He, therefore, advised librarians to see AI as a tool for enhancing professional services rather than replacing human expertise.

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He also stressed that resource constraints should not be allowed to compromise scientific quality, urging researchers to uphold rigorous methods, reproducibility, transparent reporting and responsible data sharing. He noted that digital tools, open-source technologies, artificial intelligence and remote computing could expand the value of modest research resources, provided they are supported by appropriate data governance, ethics, human oversight and local ownership.

Complementing the emphasis on strengthening research and translating scientific knowledge into practical health outcomes, Prof. P. M. Kolo drew attention to the close and directional relationship between the brain and the heart.

In his presentation, "Brain-Heart Integration in Health and Disease: Understanding the Basics," Prof. Kolo explained that the interaction between the two organs extends beyond the regulation

of pulse and blood pressure, with emotional experiences such as fear, anger, love and amusement capable of influencing cardiovascular function, while signals from the heart can also affect brain function and cognitive performance.

Prof. Kolo, therefore, advised members of the public to pay greater attention to stress and other factors capable of disturbing the balance of the autonomic nervous system. He explained that stress, anger and fear can activate the sympathetic nervous system, increasing heart rate and blood pressure, while heart-rate variability provides an indication of the balance between the body's sympathetic and parasympathetic systems. He added that lower heart-rate variability may be associated with fatigue, high stress, poor sleep and illness, underscoring the importance of practices that support recovery and cardiovascular wellbeing.

The expert further advised people living with diabetes to undergo appropriate medical evaluation for cardiovascular and autonomic complications. He explained that

autonomic neuropathy associated with diabetes could manifest in several ways, including postural hypotension, resting tachycardia, gastrointestinal disturbances, excessive sweating while eating and erectile dysfunction. He stressed the importance of good glycaemic control, noting that evidence of autonomic neuropathy is common among people living with diabetes.

Prof. Kolo also urged healthcare professionals and members of the public to take cardiovascular warning signs and risk factors seriously, particularly where conventional symptoms may be absent or less obvious. He noted that heart failure is associated with high mortality and that painless myocardial infarction may occur, particularly among older people and individuals with diabetes. He emphasised the importance of timely assessment and appropriate management, reinforcing the broader message that sound physiological knowledge is essential to understanding disease processes, improving prevention and strengthening clinical care.

Ikibe hails Egbewole on UNILORIN TV studio

By Abubakar Imam

The Chairman of UNILORIN Television Management Board, Prof. Solomon I. Ikibe, has commended the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, on the ongoing construction of the television station's studio.

Prof. Ikibe gave this commendation last Wednesday (September 23, 2026) when he led the Board on a working visit to the studio.

He said that the commencement of the project has shown that the Vice Chancellor is a very proactive leader who will always do everything within his province to ensure the progress of the University.

The Chairman said that the completion of the project would assist the staff members of the television station in the discharge of their duties.

Prof. Ikibe said that the quality of work on the project is also encouraging, saying that the replacement of the ceiling in the studio and other



■ **Prof. Egbewole**

materials would make the station to excel.

Speaking on the readiness of the Board, Prof. Ikibe said that he and his colleagues are prepared to use the station to provide quality coverage and reportage of events, issues and personalities with a view to boosting the rank of the University among its peers.

Prof. Ikibe was accompanied on



■ **Prof. Ikibe**

the visit by the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun; a lecturer at the Department of Educational Technology, Dr M. A. Aderoju; a staff member of the University Registry, Mr Tosin Adua and the Deputy Editor of *UNILORIN Bulletin*, who is also the Secretary of the Board, Mr Abubakar Imam.

Karim reappointed as Fountain Varsity VC

By Abubakar Imam

A former Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin, Prof. Olayinka Ramota Karim, has been reappointed as the Vice Chancellor of the Fountain University, Osogbo

The decision was taken at the 67th meeting of the Governing Council of the University held last Monday (September 21, 2026).

The development was disclosed in a statement signed by the Registrar of the University, Mr Sheriff Adeyemi Adenekan, saying that Prof. Karim, who was first appointed in 2022, will continue to run the University till February 28, 2031.

The Registrar explained that the reappointment was sequel to the Council's careful consideration of the Vice Chancellor's achievements, breakthroughs and initiatives during her first tenure.

The Council, according to the Registrar, noted that Karim, who is the first female Vice Chancellor of the



■ **Prof. Karim**

University, had overseen what it described as a period of significant transformation at the faith-based University.

He added that the Council highlighted infrastructural expansion, accreditation of academic programmes, introduction of new programmes, increased student enrolment, improved global partnerships, improved staff welfare and efforts to deepen the University's

Islamic identity among other achievements recorded under her leadership.

The Council said the reappointment was aimed at ensuring continuity and consolidating the gains recorded during her first tenure.

Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has welcomed the reappointment of Prof. Karim.

In a statement issued by the University's Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, the Vice Chancellor said that he was not surprised about the development as Prof. Karim has always proved her resourcefulness, agility and industry.

Prof. Egbewole described Prof. Karim as a golden ambassador of the University of Ilorin, saying that the Better by far University would continue to be very proud of her.

Prof. Egbewole wished Prof. Karim a more rewarding and fulfilling second term in office.

UNILORIN clinches top positions in PSN Scientific Committee

By Muizdeen Adewole

The University of Ilorin has once again asserted its leadership in the Health Sciences as two of its distinguished scholars clinched top leadership positions in the newly established Scientific, Education and Training Committee (SETC) of the Physiological Society of Nigeria (PSN).

This is contained in a communique dated September 19, 2026, issued by the Executive Committee of the Society, a copy of which was made available to *UNILORIN Bulletin*.

According to the communique signed by the President of the Society, Prof. Samuel B. Olaleye, and its Secretary, Prof. Sunday Bisong, a former Dean of the Postgraduate School, University of Ilorin, Prof. B. V. Owoyele was appointed the Chairman (Convener) of the Committee, while Dr W. I. Abdulmajeed, also of the University, was appointed as the Secretary.

The 10-member Committee, comprising renowned young academics and researchers drawn from across the country, is saddled with advancing physiological sciences education, research standards and professional training pipelines. Its mandates include high-impact scientific and skill acquisition workshops, capacity-building seminars, clinical partnership support, grantsmanship and mentorship pipelines for early-career researchers and trainees.

Reacting to the development, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole,



■ Prof. Owoyele

SAN, welcomed the appointment.

He described it as well-deserved, meritorious and a source of immense pride to the University community.

Prof. Egbewole noted that the selection of the two scholars from UNILORIN to lead such a strategic organ of the PSN is a clear affirmation of the reputation of the University as a centre of academic excellence and a hub for high-impact research.

The Vice Chancellor charged Prof. Owoyele and Dr Abdulmajeed to see their appointments as a call to service and to continue to serve as worthy ambassadors of the University by bringing to bear the UNILORIN ethos of excellence, integrity and diligence in repositioning physiology education in Nigeria.

In separate interactions with *UNILORIN Bulletin* in their respective



■ Dr Abdulmajeed

offices last Tuesday, (September 23, 2026), the two appointees expressed profound gratitude to the PSN for the confidence reposed in them.

Prof. Owoyele appreciated the PSN leadership for the honour and pledged to provide visionary and inclusive leadership that will strengthen physiological sciences education and create sustainable opportunities for young physiologists across the country.

On his part, Dr Abdulmajeed described the appointment as an honour not just to him personally, but to the Department and the University at large. He pledged his commitment to work assiduously with the Chairman and other members of the Committee to deliver on its core mandates, particularly in the areas of capacity building, grantsmanship and mentorship for early-career scholars.

UNILORIN alumnus, Alata represents Nigeria at IY festival in Russia

By Mustafa Abubakar

The University of Ilorin has recorded another milestone with the participation of its recent Chemistry graduate, Taofeek Alata, as a Nigerian delegate at the 2026 International Youth Festival in Russia.

The participation highlights the international exposure of the University of Ilorin graduates and their involvement in youth focused programmes that bring together participants from different countries.

The festival, according to the reports received by *UNILORIN Bulletin* last Tuesday (September 22, 2026), attracted approximately 10,000 young people, comprising 5,000 Russian participants and 5,000 international delegates from 191 countries.

The international gathering provided a platform for participants to engage in cultural exchange, develop networks and share perspectives on issues relating to youth development, global cooperation and civic participation.



■ Mr Alata

SON'S WEDDING: EGBEWOLE APPRECIATES ALL

On behalf of myself and family I want to appreciate the members of the Governing Council, Principal Officers, members of Senate, Provost and Deans, Directors, Deputy Directors, Heads of Departments and units, the members of staff and students of our great University for the wonderful support extended to us on the wedding of our children, Abduljelil and Zainab.

I want to thank my colleague Vice-Chancellors in general and the members of KU8+ Consortium in particular, Chief Executives of various agencies, Proprietors and founders of various private universities for making time out of their busy schedules to attend the event. The functionaries of Governments from across Nigeria are well

appreciated.

I want to place on record the attendance of their lordships from various judicial divisions and the learned Senior Advocates of Nigeria and other legal practitioners.

The President and members of Ilorin Emirates Descendants Progressive Union are very well appreciated.

The Chief Imam of Ile-Ife and other dignitaries from the Source, your presence added the needed colour to the event.

We thank our other lovers and well wishers too numerous to mention for their contributions to the success of the event.

Words are not enough to express

our gratitude to you all but we pray that Almighty Allah will appreciate you all. We appreciate your presence, your gifts, your prayers and other materials. We pray that God will reward you all abundantly.

You have demonstrated to us beyond any shadow of doubt that you truly love our family. May God love you in return. We pray that 'ire a kari gbogbo wa'. Aamiin.

Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN
Vice Chancellor, University of Ilorin
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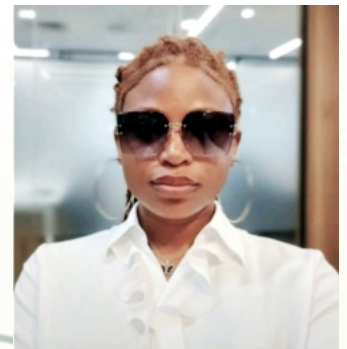
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Team UNILORIN wins AI Justice Hackathon 2026

*By Mubarak Oladosu
and Temitope Omoniyi*

...bags ₦1m Grand Prize

A cross-disciplinary team of students from the University of Ilorin, Team MedLex AI, has emerged as the overall champion at the National AI Justice Hackathon 2026, clinching the ultimate ₦1,000,000 cash prize.

The intellectual contest, themed "AI for Access to Justice: Bridging the Justice Gap in Nigeria," was held penultimate Thursday (September 17, 2026) at the Court of Appeal Hall, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

The hackathon was organised to commemorate the 80th birthday of a retired Court of Appeal Judge, Justice Sotonye Denton-West by her 80th Birthday Planning Committee, in partnership with Rivers State judicial community.

The UNILORIN contingent beat several legal-tech innovators from across the nation by building an innovative WhatsApp-based AI chatbot named MedLex AI, which was designed to provide instant legal aid to users.

The innovation helps everyday Nigerians navigate complex regulatory frameworks seamlessly, offering direct

guidance on workplace injuries, medical negligence, and health insurance disputes.

The victorious Team MedLex AI led by Ogunleye Oluwatoyin Folukemisola of Physiotherapy Department, stood out for its unique, cross-departmental composition drawn from five disciplines. Other members of the team of the innovators are Abdulsamod Obasanjo Toheeb from Law; Timothy Oluwasemilore Shalom from Accounting; Atanda Khadijah Mosope from Nursing; and Akonedo Osarukpa Naomi from Physiotherapy.

While other members of the tech-driven squad collaborated and supported the project virtually from Ilorin, Miss Akonedo Osarukpa Naomi was physically present at the venue in Port Harcourt to pitch the software solution before the high-profile panel of jurists and IT experts.

Reacting, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, who spoke through the Director of Corporate Affairs, Mr Kunle Akogun, expressed profound pride in the students' exploit.

He remarked that the victory perfectly mirrors the university's guiding core values of innovation, excellence, and



■ **Miss Akonedo**

teamwork. Prof. Egbewole stated that the students have once again validated the institution's standing as the 'Better by Far' citadel.

He added that by blending law, healthcare, and technology to solve a critical societal problem like access to justice, Team MedLex AI has shown that UNILORIN breeds thinkers who do not just pass examinations but create real-world solutions.



Glitz, glamour as Egbewole's son, Abduljelil, weds

By Abubakar Imam

Saturday, September 26, 2026, was another glorious day in the life of the Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, and his wife, who is also a retired Deputy Registrar at the University, Mrs Muibat Egbewole, as their son, Abduljelil, tied the nuptial knots with his heartthrob, former Miss Zainab Abdullahi, at the Atlantic Events Centre, Ilorin.

The bride, who is a lawyer like the groom, is a daughter of a former Minister of Sports, Mallam Bolaji Abdullahi.

Conducting the solemnisation of the holy matrimony, the Grand Kadi of Kwara State, Justice Abdullateef Kamaldeen, enjoined them to always be guided by the provisions of the Holy Quran.

Justice Kamaldeen, who is also a Member of the National Judicial Council (NJC), described marriage as a sacred institution, which must be protected and preserved by a couple, their relations and the entire society.

He equally encouraged the new couple to emulate the sterling qualities of their parents who, he said, remained together for decades despite occasional challenges.

The jurist, who congratulated the Vice Chancellor and his wife as well as the parents of the bride for living to witness the wedding of their children, also enjoined the new couple to be prepared to raise their anticipated children in accordance with the

provisions of the Holy Quran and the traditions of the Holy Prophet Muhammad as well as the counsel of their parents.

Justice Kamaldeen later performed the Nikkah in accordance to Muslim rites after the presentation of a dowry of ₦300,000 by Abduljelil to Zainab in the presence of their parents and other well-wishers.

The Nikkah was later followed by the wedding reception during which guests were treated to good music and sumptuous meals.

Among the dignitaries that attended the event were the immediate past Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB), Prof. Emeritus Is-haq Olanrewaju Oloyede, CON; and his wife, Dr Raheemah Oloyede.

The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the University of Ilorin, Surv. Abiodun Jacob Aluko, led other external members of the Council such as Elder Ayobami Oladele Afolabi, Alhaja Abosede Juwon Olayiwola, Pharm. Racheal Tinuke Alabi, Hon. Idowu Akeem Babatunde and Hon. Dipe Olusina Adeniyi to the occasion. Internal Members of Council, like Prof. R.G. Bello, Prof. Mariam Mustapha-Abdulrahim, Prof. G.T Arosanyin, Prof. M.A. Ijaiya, and Mr Abdulrasheed Dauda, were also in attendance.

Also in attendance were the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Moji Taibat Bakare-Odunola and her husband, Dr Rasheed Odunola; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Management Services),

Prof. Olalere Adeyemi; the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Research, Technology and Innovation), Prof. Mukhtar Adeiza Etudaiye; the Registrar, Mr Mansur Adeleke Alfania, the Bursar, Mr Abiodun Lawal; and the University Librarian, Prof. Kamaldeen Tunde Omopupa, as well as the Provost, College of Health Sciences, Prof. M. A. N. Adeboye; and Deans of several Faculties.

Others were the Vice Chancellor of Muhammad Kamalud-Deen University, Ilorin, Prof. Rasheed Gbenga Jimoh and the Vice Chancellor of the Fountain University, Osogbo, Prof. Olayinka Ramota Karim.

The list of the dignitaries also include two former Deputy Vice Chancellors (Management Services), University of Ilorin, Prof. Suleiman Folorunso Ambali and Prof. Adegboyega Adisa Fawole; the National President of the Ilorin Emirate Descendants Progressive Union (IEDPU), Alhaji Abdulmumini Ayo Abdulmalik; a former Attorney-General and Commissioner of Justice, Kwara State, Mr Salman Ayinla Jawondo, SAN; a veteran journalist, Alhaji Najeem Jimoh, FNGE; the Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin Central Mosque, Prof. Nasir AbdusSalam; a former Deputy Chief Imam of the University of Ilorin Central Mosque, Dr Yusuf Kolawole Jimoh; a former Head of the Department of Islamic Law, Prof. AbdulRazzaq Abdulmajeed Alaro; and the Director of Corporate Affairs, University of Ilorin, Mr Kunle Akogun.

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■ Miss Akinlabi



■ Miss Ayinla



■ Miss Adebimpe-John

5 Unilorites bag PSN 2026 prizes

By Muizdeen Adewole

Five students of the University of Ilorin have won prizes at the 43rd Annual Scientific Conference of the Physiological Society of Nigeria (PSN) hosted by the University.

The prizes were presented at the University of Ilorin Multipurpose Hall during the Conference Dinner and Awards ceremony held penultimate Friday (September 18, 2026).

The award presentations were part of the activities slated for the conference, which featured Parallel Scientific Sessions for oral and poster presentations. The presentations were grouped into clusters including Cardiovascular System (CVS), Neuroscience, Endocrinology and Metabolism, and the Physiology Beyond Boundaries Special Presentation, with entries received from universities across the country.

Speaking at the closing ceremony, the Chairman, Local Organising Committee (LOC), Prof. Luqman A. Olayaki, said the students' presentation session was intentionally included as a core component of the conference to nurture the next generation of physiologists.

According to him, the session was designed to provide a competitive yet supportive platform for undergraduate and postgraduate

students to showcase their original research works, receive constructive feedback from seasoned scholars, and promote translational research that addresses contemporary health challenges.

Prof. Olayaki explained that beyond the awards, the initiative is aimed at deepening interest in physiological sciences, encouraging inter-university academic interaction and instilling the culture of scientific excellence and innovation among young scientists.

He disclosed that all presentations were thoroughly scrutinised by panels of erudite scholars who served as Chairs and Rapporteurs across the various clusters. The panelists included Prof. Maryam T. Ayinla and Dr. Roland Akhigbe, Prof. Maisaratu A. Tukur and Dr. Oluwakemi T. Oyelowo, R. O. Akomolafe and Dr. A. O. Oyabambi, Prof. Bolanle O. Iranloye and Dr. W.I. Abdulmajeed, K.O. Ajeigbe and Dr. Oladokun O.O., Prof. C. Onwuchekwa and Dr. C.E. Imafidon for the parallel sessions, while Prof. T.M. Salman and Prof. S. Bisong chaired the plenary sessions.

Prof. Olayaki congratulated the participants, especially the Unilorin contingent, for making the University proud. Among the winners from UNILORIN were Oyedele Maleek Olanrewaju, who clinched the Best Oral Presentation Award in the Endocrinology and Metabolism cluster;



■ Miss Muzzammil

Akinlabi Islamiyah Adenike, who emerged 2nd Runner-up in the Oral Presentation Award for Neuroscience; Muzzammil Salamat Saliu, who won the Best Poster Presentation Award in Neuroscience; Adebimpe-John Omolola Esther, who secured the 2nd Runner-up position in the Poster Presentation Award for Neuroscience; and Ayinla Zainab Olabisi, who bagged the Physiology Beyond Boundaries Special Presentation Award.

The Chairman, therefore, urged students to remain curious, diligent and innovative, while calling on experts and mentors to sustain their commitment to training and guiding young scientists for the advancement of Physiology in Nigeria and beyond.

■ **Mr Femi**■ **Miss Adeola**■ **Mr Basit**

Four UNILORIN alumni rank among 16 Nigerians at NVIDIA

By Mustafa Abubakar

Four alumni of the University of Ilorin have been selected among 16 Nigerians working at NVIDIA, a global leader in Artificial Intelligence and accelerated computing, highlighting the international career achievements of the University of Ilorin graduates across Engineering, Statistics and Computer Science.

The development, which is relevant to the University of Ilorin Outcome Based Education (OBE) documentation, was contained in a report published by *Condia* on September 11, 2026, titled "Meet 16 Nigerians who work at NVIDIA", a copy of which was made available to *UNILORIN Bulletin* last Monday (September 21, 2026).

The four UNILORIN alumni are Sesan Adeniyi (Electrical Engineering), Basit Ayantunde (Mechanical Engineering), Adeola Adesoba (Statistics), and Femi Abolaji (Computer Science).

Sesan Adeniyi, a graduate of Electrical Engineering, currently works as a Senior Solutions Architect for AI and HPC Data Centres at NVIDIA, where she has spent about two years.

Before joining NVIDIA, she

worked at KPMG Nigeria. Her professional role focuses on Artificial Intelligence and high performance computing data centres, reflecting her contribution to advanced technology solutions within the global technology industry.

Basit Ayantunde, a graduate of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, is a Senior Systems Software Engineer at NVIDIA, where he has spent two years.

His code contributes to NVIDIA's RAPIDS cuDF, a GPU accelerated Python DataFrame library. He is also an open-source contributor to the project.

Before joining NVIDIA, Mr Ayantunde worked at Goldman Sachs and Microsoft. His professional contributions to GPU accelerated data science demonstrate his involvement in developing technologies that support modern computing and Artificial Intelligence applications while Adeola Adesoba graduated from the University of Ilorin with a second class upper degree in Statistics and currently works as a Solutions Architect at NVIDIA.

She joined NVIDIA in 2022 through the new college grad solutions architect rotation programme of the Country. She currently builds and deploys agentic AI systems for Fortune 500 clients.

The report also stated that Adesoba and her husband left Lagos in 2017 so that he

could begin graduate school in Tennessee, after which she pursued her professional career in technology.

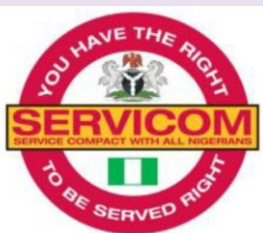
Femi Abolaji, a Computer Science graduate of the University of Ilorin, has worked as a Software Engineer at NVIDIA for about five years.

Before joining NVIDIA, he spent approximately four years at Andela. He also has experience in UI/UX design.

According to the report, Abolaji is inspired by African professionals excelling in technology careers abroad, reflecting his participation in the growing community of African technology professionals working in global companies.

The achievements of the four UNILORIN alumni underscore the diverse career pathways of the University's graduates and their contributions to Artificial Intelligence, software engineering, high performance computing and advanced technology globally.

Their professional accomplishments also provide useful examples for the University of Ilorin COREN and Outcome Based Education (OBE) documentation, particularly in demonstrating the relevance of university education to professional practice and global technological innovation.



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Customer service should not be a department. It should be the entire company. - Tony Hsieh (Taylor Chastain)

POGSASS inaugurates new exco as Kuranga returns for second term

By Mustafa Abubakar

The Postgraduate Students' Association (POGSASS) of the University of Ilorin has inaugurated its newly elected Executive Council with Mr Hakeem Abiodun Kuranga returning as President for a second term.

The inauguration, held last Monday (September 21, 2026), followed the election conducted by the Association on September 1, 2026, and marked the commencement of a new administration committed to purposeful leadership, effective representation and the advancement of postgraduate students' interests.

Other inaugurated Executive Committee members are Abdulganiyu Aishat Ejide, Vice President; Babalola Folayemi Rebecca, General Secretary; Oluwadare Bamidele Samson, Assistant General Secretary; Wasiu Sulaimon Opeyemi, Financial Secretary; Abdullah Ayatullahi Kolawole, Welfare Director I; Ayodele Abiola Olaide, Social Director; Yusuf Idris, Sports Director; Hassan Jehoshaphat Emmanuel, Journal Director; and Usman Muktar Olamide, Public Relations Officer.

Administering the oath of office, the Chairman of the Independent Postgraduate Electoral Committee, Mr Akeem Ademola Ajadi, formally ushered in the new Executive Council, which is expected to pilot the affairs of the Association and promote the welfare, academic development and professional interests of postgraduate students.

In his acceptance speech, Mr Kuranga said his leadership recognised that leadership was fundamentally a responsibility to serve, pledging to listen to the concerns of postgraduate students, strengthen communication within the Association and engage constructively with relevant authorities and stakeholders.



The President stated that the administration would work towards promoting an inclusive and responsive Association where the views and concerns of postgraduate students would be acknowledged and given appropriate attention.

According to him, the administration would also encourage initiatives supporting academic excellence, professional development, research engagement and the general welfare of members.

He acknowledged the efforts and contributions of previous administrations towards advancing the Association, expressing the commitment of administration to building on those foundations while pursuing initiatives that respond to the present needs and aspirations of postgraduate students.

Mr Kuranga called on all postgraduate students to regard the administration as a collective responsibility, noting that their participation, constructive feedback and cooperation would be essential to the success of the Association's shared objectives.

He further expressed the readiness

of his administration to collaborate with the University Management, academic and non-teaching staff, student bodies and other relevant stakeholders in the interest of the postgraduate community.

The President appreciated postgraduate students for the confidence reposed in the new leadership and pledged to uphold transparency, accountability, respectful engagement and dedicated service.

He invited members of the Association to join the administration in building an organisation that effectively represents its members and contributes positively to their academic and professional experiences.

Mr Kuranga reaffirmed the commitment of his administration to serving with responsibility, integrity and dedication while working towards a more inclusive, responsive and effective Postgraduate Students' Association.

The ceremony was witnessed by the Dean of the Postgraduate School, Prof. F. O. Nwosu, and the Dean of the Student Affairs Unit, Dr Alex Morenikeji Akanmu, alongside other members of staff and students.

UNILORIN Pharmaceutical Sciences holds drug discovery lecture

By Idris Alooma

The Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of Ilorin, will today, Monday, September 28, 2026 host a public lecture on New Approach Modalities (NAMs) in Drug Discovery and Development.

The event, themed "Opportunities and Challenges for Pharmaceutical Research in Nigeria," will begin at 11:00 am at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Science Lecture Theatre.

The lecture will be delivered by Prof. Olumayokun Olajide of the School of Applied Sciences, University of Huddersfield, United Kingdom.

The Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Abdulganiyu Giwa, will be the Host, while the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, will serve as the Chief Host.

Members of the University community and the general public are cordially invited.



■ Prof. Giwa

Jimoh urges youths to harness innovation, technology

By Mustafa Abubakar

The immediate past Director of the Computer Services and Information Technology (COMSIT) Unit, University of Ilorin, Prof. Rasheed Gbenga Jimoh, has urged Nigerian youths to embrace education, innovation, entrepreneurship and productive use of technology to remain relevant in a rapidly changing world.

Prof. Jimoh, who is also the Vice Chancellor of Muhammad Kamalud-Deen University, Ilorin, gave the advice penultimate Saturday (September 19, 2026) while speaking at the CRAFT Innovation Hub (CIH) and Kuliya Ngari of Ilorin Emirate National Youth Mentorship Workshop held in Ilorin.

He challenged young people to move beyond conventional academic credentials by developing competence, critical thinking, practical skills and innovative ideas capable of addressing societal challenges and creating employment opportunities.

Prof. Jimoh, who is also a former Dean of the Faculty of Communication and Information Sciences, urged participants to take advantage of opportunities in the knowledge and gig economies, rather than relying solely on government for employment.

According to him, technological advancement had removed geographical barriers, enabling Nigerians to work for clients and organisations across the world without leaving the country.

"You can be in Nigeria and be earning dollars, you can be earning pounds, you can be earning any currency from any country because your location is no longer a barrier to tapping opportunities," he said.

He cautioned youths against excessive social media consumption, drug abuse and other unproductive activities, urging them to use their time and data to acquire knowledge, develop skills and pursue meaningful opportunities.

The former COMSIT Director said young people should critically evaluate the value they derived from their engagements, stressing that the way they spent their time would influence their future achievements.

Prof. Jimoh also challenged the misconception that formal education was unnecessary because some content creators and entrepreneurs had become wealthy without conventional academic qualifications.

"Don't be among those that will say, 'Schooling is a scam, I can be rich without schooling.' There is a difference between money and power. Knowledge and skills give you power, while richness can be achieved by anybody," he said.

He explained that education was not merely about acquiring wealth but about developing knowledge, skills, values and



■ Prof. Jimoh

the capacity to contribute meaningfully to society.

Prof. Jimoh disclosed that the first innovation hub at the University of Ilorin was conceived and developed through partnership and institutional commitment during his tenure as Director of the University's COMSIT Unit.

He said discussions were ongoing with captains of industry to establish a similar innovation hub at Muhammad Kamalud-deen University, adding that such initiatives would provide an enabling environment for ideation and enterprise development.

The don said his exposure to innovation hubs in countries including Sweden and Kenya had reinforced his belief in the importance of creating environments where young people could develop ideas and build businesses.

He described the knowledge economy as increasingly important to the future of nations and urged Nigerian youths to maximise opportunities offered by technology.

Prof. Jimoh disclosed that he had produced more than 20 Ph.D. holders who are now working in countries including South Africa, Turkey, Uganda, Rwanda and

Nigeria.

He identified the development of people and transformation of lives through education as one of his significant accomplishments, stressing that the impact of education extended beyond financial rewards.

The former Director also recalled the sacrifices he made to pursue postgraduate education, including travelling to the University of Ibadan for his Master degree and later to Malaysia for his Ph.D. without a scholarship.

He urged young people to make meaningful sacrifices for education and personal development, stressing the importance of investing in the future.

Prof. Jimoh further emphasised the need for youths to develop innovative ideas that could be transformed into sustainable ventures, noting that education should equip individuals with the capacity to identify problems, generate solutions and create employment.

He said the era of relying solely on certificates was giving way to one in which competence, creativity and practical skills were increasingly essential.

Earlier, the Founder and Chief Operating Officer of CRAFT Innovation Hub, Mr Abdulrasaq Ahmed Abiodun, emphasised the importance of combining competence with sound judgement, character and reputation.

Also addressing participants on responsible citizenship, values, peer pressure, substance abuse and decision-making were representatives of Kuliya Ngari of Ilorin Emirate National Youth Mentorship, the National Orientation Agency (NOA), Kwara State Directorate, and the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Kwara State Command.

The programme featured an interactive session, questions and answers, and a practical exercise on decision making and reputation, aimed at helping participants apply the lessons to academic, workplace and social situations.

Kperogi tasks University Mgt on workplace stress management

By Bashir Dawodu

A Senior Lecturer in the Department of Health Promotion and Environmental Health Education, University of Ilorin, Dr Kperogi Ismail Ibrahim, has charged university management teams to improve their capacity to cope with and manage stressful situations while paying greater attention to the welfare of staff.

Dr Kperogi made the call last Wednesday, (September 23, 2026), while discussing his research work, titled “Effects and Prevention of Workplace Stress Among Academics”, in an interview with the *UNILORIN Bulletin* in his office.

He said the introduction of stress-management programmes, including cognitive behavioural approaches, could reduce sickness-related absenteeism and staff turnover, while also helping to ease depressive symptoms among academics and other workers.

The don described workplace stress as “the harmful physical, mental and social responses that happen to employees when there is pressure of job demands.”

According to him, the development of physical and mental health problems arising from



■ Dr Kperogi

workplace stress could lead to prolonged sick leave or absenteeism, as well as reduced job quality, performance and productivity.

The health educationist identified unhealthy eating habits, depression and burnout as some of the consequences of workplace stress, noting that they could have negative effects on organisations and the general well being of employees.

Dr Kperogi listed some common workplace stressors as job insecurity, long working hours, unrealistic and constant deadlines, limited opportunities for career growth and advancement, and also challenges involving difficult

colleagues.

He advised workers to prioritise their health and seek medical attention whenever they notice physical symptoms associated with stress.

Such symptoms, he noted, may include aches and pains, chest pain or a feeling of a racing heart, exhaustion or difficulty sleeping, headaches, dizziness or shaking, high blood pressure, muscle tension or jaw clenching, and stomach or digestive problems.

Dr Kperogi recommended sports and mild exercise, seeking professional help when necessary, and engaging in self-care activities as some measures for minimising exposure to stress.

He further stressed the importance of maintaining healthy social relationships, noting that they are vital to improving cardiovascular health and immune function, while also reducing anxiety and depression.

Dr Kperogi, therefore, called for greater sensitisation among workers on the importance of maintaining healthy social connections and adopting effective stress-management practices.

According to him, such measures can help alleviate job related stress and promote the well being of workers across different sectors.

UNILORIN nurses appreciate SSANU members' support for late Ojulari

By Mustafa Abubakar

Nurses at the University of Ilorin Health Services Unit have expressed appreciation to the Executive Committee and members of the Senior Staff Association of Nigerian Universities (SSANU) for their presence, prayers, support, and solidarity during the sickness, burial, and Fidau prayer of their late colleague, Dr Wosilat Bimpe Ojulari.

In a letter dated Monday (September 21, 2026), the nurses acknowledged the support extended by SSANU members during the period of grief following the death of Dr Ojulari.

The letter, titled “Appreciation for Your Presence and Support at the Funeral Service and Fidau Prayer of late Dr Wosilat Bimpe Ojulari,” a copy of which was made available to *UNILORIN Bulletin*, conveyed the gratitude of the nurses for the participation of SSANU executives and members in honouring the memory of their deceased colleague and friend.

The nurses stated that the presence of SSANU members during the difficult period reminded them that they were not alone, adding that they remained deeply grateful for the honour accorded the late Dr Ojulari.

They also prayed to Almighty Allah to grant the soul of the deceased



■ Late Dr Ojulari

eternal rest and give her family the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss.

UNILORIN researchers highlight contributions to agric, climate resilience and human development

By Mustafa Abubakar

Researchers from the University of Ilorin have made a strong showing at the 8th African Association of Agricultural Economists (AAAE) Conference with seven research presentations highlighting the contributions of the University to agricultural research, climate resilience, innovation, and human development.

The Conference, held in Nairobi, Kenya, from last Tuesday to Friday (September 22–25, 2026), with the theme, “Smart Agriculture: Innovation, Digital Transformation, and Trade for a Climate-Challenged Africa”.

Presentations by researchers from the University addressed critical issues affecting agricultural productivity, food security, rural livelihoods, climate adaptation, financial innovation, and the welfare of vulnerable households across Nigeria and sub-Saharan Africa.

Some of the researchers from the University received grants and travel support from development and research organisations, including the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), and the AAAE.

One of the studies, presented by Dr Khadijat Amolegbe, the Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management, examined “Food Price Shocks, Household Livelihood Diversification, and Early Childhood Development: Evidence from Nigeria.”

The study investigated the relationship between food price fluctuations, household livelihood strategies, and early childhood development in Nigeria. It used food price data from January 2017 to August 2023, alongside information from the 2023/2024 General Household Survey, covering approximately 4,770 households.

The research focused on children aged four to six and found that maize price shocks were negatively associated with some child development outcomes, while egg prices showed positive associations in certain models. It also indicated that livelihood diversification could help households cushion the effects of maize price shocks.

The study further identified children aged five as particularly vulnerable in some areas, while the relationship between maternal agency and child development outcomes was found to be mixed. The researchers noted



■ **R-L: Head of Department, Agric Econs & Farm Mgt, Dr Khadijat Amolegbe; Ms Sinmidele Jacob; Prof. Opeyemi Ayinde; Dr Mercy Salami; Dr Kafayat Belewu; and Dr Adeola Olarewaju, at the Conference last Monday**

that the findings were observational and correlational, rather than proof of direct causation.

Another presentation by Belewu Kafayat Yemisi, Oluwadare Oluwasegun Akinola, Muhammed Sherifat Mojisola, and Bamidele Oluwagbemileke Fortune focused on “Gender Dynamics in Adoption of Climate-Smart Agricultural Practices and Technical Efficiency among Tuber Farmers in Nigeria.”

The study examined the influence of gender related factors on the adoption of climate smart agricultural practices and technical efficiency among tuber farmers in Kwara State.

It highlighted the roles of access to extension services, credit facilities, institutional support, and other agricultural resources in improving farmers' capacity to adopt climate smart practices and enhance productivity.

Similarly, Dr Mercy Funke Salami, Opeyemi Eyitayo Ayinde, and Michael Ross Carter presented a study, titled “Trust, Conflict, and Inclusive Rural Welfare: Evidence from Farmer-Herder Interactions in Nigeria.”

The research, conducted in Niger State, involved 160 respondents and 84 participants in focus group discussions. It examined the relationship between trust, farmer herder conflict, and rural welfare.

The study reported that 78.75 per cent of farmers and 57.5 per cent of herders had experienced conflict within the

preceding three years. It also found differences in recovery periods, with farmers reporting an average recovery period of 7.36 months compared with 2.76 months for herders.

The researchers emphasised the importance of trust building, social interaction, and inclusive approaches to reducing conflict and improving rural welfare.

Prof. Ayinde and Dr Salami also presented in an invited special session another study titled “Knowledge Integration Framework for Climate-Resilient Agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa.”

The presentation proposed a framework for integrating different forms of knowledge, including scientific knowledge, indigenous and local knowledge, farmers' experiential knowledge, and institutional knowledge, in the development of climate resilient agricultural systems.

The study identified knowledge silos, limited collaboration, and power imbalances as challenges to effective knowledge integration. It advocated knowledge co-production and inclusive participation to ensure that farmers and other local stakeholders play meaningful roles in climate adaptation and agricultural policymaking.

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NESREA Chief hails Ajibade

By Abubakar Imam

A former Dean of Student Affairs, University of Ilorin, Prof. Lanre Tajudeen Ajibade, has been described as a reputable academic figure who deserves to be emulated.

This assertion was made last Thursday (September 24, 2026) by a Principal Scientific Officer with the National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA), Mrs Kehinde Nurudeen, in a telephone chat with *UNILORIN Bulletin*.

She explained that her interactions with the don, who teaches at the Department of Geography and Environmental Management, University of Ilorin, convinced her that it is possible for an individual to combine humility with erudition.

Mrs Nurudeen, who works at NESREA headquarters in Abuja, said that she recently met Prof. Ajibade at the Federal University of Technology, Minna, where he served as her External Examiner and was enamoured with his fascinating intellectual, administrative and interpersonal dispositions.



■ Prof. Ajibade (left) with Mrs Nurudeen (right) last Thursday

She added that the comments of others who equally interacted with Prof. Ajibade synchronised with hers, saying that the former Dean is evidently a very good man.

While encouraging Prof. Ajibade to

continue to provide quality mentorship for the younger ones wherever he goes, Mrs Nurudeen appealed to other academics to emulate the fascinating dispositions of Prof. Ajibade as she said that such attitude would encourage more individuals to pursue similar dispositions.

UNILORIN researchers highlight contributions to agric, climate resilience and human development

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In another presentation, Adeola O. Olarewaju and Opeyemi E. Ayinde examined “Assessing Impact of Land Use Variability on Maize Farm-Level Productivity and Efficiency among Smallholder Farmers in Nigeria.”

The study covered 372 households across Kwara, Niger, and Kogi States, comprising 186 adopters and 186 non-adopters. The researchers applied stochastic frontier analysis, propensity score matching, and the endogenous treatment effect model to assess productivity and efficiency.

The study reported efficiency levels of 0.84 among adopters and 0.79 among non-adopters, with a reported effect of 21.9 percentage points. It also considered the influence of land tenure arrangements and agroforestry practices on agricultural productivity and efficiency.

The researchers stressed the need for land-use policies and agricultural interventions that promote sustainable land management and support smallholder farmers.

Mercy Jacob, who recently concluded her Ph.D., is also presenting research from her doctoral work at the

conference. She, alongside Opeyemi Eytayo Ayinde, Olubunmi Abayomi Omotesho, and Justinah Adwoa Onumah, presented a study titled “Determinants of Intensity of Use of Financial Innovation among Smallholder Maize Farmers in North Central Nigeria.”

The study used data from the ALL-IN panel covering 2021–2024 and applied a double-hurdle model. It was guided by the Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology (UTAUT) and the Agricultural Innovation System framework.

The research examined how performance expectancy, effort expectancy, social influence, climate-related risks, and land tenure arrangements influenced farmers' use of financial innovations.

It identified the relevance of agricultural extension services, farmer organisations, and inclusive financial systems in improving access to and use of financial innovations among smallholder maize farmers.

The seventh presentation, by Ibrahim Hussain Kobe and Grany Mmatsatsi Senyolo, was titled “Effect of Neglected and Underutilised Species in Mitigating Climate Shocks on Food Insecurity in Nigeria.”

The study used data from the National Agricultural Sample Survey and the 2022/2023 Harmonised Living

Standards-related household data, covering 2,799 matched household heads.

It applied the Food Insecurity Experience Scale, ordinary least squares, and the Multivariate Probit model to investigate the relationship between neglected and underutilised species, climate shocks, and food insecurity.

The researchers examined the role of neglected and underutilised crops and livestock in supporting household resilience and food security. However, the study indicated that diversification did not uniformly reduce all forms of food insecurity, suggesting that the impact of such strategies could vary according to household and environmental conditions.

The seven presentations collectively demonstrated the University of Ilorin researchers' engagement with contemporary agricultural challenges, including food price instability, climate change, gender inclusion, rural conflict, sustainable land use, financial technology, household resilience and food security.

The studies also reinforced the importance of evidence-based research, local knowledge, inclusive policies, and innovative approaches in strengthening agricultural systems and improving livelihoods across Africa.



Yusuf urges muslim couples to uphold fairness, maturity in polygamous marriages

By Mustafa Abubakar

Prof. Hamdalah Yusuf of the Faculty of Education, University of Ilorin, has urged Muslim women to embrace maturity, humility, tolerance, and mutual support in polygamous marriages, stressing the importance of fairness, understanding, and peaceful coexistence among co-wives.

The don made the call penultimate Sunday (September 20, 2026), while speaking at the Polygyny Seminar, organised by the Organisation of Tadamunul Muslimeen (OTM) and The Muslim Congress (TMC), held at the FOMWAN Hall, Ilorin.

Speaking on the subject, Prof. Yusuf explained that men's interests and preferences could change at different stages of life, noting that individuals might develop affection for different people as they grow older and experience changing circumstances.

She, however, stressed the importance of good character, politeness, love, and leading by example, urging women who desired to become influential figures in their homes to demonstrate maturity and offer sound advice.

According to her, women should cultivate humility and fear Allah, recognising that marriage comes with responsibilities and challenges that require patience and wisdom.

Prof. Yusuf illustrated the point with the example of a young woman who marries and subsequently becomes a widow. She noted that when such a woman remarries, she may face challenges adjusting to a new husband, particularly if she constantly compares the new spouse with her deceased former husband.

She urged women to avoid such comparisons and develop the maturity required to understand and support their new spouses.

She further encouraged women to demonstrate good character and positive examples in their homes, stressing that maturity and sound counsel could contribute to stronger marital relationships.

Prof. Yusuf also asked women to consider how they would respond if their husbands decided to marry additional wives, challenging them to reflect on the importance of cooperation and acceptance within the family.

The don suggested that a first wife who responds with cooperation and a welcoming attitude could strengthen her relationship with her husband and contribute to peace in the home.

Referring to examples from the time of the Prophet, including Aisha and Khadijah, she urged Muslim women to learn from exemplary figures and develop qualities that would benefit their families.

Prof. Yusuf also addressed the tendency of some women to doubt their husbands or view other wives as

permanent enemies.

She questioned whether it was appropriate for wives to regard one another as lifelong adversaries, particularly when a husband brought his wives and children together as one extended family.

She noted that some women might question their husbands' decision to marry another wife by considering their income, living arrangements, and ability to support additional family members.

According to her, such discussions could cause emotional pain and misunderstanding, especially when individuals made judgments without fully understanding the circumstances involved.

She maintained that where a man possessed the necessary resources and could properly care for his family, the decision to marry another wife should be approached with wisdom, fairness, and responsibility.

She urged women not to automatically interpret the arrival of another wife as evidence that they were inadequate or no longer valued by their husbands.

She acknowledged that some wives might feel neglected when a husband appears to favour a new wife, particularly when his treatment of the new spouse changes after marriage.



CILS visits Monkodoro group, urges collaboration

By Abubakar Imam

As part of efforts targeted at strengthening the relationship between the Centre for Ilorin Studies (CILS), University of Ilorin and the University's host community, the management of the Centre recently paid a working visit to Zumratul Mumini Arabic and Islamic School (Monkodoro), Agbaji, Ilorin. The Monkodoros are the ubiquitous group of Islamic scholars who are usually identified with big turban and strict adherence to Islamic traditions.

Speaking during the visit, the Director of the CILS, Prof. Ali Arazeeem Abdullahi, said that the visit was aimed at exploring opportunities for collaboration between the CILS and the Islamic group in order to enhance the preservation, documentation and promotion of Ilorin's Islamic, cultural and historical heritage.

The Director, who teaches at

the Department of Sociology, said that he and members of his entourage were impressed with the warm reception received from the leadership of the institution, which, he said, demonstrated the mutual respect and shared commitment to preserving the rich historical and religious heritage of Ilorin and its people.

The Director further noted that the Centre was working towards honouring, recognising and preserving the memory and contributions of the late founder of the School, Shaykh Yusuf Baba Al-Agbaji, among others.

He assured all that many other deserving alumni and current students of the School in Nigeria and in the diaspora would be given due recognition as part of the broader effort to document and celebrate their historical and religious contributions.

The Director also presented the Centre's vision for the preservation and digitalisation of valuable Islamic manuscripts, historical documents,

photographs, publications and other materials relating to Ilorin's history and Islamic heritage. He explained that the objective is to preserve these materials for future generations and, where appropriate, make them accessible through digital platforms and the online resources of the Centre.

Responding, the Head of the School, Shaykh Muhammadawwal Olayinka Yusuf, thanked the Director and members of his delegation for the visit.

Shaykh Yusuf expressed the readiness of his group and its members to work with the Centre and the University of Ilorin in order to preserve and promote historical and Islamic materials of enduring value.

Other members of the delegation included the Deputy Director of the Centre, Dr Mahmud Danjuma; a senior staff member of the Centre, Dr Asmau Ali-Agan; and the Secretary of the Centre, Mr Kareem Babatunde Kuti, among others.

UNILORIN Advancement Centre organises workshop, Friday

By Abubakar Imam

Arrangements have been concluded by the Centre for Advancement, University of Ilorin, to hold this year's edition of its annual Workshop.

A statement signed by the Director of the Centre, Prof. Waheed Babatunde Yahya, explained that the Workshop, themed "Building a Sustainable Advancement Culture:

Fundraising, Alumni Engagement and Strategic Partnerships", would hold on Friday, October 2, 2026 at the University Auditorium beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The Workshop, according to Prof. Yahya, who teaches at the Department of Statistics, is designed for Deans of the various Faculties, Directors, Heads of Departments and staff members of the Centre as well as the Advancement Faculty

Desk Officers.

Other anticipated participants are officials of the University who are capable of facilitating donations, grants, investments, technology, and innovations to the University.

Prof. Yahya added that the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, would be the Chief Host.



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RECEIPTS:**N**

Academic Transcript	10,000.00
Capitation NHIS	1,450.00
CCSCA	50,400.00
Clinic Registration	5,000.00
Refund	507,250.00
Sundry/Other Fees & Student Charges	123,000.00
Sundry Other Income	5,479,686.79
Convocation Souvenir	97,800.00
Convocation Undergraduate Charges	21,210,000.00
Income from Verification /Screening	1,080,000.00
CODL - General Payment	121,200.00
CODL - Form Processing charges	25,200.00
Staff and student I.D Cards	2,000.00
Rent on University Property	148,563.00
Postgraduate Acceptance Payment	1,005,000.00
Postgraduate School Charges	25,200.00
Postgraduate Verification of Results	8,294,940.00
Postgraduate Transcript Payment	180,215.00
Publication	501,600.00
Ilorin Business School Charges	1,841,700.00
Ilorin Business School Application Form	75,600.00
Ilorin Business School Acceptance Payment	492,800.00
Institute of Education Hostel Accommodation	121,200.00
Institute of Education Acceptance Payment	25,200.00
Institute of Education School Charges	2,218,960.60
JUPEB Application Form	982,800.00
JUPEB Acceptance Payment	982,800.00
JUPEB School Charges	10,137,400.00
Remedial Application Form	258,400.00
Undergraduate School Charges	7,003,076.00
Undergraduate Verification of Results	10,000.00
Undergraduate Transcript Payment	798,000.00
Undergraduate Post UTME Registration	181,400.00
TOTAL RECEIPT FOR THE PERIOD	63,997,841.39

PAYMENTS**N****PAYMENT TO CONTRACTORS/SUP PLIERS & OTHERS:**

MEEM SOLAR SOLUTIONS & 25 OTHERS	MAINTENANCE OF UNIVERSITY LAWNS AND GROUND	31,758,023.00
AYELOJA ENGINEERING LTD	CONSTRUCTION OF OPEN BLOCK DRAINAGE	7,862,828.15
CYTECK ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION LTD	CONSTRUCTION & FURNISHING OF A STOREY BLOCK OF 300 CAPACITY LECTURE HALL (TETFUND)	49,115,959.02
CYTECK ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION LTD	CONSTRUCTION & FURNISHING OF ANIMAL HOUSES (TETFUND)	29,156,291.21
Various	Various I.E DTA, IMPREST, REFUND E.T.C	23,872,404.65
Purchase Advance	Various	1,005,104.00
TOTAL TSA CHARGES	Various	46,870.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS		142,817,480.03

Signed
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41st CONVOCATION CEREMONIES

INFORMATION TO GRADUANDS

- A)** This is to inform all graduands of the 2025/2026 Academic Session of the University that the 41st Convocation Ceremonies of the University for the award of First and Higher Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates, and presentation of Prizes will hold from **Friday, 16th to Sunday, 25th October, 2026** on the Main Campus of the University.

Details of the activities are as highlighted below:

Friday, 16th October, 2026

Event: Special Juma'at Service
Venue: Unilorin Central Mosque
Time: 1.30 p.m. prompt

Sunday, 18th October, 2026

Event: Interdenominational Service
Venue: Chapel of the Light
Time: 9.00 a.m. prompt

- (a) Monday, 19th October, 2026**
Event: Vice-Chancellor's Press Briefing and Media Chat
Venue: University Auditorium
Time: 10.00 a.m. prompt
- (b) Event:** Rehearsals on logistics by Principal Officers and other Stakeholders
Venue: University Auditorium
Time: 3.00 p.m. prompt

Tuesday, 20th October, 2026

Title: Death of the Crown Escort, written by Abdulmalik A. Amali
Event: Convocation Play
Venue: Performing and Film Arts Theatre
Time: 4.00 p.m. – 6.00 p.m. and 6.00 p.m. – 8.00 p.m.

Wednesday, 21st October, 2026 (Convocation Day I)

Event: Faculties of Education, Agriculture (Home Economics), Clinical Sciences (Nursing), Communication and Information Sciences, Environmental Sciences (Architecture), Social Sciences, and Institute of Education
Venue: University Auditorium
Venue: Various Project Sites
Time: 2.30 p.m. prompt

- (e) Event:** Convocation Luncheon and Staff Merit Awards
Venue: Multipurpose Hall

Time: 4.30 p.m. prompt
Sunday, 25th October, 2026
Event: Thanksgiving Service
Venue: St. Thomas Aquinas Chaplaincy
Time: 9.00 a.m. prompt
Time: 9.00 a.m. prompt

Thursday, 22nd October, 2026 (Convocation Day

II)

Event: Faculties of Arts, Basic Medical Sciences, Environmental Sciences, Life Sciences, Management Sciences, and Physical Sciences.
Venue: University Auditorium
Time: 9.00 a.m. prompt

Friday, 23rd October, 2026 (Convocation Day III)

(a)

Event: Convocation Lecture
Title: From Lecture Hall to Cabinet Room: The Journey from Academia to Public Leadership
Lecturer: Hon. Dr. Haja Ramatulai Wurie Honourable Minister Ministry of Technical and Higher Education, Sierra Leone
Venue: University Auditorium
Time: 9.00 a.m. prompt
Graduands are expected to attend the Convocation Lecture and be seated by 8.45 a.m. prompt.

(b)

Event: Faculties of Agriculture, Basic Clinical Sciences (Physiotherapy and MLS), Clinical Sciences, Engineering and Environmental Sciences, Life Sciences (Optometry), Law, Pharmacy, Medicine, and Postgraduate
Venue: University Auditorium
Time: 9.00 a.m. prompt

(c)

Event: Cocktail for Convocation Lecturer
Venue: Auditorium Basement
Time: 12.00 noon prompt
Event: Special Juma'at Service
Venue: Unilorin Central Mosque
Time: 2.00 p.m. prompt

(d)

Event: Commissioning of Projects by the Visitor
Venue: Various Project Sites
Time: 2.30 p.m. prompt

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- (e) **Event:** Convocation Luncheon and Staff Merit Awards
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B) BRIEF FOR GRADUANDS

Graduands are kindly requested to note the following important information that:

- i) The 2025/2026 Academic Session commenced on Monday, 29th September, 2025 and ended on Friday, 18th September, 2026. All graduands who fall within the above dates are advised to check their names and graduation status on the list of graduands displayed on the University Website – www.unilorin.edu.ng.
- ii) It is mandatory for all graduands to pay for the following items irrespective of whether or not they attend the Convocation Ceremonies, except otherwise indicated:

A) Undergraduate Degrees:

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- 1 Student's Copy of Transcript 10,000
 2 Certificate 10,000
 TOTAL 20,000
 3* Hiring of Academic Gown (Non-refundable)
 4* Order of Proceedings
 5* Muffler
 6* Student ID Card (NYSC)
 7* Lapel Pin
 8* Certificate Holder
 9* Service Charge

B) Master's and other Postgraduate Degrees:

- 1 Student's Copy of Transcript 10,000
 2 Certificate 10,000
 TOTAL 20,000
 3* Hiring of Academic Gown (Non-refundable)
 4* Order of Proceedings
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 8* Service Charge

C) Ph.D. Degrees:

- 1 Certificate 10,000
 TOTAL 10,000
 2* Muffler
 3* Lapel Pin
 4* Order of Proceedings
 5* Certificate Holder

- 6* Service Charge
 D) Diploma
 1 Certificate 10,000
 2 Student's Copy of Transcript 10,000
 TOTAL 20,000
 3* Hiring of Academic Gown (Non-refundable)
 4* Order of Proceedings
 5* Certificate Holder
 6* Service Charge

Please note that asterisk items are to be coordinated by Unilorin Holdings Limited.

- iii) Order of Proceedings, Academic Gowns etc. will be available for collection **from Monday, 19th October, 2026** in the respective Faculties and the Postgraduate School on presentation of evidence of payment of appropriate charges. While certificates shall be distributed from the Convocation Day based on the return of academic gowns at the various Faculties and the Postgraduate School.

- iv) Graduands are expected to attend a rehearsal of the Academic Procession, which will hold at **3.00 p.m. on Monday, 19th October, 2026** at the University Auditorium after the Vice-Chancellor's Press briefing.

- v) It is compulsory for all graduands who will attend the Convocation Ceremony to participate in the Academic Procession and wear the approved academic outfits.

- vi) All graduands are expected to be formally dressed in full English wear (i.e. suit, shirt and tie for men and skirt suit/skirt and blouse or gown for ladies) **OR** full national dress.

- vii) All hired gowns should be returned by the graduands to their respective Faculty Officers not later than **Monday, 26th October, 2026**. Gowns returned after that date will attract a **fine of Five Thousand Naira (N5,000.00) only per day**.

C) MODE OF PAYMENT

- i) Graduands should make their payments with Automated Teller Machine (ATM) cards. The acceptable ATM cards for use are **Master** and **Visa cards**. Each graduand should ensure that the amount in their accounts is up to the value of the required convocation charges and prevailing bank charges before logging into "Unilorin Convocation Portal" for payment.

D) PROCUREMENT OF ACADEMIC GOWNS

Please note that purchase of the University's academic gown is mandatory for Ph.D. graduands only and are expected to contact the office below for the purchase of academic gowns:

Technical Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC), University of Ilorin - +2348065476637.

E) OTHER REQUIREMENT

All graduands are expected to download from the University website the Google Form of the University of Ilorin Alumni Association, save evidence of the filled form on their phones as compliance.

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S/N	NAME	DEPARTMENT	BIRTHDAY
1	ONOJA ABAH GABRIEL	SECURITY DIVISION	27-Sep
2	FADEYI ABAYOMI	MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY & PARASITOLOGY	27-Sep
3	AJALA MUFTAU BABATUNDE	SECURITY DIVISION	27-Sep
4	LAWAL BILQIS ABIOLA	PHARMACOGNOSY & DRUG DEVELOPMENT	27-Sep
5	SUNMONU GANIYAT OLAJUMOKE	REGISTRY	27-Sep
6	AHMED KHADIJAT MOTUNRAYO	UNIVERSITY LODGES UNIT	27-Sep
7	AJALA JOSEPHINE MOSUNMOLA	REGISTRY	27-Sep
8	OGUNJIMI MAYOWA OLUROTIMI	ADULT & PRIMARY EDUCATION	27-Sep
9	BABATUNDE MONSURAT OLAIDE	PLANT BIOLOGY	27-Sep
10	ADENIRAN SAMSON	SCIENCE EDUCATION	27-Sep
11	OLALEYE IFEOLUWA MATHILDA	GEOLOGY & MINERAL SCIENCE	28-Sep
12	YUSUF TOYEYEB ISHOLA	SCIENCE EDUCATION	28-Sep
13	MOTILEWA OLUWAKEMI MARY	REGISTRY	28-Sep
14	ABDULKAREEM AHMED KAYODE	CENTRE FOR ARCHIVES & DOCUMENTATION	28-Sep
15	AINA BABATUNDE OLAGOKE	MICROBIOLOGY	28-Sep
16	MAJIYAGBE SAMUEL MOBOLAJI	INDUSTRIAL CHEMISTRY	28-Sep
17	ISOLA TAJUDEEN OPEYEMI	VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH & PREVENTIVE MEDICINE	28-Sep
18	SULAIMAN ABDULRASAQ ONAGUN	REGISTRY	29-Sep
19	ABDULKADIR RIHANAT IDOWU	FINANCE	29-Sep
20	AGBAJI SUNDAY DANIEL	SECURITY DIVISION	29-Sep
21	YAKUBU TOYIN MUSA	BIOCHEMISTRY	29-Sep
22	OKIA NKECHI FRANCA	REGISTRY	29-Sep
23	ABDUL-RAUF HAKEEM	REGISTRY	29-Sep
24	YAHAYA KHADIJAT ADENOLA	ACCOUNTING	30-Sep
25	ADEGBOYE IYABO FEYISOLA	REGISTRY	30-Sep
26	CHIJIJOKE ADINDU	MEDICINE	30-Sep
27	ARIYO NAFISAT OLABISI	REGISTRY	30-Sep
28	BUHARI OLUWABUNMI IDERAOLUWA NIMATA	BEHAVIOURAL SCIENCE	30-Sep
29	ABUBAKAR JOS USMAN	MATHEMATICS	30-Sep
30	DUROJAIYE MARY ABIMBOLA	DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS	30-Sep
31	SALMAN MIKAIL OLAITAN	HEALTH SERVICES	30-Sep
32	KPEROGI IBRAHIM ISMAILA	HEALTH PROMOTION & ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EDU	30-Sep
33	OYEWO OLUWASEUN MAKINDE	PROCUREMENT & MAINTENANCE SUPORT	30-Sep
34	ALI RASHEEDAT MOJISOLA	WORKS: WORKS/MAINT. OFFICE	30-Sep
35	ADESINA OMOLARA ADEOLA	EDUCATIONAL MANAGEMENT	30-Sep
36	IBRAHIM WAHEED	MARKETING	30-Sep
37	OLAWOYIN MUJIDAT ABIO	VETERINARY MEDICINE	01-Oct
38	OLORUNSHOLA MOSES FRIDAY	CENTRAL WORKSHOP:ENGINEERING	01-Oct
39	AJEWOLE FELICIA BOLANLE	REGISTRY	01-Oct
40	AKANBI MOHAMMED LAWAL	LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE	01-Oct
41	TELLA ADEDIBU CLEMENT	CHEMISTRY	01-Oct
42	SALMAN OLARONGBE IBRAHIM	REGISTRY	01-Oct
43	OLORIEGBE ABDUL-RAHEEM	REGISTRY	01-Oct
44	AKOLO ATTAH PETER	SECURITY DIVISION	01-Oct
45	MOJUBA SEGUN DARE	REGISTRY	01-Oct
46	MATTHEW ESTHER ABDU	REGISTRY	01-Oct
47	AYUBA SA'ADAT OYIZA	REGISTRY	01-Oct
48	ABEL TUNDE STEPHEN	REGISTRY	01-Oct
49	YUSUF ABDULRAHEEM	SOCIAL SCIENCE EDUCATION	01-Oct
50	JIMOH ABDULATEEF OLATUNDUN	REGISTRY	01-Oct
51	FOLARANMI JULIANAH TITILAYO	REGISTRY	01-Oct
52	ADIGUN COMFORT OLUWAYEMI	REGISTRY	01-Oct
53	AGUBOSI LYDIA AKUNNA	COUNSELLOR EDUCATION	01-Oct
54	ISMAIL ABDULSALAM	REGISTRY	01-Oct
55	OPAKUNLE MONSURAT OLUWAKEM	REGISTRY	01-Oct
56	USMAN AMINAT MAMA	ECONOMICS	01-Oct
57	ABDULLAHI ZAINAB BOLANLE	CENTRE FOR PEACE & STRATEGIC STUDIES	01-Oct
58	IYENMOANA ESE	OPTOMETRY & VISION SCIENCE	02-Oct
59	ADEPOJU GRACE FEYISAYO	OPHTHALMOLOGY	02-Oct
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65	BAKARE-ODUNOLA TAIBAT MOJI	PHARMACEUTICAL & MEDICINAL CHEMISTRY	02-Oct
66	MOHAMMED HAUWA HAMBALI	PHYSIOTHERAPY	02-Oct
67	ADAH ADAKOLE SYLVANUS	VETERINARY PHYSIOLOGY & BIOCHEMISTRY	02-Oct
68	AKPENPUUN TIMOTHY DENEN	AGRIC. & BIOSYSTEMS ENGINEERING	02-Oct
69	ONAGUN RASHEED	HISTORY & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES	02-Oct
70	AJAYI FADEKE ANTHONIA	REGISTRY	02-Oct
71	ADEOYE LATIFAT BUKOLA	COMPUTER SCIENCE	02-Oct
72	ADENIYI FOLAKE MARGARET	REGISTRY	02-Oct
73	SALMAN SOFIAT ABIDEMI	REGISTRY	02-Oct
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75	ORAGWA MARK OKECHUKWU	CENTRE FOR ARCHIVES & DOCUMENTATION	02-Oct
76	AKINYEMI ZION BISADE	LIBRARY	02-Oct
77	AKEWUSOLA OMOLOLA GANIYAT	ANIMAL PRODUCTION	02-Oct
78	SANI MUHAMMED ADEIZA	PHARMACEUTICAL MICROBIOLOGY & BIOTECHNOLOGY	03-Oct
79	MUHAMMED JAMIU OLADELE	LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE	03-Oct
80	JAMES EZEKIEL OMONIYI	TEACHING & RESEARCH FARM	03-Oct
81	IBRAHIM AMUDALAT IDOWU	REGISTRY	03-Oct
82	NURUDEEN MONSURAT ARAMIDE	ENGLISH	03-Oct
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84	ABDULRAHEEM JAMIU WANKASI	LIBRARY	03-Oct
85	OBATOLU PETER TAIWO	GEOLOGY & MINERAL SCIENCE	03-Oct
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- Researchers at the University of Ilorin have warned that particles released from cast-iron grinding discs during milling could enter commonly consumed food and pose long-term health risk.
 ("UNILORIN researchers identify poisonous risks from milling food", <https://decency.home.blog>; "UNILORIN Researchers Raise Alarm Over Metal Contamination in Ground Food", <https://chicereporters.com>; "UNILORIN researchers identify heavy metal contamination in ground food....study warns of health risks from milling", <https://dailylinks.ng>; "UNILORIN Researchers identify Metal Contamination in Ground Food", <https://fellowpress.com>; "UNILORIN researchers identify heavy metal contamination in ground food", <https://rectitudenewsng>)
- The Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, has congratulated the Governor of Kwara State, Mallam AbdulRahman AbdulRazaq, CON, on his turbaning as the Sardauna of Ilorin by the Emir, Alhaji (Dr) Ibrahim Sulu Gambari, CFR.
 ("Egbewole felicitates with Governor AbdulRazaq as Sardauna Ngeri Ilorin ", <https://decency.home.blog>; "Egbewole Greets AbdulRazaq on Turbaning as Sardauna of Ilorin", <https://www.dailytopic.com.ng>; "UNILORIN VC
- Egbewole Greets Gov AbdulRazaq on Turbaning as Sardauna of Ilorin", <https://fellowpress.com>;
- The Photograph of a former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, who is the Secretary General of the Nigeria Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (NSCIA), Prof. Emeritus Is-haq Oloyede with the lawmaker representing Ogun Central, Senator Saleh Shuaib Afolabi, at the National Mosque, Abuja, has been published (*Blueprint*, Thursday, September 17, 2026, p.9)
- The University of Ilorin has published the full details of the activities lined up for the 41st Convocation Ceremonies of the institution for the benefit of graduands.
 ("University of Ilorin, Nigeria: 41st Convocation Ceremonies", *The Nation*, Monday, September 23, 2026, p.17)
- The Governing Council of Fountain University, Osogbo, has unanimously approved the reappointment of a former Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Ilorin, Prof. Olayinka Ramota Karim, for a second term in office
 ("Fountain University Renews Prof. Olayinka Karim's Tenure as Vice Chancellor", <https://theproximaneews.com>)

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S/NO	NAME	FACULTY/DEPARTMENT	TITLE	DATE & TIME	VENUE
1	SALAWU, Olaide Oluwatoyin	Physical Sciences / Statistics	On the Modified Wallace-Hussain Estimator in the Presence of Heteroscedastic Error Structures for Modeling Panel Data.	Tuesday, 29 th September, 2026. 12:00 noon	Postgraduate School Virtual Room.
2	ALABI, Nurudeen Olawale	Physical Sciences / Statistics	A Robust Adaptive Elastic-net Regularized Two-stage M-Estimator for High-dimensional Regression with Multicollinearity and Outliers	Tuesday, 29 th September, 2026. 10:00 a.m.	Postgraduate School Virtual Room.
3	Sedddina, Iliyasu Yakubu	Education/Human Kinetics Education	Effects of Virtual Exercise Assistant on Physical Activity Profiling, Fitness and Health among Exercise Clients in the University of Ilorin	Wednesday, September 30, 2026. 10:00 a.m	Faculty Board Room, Squash Hall

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He said students could benefit from exposure to different fields of knowledge while developing their ability to reason, research and understand issues from broader perspectives.

Another member of the victorious quiz team, Mr Yusuf Abdulwariz Oniyangi, a 400-level Zoology student, said curiosity was one of the major factors that drew him to competitive quizzing.

According to him, the different categories covered during the University's inter-faculty quiz which includes governance, global affairs, politics and African affairs, provided an opportunity for participants to discover facts and subjects beyond his immediate academic discipline. He added that, his curiosity had continually pushed him to research areas he did not previously understand.

Mr Oniyangi also identified speed of thought as one of the major skills he developed through the competition, saying, the rapid-fire segment of the championship requires contestants to process questions and produce answers within about 20 seconds. He said the experience had trained him to process

information more quickly and respond confidently under pressure.

He also said the competition improved his ability to interact with people from different backgrounds, having had to travel to a new environment and engage with students he had never previously met.

He commended the University for the academic environment and opportunities that had contributed to his development, saying his experience at Unilorin had significantly broadened his academic exposure. He also acknowledged the support he received from Prof. Iyiola, whom he described as his lecturer and project supervisor, for the role he has been playing in his career development.

For Mr William Ajayi, a 500-level Medical Laboratory Science student and member of the University of Ilorin Debate Team, joining the debate community has significantly improved his communication skills and confidence.

Mr Ajayi said his motivation to join debate was the need to develop the ability to communicate effectively, particularly as a leader who would need to interact with people, present ideas and persuade others.

He said participation in debate had helped him overcome stage fright and made it easier for him to communicate with people he had not previously met, adding that he had gradually moved from being an

introvert to becoming more comfortable interacting with others.

Mr Ajayi also explained the demanding nature of the British Parliamentary format used at the championship, explaining that debaters receive their motions only 15 minutes before the debate and are expected to develop their arguments within the limited preparation time.

He said the format requires participants to have broad knowledge and the ability to think quickly, as they are not allowed to use phones or other gadgets during preparation.

He said that the experience had strengthened his confidence, communication skills and ability to think under pressure, qualities he believes will remain valuable beyond the debate competition.

The students attributed the team's success at the 13th All-Nigeria Universities Debating Championship to its structured training, strong leadership and continued support from alumni, who organise regular physical and online training sessions. They also commended the Chairman of the University of Ilorin Quiz and Debate Committee, Prof. Iyiola and his team for their commitment to the team's progress.





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By Tajudeen Babamale

The University of Ilorin Quiz and Debates Team has set its target on conquering the continental and global university debating circuit after recording a remarkable performance at the 13th All-Nigeria Universities Debating Championship (ANUDC) in Port Harcourt.

Members of the team stated this in separate chats with *UNILORIN Bulletin* last Monday (September 21, 2026), shortly after presenting its laurels to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, in his office.

The Unilorin contingent emerged champion of the Ultimate NAIJA Quiz Challenge and the Public Speaking category of the 13th ANUDC, returning home with two national trophies and 10 medals after reaching the Grand Finale in all three major categories of the championship: Quiz, Public Speaking and Debate.

Speaking on the significance of the feat, the Chairman of the University of Ilorin Quiz and Debate Committee, Prof. Oluyinka A. Iyiola, described the victory as particularly significant, noting that the University emerged champion on its third attempt in the quiz component of the ANUDC, an achievement, which, he said, reflected the team's determination to learn from previous experiences, strengthen its preparation and continually improve its performance.

Speaking on the road to victory, Prof. Iyiola explained that the University's preparation began with Faculty and Inter-Faculty Quiz and Debate Competitions, from which the best-performing students were identified, adding that the selected students subsequently underwent further training before the final team was constituted to represent the University at national competitions.

Prof. Iyiola said the success was significant not only because of the trophies won but also because it projected the University of Ilorin as an institution that nurtures intellectuals

and future leaders. He said that the priority now is to sustain the standard and ensure that the University continues to perform strongly at subsequent competitions.

"We must not be a national champion alone. Our next target is the Pan-African University Debate Championship (PAUDC), with the ambition of progressing from the African championship to the World Universities Debating Championship (WUDC), thereby taking the University's intellectual competition success from Nigeria to Africa and ultimately the global stage", he submitted.

Meanwhile, the students who emerged National Champions said participation in the University of Ilorin Quiz and Debates Team has provided benefits extending beyond competitive success.

One of the quiz champions, Mr Olunloyo Sheu Olawale, a 400-level Computer Science student, said his journey began through his Faculty's Annual Debate Fest, where students compete in quiz, debate and public speaking.

Mr Olawale said participation in competitive quizzing had exposed him to knowledge far beyond his academic discipline. "As a quizzzer, you have to do a lot of research about everything going on around you. Our preparation involves world affairs, African affairs, politics, science, literature, startups and many other areas. This has broadened my knowledge beyond my academic discipline and helped me to understand the world from a wider perspective", he said.

He pointed out that the experience had also encouraged him to think about entrepreneurship after learning about the achievements of startup founders.

While adding that the quiz competition had improved his vocabulary, reasoning ability, approach to studying and general outlook on the world, he urged students of the University who may not initially have an interest in competitions to join the University of Ilorin Quiz and Debate community, describing the experience as an avenue for intellectual and personal development.

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