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- Use of tight-fitting or transparent dresses, sleeveless shirts, see-through blouses, use of heavy make-ups, and wearing of excessive jewelry.
- Use of worn-out or sliced trousers/skirts, T-shirts with provocative messages, and wearing of short miniskirts at academic functions. In addition, it is against the law for female students to wear shorts outside their hostels.
- Wearing of provocative earrings, necklaces, permed or woven hair by male students; etc., run contrary to University laws.
- Wearing of dark glasses during lectures is not allowed, except on medical grounds.
- Students shouldn't appear untidy on campus.

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NOTE: As you dress, so you are treated.

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During Semester

Monday – Friday	8:00am - 10:00pm
Friday	Closed 1:00 - 4:00pm
Saturdays and Sundays	8:00am - 6:00pm

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Monday - Friday	8am - 6pm
Saturdays	8am - 1:00pm
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CHANGE OF CADR E

NAMES	FROM	TO	EFFECTIVE DATE
Shehu Tukur	Caretaker (Terminal)	Clerical Officer II	15 th June, 2020
Aminu Aliyu Kajiji	Caretaker (Terminal)	Clerical Officer II	15 th June, 2020
Umar Shehu Bunza	Caretaker (Terminal)	Clerical Officer II	15 th June, 2020
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Karima Isah	Caretaker (Terminal)	Clerical Officer II	15 th June, 2020
Musa Magaji	Caretaker (Terminal)	Clerical Officer II	15 th June, 2020
Aliyu Magaji	Caretaker (Terminal)	Clerical Officer II	15 th June, 2020
Sama'ila D. Baba	Caretaker (Terminal)	Clerical Officer II	15 th June, 2020
Faruku Alhaji Labbo	Caretaker (Terminal)	Clerical Officer II	15 th June, 2020
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Sulaiman Salisu	Caretaker (Terminal)	Clerical Officer II	15 th June, 2020
Tasi'u Aliyu Madomawa	Caretaker (Terminal)	Clerical Officer II	15 th June, 2020



NEW WALKWAYS, LANDSCAPING BEAUTIFY UDUS

Work for the landscaping of two major roads in Usmanu Danfodiyo University Sokoto main campus, has reached advanced stage of completion. Our reporter who went round the project area observed that workers were progressively laying interlocking bricks on pedestrian walkways and constructing concrete kerbs along Sultan Abubakar III and Professor A. A. Gwandu roads in the core academic area in the main campus.

Speaking on the project, the Director Procurement of the University, Engineer S. A. Lawal explained that the length of the walkway along Sultan Abubakar III road will cover 1,065 metres while that of Professor A. A. Gwandu stands at 857 metres. Width of the two walkways cover two metres each.

Engineer Lawal also said provision was made where flowers would be planted and be protected, using chicken mesh wire to prevent animals from destroying the floweres.

He said the project which was funded under year 2019 Tetfund zonal intervention, was awarded at the cost of One Hundred and Thirty one million, six hundred and thirty one thousand, seven hundred and eighteen Naira, twenty five kobo (N131,631,718.25).





AUDIT COMMITTEE VISITS UDUS

A Six member team of institution. management for staff Audit from the Federal ministry of Education was in the University to conduct staff management audit in institutions of high learning, Federal agencies, Departments and parastatals to assist management to achieve their objectives on issues of staff development. According to the leader of the team Mr. John Ella, they were in the University for a fact finding visit. The aim of the Visit was to look at the operational modalities of Usmanu Danfodiyo University as an organization and seek to know what the management style of the

He said the purpose is to ascertain whether the management style of the University is autocratic or democratic, and also to know if there is delegation of authority and power. The delegation leader also said they will look at the university's staff strength, staff qualification, and extent of adherence with federal character in recruitment. The team will also study the roles, duties, and responsibilities assigned to individual staff, the clarity of responsibilities and seek to know what the adequacy of working materials. The team leader explained that,



they were also in the University to find out if there are cases of covid-19 and what is the management doing to contain the problem. They also engaged in formal discussion with both academic and non academic staff as well as students to ascertain if there is transparency in the University administration, and how the management of the University is going about its affairs.

RECESSION: NIGERIANS URGED TO EMBRACE TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

The Minister of Science and Technology, Dr. Ogbannaya Onu has commended the Solar Energy Society of Nigeria for its efforts in harnessing different sources of energy and hoped it would continue to make impact in the socio-economic life of Nigerians. The Minister who was represented by the Director General, Energy Commission of Nigeria Professor E. J. Bala, observed that as the country's economy has gone into recession due to low price of crude oil, Nigerians have to embrace technology and innovations as instruments for sustainable development. He said the theme of this year's Forum, "Solar Energy in post COVID-19 Economy", is appropriate and timely as it would assist in revamping the economy in the post COVID era. Earlier in a welcome address, the Vice Chancellor, Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Professor Lawal Suleman Bilbis described energy as an important index in the socio-economic life of the society. Professor Bilbis said as the world is continuously searching for sustainable energy source, it is an indication that energy is viable in societal economy.



During the occasion, seven distinguished individuals were awarded with 'Advocates of Solar Energy in Nigerian' who included governors of Sokoto, Kebbi and Zamfara states and the Minister of Science and Technology, Dr. Ogbonnaya Onu. Similarly, twelve other personalities were

awarded with the 'Fellowship of Solar Energy Society of Nigeria' including Professor Aminu Muhammad Bayawa of the Department of Pure and Applied Chemistry, UDUS, and Professor Amamatu Dahiru Tambuwal of the same department.

SENIOR STAFF DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE RECONSTITUTED

The Vice Chancellor, Prof Lawal Suleman Bilbis has reconstituted the senior staff disciplinary committee of the University.

The new committee was re-constituted following the expiration of the tenure of the former one. The appointment was in line with the University regulation governing the appointment of committee.

The Committee's term of reference include among others, to receive from the senior establishment committee or from the Vice-Chancellor and examine all disciplinary cases that might be brought up against senior members of staff of the University and make suitable recommendation to the senior staff establishment committee.

The Committee is also to carry out any other functions as may be assigned to it by the Vice Chancellor from time to time. The Committee is to be headed by Dr. M. D, Mahmud of the faculty of law and members of committee comprised of Dr. M. M. Maishanu, Dr. Ibrahim Abdullahi, Dr. S. M. Sahabi, Dr. Mohammed Achor, Dr. Mairo Abdullahi, Mrs. Z. B. Ibrahim, Mal. A. S. Bodinga, Mal. M. S. Kabir as Secretary, Representative of ASUU, SSANU, NAAT while Mal. Sirajo Abubakar is to serve as Assistance Secretary to the Committee.

APPROVAL FOR SABBATICAL LEAVE

The Vice Chancellor has, on behalf of the Committee of Deans and Directors, considered and approved one year Sabbatical leave for the following under listed staff.

NAME	PLACE OF LEAVE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Dr. Na - Allah Yakubu	Federal University, Dutsin -Ma	2 nd January, 2020
Dr. Ahmad Sanusi	Federal University, Gusau	2 nd January, 2020
Prof. Tukur Adamu	Sokoto State University, Sokoto	2 nd January, 2020
Prof. Bello Daudun Bada	Kebbi State Uni v. of Sci. & Techn, Aliero	2 nd January, 2020
Dr. Nasiru Aminu	Federal Uni v. Lafiya, Nasarawa State	17 th January, 2020
Prof. Ismail Alfa Adamu	Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	17 th January, 2020
Prof. Muhammad Mustapha Jagaba	Sokoto State University, Sokoto	17 th January, 2020
Prof. Muhammad Arzika Danzaki	Federal University, Gusau	17 th January, 2020
Prof. Atiku Garba Yahaya	Federal University, Gusau	17 th January, 2020



Gov. Bagudu of Kebbi State during his Speech at the 38th National Solar Energy Forum

GOV. BAGUDU TASKS SCIENTISTS TO EXPLORE MORE ENERGY RESOURCES

Nigerian scientists have been challenged to come up with novel ideas that would transform the energy revolution in the country for sustainable development and industrial growth.

The Kebbi state governor Senator Atiku Bagudu who made the remark at the opening of 38th National Solar Energy Forum in Sokoto, said the era of hydrocarbon has come to an end just as petrol and diesel automobiles are steadily being phased out by those powered by electric in industrialized nations. Bagudu said despite our crude oil endowment we still import fuel for local consumption and "We think the world will wait for us" before we begin to harness the abundant renewable energy that abound within the country.

The governor stressed the need to encourage scientific community by investing in solar energy so that it would serve as motivation for them to find out ways of tapping abundant resources of energy.

While donating two million naira to the Forum, Governor Bagudu assured that state governors would be active partners in the move to attain the noble cause being pursued by the Solar Energy Forum.

The representative of Sokoto State governor, Alhaji Aliyu Balarabe Dandinmahe who traced the history of oil exploration in the country, announced the his state government would soon create Ministry of Energy with a full commissioner, considering the enormous availability of the commodity.



SULTAN CALLS FOR MORE FUNDING ON ENERGY RESEARCH

The President of the Solar Energy Society of Nigeria, Professor I. J. Dioha has advocated that solar energy can be a recipe to the much talked about sustainable development in Nigeria.

Professor Dioha who spoke at the 38th National Solar Energy Forum held at the Auditorium of Sultan Maccido Institute for Quran and General Studies Sokoto, said solar energy can address many of the energy problems of Nigeria but the only obstacle is the

implementation of research out-come by the government. The President who itemized the uses of sun for economic development, said the same energy can address and mitigate the effect of COVID-19 as the sun can provide immunity three hundred times more than other medicaments.

He noted that the Solar Energy Society of Nigeria is out to boast the energy demand in Nigeria; He however stressed that without implementing the standard research findings the country would continue to have problems.

In his address, the Sultan of Sokoto who was represented by Wazirin Sokoto, Professor Sambo Wali Junaid, stressed the importance of energy to human life and urged the federal government to take the bull by its horns and allocate more funding to Solar Energy Society of Nigeria for the development of the country.



World acclaimed car designer, Jelani Aliyu, honoured by Nat. Solar Energy Forum in Sokoto

UDUS INAUGURATES 3 COMMITTEES ON DANFODIYO TV SERIES

The Vice Chancellor of the Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Professor Lawal Suleman Bilbis has inaugurated three main committees on Vision of Danfodiyo Television Series.

While briefing the committees Professor Bilbis came up with an idea to produce a TV documentary series on the works and life of Usmanu Danfodiyo and the possibility of producing suitable animations of the great scholar to replace the western cartoons. He said the idea and concept was brought by a staff in the department of business administration, Dr. Akilu.

The Vice-Chancellor added that this is the best time to promote the works and life of Usmanu Danfodiyo and can best be achieved through Television documentary series. He said that would portray a better picture of the great scholar rather than producing adulterated films on Shehu Usmanu Danfodiyo.

Professor Bilbis said before the inauguration of the committee, the University management paid a courtesy call on his Eminence Sultan of Sokoto Dr. Sa'ad Abubakar III and intimated him on the

issue; and the Sultan advised the University to come up with a concept and all other modalities, hence the formation of the Committee.

The three main Committees were set up with different functions and mandates.

The three Committee are the main Committee, the manuscript and editorial committee. The Vice-Chancellor advised the three committees to co-opt if possible any person within or outside the University they deemed fit in assisting them towards achieving their objectives. He appealed to the Committees to start work in earnest especially the committee that may need to source for funding of the documentary.

In his remarks, the chairman of the Editorial Committee Professor A. B Yahaya thanked the Vice-Chancellor on behalf of all the members of the Committee for the appointment. He assured the Vice-Chancellor that all the Committees will do the best they can to see that the project is carefully executed. He then appealed to all members of the Committees to pray for Allah's guidance in the discharge of their assignments.



FED. MIN OF AGRIC, UDUS ORGANIZE MEETING ON 15 HECTARES OF MARGINAL LAND

The Federal Ministry of Agriculture in collaboration with the Centre for Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, has secured 15 hectares of marginal land for pilot participatory farmers Managed Agro-forestry. The project is aimed at enhancing land management, mitigating climate effects, promoting livelihood

and food security. The University allocated the land for the project at commencement of the project.

The sensitization had in attendance youth, the Director CAPAR, Professor W.A. Hassan, members of the acting Secretary of community and their Dabagi farms leaders. The project had since commenced with the establishment of solar powered borehole, land clearing and tree planting exercises.

Experts from the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, were at Dabagi village for community sensitization about the project. They Agriculture were at represented the

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successfully developed prototype Renewable Energy systems ready for commercialization. It is my hope that participants of this event will share time to physically visit the Centre to see for themselves some of these systems.

(b) Training

The Centre is equally in collaboration and partnership with a number international organizations, such as: GIZ, EU and USAID in the area of providing various training programs towards national certification on renewable energy technology solutions. Prominent training courses offered for Youth empowerment include; Solar Photovoltaic Installations (SPVI) Solar Photovoltaics Supervisors (SPVIS), Biomass and Solar Thermal Technologies etc.

(c) Challenges

Notwithstanding the Centre's achievements over the years, it has a number of challenges central among which:

- The need for increased capacity building
- The need for upgrading of existing research facilities
- The need to address inadequate research funding
- The need for establishment of a befitting youth empowerment skills acquisition and entrepreneurship training center.

On behalf of the Council, Senate, Management Staff and Students of

once again, most sincerely, welcome Your Excellencies, Honourable Ministers, His Eminence the Sultan of Sokoto, the Chairman of the occasion, the DG, Energy Commission of Nigeria, Prof. E. J. Bala, the President, Solar Society of Nigeria, Prof. I. J. Dioha and all other distinguished invited guests here present. I must also single out our keynote speakers:

Finally, I wish us very fruitful

deliberations and hope that a number of policy recommendations and actionable solutions will be proffered at the end of this all important Forum.

Thank you for listening; and May God be with us.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNT VISITS UDUS

The House of Representatives Committee on Public Account has paid a courtesy call on the Vice Chancellor Professor L. S. Bilbis.

Members of the Committee were in the University for a Performance Audit oversight function. The Committee was headed by a member representing Wamakko- Kware Constituency Honorable Mohammed Abubakar Kalambaina.

The Committee members said they were in the University to witch hunt or to investigate anybody but to see that projects are properly executed and completed by the University.

In his remark, the Vice Chancellor Professor Lawal Suleman Bilbis thanked the chairman of the Committee and his entourage for the visit and submitted a document to the Committee on projects that are either ongoing or executed by the University. The Committee after going through the submission expressed their satisfaction and commended the University for a job well done. The Committee however, visited some TETFund projects executed by the University among which were the new Faculty of Engineering which is a TETFund 2015/2016 intervention Project. The Committee expressed their satisfaction on the inspected projects.



Members of the House Committee on Public Account at UDUS Senate Chamber

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WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR, PROFESSOR LAWAL SULEMAN BILBIS AT THE OPENING CEREMONY OF THE 38TH NATIONAL SOLAR ENERGY FORUM (NASEF, 2020), HELD ON MONDAY, 223RD NOVEMBER 2020, AT SULTAN MACCIDO INSTITUTE OF QUR'ANIC AND GENERAL STUDIES, SOKOTO

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen;

It is with great pleasure that I welcome all of us to the 38th National Solar Energy Forum holding here in the historic city of Sokoto. I welcome their Excellencies, the Governors of Sokoto, Kebbi and Zamfara States; and Honourable Minister of Power, Engineer Sale Mamman. To all the distinguished invited guests, I warmly welcome you to Sokoto –proudly the Seat of the Caliphate.

There is no doubt, the choice of Sokoto to host this important Forum is very apt, as the State is home to the Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto – a University known for great stride in the area of research in various fields of

of this year's theme “*Solar Energy in Post COVID-19 Economy*” is appropriate as the need to securely focus attention to harnessing Solar Energy for national development cannot be overemphasized. To this end, I believe, the professionals participating in this year's Forum are very prepared to address salient issues in the area of renewable energy, especially considering issues of climate change as it affects humans.

Giving the experience and pedigree of the keynote speakers as well as the vast participants, I am optimistic that, at the end of the Forum, far reaching recommendations that would help the country and other developing nations overcome the current and future energy challenges for shared economic growth and development will be advanced.

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, permit me to use this opportunity to say a few words

about our Sokoto Energy Research Centre (SERC).

The Centre was established in 1982 by the University of Sokoto now Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto with the mandate to undertake research in Renewable Energy Technologies and Solutions. Presently, the Centre has seven research Units that are directly involved in renewable energy research and development. These units are:

- Biomass Unit
- Energy Audit and Management
- Solar Photovoltaic Unit
- Solar Thermal Unit
- Small Hydropower Unit
- Wind Energy Conversations and
- Meteorology

(a) Achievements

The Centre is ETF Centre of Excellence and also STEP-B Project (World Bank) Centre of Excellence in Renewable Energy Research and Development. Over the years it has been able to

“far reaching recommendations that would help the country and other developing nations overcome the current and future energy challenges for shared economic growth and development will be advanced.”

HEALTH SERVICES DEPT ERADICATES RODENTS IN UNIVERSITY OFFICES



The University Health Services Department has concluded arrangement to use specially prepared rodenticides in order to eliminate rats that are causing serious menace in the University Community. In view of this, the Health Services Department will go round offices, toilet and laboratories; and other facilities on weekly basis to combat the rats.

The department has re- iterated its commitments in making sure that

significant part of the rats are drastically controlled. They assured the University community that baits would be placed where the rodents inhabits. However, they advised the University community, especially occupants of the offices and other facilities to keep off the places where the baits are placed.

MANUSCRIPT DEV. C'TEE ON VISION OF DANFODIYO TV SERIES CONSTITUTED



The Management of Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, has constituted a committee on manuscript development on the

project of Vision of Danfodiyo Television Series.

The Committee is to study and submit a proposal on the Vision of Danfodiyo TV Series project; identify and collate relevant manuscripts for the successful execution of the proposal.

The Committee is also mandated to liaise with relevant University committees for the execution of the proposal and to advise the University management on any matters related to the project.

The manuscript development Committee is headed by Professor I. M. Maishanu of the Faculty Arts and Islamic Studies while other members include Professor Yahaya Al-amin, Professor Kamal Babikir, Professor Asabe Kabir, Dr. Isah Abdullahi, Dr. U.M Jabbi, Malam A.S Mohammed, Malam N. S. Akilu and Malam Mahmud M. Isah who is the Assistance Secretary to the Committee.

UNIVERSITY SHROUD ROOM COMMISSIONED

The Vice Chancellor of the Usmanu Danfodiyo University Professor Lawal Suleman Bilbis has commissioned a shroud room (where the dead are washed and clothed) in the University clinic built at N3.5 million.

The shroud room was constructed and donated to the University by Ibrahim Khalid Abubakar Foundation, a nongovernmental organization.

In his address, the Vice Chancellor commended the efforts of the Foundation for their foresight in constructing the facility where dead bodies are washed before burial. He urged other organizations to emulate the kind gesture of the foundation.

In his remarks the patron of the Foundation Professor A. A. Bagudo thanked the University management for allocating land for the construction of the shroud room. He promised that the Foundation will do whatever humanly possible in assisting patients with sickle- cell problems in the University.

