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MAMMAN TO OVERSEE NTI AFFAIRS AS Ag. DIRECTOR-GENERAL/CHIEF EXECUTIVE



Mal. Bashir Mamman
Ag. Director-General and Chief Executive NTI, Kaduna

Mal. Bashir Mamman, the NTI Director of Examinations has been appointed to oversee the affairs of the Institute as the Acting Director-General and Chief Executive effective from July 31, 2021.

Mal. Ibrahim Hamidu, the NTI Registrar and Secretary to Council, made the disclosure through a circular to all staff dated Monday, August 2, 2021 titled: **“Expiration of Director-General and Chief Executive’s tenure,”** made available to **the Bulletin.**

“This is in furtherance to the directives of the Honourable Minister of Education as contained in a letter dated 30th July, 2021 to Prof. Garba Dahuwa Azare, advising him on the expiration of his tenure as DG/CE of the Institute on 31st of July, 2021 and the subsequent directives to handover the affairs of the office to the next **most Senior Officer in the organisation.**

“Staff are therefore, all enjoined to take note and channel all correspondences appropriately,” the Ag. Registrar said in the circular.

Two NTI Memos Approved at the 65th National Council on Education Meeting



Centre: Mal. Bashir Mamman, the Ag. DG/CE of NTI flanked by Dr. Hafsata Lawal Kontagora, Director Academic Services and Dr. Chizoba Francisca Umerah, Director FOSS at the recently concluded 65th National Council on Education (NCE) meeting in Jalingo, Taraba State.

Dr. Hafsata Lawal Kontagora, Director Academic Services Department of the Institute has said that the two memoranda submitted by the Institute at the 65th edition of the National Council on Education (NCE) meeting, have been approved.

Dr. Kontagora who made the disclosure to the **Bulletin** during an interview recently, also explained that the NCE is the highest policy decision making body, which was chaired by the Minister of Education.

The Director said that the two memoranda approved at the NEC plenary were that on **“The need for extension of school Investment Schemes to the Secondary Schools as a tool for eradication of out of school children phenomenon for the achievement of 2030 education agenda and the one on “ Deployment of Activity-based , student-centred experiment and improvisation (ASEI), PLAN, DO, SEE AND IMPROVE (PDSI) approach in Strengthening Mathematics and Science Education**

(SMASE) to address out of school children phenomenon.”

She said that the meeting, which was themed: **“Eradicating out of School Children Phenomenon: A tool for the Achievement of Education 2030 Agenda.”** took place at the **Campview Event Centre, Jalingo**, Taraba State, between Monday, August 9 and Friday, August 13.

“The memoranda presented at the plenary of the NCE had passed through the Joint Consultative Committee on Education(JCCE) Reference Committee and all the required stages, before getting approval,” she said.

In line with this development, NTI has been contributing immensely in ensuring the success of education in 2030 Education Agenda.

Report said with this approval of the memos, they have now become policy in Secondary Education and Teacher Education in Nigeria.

It said further that with the acquired skills, from the implementation of the two memos, the challenges of out-of -school children phenomenon will automatically be addressed.

“ NTI will inculcate these skills through her mandatory Capacity Building Workshops that will be organised for the teachers, who in turn will cascade the skills acquired to the students,” it said.

The meeting, which was attended by 385 delegates, had in attendance Arc. Sonny Ochono, the FME’ Permanent Secretary; Chief Executives of agencies in the ministry; Directors, State Commissioners of

Education and SUBEBs Chief Executives across the country.

Mal. Bashir Mamman, the NTI Ag. Director-General and Chief Executive led the Institute's delegation, with Dr. Hafsat Lawal Kontagora, Director Academic Services and Dr. Chizoba Francisca Umerah, Director Fields Operations and Students' Services, as part of the team.

Others are Dr. Angela E. Ozibo, Deputy Director, Research and Development and Mal. Gambo Mu'azu, Deputy Director Programme Design and Development Division of the Institute's Academic Services.

In a related development, Dr. Hafsat Lawal Kontagora, Director Academic Services Department of the Institute, has represented the Institute in Istanbul, Turkey's conference on Psychology and e-learning organised by Pan-Psychology Congress, recently.

The Bulletin reports that Dr. Kontagora, who is also the Deputy Chair, "**Inclusive Education Project**," which is an NGO, being supported by "**the Sight Savers International (SSI)**," and funded by **the DFID**, has presented papers at the conference and chaired one of the Syndicate presentations.

The Challenge of Lack of Education has Enormous Implication, says Minister of Education

Mal. Adamu Adamu, the Hon. Minister of Education has disclosed that the challenge associated with lack of education has

enormous implication for the education system.

The Minister, who was represented by the Hon. Minister of State for Education, Honourable Chukwuemeka Nwajiuba, made the remark at while delivering his keynote address at the 65th Ministerial session of the National Council on Education, which was held in Jalingo, Taraba State.

He said that the education system is expected to serve as piston to the engine room of the entire sectors.

"Suffice to say, that the human capacity gap will expand the more, leading to a low economic growth rate if young people are out-of-school," he said.

He raised concern on increased enrolment, retention and completion of the ever-growing of youth in the country.

"What kind of education are we inculcating in our children to make them well equipped to face the challenges in the society," he added.

The meeting which took place between August 9 and 13, was attended by the Permanent Secretary, who chaired the first two days of the meeting and attended by Directors of the Federal Ministry of Education, State Commissioners of Education and representatives of various institutions and Non-Governmental organisation.

In a related development, the Honourable Minister of Education, Mal. Adamu Adamu has also disclosed in his keynote address, the President Muhammadu Buhari led administration's approval for the

establishment of National Senior Secondary Education Commission (NSSEC) to regulate the activities of secondary education in Nigeria.

It has also established six additional Unity Colleges, bringing the total to 110 in the country.

The Hon. Minister also said the Federal Ministry of Education, through UBEC has undergone a paradigm shift from the use of the manual-based quality assurance model to electronic quality assurance.

He said this will enable to reach out to designated schools as well as accurate reporting.

“ It has also improved access to designated schools to ensure early preparation and ease of evaluation of data generated for planning and intervention,” he concluded.

DON LAUDS NTI FOR LANDMARK ACHIEVEMENTS IN TEACHER TRAINING



Prof. Garba Dahuwa Azare, the NTI DG/CE, delivering his welcome address at the opening ceremony of a two-day workshop on “Strict Compliance with Asset Declaration and Code of Conduct,” for Staff of the Institute on the Directorate Cadre, organised in collaboration with the Code of Conduct Bureau, July 14-15, 2021

Prof. Samuel Ogundare, the representative of the Chairman Code of Conduct Bureau (CCB), Abuja, has commended the Institute for recording huge achievements in the field of training and retraining of teachers across the country.

Prof. Ogundare, who is also a Council member of the CCB made the commendation during the opening ceremony of a two-day workshop on “**Strict Compliance with Asset Declaration and Code of Conduct for Staff of NTI,**” held at the NTI SMASE Red Chambers, between July 14 and 15.

The workshop, was organised by NTI in collaboration with CCB and RainBow Digital Global Consultancy Limited as the consultant.

He commended the present administration for recording a landmark achievement in area of teacher training and development.

According to him, the CCB was established 32 years ago to among others, ensure high public morality and accountability in addition to educating public office holders.

He explained that the mandate of the Bureau included establishing and maintaining a high standard of morality in the conduct of government business in addition to ensuring that actions and behaviour of public officers conform to the highest standards of probity and public morality.

PGDE Results for South-West Zone to be released soon—says NTI Ag DG/CE



A cross-section of the representatives of PGDE students in the South-West during the meeting on release of certificates with representatives of NTI and the University of Ibadan on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at Loyola College, Ibadan, Oyo State.

Mal. Bashir Mamman, the Acting Director-General and Chief Executive of NTI, Kaduna, has given assurance that the outstanding PGDE results of the Institute's students in the South-West Zone of this country would soon be released.

The assurance was given on Mamman's behalf, by Dr. Ibrahim Bala, the Deputy-Director on Test Development of the Institute's Examinations Department during a news conference on non-release of the students' results, held on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at the Loyola College, Ibadan. He affirmed that "all issues" causing the delay in the release of the results had been resolved with the University of Ibadan, as the affiliating University in the zone.

According to him, the Institute and University of Ibadan are at the final stage of uploading the students' data to the university's portal stressing that "once it is completed the results will be released."

"With this development, all students' results in the zone will subsequently be released on time," he said.

The NTI Acting Director-General however, commended the students for their patience and explained that the delay resulted from multiple factors which included the closure of universities due to the COVID-19 pandemic, ASUU strike, affiliation processes and uploading of the students' data on the University's portal.

"The Institute is committed to providing quality teachers for the country by training teachers while on-the-job. All our activities and programmes are made flexible," he added.

A release issued by Mal. Yusha'u Ahmed, the NTI Public Relations Officer, and made available to the *Bulletin*, indicated that the PGDE and Bachelor Degree programmes being run by the Institute are affiliated to universities spread across the six geo-political zones of the country.

Ahmed mentioned in the release that the universities included University of Port Harcourt for the south-south; Usumanu Danfodio University, Sokoto for North-West; University of Ibadan for South-West; University of Ilorin for North-Central; University of Maiduguri for North-East and Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka for the South-East Zone of the country.

"All the outstanding results for the five zones had been approved and released to the students by the Universities," Ahmed concluded in the release.

Prof. Wole Akinsola, Director, Directorate of Affiliation, University of Ibadan, had while speaking during the meeting, said that the results are ready and would soon be released.

The Bulletin reports that the meeting was attended by representatives of the students from each state of the South-West Zone.



Standing Centre: Prof. Wole Akinsola, Director, Directorate of Affiliation University of Ibadan; Dr. Ibrahim Bala, (Deputy Director, Test Development) representing the NTI Ag. DG/CE and extreme left, Mal. Adamu Musa from NTI Academic Records Division during the meeting on release of certificates, with representatives of the PGDE students in the South-West, at Loyola College, Ibadan, Oyo State.

SERVICOM Presidency Approves NTI Service Charter

Mrs. Ayodeji Udeme, a Deputy-Director at the NTI Quality Assurance/ICT Department and the NTI Servicom Nodal Officer has said that the SERVICOM Presidency has approved the Institute's Service Charter document.

Udeme disclosed this during an interview with the **Bulletin**, recently in her office. She further mentioned that the Charter was approved, having been evaluated, recommended for approval and to be published as an official document of the Institute.

According to her, a letter dated June 10, 2021 addressed to the NTI DG/CE from the SERVICOM's National Coordinator/CEO SERVICOM, conveyed the appreciation to NTI.

"The SERVICOM office appreciates the effort and care taken to prepare the charter; with this, the charter may be published and launched afterwards," the letter said.

Udeme described the Service Charter as a short publication that states the service experience a client should expect from an MDA.

"It contains key information about an MDAs service delivery approach and the relationship the client will have with the MDA," she said.

She said that the Service Standards in the Charter are developed and designed with the customer in mind and his expectations.

According to her, the Federal Executive Council had given directives to SERVICOM to regularly monitor MDAs performance.

She disclosed that the service standards fall into four categories, which range from quality of the relationship with client to quality of delivery.

"Other categories include timeliness of the delivery and feedback/complaints handlings.

"To measure performance against service standards, there is need for MDAs to regularly carry out customer/client survey, which would help MDAs set their benchmark for the desired performance standard," she concluded.

Ag. REGISTRAR MULLS DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST STAFF ON UNAUTHORISED CORRESPONDENCES



Mal. Ibrahim Hamidu
Ag. Registrar and Secretary to Council

Mal. Ibrahim Hamidu, the NTI Acting Registrar and Secretary to Council has said that disciplinary action would be taken against any staff found attending to any official correspondence without the endorsement of either the NTI DG/CE or Ag. Registrar and Secretary to Council.

He similarly strongly warned staff against intercepting, extracting or inserting documents from files on transit from within or outside the Institute.

The Ag. Registrar gave the warning to all staff of the Institute through a Circular dated July 9 and titled: ***“Passing of official correspondences without routing them through office of the DG/CE and Ag. Registrar and Secretary to Council.”***

“This flagrant violation of procedures will not be condoned any longer.

“Consequently, all correspondences from organisations, Zonal and State offices to Headquarters must be appropriately endorsed by the respective relevant level of establishment authorities.

“Similarly, no staff is authorised to correspond or write any letter to an external organisation or MDAs without the endorsement of DG/CE or the Ag. Registrar

and Secretary to Council,” the Circular added.

Hamidu further explained in the circular that the measure was taken in order to prevent *“unprofessional or substandard correspondences”* and usage of statements not in line with the Civil Service norms and values.

According to him, the measure would also go a long way in safe guarding the image of the Institute in addition to asserting that enforcement of the directive would not be compromised because it aimed at *“ensuring control and central referencing.”*

A SIX -MAN C'TEE UNVEILS AZARE'S ACHIEVEMENTS



Prof. Garba Dahuwa Azare

A Six-man Committee has produced a 100-page compendium on the milestones achieved by Prof. Garba Dahuwa Azare during the last five years beginning from August 1, 2016 to June 30, 2021.

Prof. Azare who served his first tenure as the NTI Director-General and Chief Executive between August 1, 2016 and July 31, 2021 recorded enviable feats during the period as evidenced by the contents of the compendium.

The compendium titled : ``**Azare at the NTI: The Challenges and Achievements,**'' was put together after a painstaking and thorough research, meetings and compilations that was edited by Mal. M. Gambo Mu'azu a Deputy Director with the NTI Academic Services Department.

The compendium's production committee was headed by Mrs Zainab Garba Aliyu, with Mal. Yusha'u Ahmed of the Public Relations and Protocol Unit of the Institute's Directorate Department as writer and compilers, respectively.

Other members of the team who came from the Institute's Registry included Mr Salihu Abdulkadir and Ms. Hauwa Saidu, who served as secretary to the Committee as well as Mrs Cecilia Yashim, who did the type-setting of the compendium.

A copy of the book made available to **the Bulletin** indicated that it contained 29 parts with each explaining in detail the tremendous progress recorded by Prof. Azare in transforming the Institute for ``effective service delivery,'' during the period under review.

The Bulletin reports that the compendium, among others, brought to the fore his strong contributions to the educational development of this country as well as his wealth of experience in the area of teacher education and professional development.

It also brought out Prof. Azare's sterling qualities which are characterised by exemplary leadership, honesty, determination, foresight coupled with humility, prudence, transparency and commitment which formed the pillars of his

strength in transforming NTI within a very short period.

Prof. Azare had, in his two-page acknowledgement in the compendium applauded contributions and support of individuals, groups, stakeholders and partners who supported him in multifarious ways in the course of running the affairs of the Institute during the period under review.

He expressed his gratitude to the Federal Ministry of Education under the leadership of the Hon. Minister of Education, Mal Adamu Adamu for ``his commitment in transforming the Institute and education sector at large into a viable and functional enterprise.''

Prof. Azare also acknowledged Mr. Chukwuemeka Nwajiuba, the Minister of State for Education and Arc. Sonny Ochono, the FME's Permanent Secretary, for their support and encouragement.

The Bulletin reports that Prof. Abubakar Adamu Rasheed, the recently re-appointed Executive Secretary of the National Universities Commission (NUC) wrote a two-page Foreword for the compendium.

He, among others, described Prof. Azare, whom he knew for many years while at Bayero University, Kano, as a Lecturer, senior colleague and a brother.

``His achievements that were showcased in this great book, which are numerous, did not come to me as a surprise, because he is a committed, honest, upright, and hardworking person.

“Prof. Azare’s humility and simplicity could earn him anything he so desires in this world: these must be the qualities that paved way for these achievements as compiled in his book,” he said.

According to him, Prof. Azare’s stewardship at the Institute has really demonstrated his capability in reshaping and transforming the institute to vibrant academic citadel for the training of teachers at all levels.

“In my capacity as the ES of NUC, I can testify to his tireless effort at resuscitating the suspended Post-Graduate Diploma and Bachelor Degree programmes of the Institute, immediately he assumed office.

“This gesture alone, portrays his determination for proper repositioning, which he proved to both national and international stakeholders in the sector and the general public.

NTI Lauds Launching of Demak Magazine



Mal. Yusuf Nadabo, representative of the Institute at the Launching of the Dekmak Agric Magazine, held at Arewa House, on Saturday, August 7.

The National Teachers’ Institute (NTI), Kaduna has lauded the introduction and launching of the maiden edition of “**Demak Magazine.**”

The event took place on Saturday, August 7, at the Ahmadu Bello University’s Centre for

Historical Documentation and Research (Arewa House) Kaduna.

Mal. Yusuf Nadabo and Yusha’u Ahmed, a Chief Education Officer and NTI Public Relations Officer respectively had represented the Institute at the event.

Speaking during the event, Nadabo, said the introduction of the magazine is a good step in the right direction.

He commended, Mr Ishyaku Dogo Makama, a one-time Kaduna State parliamentarian and publisher of the Magazine, for developing such a good idea.

He mentioned that the Institute could train educational extension farmers on agricultural manpower and trainings and described the magazine as not only an agricultural medium of communication, but also an educational tool.

Nadabo said NTI offers NCE, through the Distance Learning Mode as well as Bachelor Degrees and Post-Graduate Diploma in Education through the same mode that are affiliated to six universities across the six geo-political zones of the country.

Earlier, Makama, had explained that the purpose for the creation of the magazine aimed among others, at making agriculture attractive.

“The only way agriculture can be attractive is through dissemination of information and that is why we introduced **Demak Magazine,**” he said.

He therefore, called on stakeholders to join hands with the magazine to be produced

quarterly, and revive reading culture in the North and the country at large.

According to him, the magazine would always contain 80 pages replete with news and features with national outlook.

The magazine was reviewed at the event by Prof. Seth Akutson, of the Kaduna State University.

The event was attended by the representatives of the former Vice President, Arc. Namadi Sambo; Governor Nasiru El-Rufai, of Kaduna State; Governor Muhammad Inuwa of Gombe State and the Chief Launcher, Alhaji Ahmed Tijjani Umar, among other important dignitaries.

Prof. Azare Urges Nurul Suraj Estate Developers to Follow Guidelines on the Land and Houses Swapping Process



NTI and Nurul Suraj representatives at the signing of the MoU, July, 2021 at the DG's Office

Prof. Garba Dahuwa Azare, the DG/CE of NTI, Kaduna, has urged Nurul Suraj Estate Developing company, that is partnering with NTI Staff Land Acquisition and Development Committee, to get affordable land and houses to staff, to follow guidelines in the Land and Houses swapping process.

Prof. Azare made the disclosure during the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between NTI and Nurul Suraj Company at the DG's office on July 28, 2021, few days to the expiration of his first tenure.

Nurul Suraj congratulated the beneficiaries for owning land under the company.

Earlier, Mrs. Zainab Garba Aliyu, the Chairperson, NTI Staff Land Acquisition and Development Committee, having congratulated the DG/CE on his commitment to seeing the realisation of the plan, also informed the meeting that Consent Forms have already been sent and dully signed by staff of the Institute.

Recall that the deal started in 2014 with a land in Isah Village, along Bwari-Jere Road, leading to Dutsen-Alhaji and the one in Kutungare, Old Airport road, Kaduna, which are to be swapped with lands and houses of different categories i.e two bedroom and three bedroom in the Kaduna's New Millennium City.

According to Mrs. Aliyu, those staff that want to retain their land at either Isah Village or Kutungare will be issued title documents for those plots by Kaduna State Development Property Company (KSDPC).

She however, explained that the swapping can be from land to land or land to house, as the case may be, subject to what the staff want.

She also disclosed that refunds are to be made to deceased staff next of kin and retirees.

The meeting was attended by members of the committee, Dr. Armiya’u Malami Yabo, the Special Assistant to the NTI DG/CE; Barr. Habibu Hussaini, the NTI Chief Legal Officer, Malama Hauwa Idris and Comrade Adamu Musa of the Institute’s Registry, who was co-opted to witness the signing of the M.o.U.

Others at the event included Mr. Joseph Onimisi, also a member and the Public Relations crew.

Inna Lil Lahi wainn ailahi raji’un



Late Mohammad Basid Ahmed

The death has been announced of Mal. Muhammd Basid Ahmed.

He died on Friday, July 2, 2021 at Garkuwa Hospital, Malali, Kaduna, after an illness.

Born on October 19, 1969 and was employed into the services of the Institute on October 6, 2006.

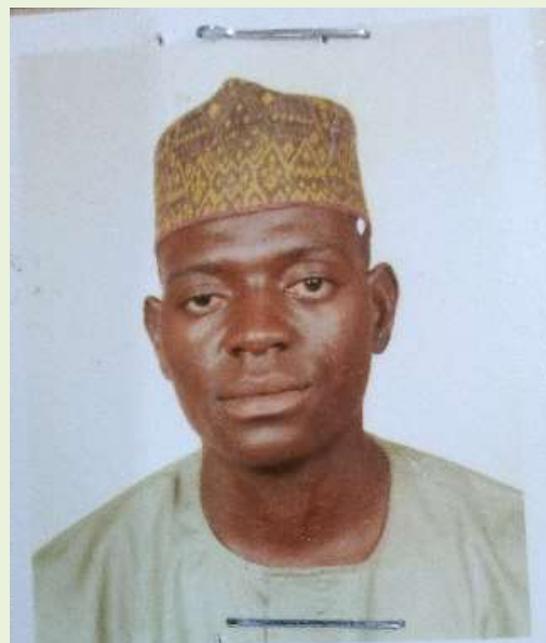
The deceased, who was an indigene of Biu Local Government of Borno State was survived by a wife and 15 Children.

The Bulletin reports that Basid was until his death a Clerical Officer on CONRAISS 4 with the National Centre for the Strengthening Mathematics and Science Education (SMASE) INSET Centre, NTI, Kaduna.

He was at one time with the Public Relations and Protocol Office at the Directorate, before his deployment to SMASE National INSET Centre.

The Bulletin prays for the repose of the deceased’s gentle soul in Al-Jannat Firdausi and wishes his family the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss.

Inna Lil Lahi wainna ilahi raji’un



Late Mal. Ismail Lawal Ismail

The death has been announced of Mal. Ismail Lawal Ismail.

He died on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 after a very brief illness.

The deceased was born on March 31, 1987 and was employed into the services of the Institute on April 7, 2014.

He hailed from Zaria Local Government of Kaduna State and was until his death a Higher Data Processing Officer at the ICT Unit of the National Centre for the Strengthening Mathematics and Science Education (SMASE) INSET Centre, NTI, Kaduna.

The Bulletin prays for the repose of the deceased's gentle soul in Al-Jannat Firdausi and wishes his family the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss.

He was survived by a wife and a child.

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Mal. Bashir Mamman, Ag. DG/CE of NTI at the recently concluded 65th National Council on Education (NCE) meeting in Jalingo, Taraba State.



Centre: Mal. Bashir Mamman, Ag. DG/CE of NTI with other management staff and participants at the recently concluded 65th National Council on Education (NCE) meeting in Jalingo, Taraba State.



Mal. Yunusa Abdullahi, outgoing Chairman, Special Centres Committee, formerly Affiliation Committee, handing over the activities of the committee to the new Chairperson, Mrs. Zainab Garba Aliyu, recently.



Standing Centre: Dr. Chizoba Francisca Umerah, Director FOSS with representatives of Omniswift, on a two-day meeting held between 25 and 26 August, on developing e-learning policy document for the Institute, led by the Director Fields Operations and Students Services of NTI in Wuse, Abuja.



Dr. Armaya’u Mallami Yabo, Special Assistant to the DG/CE with other staff of the Institute on a two-day meeting held between 25 and 26 August, on developing e-learning policy document for the Institute with Omniswift team led by Dr. Chizoba Francisca Umerah, Director FOSS, in Wuse, Abuja.



A cross-section of participants at a two-day workshop on “Strict Compliance with Assets Declaration and Code of Conduct,” for Staff of the Institute on Directorate Cadre, organised in collaboration with CCB, recently



A cross-section of participants at the workshop



Prof. Garba Dahuwa Azare, DG/CE of NTI and the representative of the Chairman, Code of Conduct Bureau, Prof. Samuel Ogundare during the workshop on “Strict Compliance with Assets Declaration and Code of Conduct,” for Staff of the Institute on Directorate Cadre, organised in collaboration with CCB, recently.

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