



NALV Attended 66th National Council of Education (NCE) Meeting

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Following the invitation from the Federal Ministry of Education (FME), Nigeria Arabic Language Village had attended the 66th National Council on Education that was held between 31st September, 2022 to 4th November, 2022. The meeting was attended by the Director/CEO, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad and the FME Liaison Officer and Head of Tsangaya and Out of School Children, Dr Kasim Alkali. The National Council on Education is the highest decision-making body in the educational sector of our dear country. It is the avenue where new policies on education would be initiated, scrutinized, approved and subsequently implemented.

The National Council on Education has two sessions; Official and Ministerial sessions. The official session was chaired by the Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, Mr. David Andrew Adejo from 31st October, to 1st November, 2022.

The purpose of the official session of the NCE is to scrutinize the memos presented at the 81st Joint

meeting that was held at Yola, Adamawa State before would be forwarded to the NCE ministerial session for final approval. Other issues discussed in the meeting include the report from parastatals of Federal Ministry of Education (FME) and States Ministry of Education at the 65th National Council on Education.

The official session of the 66th NCE meeting with the theme “Strengthening of Security and Safety in Nigerian Schools for the Achievement of 2030 Agenda” was held at Abdulkadir Auditorium Hall, National University Commission (NUC).

The meeting was attended by officials from the Federal and State Ministries of Education and their Parastatals, Education Secretariat of the FCT, Armed Forces Education Corps, Police Education and other critical stakeholders. A total of 288 delegates attended the meeting during which the summary of recommendations of the memos was accepted and reports from state parastatals and the FCT were forwarded for council consideration and approval.



L-R Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad and Dr. Kasim Alkali

Ministerial session of the 66th National Council on Education meeting was held at the Bolten White Apartment (Event Centre), Wuse Zone 7, FCT, Abuja. The session, which is the last cycle on the decision making and policy formulation on education was chaired by the Federal Minister of Education, Mal. Adamu Adamu. The theme of the 66th NCE meeting was “Strengthening of Security and Safety in Nigerian Schools for the Achievement of Education 2030 Agenda”.

The opening ceremony of the NCE ministerial meeting, which commenced on 3rd November, 2022 was attended by Distinguished Senator Robert Ajayi Boroffice, Honorable Minister of Women Affairs, Dame Pauline Tallen OFR, Honorable Minister of State for Education, Rt. Hon. Goodluck Nanah Opiah, Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education, Andrew David Adejo, State Commissioners of Education, Permanent Secretaries of State Ministries of Education, Directors from Federal and State Ministries of Education, the FCT Education Secretariat, heads of education parastatals, representatives of agencies, development partners, civil society organizers and other relevant critical stakeholders in the education sector. It was reported that a total number of 300 delegates from Federal and State parastatals, and agencies attended the meeting.

At the opening ceremony, the Minister of State for Education, Rt. Hon. Goodluck Nanah Opiah delivered his speech. The Minister, on behalf of the Federal Minister of Education, Adamu Adamu, the Management and member staff of the Federal Ministry of Education, welcomed and also appreciated the efforts of all state commissioners, permanent secretaries, Directors/Head of parastatals and all delegates from 36 states and FCT from public and private sectors. In his speech, the Minister lamented on the increasing percentage of out of school/drop out in the country. This ranked Nigeria among the other countries with high

population of out of school children. He urged all relevant sectors of education to double their efforts in addressing this issue.

In the same vein, distinguished Senator Robert Ajayi Boroffice, the Chief of Education section, UNICEF Nigeria, Ms. Saadhna Panday- Soobrayan, the Honorable Minister of Women Affairs, Dame Paulin Tallen and representative of the Federal Ministry of Defence have also shown their concern for the increasing rate of insecurity in our schools and prayed that the theme of the 66th National Council on Education would address these challenges. The Federal Minister of Education, Mal. Adamu Adamu, in his keynote address, acknowledged the training of over 200 out of school children (Al-Majirai) and also training and retraining of instructors and teachers in basic and secondary schools across the six geo-political zones to enhance capacity building in modern techniques of teaching Arabic Language for the enhancement of Education by the Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala.

In view of this, the Minister urged all states and FCT to collaborate with Nigeria Arabic Language Village for effective training of their Tsangaya teachers and teachers in Basic Secondary Schools and other relevant institutions for capacity training in techniques of teaching Arabic language.

The Minister also commented on the challenges of not complying with the policy of attending the Immersion and Acculturation programmes which was designed for 300 level Arabic students from Universities and Students from Colleges of Education that are offering Arabic language. The Minister stated that he had directed Universities and Colleges of Education through National University Commission (NUC) and National Commission for Colleges of Education (NCCE) to encourage the students in their respective institutions to attend the Immersion and Acculturation programmes of Arabic Language Village, Ngala and French Language Village, Badagry.

Acculturation Programme Ends in Kano Out-Reach Center

The NALV Acculturation programme at Aminu Kano College of Education and Legal Studies, Kano has come to an end.

The Colleges that participated in the programme at the centre are; Kazaure College of Education, Annur College of Education and the host school, Aminu Kano College of Education and Legal Studies respectively.

At the end of the programme, the course lecturers led by the team leader, Dr. Muhammad Usman Abubakar, met with the Director/CEO where they discussed and made appraisal on the success and challenges faced during the course of the programme with a view to improving on areas of difficulties, so that better services could be provided to the teeming clients of the Village.

It was a brief meeting, but at the end, a far reaching recommendations were made for better



NALV Director/CEO in a group Photograph with other staff of the Village

planning and execution in the subsequent programmes.

Federal Government Lunches Literacy Through Economic Empowerment in Borno State

The National Commission for Mass Literacy, Adult and Non formal Education has today 27th October, 2022 flag-off a programme of Literacy through Economic Empowerment Streyaagy (LEES). The North East flagging off ceremony took place at the Borno State Agency for Mass Literacy in Maiduguri. The programme was launched by the Minister of Education, Mal. Adamu Adamu, who was ably represented by Professor Ibrahim Muhammad, the Director/CEO Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala.

Professor Ibrahim Muhammad has said that, the Federal government is committed towards eradicating illiteracy in Nigeria. Adding that, the Federal Ministry of Education is working tirelessly in order to achieve the vision and mission of Mr President, which is rooted in Education for change for the implementation of the 9-point agenda, which aimed at expanding access to quality and standard education to all Nigerians, providing health care and preparing Nigerians to be productive in eradicating poverty and illiteracy.

Professor Ibrahim Muhammad further said, Federal Ministry of Education designed 10 pillars of Ministerial strategic plan to strengthen the educational sector in the areas of re-enrolling out of school/ Almajiri and Girl Child Education so as to Integrate them into formal Education and as well, empower them with vocational skills so that they can be self-reliant. Mr president assured Nigerians that by the year 2030, more than 100 million Nigerians will be literate (ability to read and write).

The Executive Secretary, National Commission for Mass Literacy, Adult and Non formal Education, Professor Simon Ibor Akpama, while delivering his speech has reiterated the Federal Government's unwavering commitment to the promotion of literacy among Nigerian youths and adults for national development. Professor Simon said that Literacy, not only guarantees and protects human rights, but it is a

potent conduct for enhancing the socio-economic development of all nations. The strong synergy between the hydra headed problem of illiteracy, poverty and numerous indices of underdevelopment indisputable and cannot be underestimated. He said it is universally acknowledged that, improved level of literacy among individuals cumulatively result in improved livelihoods, wealth, greater productivity, improved income generation, unemployment and poverty reduction, happier families and better communities.



3rd left NALV Director/CEO Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad in a group Photograph with participant

Against this backdrop, he said the Federal Government, through the Ministry of Education has rolled out various programmes such as; adult basic literacy, post literacy, functional literacy, interactive by radio, girl child education, out of school youth education, Qur'anic integrated education and vocational education among others. All speakers at the occasion have lauded the Federal Government for supporting the literacy programmes. Representatives from the six states were presented and honoured.

The Executive Secretary, Borno State Agency for Mass Literacy, Dr. Mustapha Ali Mustapha has lauded the effort of the federal government and that of Borno State Government under the leadership of Professor Babagana Umara Zulum for supporting the state's adult literacy programme. The Education Secretary said, Literacy Through Economic Empowerment would be a continue exercise which would be conducted within the north east region. He also thanked all those who have found time to grace the occasion.

Appraisal of Arabic Language Between Orthodox and Modernization

By: Umar Sanda

Nigeria Arabic Language Village, has today being 27th October, 2022 organized a one day conference with a theme; Appraisal of Arabic Language between Orthodox and Modernization.

While welcoming the participants, the Head of Immersion Program, Dr. Ahmad Al'amin Albashir welcomed the Director/CEO, members of Management and the key speakers to the conference. He pointed out that the Village has been advancing since the assumption of Prof. Ibrahim Mohammed as the Director Chief Executive Officer. He said one of the achievements during this administration was the appointment of the Village as a Hub for the Training of Arabic Language in Nigeria.

The speaker, Professor Abdullahi Abdulkadir, who was represented by Dr. Ibrahim Umar Ilyas presented a paper titled: "The History of Arabic Language in Borno" where he discussed on the introduction of Arabic to Borno by Arab traders and also the influence of neighbouring Arab countries. Dr. Ilyas emphasized that learning Arabic dialects made it easy for one to understand Arabic language.

The Director/CEO, who commented on the paper said, Islam came to Borno during the time of Caliph Umar Ibn Khatab to show how long Arabic has been in Borno.

The Director/CEO also stated that the Village will emphasize on the teaching of media language but will also not neglect the classical Arabic which is the root of the language.

The Director of the Village, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad also said, the Village will expose students not only to the Nigerian Arabic dialect (Shuwa) but also to other Arabic dialects such as Moroccan, Egyptian, Syrian and Gulf Arabic.

The second speaker, Professor Muhammad Mai Abubakar, whose paper titled "The future of Arabic in Nigerian Universities classified Nigerian Universities into first generation to fourth generation Universities.

He mentioned that one of the first generation University, University of Ibadan established the Department of Arabic and Islamic studies. However, most of the students that were admitted were not having Arabic background. Later, similar department was established in Bayero University Kano where it received students with good background in Arabic but not well acquainted with English.

According to him, over 35 Universities are presently running Arabic language as a course. With

this, he said the language has a very bright future in Nigeria.

The erudite scholar also appreciated Nigerians who are non-native speakers that studied Arabic in these Universities, but specialized in the language and are also doing well in spreading it. Others who studied Arabic in Nigerian Universities are now contributing positively in all walks of life.

He also pointed out that the language has a great impact on the life of majority of the people in northern Nigeria. He suggested that the government should consider upgrading the status of the language to the position of official language.

He squarely discussed the challenges of teaching Arabic Language such as curriculum, which he said, must be reviewed and as a member of the



Cross Section of the Participants in the Appraisal of Arabic Language Program

committee of stakeholders, it was one of their recommendations for revitalizing the Village.

The third speaker, Professor Muhammad Saleh Jamal looked at "the efforts for the spreading of Arabic Language in Nigeria taking Centers for the study of Arabic Language as a model".

He discussed Islamic World Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (ICESCO) that stands in the spreading of the language by teaching the language as L2 to non-native speakers. He said model schools and centers such as the Annahda of Sheikh sheriff Saleh El Huss sainiy, Imam Malik center for Arabic and Islamic studies, Mairi Islamic etc have all contributed to the teaching of Arabic in Nigeria.

Lastly, the speaker, who is the HOD of Arabic Federal University Keshere informed the Village that the students of the University will be coming for Immersion Program.

Arabic Village Holds its Congregational Election

The Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala Inter University Centre for Arabic Studies has today being 5th October, 2022 held its Congress elections into the Governing Council of the Village.

There were two separate elections conducted today; election of the Academic Board and that of the congress.

In the Academic Board, Dr. Kasim Alkali and Mal. Ibrahim Hussain Ahmed contested the seat. However, before the commencement of the election, Mal. Ibrahim Hussain Ahmed stepped down for Dr. Kasim Alkali. In view of this, the electoral committee Chairman, Dr. Idris Ahmed Yunus, declared Dr. Kasim Alkali elected unopposed.

Similarly, in the congress election, two candidates contested; Arc. Mohammad Yusuf Mohammed and Dauda Musa. It was a keenly contested election which at the end of the day produced Arc. Mohammad Yusuf Mohammed as the winner having

scored 62 votes. Thus, he was returned elected. Meanwhile, his co-contestant, Dauda Musa pulled a total of 59 votes. In the whole, the election was generally described as free, fair and credible elections.

The Director/CEO of the Village, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad has used the forum to present his one year score card to the congress before the commencement of the electoral process. Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad has called on all staff of the Village to be united in order to move the Village to the greater height.

The Director/CEO thanked the electoral committee for successfully conducting the election under a peaceful atmosphere. In the same vein, he congratulated Dr. Kasim Alkali and Arc. Mohammad Yusuf Mohammed for emerging victorious in the election and charged them to be good representatives of the Congregation in the Governing Council of the Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala.

NALV CONGREGATION ELECTS NEW REPRESENTATION

...Director/CEO Congratulates Dr. Kasim Alkali and Arc. Mohammed Yusuf

The Congregation of Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala had on 5th October, 2022 held the congregational elections, where members elected their new members to represent them in the Governing Council of the Village.

The two seats; one for the Academic Board and the other for the Congregation were contested and the elections took place under a peaceful, friendly and serene atmosphere. At the end of the election, Dr. Kashim Alkali and Arc. Mohammad Yusuf Mohammed were elected to represent the Congress and Academic Board in the Governing Council of the Village.

The Director/CEO Nigeria Arabic Language Village Governing Council.



Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad

Ngala, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad, who is the Chairman of the Congregation of the Village, described the process as a big family affairs. According to him, "we are all winners".

Similarly, the Director/CEO has on behalf of himself, management, staff and students of Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala rejoiced and congratulated Dr. Kasim Alkali and Arc. Mohammad Yusuf Mohammed for emerging as representatives of Academic Board and that of congress respectively. He equally called on them to carry all members of the Congregation on board as they are getting ready to represent them in the



Arc. Mohammed Yusuf Mohammed



Dr. Kasim Alkali

NALV Committee on Relocation to Permanent Site Ngala Meet with Critical Stakeholders

The Director/CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad had on 11th October, 2022 constituted a committee for relocation to the permanent site of the Arabic Village in Ngala Local Government Area.

The committee is headed by the immediate past Bursar of the Village, Mal. Usman Y. Garba. The committee had since 24th of October, 2022 paid a courtesy visit to a member, representing Ngala Local Government Area in the Borno State House of Assembly, Hon. Bukar Mustapha Dalatu and other critical stakeholders.

The Chairman of the relocation committee, Mal. Usman Y. Garba has intimated the members that, the Management of the Village had constituted the committee to work out the modalities for relocation to the permanent site of the Village in Ngala Local Government Area. He said, the committee deems it necessary to pay a courtesy visit to the stakeholders of the area, with a view to interacting with them and seek for their input towards the successful relocation.

It could be recalled that, the Village had since 2014 relocated to Maiduguri, due to the activities of the insurgents in the area, which compelled it to move from the permanent site to Maiduguri Liaison Office.

The Chairman sought for cooperation, collaboration and synergy between Nigeria Arabic Language Village and the stakeholders of Ngala with a view to ensuring a hitch free relocation process. In his response, Hon. Bukar Mustapha Dalatu thanked the committee for paying him a courtesy visit and promised to give maximum support and cooperation as well as input on the best way to achieve the success of the committee's assignment. Hon. Dalatu also said, that since the security situation in Borno has tremendously improved, the move by the Management of Nigeria Arabic Language Village Ngala to relocate back to its permanent site, is indeed a welcome idea.

The Hon. member also assured the committee that, his doors are always open for any advice, support and cooperation toward the success of the committee.



NALV Committee on Relocation to Ngala Visits Shehu of Dikwa

In continuation of meeting with Ngala Stakeholders, traditional rulers, community leaders, opinion leaders, NALV Committee on Relocation to its permanent site members had on 25th October, 2022 paid a courtesy visit to the Shehu of Dikwa, His Royal Highness, Shehu Ibrahim Ibn Umar Ibrahim El-kanemi in his palace at Dikwa Town of Dikwa Local Government Area.

While introducing the mission of the visit to the Shehu, a member of the committee, Mal. Meremi Bukar has informed the Shehu that, the management has constituted the committee to work out modalities in order to ensure the smooth relocation of Nigeria Arabic

Language Village Ngala to its permanent site. He further informed the Shehu that, the committee has paid the courtesy visit to the Royal father to seek for his fatherly blessing and support towards the success of its assignment.

The Royal father thanked the committee and said, the visit is a symbolic intention of the Village to start moving to its permanent site at Ngala Local Government Area.

It could be recalled that, since 2014 when the Village relocated to its Liaison Office in Maiduguri, it had been operating from its various outreach centres across Nigeria.

NALV Director/CEO Pays Courtesy Visit to Jibwis Borno State Office

The NALV Director/CEO, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad with his team had on Thursday 6th October, 2022 paid a courtesy visit to Borno State JIBWIS office in Gwange.

The Borno State JIBWIS Chairman, Sheikh Modu Mustapha received the NALV delegation led by the Director/CEO. In his opening remarks Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad has emphasized on the importance of education in moving the state forward. He said, JIBWIS Borno State Chapter should begin to look into the possibility of establishing College of Education as obtained in states like Yobe, Bauchi and Plateau.

The Director said that, Arabic Village was established to teach Arabic language and train Arabic teachers. Therefore the Arabic Village would help JIBWIS in teaching their members.

He also said that his visit to the office of JIBWIS Borno State would further strengthen the relationship between the organization and Arabic Village for better

collaboration in the areas of impacting Arabic knowledge.

In his response, the JIBWIS Chairman, Sheikh Modu Mustapha thanked the august visitor and his team for the visit. He stressed on the importance of acquiring knowledge and the need to have unity for the progress of the entire society.



L-R Sheikh Modu Mustapha and Prof. Ibrahim Muhammad

The Chairman acknowledged and expressed his optimism that, Arabic Village would play a vital role in training and teaching Arabic language to their members, which he said, would go a long way for effective and efficient delivery of the message.

He further assured the Director that, JIBWIS Borno branch would very soon start thinking on the possibility of establishing JIBWIS College of Education in the state.

Sheikh Modu Mustapha has

also promised to officially visit Arabic Village in due course with a view to establishing areas where they can have collaboration to train their members in the field of Arabic language.

A Visit by Librarians Registration Council of Nigeria (LRCN) Officials to the NALV Library

► By: Muhammad Zanna Bukar ◀

Librarians Registration Council of Nigeria (LRCN) is a parastatal under the Federal Ministry of Education (FME) established by Act 12 1995 (CAP L.13 LFN 2004) charged with the responsibility of regulating the practice of librarianship and maintaining standards in all types of libraries in Nigeria. It is in line with its mandate that the Council is embarking on needs assessment of libraries. Hence, the need for visiting the NALV library. It was on the 4th and 5th of October 2022 that officials from the LRCN visited the Village to provide a platform to carry out a monitoring and evaluation functions of the NALV library. It has been assured that the exercise will be beneficial to the Council and other regulatory bodies.

Moreover, the report of the needs assessment will provide the true picture of the state of all libraries in terms of human resources, infrastructures, compliance to standards and learning resources. The outcome of the study will enhance decision making by government at all levels, NALV Library and other stakeholders in areas of articulated interventions that will bring about improvement in provision of trending learning resources, produce patrons and citizens with appreciable information literacy skills as well as providing evidence-based result that will fit into the LRCN special libraries standards. In another

development, it will also improve quality assurance and provide accurate data for advocacy and development of national policy for special libraries information service delivery.

During the visit, the Acting Librarian and other library staff warmly received the officials and briefed them on the history and mandate of the NALV and its supporting library. They were also informed that due to the insurgency, the Village was relocated to Maiduguri in 2014. The Village lost almost all its physical infrastructural facilities as well as its library collections. Since then, there had not been provision of library resources and services. However, after the appointment of the incumbent Director/CEO, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad and his subsequent assumption of office, he directed to convey remnants of our library collections from Ngala to Maiduguri, created a temporary library facility in the Liaison Office and procured enough shelves to display our reading materials.

He also proposes employment of more professional librarians, purchase of sufficient learning resources, working facilities and creation of an E-library facility. Furthermore, when the security issue is over, the Inter University Center will be relocated to its permanent site at Ngala and will adequately render its services and operations.

NALV DIRECTOR/CEO COMMISERATES WITH HIS FAMILY FRIEND

The Director/CEO, Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala, had on behalf of himself, Management, staff and students of the Village commiserated with the family of his friend, Alhaji Ahmed Musa who passed away on Sunday 18th September, 2022 after a brief illness.

During the condolence visit at the deceased house in Dikwa Low Cost, the Director and his entourage were received by the close associate of the deceased, Alhaji Mohammed Bulama (Shettima Kuwama of Borno) who was a former MD, Bank of North.

In a related development, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad has also condoled the former Ag. EFCC Chairman, Rtd. AIG Ibrahim Magu, over the death of his beloved mother.

While condoling the two families, Professor

Ibrahim Muhammad prayed Allah (SWT) for the repose of the souls of the deceased and the bereaved families to have fortitude to bear the irreparable losses of their love



ones.

May Allah (SWT) forgive their shortcomings and admit them to Jannatul Firdausi. Aameen

NALV Director Commiserates with VC University of Maiduguri Over the Death of two Professors

The Director CEO Nigeria Arabic Language Village, Ngala, has on behalf of himself, Management, Staff and Students of the NALV, Ngala commiserated with the Vice Chancellor University of Maiduguri, Professor Shugaba Aliyu, the bereaved families of Professor Aminu Ayuba of the Department of Business Management and Professor Umaru Dahiru of Islamic Studies Department whose sad demise happened this week.

The NALV Director/CEO, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad has described the death of the two University dons as a colossal lost to the University of Maiduguri and the academic community in particular. He added that, the two Professors had lived a fulfilled lives of serving the humanity throughout their lives.

Professor Ibrahim Muhammad prayed Allah (SWT) to forgive their souls, their immediate families and the University Community to have fortitude to bear these irreparable lost. Aameen



Late Prof. Aminu Ayuba

NALV Director/CEO Commiserated with Shehu of Dikwa over Brother's Death

The Director CEO Professor Ibrahim Muhammad has on Saturday 17th September, 2022 condoled His Royal Highness, the Shehu of Dikwa, Alh. Ibrahim Umar Ibn Ibrahim El-Kanemi, over the demise of his younger brother, Abba Chilla Shehu Umar, who passed away on Friday 16th September, 2022 after a brief illness.

Professor Ibrahim Muhammad with his Management team were at the Maiduguri Palace of the Shehu at Old GRA for the condolence. During the

condolence, Professor Ibrahim Muhammad described late Abba Chilla Shehu Umar as a gentleman who lived a fulfilled life.

During the condolence, a special prayer was offered for the repose of the soul of late Prince Abba Chilla Shehu Umar to rest in peace and the Royal family to have fortitude to bear this irreparable loss.

The Shehu of Dikwa, Alh Ibrahim Umar Ibn Ibrahim El-Kanemi appreciates NALV Director and his team for standing by his family during this difficult time.



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