



# History of Islamic Learning and Scholarship in Africa

13-15 JUNE 2023  
KADUNA, NIGERIA



*First Day*  
13th June 2023

- 09.00 - 10.45 Formal Opening
  - Recitation of the Glorious Qur'an by **Goni Isma'il Usman Shehu**
  - Opening Remarks by the Chairman of the Occasion, **Professor Alkasum Abba**, Former Vice-Chancellor at Adamawa State University
  - Welcome Address by **Professor Kabiru Bala**, Vice Chancellor, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria
  - Keynote Address by **Dr. Usman Muhammad Bugaje**, Director General of Arewa Research and Development Project Kaduna
  - Remarks by **Dr. Alhoucine Rhazoui**, Director of Cultural Affairs, On Behalf of **H.E. Hissein Brahim Taha**, Secretary-General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation
  - Remarks by **Amb. Prof. Mahmud Erol Kılıç**, Director General, IRCICA
  - Remarks by His Eminence **Alhaji Muhammad Sa'ad Abubakar III CFR**, The Sultan of Sokoto
  - Goodwill Messages:
    - Address by Chief Host, His Excellency, **Malam Uba Sani**, the Executive Governor of Kaduna State
    - Address by the Distinguished Guest of Honour, His Excellency, **Bola Ahmed Tinubu**, the President and the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
    - Vote of Thanks by **Dr. Shuaibu Shehu Aliyu**, Director Arewa House, Kaduna
- 10.45 - 11.15 Coffee Break

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- **11.15 - 13.00 First Plenary Session:** *Sun Rises in the East and Central Africa: History of Islamic Scholarship in Eastern Bilad al-Sudan*
  - **Chairman: Amb. Prof. Mahmud Erol Kılıç, Director General, IRCICA**
  - **Abdin Chande**, Adelphi University, USA | *Islam and Islamic Scholarship in East Africa*
  - **Abdulkadir Hashim**, University of Nairobi, Kenya | *Transformation of Islamic Learning in Kenya: Tripartite Competition between Islamic Traditional Education, Secular Education and Islamic Integrated Education in Kenya*
  - **Hamadou Adama**, University of Ngaoundere, Cameroon | *Islamic Education and Scholarship in Cameroon from 1960 to Present*
  - **Abdullahi Garba and Shettima Bukar Kullima**, University of Maiduguri, Nigeria | *Indigenous Ulama in the Historiography of Borno: Some Neglected Sources for Historical Reconstruction*
- **13.00 - 14.30 Lunch Break and Prayer**
- **14.30 - 16.15 Second Plenary Session:** *Cross-Regional Transmissions and Interactions -I- Western and Eastern Bilad al-Sudan*
  - **Chairman: Prof. Ibrahim Khaleel Abdussalam**
  - **Oludamini Ogunnaike**, University of Virginia, USA | *A River of Perpetual Praise: A Study of Five Poems across Five Regions in the Bilad al-Sudan*

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- **Abubakar Sama'ila**, Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Nigeria | *Islam and Borders in West Africa: The Changing Dynamics of Islamic Learning and Intellectualism Across Nigeria-Niger Borderlands*
- **David Owen**, Christendom College, USA | *The Long and Late Dynamism of African Logic Manuscripts*
- **Shu'aibu Shehu Aliyu**, Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria | *The Contribution of West African Ulama in the Development of Islamic Learning and Scholarship in the Hijaz in the Early 20th Century*
- **16.15 - 16.45 Lunch Break and Prayer**
- **16.45 - 18.00 Third Plenary Session:** *Cross-Regional Transmissions and Interactions -II- Maghreb and Central Bilad al-Sudan*
  - **Chairman: Prof. Hamadou Adama**
  - **Ibrahim Khaleel Abdussalam**, Bayero University, Nigeria | *North Africa: The Nerve Centre for the Spread of Islamic Civilization and Scholarship in Sub-Saharan Africa and the Mediterranean*
  - **Hamid Bobboyi**, Universal Basic Education Commission, Nigeria | *Scholars and Scholarship in the Relations between Maghreb and the Central Bilad al-Sudan during the Pre-Colonial Period*
  - **Abdulbasit Kassim**, University of California, Riverside, USA | *The Creed of the Common Folk (Aqidat al-Awamm): Muhammad b. Yusuf al-Hasani al-Sanusi and the Maghrebian Influence on the Islamic Intellectual History of Central Bilad al-Sudan C. 1450-1804*

## Second Day

14th June 2023

- **09.00 - 10.30 First Plenary Session:** *West African Flavours: Islamic Scholarship in Local Languages*
  - **Chairman: Prof. Aboubacar Abdullah Senghore**
  - **Aliyu Sakariyau Alabi**, Bayero University, Nigeria | *Fading Cultural Memory in Arabic Alphabet and Syllable Teaching in Quranic Education in Ilorin*
  - **Idris S. Jimada**, Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria | *The Role of Ajami Arabic Manuscripts in the Spread of Islam in the Middle Niger Basin Area of Central Nigeria and Beyond*
  - **Aliyu Muhammad Bunza**, Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Nigeria | *Islamic Literacy and Scholarship in African Languages: The Case of Hausa in West Africa*
- **10.30 - 10.45 Coffee Break**
- **10.45 - 12.30 Second Plenary Session:** *Perspectives on Tajdid Movements in Africa*
  - **Chairman: Dr. Usman Muhammad Bugaje**
  - **Muhammad Shareef bin Farid**, Institute of Islamic-African Studies International, Mali | *Learning, Scholarship and the Tajdid Movements in Africa*

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- **Isah Muhammad Maishanu**, Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Nigeria | *The Sokoto Reform Movement and the Hausa Society: From Enlightenment to Spirituality and Preservation of Islamic Values*
- **Moshood Mahmood M. Jimba**, Kwara State University, Nigeria | *Islamic Education and the Tajdid Movements in Nigeria: The Adabiyya Movement in Yorubaland as A Case Study*
- **Sheriff A. Abdulkadir**, University of Maiduguri, Nigeria | *Muslim Education Reform in Nigeria, The Tasks Ahead*
- **12.30 - 14.00 Lunch Break and Prayer**
- **14.00 - 16.15 Third Plenary Session:** *Methodologies of Learning and Teaching in West African Scholarship*
  - **Chairman: Prof. Salisu Shehu**
  - **Abubakar Sadiq Abdulkadir**, University of Alberta, Canada | *The Culture of Scholarship and Islamic Knowledge Transmission in Mauritania*
  - **Sani Yakubu Adam**, Bayero University, Kano, Nigeria | *Islamic Pedagogical Tradition among the Salgawa Scholars of the Tijaniya Sufi Brotherhood in Kano*



- **Ahmad Mukhtar Adam**, IRCICA | *The Tradition of Tafsir in Northern Nigeria: Genesis, Development and Approaches*
- **Yahya Muhammad (Mujahid)**, Ahmadu Bello University Zaria | *Crisis in Knowledge and Islamic Scholarship in the Contemporary Nigeria*
- **Muhammad Babangida Muhammad**, Bayero University, Nigeria | *Changing Dynamics of Scholarship and Islamic Learning in Contemporary Nigeria*

## Third Day

15th June 2023

- **09.00 - 10.40 First Plenary Session: Contributions of Muslim Scholars in West Africa**
  - **Chairman: Dr. Alhoucine Rhazoui**
  - **Ensa Touray**, The University of Gambia, Gambia | *Intellectual Heritage of Timbuktu Scholarship in West Africa and the Pioneering Works of Alhaji Salim and Mama Sambou Gassama at Jakaba and Sutuko Centers of Learning*
  - **Zachary Wright**, Northwestern University in Qatar | *Muhammad Bello, 'Umar Tāl, and the Tijāniyya in the Early Sokoto Caliphate*
  - **Samba Diop**, University of Oslo, Norway | *The Rise and Influence of Al-Hajj Umar Tall in West Africa: Oral Epic Narratives from Senegal and Gambia*

- **Kabiru Haruna Isa**, Bayero University, Nigeria | *A Neglected Salafi Polymath: The Life and Intellectual Legacy of Shaykh Aminudeen Abubakar, 1947-2015*

### • 10.40 - 11.00 Coffee Break

- **11.00 - 13.00 Second Plenary Session: Effects of Colonialism, Women Scholarship, Youth Education and Legal Perspectives**
  - **Chairman: Prof. Aliyu Muhammad Bunza**
  - **Adeniyi Olatunbosun**, Kola Daisi University, Nigeria | *Talaq and the Problem of Application in Foreign Divorces Under Private International Law System*
  - **Afeez Oladosu**, University of Ibadan, Nigeria | *Exactly Who is A Scholar in Islam? On Learning, the Learned and the Space In-Between*
  - **Aisha Balarabe Bawa**, Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Nigeria | *Learning and Scholarship in Africa: Reflection on Women Islamic Scholars*
  - **Mustapha Gwadabe**, Ahmadu Bello University, Nigeria, | *Colonialism and the Desecration of Islamic Studies in Africa: The Northern Nigeria Experience*
  - **Nimmo Osman Elmi and Wambui Nyamathwe Kabage**, Zuri International Salama School | *The Digital Revival of Islamic Education*

### • 13.00 - 14.15 Lunch and Prayer Break

- **14.15 - 16.00 Closing Session**
  - **Chairman: Prof. Aboubacar Abdullah Senghore**
  - General Observations and Suggestions
  - Ijazah Ceremony for Calligraphers
  - Arewa House and IRCICA Exhibition Tour