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PRESENTS

CELEBRATING GREAT NIGERIANS

**IN MEMORY OF ALHAJI MAITAMA YUSUF SULE
(1929-2017)**

**THEME: MAITAMA SULE: A NATIONAL HERO AND
NIGERIAN NATIONALIST FOR ALL SEASONS**



Date: Saturday, August 22, 2020

Time: 10AM

**Control Room: Centre For Black Culture and
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NATIONAL ANTHEM

**Arise, O compatriots, Nigeria's
call obey To serve our
fatherland-with love and
strength and faith The labour of
our heroes past Shall never be in
vain To serve with heart and
might One nation bound in
freedom, peace and unity.**

**Oh God of creation, direct our
noble cause Guide our leader's
right Help our youth the truth to
know In love and honesty to
grow And living just and
true Great lofty heights attain To
build a nation where peace and
justice shall reign**

NATIONAL PLEDGE

**I pledge to Nigeria my Country To be
faithful, loyal and honest To serve
Nigeria with all my strength To defend
her unity And uphold her honour and
glory So help me God.**

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General Abdulrahman Bello Dambazau

General Dambazau obtained a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Kent State University in 1982 and a PhD in Criminology from the University of Keele in 1989. He also attended the US Army Military Police School, Fort McClellan. Dambazau later served in the Nigeria military and as a Chief of Army Staff between 2008 and 2010. He is the immediate past Minister of Interior under President Muhammadu Buhari's Cabinet between 2015 and 2019.



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MODERATOR



Prof. Ishaq Olarewaju Oloyede, OFR

Prof. Oloyede (OFR) is the serving Registrar of the Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) and former Vice Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Nigeria (2007–2012). A public intellectual and administrator per excellence, Oloyede was Chairman of the Association of Vice-Chancellors of Nigerian Universities and Committee of Vice-Chancellors (2011–2012) and Co-Secretary of National Political Reform Conference (2005–2006). He is presently the National Coordinator of Nigerian Inter-Religious Council (2007 to date); Secretary-General of the Nigerian Supreme Council for Islamic Affairs (2013 to date). Oloyede is widely published. His multi-cultural upbringing and cosmopolitan mind set has endeared him to many. He has served as Consultant to several national and international organisations and bodies, including the World Council of Churches on Christian and Muslim dialogue. Prof. Oloyede has been recognized and honoured with several Awards and is a fellow of several academies.



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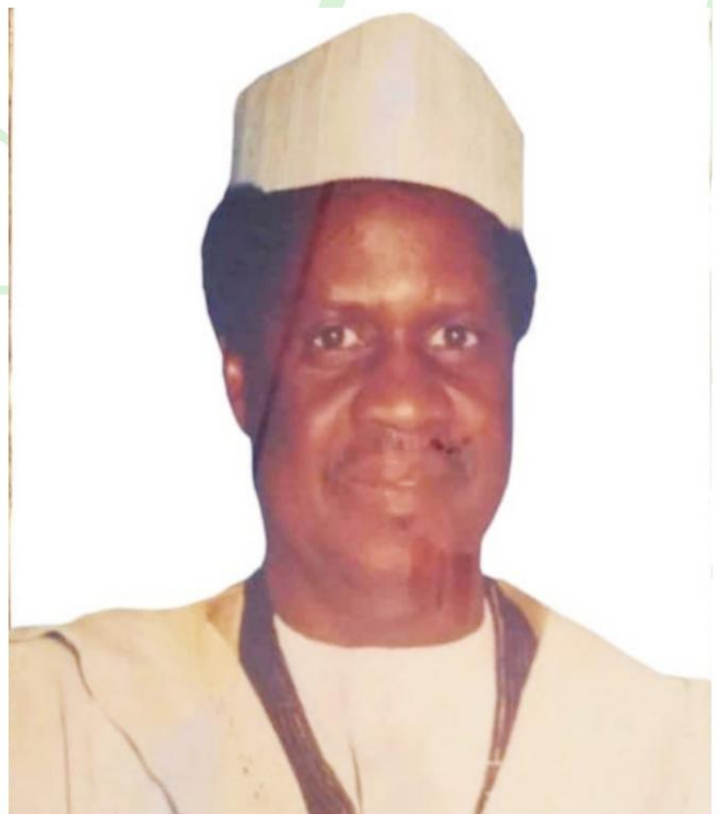


Dr. Shuaibu Shehu Aliyu

Dr. Aliyu is a Senior Research Fellow and current Director, Arewa House, Ahmadu Bello University, Kaduna State. He conducts research in History of Philosophy, History of Religion and History of History. His seminal thesis is titled: Islam, Colonialism and Migration: A Study of West African Communities in Sudan. Dr. Aliyu is widely published and has participated in several national and international conferences.

Dr. Ayuba Tanko Abubakar

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Prof. Dahiru Yahya

Professor Dahiru Yahya received his Bachelor of Arts degree in History (Special Hons) at Abdullahi Bayero College, ABU in 1970. He had his PhD at the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom. Dahiru Yahya is a true definition of what a scholar is. He is the first person honoured with a festschrift at Bayero University, Kano. Dahiru is multilingual who speaks many local Nigerian languages and reads in many foreign ones. He cultivated Arabic, English, Hausa, French, Spanish and Turkish as research languages. Dahiru specialises in Intellectual History and History of Ideas where he has published widely. He is affiliated with Bayero University, Kano.

Prof. Olukoya Ogen

Prof. Olukoya Ogen obtained his PhD degree in history from the University of Lagos as well as a Certificate in Trade, Growth and Poverty from the World Bank Institute, Washington DC in 2006. He was a Leventis Scholar at the University of London in 2008; a British Academy Visiting Fellow at the University of Birmingham in 2009; a Cadbury Visiting Fellow in 2010; and an American Council of Learned Societies Postdoctoral Fellow in 2011. He was also the Country Director and Co-Investigator of a European Research Council Grant from 2012-2017. He specialises in the sociocultural and economic history of Nigeria. He served as the Pioneer Dean of the Faculty of Humanities at Osun State University from 2012-2014, and was appointed by the Federal Government as the Provost of Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo from 2014-2018. He is currently a federal government appointee on the Governing Council of the Federal Polytechnic, Ilaro and a member of the TETFund National Research Fund Committee.





Dr. Bashir Kurfi

Dr. Bashir Kurfi is Director, Network for Justice, Kaduna and former Director of Strategy in the defunct Congress for Progressive Change (CPC), and a lecturer at the Ahmadu Bello University, ABU, Zaria.

Owei LAKEMFA,

Owie Lakemfa is a journalist, trade unionist, author and Human Rights activist, has for about three decades run two columns on Nigerian and international affairs in the Vanguard Newspapers. He was: Acting General Secretary of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) between 2011 -2012; Acting Secretary General of the Organisation of Trade Unions in West Africa (OTUWA) from 2011 – 2012; Vice President of the International Trade Union Confederation - Africa from 2011 – 2012; and Secretary General of the Organisation of African Trade Union Unity (OATUU) from 2012 - 2015. Comrade LAKEMFA's books include Weaving Into History (1998) and Parliament of The Streets (2015). He edited a book with Ahmed Aminu Yusuf, titled Unions Without Unionism, Government Without Governance: Essays in honour of Professor Funminiyi Olaitunnu ADEWUMI, (2018). He was a Member of the Civil Disturbances Tribunal in Lagos State. (2000) and Board Member, Pension Commission, PENCOM. (2011-2012).



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Prof Abdulkadir Adamu

Prof. Adamu obtained his Bachelor, Master and PhD degrees in History all from the Ahmadu Bello University in 1988, 1994 and 2002, respectively. He served as the Director of Centre for Historical Research and Documentation (2014-2016). Prof. Adamu has held several academic and administrative positions within and outside the university with several academic publications in both local and international journals to his credit.

Prof. Aisha Abdul-Ismail

Prof. Aisha is Professor of Political Science in the Department of Political Science, Faculty of Social Sciences and Director of the Gender Studies at Bayero University, Kano. She is Chair of the Steering Committee for the HRH Learning Hub. Aisha has published in reputable local and international journals and has remained a strong supporter of gender-based initiatives to empower girls and women.



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Ambassador Fatima Balla-Abubakar

Ambassador Fatima is the chairperson of the national governing board of NYSC and a former Nigerian Ambassador to Botswana. She is also a member of the Nigerian Working Group on Peace Building and Governance and in the International Advisory Board of Center for African Peace & Conflict Resolution, Sacramento State.

Ambassador Balla holds a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in English/History and an M.A in Public Administration from the Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. In the 9 April, 2011 election for the Adamawa Central Senatorial seat, Balla contested under the Action Congress of Nigeria.



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EVENT
PROGRAMME

Programme of Event

TIME	AGENDA	MODERATOR
10:00AM - 10:10AM	OPENING REMARK BY DIRECTOR,CBCIU.	PROF. SIYAN OYEWESO
10:10AM - 10:40AM	DOCUMENTARY	---
10:40AM - 10:45AM	WELCOME REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN.	GEN. ABDULRAHMAN DAMBAZAU
10:45AM - 10:55AM	KEYNOTE ADDRESS	
10:55AM - 11:05AM	REMARKS BY THE MODERATOR	PROF. ISHAQ OLOYEDE
11:05AM	DISCUSSIONS/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION/COMMUNIQUE	PROF. ISHAQ OLOYEDE
	VOTE OF THANKS	PROF. DAHIRU YAHYA
	CLOSING REMARKS	PROF. SIYAN OYEWESO



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Order of Presentations

NATIONAL COLLOQUIUM IN MEMORY OF ALHAJI YUSUF MAITAMA SULE. (1929-2017)

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Moderator: PROF. ISHAQ OLAREWAJU OLOYEDE

1. Dr. Shuaibu Shehu Aliyu, Director, Arewa House, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria
2. Dr. Ayuba Tanko Abubakar is a former Secretary to the State Government, Jigawa State.
3. Prof. Aisha Abdul-Ismaail, Director, Centre for Gender Studies, Bayero University, Kano
4. Prof. Dahiru Yahya, Department of History, Bayero University, Kano
5. Prof. Olukoya Ogen, Immediate Past Provost, Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo
6. Amb. Fatima Bala, Chairperson, National Governing Board of NYSC and Former Ambassador to Botswana
7. Prof. Abdulkadir Adamu, Department of History, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria
8. Dr. Bashir Kurfi, Director, Network for Justice, Kaduna
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Length of Presentation: 10 Minutes per Panelist



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Information about the CBCIU

The Centre for Black Culture and International Understanding (CBCIU), Osogbo, was set up in 2009, with the administrative building officially commissioned on January 7, by Koichuro Matsuura, the then Director-General of UNESCO. But the grand opening ceremony had been preceded by years of hard planning and by several visits by UNESCO officials to both Osogbo and Sydney, Australia; as well as by Prince Olagun soyeOyinlola, the Chairman of the Organisation and the then governor of Osun State, to Paris. The establishment of CBCIU was fully backed by the Federal Government of Nigeria. The 'remote' genesis of the establishment of CBCIU goes back to the 1950s, when Ulli Beier, then living in Osogbo, became a good friend of Oba Moses Oyinlola, the Olokuku of Okuku then. Such was their friendship that even though Oba Moses Oyinlola died in 1960, Ulli Beier never forgot him, still writing copiously and glowingly about him in his numerous publications on Yoruba society and culture decades after. By 2005 Chief Ulli Beier had considered his life's work done, and wanted to have his archival materials transferred from Sydney, Australia to Nigeria, preferably Osogbo, where he and his wife – Georgina, lived the happiest and most productive years of their lives. He got UNESCO involved so as to guarantee the safety and integrity of the materials and, eventually, the materials came back to Osogbo. Based on a feasibility report submitted by the team that Governor Oyinlola had put together, UNESCO sent two different teams between 2007 and mid-2008 to look at CBCIU's proposed programme of activities, assess facilities on ground, advise, and make recommendations to UNESCO's Executive Board. All of these culminated in a visit by the home team to UNESCO late in 2008, to present its case as a Category II UNESCO affiliate. Former Governor Oyinlola himself was present at the meeting, where the Africa Forum of the Executive Board formally presented the case, and it was duly granted. The Centre formally opened for business in March, 2009. It must be noted here that while UNESCO looked at the programme of activities, the body does not dictate what activities CBCIU should carry out, either on the short or long-term basis. However, CBCIU must give account of its activities to UNESCO's Executive Board every two years.



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PROGRAMMES AND PUBLICATIONS

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We have successfully organized, or part-organized, the following conferences so far:

1. An international, UNESCO-supported Colloquium on Slavery and the Slave Trade in Iloko, August 2010
2. An International Conference of Black Nationalities in Osogbo, August 2010
3. An International Conference of Black Mayors in Osogbo, March 2011
4. Plans have also reached an advanced stage for a local conference on Performance Poetry in Nigeria, Traditional and Contemporary in September 2011.
5. Preview of Exhibition of Fine Art from The City of Wilmington's Sister City, Osogbo, Nigeria ;April, 2017
6. Travelling Exhibition Themed : "50 Years of Osogbo School of Arts
7. CBCIU Distinguished Public lecture by Prof. Tunde Babawale.
Theme: Protecting our National Heritage, Projecting our National Treasure ;February, 2018
8. National Colloquium on Duro Ladipo;March, 2018
9. CBCIU, Duro Ladipo family partner to celebrate Oba Koso Heritage March, 2018
10. National Colloquium in Honour of Nollywood and Tunde Kelani; March, 2018
11. CBCIU, Iwalewa Haus Signed MOU to return Ulli Beier's works to Nigeria; August, 2018
12. Maiden Edition of AREWA ASA Pageant; August, 2018
13. International Conference on Alafin in Yoruba History, Culture and Political Power Relations; October, 2018
14. National Workshop on Expanding the Pantheon of our cultural Icons in Africa and Diaspora; December, 2018
15. CBCIU at 10 by Prof. Michael Omolewa; January, 2019
16. 2019 Duro Ladipo Annual Lecture; March, 2019
17. Nollywood: New Frontiers by Prof. Jonathan Haynes ;July, 2019
18. Ulli Beier Annual Lecture By Prof. Olutayo Charles Adesina; August, 2019
19. 2019 Susanne Memorial Lecture by Prof. Oyeronke Olademo ; August, 2019
20. National Summit on Security and Insecurity in Nigeria, the Role of Traditional Rulers



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