

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN HONOUR OF KHALIPHA ISHAQ RABI'U

ORGANISED BY

Centre for Quranic Studies, Bayero University, Kano

Call for Papers

THEME: *The Qur'an:- Past, Present and the Future*

The Qur'an is the inimitable words of Allah revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (saw) some fifteen centuries ago, for the guidance of mankind and their ultimate attainment of peace, felicity and goodness in this life and the next. With its vast treasure of knowledge, wisdom and miracles, it has remained a unique book whose everlasting impact and challenge can never be diminished. It is unarguably the most widely read book and which has been the subject of studies, researches and commentaries by an innumerable number of scholars over generations.

Taking into consideration the historical development of Islam in the world, particularly in Africa and especially in Nigeria, the consequent institutionalization of Qur'anic studies, the leading role of scholars in the promotion of its studies and the current challenges facing the institution, the idea of this Conference was developed.

The Centre for Qur'anic Studies, Bayero University, Kano, promotes research, documentation, publication, training and capacity building in Qur'anic

education and contemporary issues and developments related to the understanding and application of the teachings of the Qur'an. The Centre has reached out to other Centres in the world and brought together scholars of the Qur'an to dialogue and exchange ideas and opinions for the development of Qur'anic studies.

This Conference is organized in honour of a prominent Nigerian Islamic scholar and businessman, Khalifa Ishaq Rabi'u (*Khadimul Qur'an*) in recognition of his immense contributions to the development of Qur'anic education in Nigeria and Africa in general and particularly for establishing *Jami'at al-Qur'an* and building of the Centre for Qur'anic Studies, Bayero University, Kano.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE:

1. Promoting academic studies on the Qur'an
2. Establishing the contributions of African and Nigerian Muslim scholars to Qur'anic studies.
3. Building stronger linkages and enhancing the capacity of African Qur'anic scholars, institutions and Centres in order to respond adequately to contemporary challenges, and the needs and aspirations of the Muslim Ummah.
4. Exploiting the use of modern technology in promoting the studies of the Qur'an and re-asserting its relevance to all times.

SUB-THEMES:

1. -Life history of early Muslim scholars of the Qur'an
2. -Contribution of African scholars to the Studies of the Qur'an
3. -Methodologies and non-Arabic terminologies adopted by West African scholars
4. -A critique of modern thoughts and ideologies from the perspectives of the Qur'an

5. -Biography of prominent Qur'anic reciters (huffaz) in Nigeria, ie. Sheikh Muhammad Rabi'u Dantinki, Gwani Salih Danzarga, Gwani Nadudu, Sheikh Manzo Arzai etc.
6. -Sheikh Khalipha Ishaq Rabi'u and his contributions to the development of Qur'anic education
7. -Development of Qur'anic recitation in West Africa; stages, Silsila, ijazah award, literature on Qira'at, present situation.
8. -Qur'anic institutions and Centres in African countries; locations, focus of activities, contributions
9. Role of Islamic organisations in the promotion of Qur'anic education
10. Promoting Qur'anic education through modern technology and media
11. Preservation of local Qur'anic manuscripts; identification of manuscripts, significance, modes and methods of preservation
12. Reviewing the syllabus of Qur'anic education in traditional and modern institutions
13. Orientalist writings on Qur'anic studies in the 21st C.
14. Qur'anic education in African countries today: Problems and solutions
15. The use of African languages in Qur'anic studies
16. The miracles of the Qur'an
17. Qur'anic perspectives to contemporary issues; peace, regional integration, environmental protection, etc.

LANGUAGES OF THE CONFERENCE: Arabic, English and Hausa

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KEY SUBMISSION DATES:

Abstract: 20th June, 2015

Full Paper: 10th July, 2015

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