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# FORWARD

It is with immense pride and heartfelt gratitude that I present to you the third edition of our institutional bulletin, a vibrant tapestry of the African Aviation and Aerospace University's journey, achievements, and aspirations.

This bulletin is more than a compilation of events; it is a reflection of our collective spirit, our unwavering commitment to excellence, and the bold strides we continue to make in shaping the future of aviation and aerospace education on the continent. Within these pages, you will find stories that celebrate our milestones: academic breakthroughs, strategic partnerships, student innovations, and the tireless efforts of our faculty and staff. Each event chronicled here is a testament to the vision that birthed AAAU and the resilience that sustains it.

As Registrar, I am deeply honored to witness the unfolding of this remarkable narrative, a story written by the tireless efforts of our faculty, staff, students, and partners.

I extend my sincere appreciation to every member of our university community. Your commitment to excellence and your belief in the transformative power of education have brought us this far. To our stakeholders and supporters, thank you for walking this journey with us and for sharing in our vision of a future where Africa leads boldly in aviation and aerospace.



**MUSTAPHA SHEIKH ABDULLAHI, acmi, Ph.D.**

***Registrar,***

*African Aviation and Aerospace  
University (AAAU), Abuja*

Looking ahead, we remain committed to expanding our horizons. Plans are already underway to deepen our research capabilities, enhance our curriculum, and strengthen our global collaborations. The future beckons with promise, and we are poised to soar even higher.

May this bulletin inspire reflection, pride, and renewed purpose. Together, we will continue to chart new skies.

Warm regards,

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# EVENTS

# 01



# AAAU APPOINTS DR. AYODELE GATTA AS DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF POSTGRADUATE STUDIES

On December 20th, 2024, the African Aviation and Aerospace University (AAAU) announced the appointment of Dr. Ayodele Gatta as the new Dean of the School of Postgraduate Studies.

Before his new role, Dr. Gatta served as a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Aviation Business at AAAU, where he demonstrated exceptional academic expertise. His teaching experience extends to several prestigious institutions, including the Faculty of Law at Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone, Joseph Ayo Babalola University, and Edo State University, Uzairue, where he imparted knowledge in various law courses.

Dr. Gatta holds multiple degrees, including a Ph.D. in Aviation Law from Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, distinguishing him as the first individual to earn a Doctorate in Aviation Law from a Nigerian university. He also possesses an LL.M., M.Phil., and LL.B. Additionally, Dr. Gatta has earned a B.A. and M.A. in English and Literature, as well as an M.Sc. in Humanitarian and Refugee Studies from the University of Ibadan.

His diverse academic background underscores his commitment to scholarship and research.

In his personal life, Dr. Gatta enjoys reading biographies and travelling. He is married and blessed with children.





# REGISTRAR HONORS OUTGOING PERMANENT SECRETARY, WELCOMES NEW LEADERSHIP

The Registrar of African Aviation and Aerospace University (AAAU), Abuja, Mustapha Sheikh Abdullahi, joined industry leaders to welcome the new Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Dr. Ibrahim Abubakar Kana, mni.

The event, held in the ministry's conference room at the Federal Secretariat, Abuja, brought together key stakeholders, including the outgoing Permanent Secretary, Dr. Emmanuel C. Meribole, heads of agencies, directors, assistant directors, and other senior officials. The session began with introductions and set the stage for the valedictory speeches.

In honor of Dr. Meribole, the Registrar of AAAU, Mustapha Sheikh Abdullahi, delivered heartfelt tributes on behalf of all heads of agencies under the Ministry of Aviation and Aerospace Development.





They described Dr. Meribole as a paragon of meritocracy and excellence, commending his impactful service to the ministry.

Deeply touched by the commendations, Dr. Meribole expressed his gratitude and offered advice to Dr. Kana, encouraging him to foster collaboration and remain diligent in his new role. He also extended his best wishes to the incoming Permanent Secretary, emphasising the importance of leadership continuity and effective governance.

The event concluded with a formal handover ceremony, during which essential documents were signed to facilitate a smooth transition. Dr. Ibrahim Abubakar Kana officially assumed his role as the Permanent Secretary Federal Ministry of Aviation and Aerospace Development, marking the beginning of a new chapter for the ministry.

# AVIATION MINISTRY'S NEW PERMANENT SECRETARY VISITS AAAU, COMMITS TO UNIVERSITY'S GROWTH

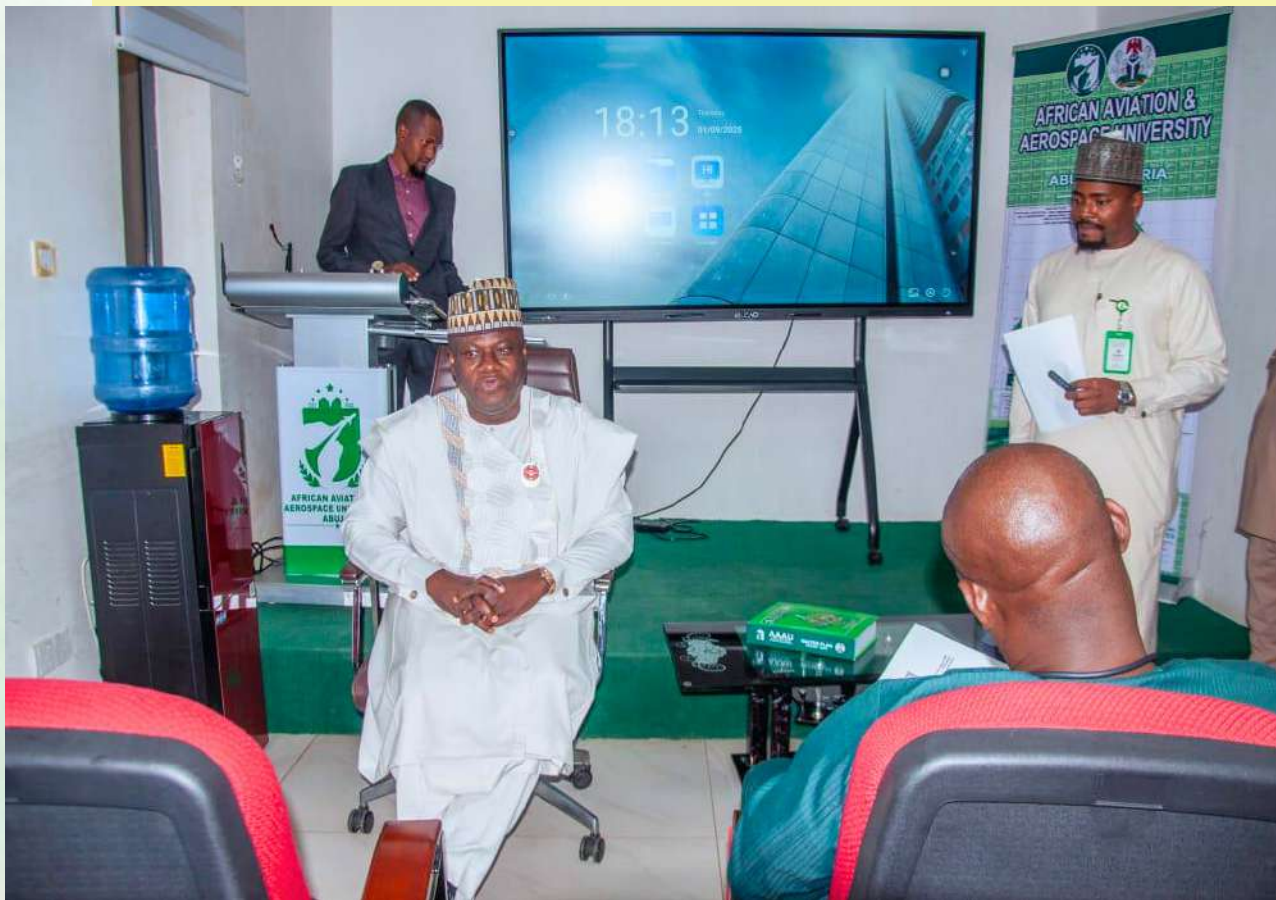
The African Aviation and Aerospace University (AAAU), Abuja, received a significant boost today, the 9th of January, 2025, as the newly deployed Permanent Secretary of the Federal Ministry of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Dr. Ibrahim Abubakar Kana, mni, paid a courtesy visit to the university.

The visit marked Dr. Kana's first engagement with the university following his deployment, as he sought to familiarise himself with AAAU's operations and progress. Accompanied by ministry officials, he was warmly welcomed by AAAU staff, led by the Registrar, Mustapha Sheikh Abdullahi, acmi.

The visit, which started with an introductory session from the staff of AAAU and the Permanent Secretary's entourage, followed by a detailed presentation on AAAU by the Registrar.

In his presentation, the Registrar provided a comprehensive overview of the university's journey, including its achievements, affiliations, collaborations, staff training initiatives, ongoing projects, and the challenges it faces.





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Dr. Kana commended the university's leadership and staff for their dedication to advancing aviation and aerospace education in Nigeria. He expressed his admiration for AAU's accomplishments and pledged the ministry's full support in driving the institution's development to even greater heights.

The visit concluded with a tour of AAU's facilities on its take-off campus and its permanent site along the Bill Clinton Drive, Airport Road, Abuja, where various construction projects are underway.

Dr. Kana's visit reaffirms the ministry's commitment to nurturing innovation and excellence in Nigeria's aviation and aerospace sector, with AAU playing a pivotal role in shaping the industry's future.



# AAAU HOLDS THREE-DAY ORIENTATION PROGRAMME FOR 100-LEVEL STUDENTS

The African Aviation & Aerospace University (AAAU), Abuja, held a three (3) day orientation programme for its new set of 100 level students from the 15th to - 17th of January, 2025.

The event, which took place at the AAAU Take-off Campus lecture room 1, was packed with interesting and insightful activities, as it started with the Registrar, Mustapha Sheikh Abdullahi, giving a welcome address and further declaring the event open.

During the orientation event, key resource persons enlightened the students on various topics such as

- University Regulations: Do's and Don'ts
- Career Paths for Aviation Professionals
- Career paths for Meteorology
- Academic and Examination Regulations
- Understanding the University Environment
- Result Computation
- Handling University Facilities and Safety Procedures
- Stress Management and Hygiene
- Dispute Resolution Mechanism

Stella A. Ihediawa, a resource person from Qatar Airways, delivered a very interactive session as she presented on "Student Club Partnership".

To further familiarise the students with the university environment, the students were taken on a tour to the AAAU permanent site along the airport road, where construction of key projects is ongoing.



# DR MUSTAPHA SHEIKH ABDULLAHI, REGISTRAR OF THE AFRICAN AVIATION AND AEROSPACE UNIVERSITY (AAAU), ABUJA, ATTENDS THE NIGERIAN METEOROLOGICAL AGENCY (NIMET) 2025 SEASONAL CLIMATE PREDICTION (SCP) CONFERENCE.

This year's SCP, themed "The Role of Early Warning Towards A Climate Resilient Aviation Industry For Sustainable Socioeconomic Development," sensitised the public on seasoned climate prediction and early warnings towards socioeconomic development in Nigeria





# NANTA ABUJA VISITS AAAU FOR PARTNERSHIP TALKS ■

The National Association of Nigerian Travel Agencies (NANTA), Abuja Zone, led by their Vice President, Mrs. Kemabonta Ibiwari Uloma, paid a courtesy visit to the African Aviation and Aerospace University (AAAU), Abuja. The delegation was warmly received by AAAU's Registrar, Dr. Mustapha Sheikh Abdullahi, with other management staff.

Discussions focused on potential collaborations, including capacity building, professional training, and other strategic partnerships to enhance the aviation and travel industry.

# AAAU SIGNS MOU WITH ATOM AVIATION TRAINING SERVICES, TOURS FACILITY

The African Aviation and Aerospace University (AAAU) in Abuja has officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with ATOM Aviation Training Services, a distinguished aviation training institution based in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The MoU signing ceremony, held on 12th February 2024, was attended by key representatives from both institutions. The ATOM delegation, including Chief Executive Officer Sheikh Mohammed Al-Memari, Quality Manager Raed Al Batayneh, and Training Manager Ibrahim Al Hazaimeh, extended a warm welcome to the AAAU team, which was led by Registrar Dr. Mustapha Sheikh Abdullahi, Director of Professional Training Programmes Mr. Aliyu Tata Azare, Public Relations Officer Ms. Sa'adatu Usman, and Mr. Anas Aliyu.



During the meeting, both teams engaged in in-depth discussions on a variety of topics centred on mutual resource sharing.

Following the signing, the AAAU team was given a comprehensive tour of ATOM's state-of-the-art facilities, showcasing the institution's high-tech training equipment and cutting-edge infrastructure.

This partnership is expected to pave the way for enhanced training opportunities and professional development for aviation personnel, further contributing to the growth and advancement of the global aviation industry.

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# AAAU, ABUJA, EXPANDS GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS WITH GULF AVIATION ACADEMY, BAHRAIN

In a significant step towards international collaboration, African Aviation and Aerospace University (AAAU), Abuja, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Gulf Aviation Academy (GAA), Bahrain. The visit included a comprehensive site inspection of GAA's world-class training facilities, underscoring AAAU's commitment to enhancing aviation education and professional training opportunities for its students.

The Registrar of AAAU, Dr. Mustapha Sheikh Abdullah, led the university's delegation and met with key representatives of Gulf Aviation Academy to formalize the agreement. The GAA delegation included Salama Ali (Head of Marketing and Business Development), Husain Bushehri (Head of Operations), and Ali AlQaseer (Business Development Manager).

This partnership is expected to foster knowledge exchange, capacity building, and access to cutting-edge aviation training resources. The collaboration aligns with AAAU's vision of positioning itself as a leading institution for aviation and aerospace studies in Africa.

# AAAU EXPLORES CLIMATE MODEL TECHNIQUES, PARTICIPATES IN THE EASYREMO WORKSHOP

The African Aviation and Aerospace University (AAAU), Abuja, participated in the EasyREMO Workshop held from February 24th to 26th February 2025, at the West African Science Service Center on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL), hosted by the Federal University of Technology, Akure (FUTA).

Dr. Eniola Olaniyan, Head of the Meteorology Department, along with postgraduate students Mr. Tunde Atoyebi and Mr. Okanlawon, represented AAAU.

The workshop, organised by the German Climate Service Center (GERICS) and WASCAL's Doctorate Research Programme in West African Climate Systems (DRP-WACS), focused on enhancing climate modeling understanding in West Africa.

The event aimed to introduce the EasyREMO model, provide insights into climate modeling techniques, teach data analysis methods for interpreting climate model data, and facilitate regional climate change analysis to assess climate change impacts on land use, agriculture, and infrastructure in West Africa.

Key presentations guided participants through complex climate modeling concepts, with a focus on localised climate predictions using EasyREMO.





# DR. MUSTAPHA SHEIKH ABDULLAHI ATTENDS AVIATION STAKEHOLDERS MEETING IN LAGOS

Dr. Mustapha Sheikh Abdullahi, the Registrar, African Aviation and Aerospace University (AAAU), Abuja, joined leading figures in the Aviation industry at a key stakeholders meeting hosted by the Honourable Minister of Aviation and Aerospace Development, Barr. Festus Keyamo on the 28th of February, 2025, at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Ikeja, Lagos.

The one-day meeting, themed "Transforming the Aviation Industry Through Strategic Partnerships: Advancing Airport Concessions for Sustainable Development", focused on exploring new policies and innovations aimed at strengthening the sector. Key discussions centered around ensuring the long-term sustainability of Nigeria's Aviation industry while enhancing its global competitiveness through effective partnerships and airport development initiatives.



# AAAU PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO NARSDA, EXPLORES POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIPS

The African Aviation & Aerospace University (AAAU), Abuja, conducted a courtesy visit to the National Space Research and Development Agency (NARSDA) in Abuja.

Led by AAAU's Registrar, Dr. Mustapha Sheikh Abdullahi, the delegation was warmly received by NARSDA's leadership. The meeting began with introductions from both teams, followed by an in-depth presentation from NARSDA detailing its operations, airspace policies, programmes and technological advancements.

Dr. Mustapha Sheikh Abdullahi shared insights into AAAU's background, achievements, and future initiatives. The visit also opened the door for potential collaboration, with discussions centered around a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two organisations.

The AAAU team concluded their visit with a guided tour of NARSDA's facilities and its distinguished space museum.



# AAAU DELEGATION ATTENDS RIDE 2025 CONFERENCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LONDON



A delegation from the African Aviation and Aerospace University (AAAU), led by Professor Yahaya Zayyana Ibrahim, attends the Research in Distance Education (RIDE) 2025 conference at the University of London.

The event, organised by the Centre for Online and Distance Education, gathers global academics and professionals to explore the future of distance learning and technological advancements in education. AAAU's participation underscores its commitment to blended learning and the integration of innovative educational practices, furthering its mission to stay at the forefront of higher education in aviation and aerospace studies.

# AAAU CELEBRATES WORLD METEOROLOGICAL DAY

In celebration of World Meteorological Day, observed annually on March 23rd by the World Meteorological Organisation, we invite you to join Dr. Eniola Olaniyan, Head of the Department of Meteorology at the African Aviation and Aerospace University (AAAU), Abuja, and Professor Tang Xu, Director, Weather and DRR Services (WDS) Department at World Meteorological Organisation (WMO) as they discuss key insights centered on this year's theme, "Closing the Early Warning Gap Together."



**World Meteorological Day 2025**  
Closing the Early Warning Gap Together!

**Join Us!**  
2025 March 23<sup>rd</sup> in Reading Building C101 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

World Meteorological Day, observed on March 23rd, commemorates the founding of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and raises awareness about weather, climate, and water-related challenges. This year's theme, "Closing the Early Warning Gap Together," focuses on ensuring all communities have access to life-saving early warnings by 2027, as part of the UN's Early Warnings for All Initiative.

Join us in celebrating this important day and contributing to global efforts for a safer, more resilient future.  
Register now and be part of this impactful event!

**Key Speakers**

**Prof. Tang Xu**  
Senior Scientific Advisor of the International Research on Disaster Risk (IRDR) Program Office of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, International Council for Science, and Chairperson of the Research Group of the European Commission's Joint Research Centre's Science for Disaster Risk Management  
2020 Action Today, Protecting Tomorrow (Chapter 3), etc.

**Title : Global Climate Risks and United Nations Early Warning System for All**

**Speaker Bio:**

- Professor, Senior Engineer, and leading expert in disaster risk reduction.
- Senior Scientific Advisor, IRDR Program Office, UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.
- Chairperson, Review Group, European Commission's Joint Research Centre's Science for Disaster Risk Management.
- Former Director of WMO's Weather and DRR Services Department, Shanghai Meteorological Bureau, and China Meteorological Administration's Science and Technology Department.
- Awarded the WMO Certificate for Outstanding Contribution to the MeteoWorld Pavilion.

**Key Achievement:** Co-initiated the 'International Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems Network'.

**Research Interests:** Research Interests: Urban environmental meteorology and health, impact-based meteorological forecasting, multi-risk interconnection and multi-hazard

**Dr. Olaniyan Eniola**  
Former General Manager Numerical Weather Prediction at Nigerian Meteorological Agency and Dean of Post-graduate Studies Aviation and Aerospace University Nigeria

**Title : Role of Numerical Weather Prediction on Early Warning Alert System**

**Speaker Bio:**

- Expert in operational and research Meteorology with over 34 years of experience.
- Former Head of Numerical Weather Prediction of Meteorology.
- Currently Head of Department, African Aviation and Aerospace University.
- Instrumental in introducing advanced numerical models and technologies for weather forecasting.
- Senior Associate, ICTP (Trieste, Italy); worked on ECMWF's S2S grant project.

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# AAAU JOINS NIMET IN ADVOCATING FOR STRONGER EARLY WARNING SYSTEMS ON WORLD METEOROLOGICAL DAY

The African Aviation and Aerospace University (AAAU) participated in the 2025 World Meteorological Day celebration hosted by the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet) in Abuja.

With the theme “Closing the Early Warning Gap Together,” the event underscored the need for strengthened early warning systems through collaboration across sectors.

Representing AAAU, Dr Eniola Olaniyan reaffirmed the university’s commitment to advancing meteorological education and research. He highlighted AAAU’s role in driving knowledge and innovation to enhance climate resilience and stressed the importance of bridging the gap between research and practical application in meteorological services.



# AAAU PARTICIPATE IN THE ICAO WORKSHOP FOR AVIATION UNIVERSITIES AT THE UNIVERSIDAD POLITÉCNICA DE MADRID, SPAIN



The African Aviation and Aerospace University (AAAU), Abuja, participated in the ICAO workshop for Aviation Universities at the Universidad Politécnica de Madrid, in Spain. Representing AAAU at the workshop were the Registrar, Dr Mustapha Sheikh Abdullahi, and Dr Eniola Olaniyan, the Head of the Meteorology Department.

One of the primary themes being considered at the workshop is the development of a unified approach to aviation education, as well as the challenges associated with its implementation.



# AAAU WINS NIGAV AWARD



The African Aviation and Aerospace University (AAAU), Abuja, has been named the **“Most Promising Aviation Career Development Institution”** of 2025 at the 14th NIGAV Awards in Lagos.

The Assistant Registrar, Protocol and Information, received the award on behalf of the Registrar, Dr. Mustapha Sheikh Abdullahi, alongside other staff.

This recognition reaffirms AAAU’s commitment to excellence in aviation and aerospace education across Africa.



# AAAU SHOWCASES CUTTING-EDGE SOLUTIONS FOR WATER MANAGEMENT AT ARCID 2025

Dr. Eniola Olaniyan, Head of the Department of Meteorology at the African Aviation and Aerospace University (AAAU), Abuja, represented the university at the 6th African Regional Conference on Irrigation and Drainage (ARCID), held at the Umar Musa Yar'Adua International Conference Centre in Abuja.

The event, themed "Tackling Irrigation Development and Water Management Crises in Africa," convened leading experts and stakeholders from across the continent to address critical challenges and explore collaborative solutions within the framework of the International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID).





In collaboration with the International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Dr. Olaniyan chaired a pivotal session titled “Earth Observation-Based Products and Digital Innovation for Irrigation Water Management.” He also delivered a presentation spotlighting cutting-edge digital tools and Earth Observation (EO) technologies that are transforming irrigation practices across Africa.

The session showcased real-world case studies from various African countries, illustrating the tangible impact of EO-driven innovations in improving water efficiency and agricultural productivity.

AAAU’s participation underscores its commitment to advancing science-based solutions in environmental sustainability and smart agriculture through research, technology, and international partnerships.

# AAAU AND NITT ESTABLISH A STRATEGIC ALLIANCE THROUGH MOU SIGNING IN ZARIA



The African Aviation and Aerospace University (AAAU) and the Nigerian Institute of Transport Technology (NITT) have formalized a strategic partnership through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at NITT's headquarters in Zaria.





The delegation from AAAU was headed by the Registrar, Dr. Mustapha Sheikh Abdullahi, whereas NITT was represented by its Director-General and Chief Executive, Dr. Bayero Salih Farah.

Both institutions expressed commitment to leveraging their combined expertise to drive innovation, enhance technical competencies, and contribute meaningfully to the sectoral development both nationally and across Africa.



# AAU AND NCAT CHARTS NEW COURSE FOR COLLABORATION UNDER FRESH LEADERSHIP

The Registrar, African Aviation and Aerospace University (AAAU), Abuja, Dr Mustapha Sheikh Abdullahi, led a delegation on a courtesy call to the Nigerian College of Aviation Technology (NCAT), Zaria, to engage with the newly appointed Rector, Dr Danjuma Adamu Ismaila.

Before Dr Danjuma's appointment, he was an academic staff member with the School of Postgraduate Studies at AAU.

The visit marked a renewed commitment to strengthening institutional collaboration in academic development, technical training, and research. Both institutions pledged to work closely to enhance aviation education and professional capacity building across Africa.



# AZMAN UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP VISIT AAAU TO STRENGTHEN ACADEMIC COLLABORATION



In a significant move to foster inter-university collaboration, the leadership of Azman University, Kano, paid a courtesy visit to the African Aviation and Aerospace University (AAAU) in Abuja today.

The delegation from Azman University was led by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Fatima Batul Mukhtar, and the Registrar, Mr. Aminu Ibrahim Lawal. They were warmly received by AAAU's Registrar, Dr. Mustapha Sheikh Abdullahi.

During the visit, both institutions engaged in discussions aimed at exploring potential areas of collaboration, including academic partnerships, research initiatives, and staff development programs. The meeting underscored a shared commitment to advancing higher education and contributing to national development goals.



# FCT SECONDARY EDUCATION BOARD ENGAGES AAAU AHEAD OF “NEXT GENERATION OF AVIATION PROFESSIONALS” EVENT

In anticipation of the upcoming “Next Generation of Aviation Professionals” event scheduled for May 20, 2025, the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Secondary Education Board paid a courtesy visit to the African Aviation and Aerospace University (AAAU) in Abuja.

The delegation from the FCT Secondary Education Board included Mr. Awolabi Elijah, Head of Trade and Entrepreneurship; Mrs. Laraba Dibal Ishaku, Deputy Director of Trade; Mr. Adebayo Joseph, Assistant Director of Trade; and Mr. Razab Balogun. They were warmly received by Mr. Aliyu Tata Azare, Director of Professional Training Programmes at AAAU, who welcomed them on behalf of the Registrar, Dr. Mustapha Sheikh Abdullahi.

The meeting focused on collaborative strategies to effectively engage secondary schools across Abuja, aiming to inspire and prepare students for careers in aviation. Both parties expressed a strong commitment to working together to ensure the success of the upcoming event and to foster long-term partnerships that will benefit students and the broader educational community.

# AAAU PARTNERS WITH FCT MUSLIM PILGRIMS WELFARE BOARD TO GUIDE 2025 HAJJ TRAVELERS ON AIR TRAVEL PROTOCOLS



The FCT Muslim Pilgrims Welfare Board, in partnership with African Aviation and Aerospace University (AAAU), Abuja, delivered a lecture in the Hausa language to prospective pilgrims at the Hajj Camp Bassa, Abuja, on Thursday, May 15th, 2025, on the fundamentals of air travel before they departed from Nigeria to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the 2025 Hajj.

The lecture aims to sensitize pilgrims, many of whom are first-time flyers, with vital knowledge on the rules and procedures regarding embarking and disembarking the aircraft, boarding documentation, and airport facilitation.

This initiative is timely as it emphasizes public awareness and empowerment in the aviation sector. By offering these sessions in local languages, AAUA ensures inclusivity and enhances the confidence of travelers as they embark on their spiritual journey.





# AAAU HOSTS THE NEXT GENERATION OF AVIATION PROFESSIONALS INAUGURATION

The African Aviation and Aerospace University (AAAU), Abuja, hosted a strategic career orientation event titled "Building Africa's Next Generation of Aviation Leaders " to inspire secondary school students within the FCT to consider careers in aviation.

The event, which was held yesterday, the 20th of May, 2025, commenced with a warm welcome address by the Registrar of AAAU, Dr. Mustapha Sheikh Abdullahi, who emphasized the university's commitment to nurturing young talents and bridging the skills gap in African aviation.





During the event, presentations were delivered by AAAU and Nigerian College of Aviation Technology (NCAT) experts on key topics such as Opportunities in Africa, Aircraft Systems, Aviation Law, Meteorology, and Industry Manpower Challenges. The secondary school students also received insights from AAAU students currently studying in the field. Participating schools included Aviation City International College, Government Day Secondary School, Gwagwalada, Government Secondary School Airport, Government Secondary School Garki, and Holy Family College Kuje, with representatives from the FCT Secondary Education Board in attendance. The event concluded with a closing remark by the Director of Professional Training Programmes (DPTP), Mr. Aliyu Tata Azare, who reaffirmed AAAU's commitment to guiding young minds toward impactful careers in aviation.





## AAAU WELCOMES DR. IBRAHEEM DOOBA FOR TREE-PLANTING INITIATIVE

Today, the African Aviation and Aerospace University (AAAU), Abuja, was visited by Dr. Ibraheem Dooba, CEO of 200 Million Trees. His visit focused on exploring ways the university can partner with the organization to plant trees at AAAU's new permanent site. The discussion marked a promising step toward fostering environmental sustainability.

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

# 03



# THE IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE IN NIGERIA: A CALL TO ACTION

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Climate change is a pressing issue in Nigeria, with far-reaching consequences for the country's ecosystems, economy, and human well-being. Rising temperatures, changing precipitation patterns, and increased frequency of extreme weather events are altering the country's climate, leading to devastating impacts on agriculture, water resources, health, and biodiversity.

The agricultural sector, which is a significant contributor to Nigeria's economy, is particularly vulnerable to climate change. Changes in temperature and precipitation patterns are affecting crop yields, food security, and the livelihoods of farmers. Droughts, floods, and heatwaves can devastate crops, leading to economic losses and food shortages.





Climate change is also having a significant impact on Nigeria's water resources. Changes in precipitation patterns and increased evaporation due to warmer temperatures are affecting the availability of water resources, leading to water scarcity and impacting agriculture, industry, and human consumption.

Furthermore, climate change is increasing the spread of diseases, heat stress, and other health problems in Nigeria. Warmer temperatures and changing precipitation patterns can facilitate the spread of disease vectors like mosquitoes and ticks, leading to unwanted sickness.

The impacts of climate change are felt disproportionately by vulnerable populations, including smallholder farmers, communities in coastal areas, and poor and marginalized groups. These groups often lack access to resources, services, and support, making them more susceptible to the impacts of climate change.

To address the challenges posed by climate change, Nigeria must prioritize adaptation and mitigation strategies. This can include implementing climate-resilient agricultural practices, transitioning to renewable energy sources, and promoting disaster risk reduction and management. Providing climate information and early warning systems can also help farmers, policymakers, and other stakeholders make informed decisions.

In conclusion, climate change is a significant challenge for Nigeria, requiring urgent attention and action. By working together to address the causes and consequences of climate change, Nigeria can build a more climate-resilient future and ensure sustainable development for generations to come.

# A QUIET LOVE: MY JOURNEY WITH BOOKS

**NAME: SA'ADATU BINT-SA'EED**

**DEPARTMENT: AVIATION BUSINESS(200 LEVEL)**

From as far back as I can remember, reading has always been part of me. I didn't fall in love with books suddenly; it was something that grew quietly over time, almost like breathing. My father played a big role in that. He encouraged me to read when I was little, and somewhere along the way, it just became who I am.

Fiction has always been my favorite world to disappear into. There's something about made-up characters, imaginary places, and stories that don't really exist but somehow feel more real than reality that fascinates me. Every book I read changes my perspective in some way. They make me think, pause, and sometimes even see things in people or situations that I never noticed before.

I read whenever I can, during breaks, slow afternoons, or whenever the world feels too noisy. But the truth is, books mostly keep me up at night. While others are asleep, I'm usually flipping through pages, chasing stories that won't let me go.

Reading makes me feel curious, entertained, and most importantly, free. It gives me an escape from conversations I don't want to be in and from moments I'd rather not explain. It's a kind of quiet rebellion, and it works for me.



At African Aviation and Aerospace University, my love for reading has given me more than just personal joy. It's helped me absorb information faster, understand concepts deeply, and express myself more clearly both in class and beyond. Some of my friends have even picked up the habit after seeing how much I enjoy it.

Books have definitely shaped who I'm becoming. They've opened my mind, sharpened my voice, and made me want more from life. I'm not sure where this love will take me, but I know it's going with me wherever I go.

# AVIATION AS A STRATEGIC PILLAR OF GLOBAL PROGRESS AND NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY

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Aviation, at its core, is far more than the orchestration of aircraft in flight—it is a sophisticated ecosystem that interlaces national security, economic development, technological innovation, and global diplomacy. As a sector, it represents not only the physical manifestation of connectivity but also the symbolic assertion of a nation's sovereignty, ambition, and resilience in the face of global challenges.

In the 21st century, the geopolitical and economic relevance of aviation has reached a critical inflection point. The modern state must now view airspace not merely as a transit zone but as a domain of strategic influence—one that demands robust policy architecture, infrastructural foresight, and human capital refinement.

Three imperatives must guide our strategic posture:

1. **Aviation Security and Sovereignty:** In an age of asymmetric threats and cyber vulnerabilities, the integrity of national airspace is as vital as land and maritime borders.



The integration of advanced surveillance systems, TAI-driven traffic control, and encrypted communication networks is no longer optional but essential.

2. Sustainable Aviation Economics: Aviation should not be a privilege of the elite, but a democratic tool for mobility and commerce. A recalibrated economic model—balancing affordability with profitability—must be adopted, especially in emerging markets. Public-private partnerships and multilateral aviation accords are crucial levers for this transformation.

3. Decarbonization and Technological Innovation: With aviation contributing roughly 2.5% of global CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, the urgency of climate-conscious innovation cannot be overstated. Hydrogen propulsion, SAFs (Sustainable Aviation Fuels), and next-generation electric aircraft represent the frontier. Nations that lead in green aviation will define the next era of transport leadership.

In conclusion, aviation is not an isolated sector—it is a barometer of a nation's developmental maturity and its integration into the global order. Policy, investment, and intellect must converge to elevate aviation from a logistical utility to a national strategic asset.

# A SKY OF CHALLENGES

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Understanding the Struggles of Nigeria's Aviation Industry. Nigeria's aviation industry is full of potential due to its large population and strategic location in West Africa. However, several challenges continue to hold it back from reaching global standards.

One major issue is the high cost of aviation fuel, which airlines often import due to limited local refining. This leads to expensive flight operations and frequent delays. Another serious problem is the foreign exchange crisis—airlines struggle to access dollars needed to lease aircraft, pay for maintenance, and insure their fleet.

Most Nigerian airlines still depend on foreign countries for aircraft maintenance due to the lack of a major local MRO (Maintenance, Repair & Overhaul) facility. This increases costs and downtime. Additionally, many airports lack modern infrastructure, with outdated terminals, unreliable power, and poor passenger services, especially in regional airports.

Regulatory delays, poor airline management, and inconsistent government policies have also caused the collapse of several airlines within a short period.

Security concerns in some parts of the country further increase insurance costs and limit air connectivity.

Yet, despite these setbacks, the future holds promise. If Nigeria invests in proper infrastructure, consistent policies, and supports local airlines, the aviation sector can become a key player in Africa.



# WHY CLIMATE SHOULD MATTER TO US

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Climate change is no longer a distant issue; it's happening all around us. We see it in the rising heat, unexpected floods, stronger storms, and changes in our seasons. As students, we may think it's an adult problem, but the truth is we are the ones who will live with its full effects.

Climate change affects the air we breathe, the food we eat, and even our education, as extreme weather can close schools or destroy communities. If we don't take it seriously now, the future could be harder for all of us.

But there's hope. We can be part of the solution. Simple actions like planting trees, reducing plastic use, saving electricity, and spreading awareness can create real change. When young people speak up and take action, the world listens.

Let's be proud of our generation, the one that didn't wait for others, but stood up to protect the Earth. Our future depends on it.



# THE IMPORTANCE OF SAFETY AND SECURITY IN AVIATION

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Safety and security are the foundation of the aviation industry. Safety focuses on preventing accidents through proper aircraft maintenance, pilot training, weather monitoring, and emergency preparedness. Security, on the other hand, protects passengers, crew, and infrastructure from threats like terrorism, hijacking, and sabotage.

International regulations, such as ICAO's Annex 17, guide global aviation security by requiring screening processes, access control, and protection of aircraft. These measures help prevent unlawful acts and build public trust in air travel.

In essence, aviation safety ensures smooth and accident-free operations, while security shields the system from deliberate harm. Together, they make flying one of the safest ways to travel today.



# AIRPORT MANAGEMENT: THE HEART OF THE AVIATION INDUSTRY

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Airport Management is among the great and crucial courses when it comes to the business of aviation globally, and among the most interesting courses I have done so far in the aviation discipline. It is all about the efficient and safe running of the airport — marrying logistics with safety, customer care, and strategic thinking. In the course us students have been taught how to manage everything from runway scheduling and luggage handling, to passenger flow and emergency responses.

Another thing that I like about Airport Management is how it fits a lot of different job skills together (business, engineering, safety, and even green/environmental studies). For example, airports need to manage optimal aircraft flow as well as reduce delays, noise, and carbon dioxide.

With modern airports becoming global hubs, the demand for skilled airport managers is growing worldwide. This course prepares students for diverse career opportunities in airport operations, security coordination, airline liaison, and airport planning.

In a world where air travel connects people and economies, Airport Management plays a vital role behind the scenes, making sure everything runs on time—and most importantly, safely, and that is what makes it very interesting.

# AVIATION STARTS WHERE METEOROLOGY BEGINS

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In the world of aviation, pilots often get all the spotlight and rightfully so. They fly high, navigate aircraft, and bring passengers safely to their destinations. But what many people fail to see is the science that makes it all possible before they even leave the ground.

Meteorology is the invisible force behind every successful flight. Before a pilot takes off, someone has already analyzed wind patterns, tracked storm systems, and predicted turbulence. Meteorologists study cloud formations, pressure changes, temperature gradients, and so many more because in aviation, one wrong forecast can mean grounded flights or worse.

While others dream of flying, meteorologists make sure they fly safely. Meteorology isn't just a support role... It's a foundation. No plane takes off without a clear understanding of the skies. And without meteorologists, pilots are just sitting in a machine with no real plan.

So the next time you hear someone talk about becoming a pilot, remind them, even the best can't fly blind, have to read the sky, and that's what we do



# STAFF ARENA

# 04



# BRIDGING GAPS: COMMUNICATION AS A TOOL FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION

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Conflict is a natural part of human interaction, whether in families, workplaces, or communities. What determines whether a conflict escalates into bitterness or becomes an opportunity for growth is how it is managed. At the heart of every successful resolution lies one key tool: effective communication.

Poor communication, such as misunderstandings, assumptions, or failure to listen, often fuels conflict. On the other hand, open and respectful dialogue can calm tensions, clarify issues, and build bridges of understanding. Communication does not mean just talking; it also involves listening attentively, showing empathy, and choosing words carefully.

Why Communication Matters in Conflict Resolution:

- It allows each party to feel heard and respected.
- It clarifies misunderstandings and reduces assumptions.
- It encourages collaboration instead of competition.
- It shifts focus from blame to solutions.



### Tips for Using Communication to Resolve Conflicts:

- Listen First – Pay attention to the other person's perspective before responding.
- Stay Calm – A gentle tone diffuses tension faster than harsh words.
- Focus on Issues, Not Personalities – Address the problem, not the person.
- Use "I" Statements – Express feelings without sounding accusatory (e.g., "I feel concerned when deadlines are missed" instead of "You're careless").
- Seek Common Ground – Emphasize shared goals to create unity.

When communication is approached with respect and sincerity, conflicts become stepping stones rather than stumbling blocks.

Strong relationships, thriving workplaces, and peaceful communities are built on the foundation of dialogue, not division.



# DISCIPLINE: A WATCHWORD TO BEHOLD AT THE AFRICAN AVIATION AND AEROSPACE UNIVERSITY ABUJA

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Discipline can be defined or described to mean one thing or the other based on the parlance it's been used or applied in. For instance, discipline can be adduced to mean Academic discipline, meaning one's area of study or field of knowledge. That is, your field of expertism in the academics. However, and generally speaking, discipline is regarded as a method of training of your mind, body, and soul or controlling your behavioural tenets. For instance, YOGA is a good discipline.

Discipline can also mean a way or the way of controlling your behaviours, which explicitly or implicitly dictate the way the things you believe you should conduct yourself. For instance, dieting is a matter of discipline. Discipline more often than not can generally be aggregated and defined as the practice of training people to obey rules and other orders guiding their existence, community, etc. Again, punishment is guaranteed for misbehaviours, it is indiscipline, which is the opposite of discipline or vice versa, that enables punishment to be meted out at various levels at which they are committed.

Various universities in the nation gear efforts through their management to come out with an envisaged code of conduct and what I call a code of conduct governing both staff and students. African Aviation and Aerospace University is not exceptional. The university, which was established two and a half years ago, has remained guided by the rules of engagement guiding the conduct of staff and students. Despite all odds and challenges, discipline in all spheres remained sacrosanct in the conduct of staff and student activities.

Thanks to the fearless Management headed by the Registrar, Dr. Mustapha Sheikh Abdullahi, an astute International Relations and Political Science guru who maintains that discipline makes you what you are! The Registrar and Management are always ready to pen down plans in making sure that the desired goals, mission, and vision of AAAU Abuja are achieved through disciplined minds. I can happily say staff and students are already carrying issues of discipline to their offices and classrooms, respectively. Training and retraining of our staff has continued to remain a critical asset of our establishment.

Presently, talking from a distance, African Aviation and Aerospace Abuja, as a Federal University within the annals of two and a half years of its establishment, contends with major private universities in Nigeria, bearing the discipline mode which its management is holding in all facets of the university administration. Somehow, because of this, some people think that the University is a private University of a sort.

Thanks to the founding fathers of the University and particularly THE HON. MINISTER OF AVIATION AND AEROSPACE DEVELOPMENT, OLOROGUN FESTUS KEYAMO SAN, CON, for making giant strides in supporting the growth of this University, as presently the last baby of the Ministry. He has supported this University so much that it has trended to show that many want to associate and work for the University. Evidence has shown that our University is a hub of disciplined-minded people. Recently, the Aviation Business Department, headed by Dr. Endurance Kayode Keyamo were able to conduct successfully conducted the University's first International Conference, tagged 'INNOVATIVE MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION SOLUTIONS, REGULATION AND POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY ', between August 21st – 22nd, 2025. The Conference title brought to the limelight professionals, Gurus, Academia, and Private Entrepreneurs in the field of Transportation to deal with the theme of the Conference. The University appreciates the Nigeria College of Aviation Technology (NCAT) for their collaborative support and efforts.



In my many years of working at the last two Universities where I have served as an administrator and in the Registry Department, I have not seen where discipline remains the watchword as it is in AAAU Abuja. Activities of the new University are done with good trajectory, precision of time, and high managerial evidence. It should be noted that if there were any erring staff and students embracing indiscipline, Management had no option other than to deal with such persons administratively.

On the final note, I wish to commend the Governing Council since its inception for their goodwill to all staff and students. I pray Almighty God to bless them. I will also not fail in appreciating my own immediate Boss, Dr. Mustapha Sheikh Abdullahi, and the Management team for their tireless efforts as our dream of stabilizing our permanent site is gradually becoming a reality. I pray that your labour of love shall be rewarded by Almighty God.

Thank you.



# DRONES: THE BASICS

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### What is a Drone?

In simple terms, a drone is an unmanned aircraft. The technical term is Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV), while the entire system (the vehicle, the ground controller, and the communication link) is called an Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS).

They can be remotely controlled by a pilot or autonomously follow a pre-programmed flight path using software and sensors.

### Types of Drones:

Drones can be categorized in several ways:

#### A. By Wing Type:

1. **Multi-Rotor (e.g., Quadcopters):** The most common type for consumers and professionals. Excellent stability and hovering ability, perfect for photography.
2. **Fixed-Wing:** Look like traditional airplanes. They are more efficient, can fly longer distances, and carry heavier loads. However, they cannot hover and

require space for takeoff and landing. Used for mapping, surveying, and agricultural spraying.

3. Single-Rotor (Helicopters): More efficient than multi-rotors and can carry heavy payloads, but are mechanically complex and dangerous due to their large rotor.
4. Hybrid VTOL (Vertical Take-Off and Landing): Combine the benefits of both; they can take off vertically like a quadcopter and then transition to efficient, forward flight like a fixed-wing airplane.

#### **B. By Use Case:**

1. Recreational/Hobbyist: Typically smaller, less expensive quadcopters for fun flying.
2. Camera Drones: Designed primarily for photography and videography (e.g., DJI Mavic, Air, and Phantom series).
3. Racing Drones: Small, lightweight, agile, and very fast. Built for speed and manoeuvrability, often flown in FPV goggles.
4. Commercial/Industrial Drones: Built for specific tasks like surveying land, inspecting infrastructure (power lines, wind turbines), agriculture (crop monitoring), search and rescue, and delivery.

#### **Common Applications & Uses:**

Drones are far more than just fancy toys:

1. Aerial Photography & Videography: The most popular use, for everything from real estate to wedding films.
2. Mapping & Surveying: Creating highly accurate 3D models of terrain, construction sites, and archaeological digs.
3. Infrastructure Inspection: Inspecting bridges, cell towers, and solar farms safely and efficiently.
4. Agriculture: Precision agriculture, where drones monitor crop health, spray pesticides, and analyze field data.
5. Search & Rescue (SAR): Using thermal cameras to locate missing persons in difficult terrain, especially at night.
6. Delivery: Companies like Amazon and Wing are testing drones for the rapid delivery of small packages.

#### **Summary**

Drones are versatile UAVs that combine aerodynamics, electronics, and software. From a simple quadcopter to a complex industrial system, they have evolved from military tools to powerful devices with a huge range of recreational and commercial applications.

# PICTURE SPLASH

# 05





AAAU Team in Abu Dhabi for the ICAO Global Implementation Support Symposium (GISS) 2025



AAAU touring the ATOM Aviation Training Centre



AAAU Sign MoU with Gulf Aviation Academy Bahrain



Department of Aviation Business Courtesy Visit to Professor. Peter Siyan, Professor of Transportation and Development Economics at the University of Abuja



Dr. Eniola Olaniyan, Head of the Meteorology Department at African Aviation and Aerospace University, at the ICCARUS (ICON/COSMO/CLM/ART User Seminar) 2025, taking place from March 10–14, 2025, at the DWD Headquarters in Offenbach, Germany



AAAU Team at the ICAO Facilitation Conference in Qatar



Director Physical Planning and Works, Engr. Mas'ud Aliyu Yerima, AAAU team and FCDA at the Emir of Jiwa place on Land Compensation Matters of the Communities Around the Permanent Site



AAAU participate in the Drone Technology Conference 2025



AAAU Student Football Team Training



AAAU Staff Tour the AAU Permanent Site



AAAU women in Aviation Chapter at the Women in Aviation International Sensitization Program 2025 Themed "Technology Development of Women in Aviation Industry"



AAAU tour the National Space Museum at the National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA)



AAAU DPTP Holds Training for Staff of NCAA, NSIB, NAMA and NCAT



AAAU School of Postgraduate Studies Seminar Defence



Postgraduate Student Making Presentations



AAAU Women Celebrates International Women's Day



Football Match in Honour of International Women's Day at the AAAU Football Pitch



Dr. Eniola Olaniyan, Head of the Department of Meteorology, Represents AAAU at the 6th African Regional Conference on Irrigation and Drainage (ARCID), held at the Umar Musa Yar'Adua International Conference Centre in Abuja



AAAU's Training for the Next Generation of Aviation Professionals (NGAP)



AAAU, Abuja, Postgraduate students for the 2024/2025 academic session, commenced their academic journey with a lecture held at the university's lecture hall.



AAAU Attends Nigerian Airforce Day



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