**International Institute of Islamic Thought (I I I T)**

**A Brief Report on the Activities of the International Institute of Islamic Thought, Nigeria (IIIT) Presented to the Da’awah Coordination Council of Nigeria during the Kaduna National Conference/Meeting on 28th February, 2016**

**Introduction**

The International Institute of Islamic Thought, Nigeria was formed in 1996. The Institute registered as a corporate body with the Nigerian Corporate Affairs Commission. It was registered as International Institute of Islamic Thought. Nigeria on 21st October, 1999 with the registration number 12,388. The incorporated Trusted are: Dr. Bashir Galadanci, Mallam Salisu Shehu, Malam Baffa Aliyu and Bala Sidi Aliyu. The current Secretariat of the Institute is temporarily located at Bayero University Kano, old Campus behind the University Juma’at Central Mosque. The Institute give priority to three main areas of reform in the Muslim: Thought, epistemology and education.

**Major Activities**

1. Publication of Books.
2. Publication of Journal (Al-Ijtihad)
3. Organizing Monthly Group Discussion
4. Conducting Outreach Activities to Higher Institution
5. Hosting Sisters’ Seminar Programmes
6. Organizing National Workshop
7. Organizing National Conferences
8. Organizing International Conferences
9. Translation of Books
10. Working towards Integration of Knowledge

**Achievements**

1. **International Conference**

IIITN Successfully hosted 4 international conferences in 2004, 2010, 2013 and 2015

1. **National Conference**

National Conference on Islamic Institutions and the Challenge of Sustainability 2014.

1. **Research Activities**
2. Translation of some Publications
3. Publications of Books
4. Publication of Special Editions of Al-Ijtihad
5. 19 Issues of Al-Ijtihad Jounal
6. About 40 Books Published
7. **Curriculum Development:**

Islamic Economics

Islamic Sociology for Islamic Universities (in progress);

Basic level (primary School)

Integrated Curriculum- in collaboration with AMIS 2015

1. **Advocacy Visits:**

Between April and May 2015. Outreach to Al-Qalam University Katsina. Alhikmah Ilorin, Crescent University Abeokuta, Fountain University Osogbo and Bayero University Kano.

1. **Sisters Seminar:**

* Dr. Amina Adamu and Prof. Juwairiyya Badamasi presented a paper on “A Linguistic and Legal Perspective of the Hijab: the Semantic Interpretation.” The presentation conducted successfully on 24th May, 2015.
* Malam Ibrahim Khalid presented a Lecture on “T he Requirement of Muhram for Women in Islam” on 29th November, 2015.

1. **Group Discussion:**

* Dr. Salahudeen Yusuf of the Dept. of Islamic Studies, Federal College of Education, Kano presented a paper on 25th January, 2015 on “Islamic Philosophy and Skill-related Education: A critique of the View of some early Muslim Philosophers on Entrepreneurship and Vocational Education.”
* Dr. Aliyu Dahiru Muhammad of the Institute of Islamic Banking and Finance Bayero University, Kano presented a paper on 22nd February, 2015 on “Integration of Waqf & Islamic Micro Finance for Poverty Reduction: Case Study of Nigeria.”
* Dr. Sanusi Iguda presented a Paper on “International Poverty Indices, Media & Psyche of Common Man: Trends Implications” held on 19th April, 2015.
* Malam Abdullahi Abubukar Lamido presented a paper on Maqasid Al-Shari’ah as a Framework for Economic Development Theorization” held on 17th May, 2015. Due to the importance of the topic the participants suggested implementation some of the issue raised. For that reason a committee formed which to go for a retreat and draft a proposal for the National Islamic Human Development Forum.
* Umar Jibril Gwandu, Deputy Director, Outreach, presented a paper on “The Use of Feed forward in Communication Planning: A Preliminary Exploration from the Qur’an” on 13th September, 2015.
* Umar Jibril Gwandu Presented a Paper on “Globalizing Blasphemy Debate: Islamic Popular Culture and Religious Thoughts in Northern Nigeria” on 15th November, 2015.
* Dr. Bashir Aliyu Umar presented a paper “Relating Texts with Contexts, rhe Relevance of Maqasid Al-Shari’ah in Interpreting/Understanding the Qur’an and Sunnah” on 13th December, 2015.

1. **Participation at Workshop and Conferences**

* The National Coordinator Prof. Salisu Shehu attended an International Conference in Kenya between 16th – 25th December, 2015.
* The National Coordinator, Prof. Salisu Shehu, Director, Education Resources, Dr. Aisha G. Habib and Deputy Director, Training, Mlam Abdullahi A lAmido attended a 2 day workshop on “Maqasid AL-Shari’ah and Teaching of Islamic Jurisprudence between 7th – 8th October, 2015 in Minna Niger State.
* The National Coordinator Prof. Salisu Shehu attended a regional conference on Islam Youth Military and the Challenges of peace Building taking place in Abuja, on the 10th and 11th August, 2015. The conference being organized by the Centre for Integration and Development (CRID) and he delivered a lecture on “The State of Educational in West African Muslim Societies its Implication for Peace Building and Youth Development: the Case Study Nigeria.”
* The Director Finance and Administration, Dr. Sa’idu Ahmad Dukawa attended the Annual Symposium in Lagos, on the 5th September, 2015. The program was organized by the Muslim Students Society of Nigeria (MSSN). B Zone and he presented a paper on “Building a New Nigeria: the Tasks Ahead.”
* The Director Finance and Administration Dr. Saidu A. Dukawa. Deputy Director, Training, Malam Abdullahi A. Lamido and Sistes Deputy Directorate Prof. Aisha A. Isma’il Attended a program organized by Islamic Education Trust, Minna Niger State on “Islam and Democracy” between 24th – 26th April, 2015.

**Challenges:**

Completion of permanent Secretariat and Logistics problems, that is lack of official vehicles

**2006 Planned Projects**

1. Establishment of IIITN University. Appointment of committee for the establishment of IIITN University under the Chairmanship of Dr. Bashir Galadanchi.
2. Offer Research Grants
3. Conduct 18 Seminars
4. 12 Monthly Group Discussions
5. Publish 12 books
6. 10 Outreach seminars to some selected higher Institutions in the Country
7. 3 Local Seminars on prospective on integration of knowledge (IK)
8. Sister’s Directorate would conduct 4 quarterly sister’s seminars
9. Another Seminar would be conducted on establishment of “Islamic University in Africa: Comparing the East and West Africa Sub-region” under the West Africa Project of the Institute.

**Conclusions**

It is gratifying to note that the International Institute for Islamic Thought, Nigeria that stated with only one PhD in 1996 now has the following Professors serving at various capacities:

1. Professor Salisu Shehu
2. Professor Bala Sidi Aliyu
3. Professor Baffa Aliyu Umar
4. Professor Suleiman Abdullahi Karwai
5. Professor Juwairiyya Badamasi
6. Professor Aisha Abdul Isma’il
7. Professor Aliyu Kamal

Similarly, the National Coordinator, Professor Salisu Shehu who is the Dean School of Continuing Education, Bayero University Kano, has been appointed as a member Kaduna State Judicial Commission of Inquiry of the Shia-Army Army Clash of December, 2015. While Professor Aisha Abdul Isma’il, the Director Sisters’ Wing of the IIITN was appointed Director Centre for Gender Studies, Bayero University, Kano.

Assalamu Alaikum

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