

FG Kickstarts Construction of Sustainable and Emerging Technologies Institute In Kano



From left: The Executive Vice Chairman/CEO of NASENI, Mr. Khalil Suleiman Halilu; Vice Chancellor, Bayero University Kano, Prof Sagir Adamu Abbas and the Honourable Minister of Innovation, Science and Technology, Chief Uche Nnaji, laying a block at the ground breaking event of the Sustainable and Emerging Technologies Institute (SETI) at Bayero University Kano (BUK) New Campus on Friday, 14th February, 2025.

Today Friday, 14th February 2025 marks a significant milestone in the Federal Government of Nigeria's efforts to secure the socio-economic wellbeing of the future generation, as the ground was opened for commencement of construction of the Sustainable & Emerging Technologies Institute (SETI) under the aegis of the National Agency for Science and Engineering Infrastructure (NASENI), Presidency.

The Executive Vice Chairman/Chief Executive Officer (EVC/CEO) of NASENI Mr. Khalil Suleiman Halilu during the

Ground-breaking ceremony held at the Bayero University Kano (BUK) New Campus said the new institute sits on **30** hectares of the BUK land to be built, featuring state-of-the-art facilities, including innovation hubs devoted to Artificial Intelligence and other cutting-edge technologies, complemented by reliable power supply. "NASENI will fully build and equip and support the new Institute" said the EVC/CEO.

The future of socio-economic development for nations rests on human creativity, innovation and cooperation, Artificial intelligence, robotics amongst others.

Halilu said that the establishment of SETI in Nigeria is to rapidly respond to the waves of young people globally revolutionizing world economies with unprecedented emergence of socio-economic frontiers as by-products of innovations and ingenuities of these young minds.

"We in NASENI are firm believers in the potential of young Nigerians to be the prime catalysts of the type of transformation that Nigeria requires. And we will do everything within our powers to support them to fulfil this

important responsibility".

"We are gathered here today to kickstart a project that will transform the lives and careers of future generations of young Nigerians. The Sustainable & Emerging Technologies Institute (SETI), located at the Bayero University Kano (BUK) by NASENI. This is very much in line with our operating principles; what we call our 3Cs: Collaboration, Creation, and Commercialization. These 3Cs are the principles that passionately drive us and guide the work that we do to ensure the industrialization of Nigeria in line with the Renewed Hope agenda of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu."

SETI will produce innovators, technologists, entrepreneurs who will make their mark not just in Nigeria but around the world. "I'm eagerly looking forward to the day, not too long from now, when the Institute's first set of beneficiaries will astonish the world with what they're capable of accomplishing. These stories will put not just BUK on the global innovation map, but also Kano State and the entire Nigeria" said Halilu.

While carrying out the symbolic foundation laying ceremony of the institute as Special Guest of Honour, the Minister of Innovation, Science and Technology, Chief Uche Geoffrey Nnaji, described the project as not only laudable but NASENI's another way of fasttracking the placing of Nigeria on the global map of innovation and industrialization. The minister called the project an "ace project" and a pointer to secure a veritable socio-economic development for the nation.