

BIO OF HIS HIGHNESS MUHAMMAD SANUSI II, CON (14th Emir of Kano)

His Highness (HH) Muhammad Sanusi II is the Khalifa of the Tijjaniya group in Nigeria and the 14th Emir of Kano. Prior to ascending the throne, HH was the Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria. He was also at a time the Chief Risk Officer and Group CEO of First Bank of Nigeria Plc. He was awarded Central Bank Governor of the year in 2011 due to his laudable anti-corruption campaign which salvaged and reformed the crumbling financial sector.

HH Muhammad Sanusi II started his career as a Lecturer of Economics at the Ahmadu Bello University but began his banking career in 1985 at ICON Ltd. Merchant Bankers, a subsidiary of Morgan Guaranty Trust and Baring Brothers and then joined United Bank for Africa, running its credit and risk management division and then rising to the position of general manager.

His Highness is passionate about the welfare of the girl-child, quality education, women empowerment, economic growth and good governance. He was appointed by the UN Secretary General as one of the 17 SDG Advocates in 2019 and has been focused on advancing the global goals with a focus on SDG 4, 5 & 8 (*Quality Education, Gender Equality, Decent Work & Economic Growth*). He also serves as the *Chairman, Advisory Board of 1Million Teachers* (a Canada based social enterprise that provides access to high quality teacher education to underserved communities around the world). In 2020, His Highness launched the Muhammad Sanusi (MSII) SDG Initiative which focuses on empowering teachers in Sub-Saharan Africa to generate innovative and inclusive grass-root solutions to improve education for all – particularly the girl child.

His Highness has been awarded various honorary doctorate degrees from reputable Universities across the world and is a recipient of numerous global awards. He currently serves as Chairman and member on various national and international boards which include, Babban Gona (an agricultural social enterprise), The MTN Group, Black Rhino Group to mention a few.

His Highness holds a degree in Islamic studies from the Africa International University in Khartoum, Sudan and currently holds Islamic lectures every Sunday. He is currently a research fellow at the African Study Centre and an academic visitor at St. Antony's College in the prestigious Oxford University in the United Kingdom for the 2020-2021 academic year.

His Highness was awarded various doctorate degrees by the following Universities:

- University of Nsukka
- Bayero University Kano
- University of Jos
- University of Benin
- University of Maiduguri
- Benue State University
- University of Abuja

- Oduduwa University, Ile – Ife
- Kano University of Science and Technology, Wudil
- SOAS University of London

In the course of his carrier as banker, His Highness received various awards including:

- Central Bank of Nigeria Governor of the year for Sub- Saharan Africa by the Emerging Market Magazine for the years 2010, 2011 and 2013
- Central Bank Governor of Africa 2013 by the African Banker Magazine
- African Central Bank Governor of the year 2011 by Banker Magazine
- Global Central Bank Governor of the year 2011 by Financial Times of London
- His Highness was also made Man of the Year by various magazines and newspapers 2010, 2011 and 2013
- His Highness was also awarded the National honour of the Commander of the Order of the Niger (CON)

The publication of His Highness including the following:

1. “The West and The Rest: Reflections on the Intercultural Dialogue About Shari’ah”, in Ostein, P., Nasir, M. and Kogelmann, F. (eds), Comparative Perspectives on Shari’ah in Nigeria, Spectrum Books, Ibadan, 2005.
2. “Democracy, Rights and Islam: Theory, Epistemology and the Quest for Synthesis”, in Ibrahim, J. (ed), Sharia Penal and Family Laws in Nigeria and in the Muslim World: Rights Based Approach, Global Rights, 2004
3. “Muslim Communities in Multi-Religious Milieux: Some Reflections on the Madinan Constitution” in Goethe Institute, Accra, Conflict: What Has Religion Got to do With It? An African-European Dialogue, Woeli Publishing Services, Accra, 2004
4. “Shariacracy in Nigeria: The Intellectual Roots of Islamist Discourses”, in Osuntokun, A., Beyond Abacha: Companion Essays, Interconsult, Lagos, 2001
5. “Politics and Sharia in Northern Nigeria”, in Soares, B. F. and Otayek, R., Islam and Muslim Politics in Africa, Palgrave Macmillan, 2007
6. “The Shari’ah Debate and the Construction of a ‘Muslim’ and ‘Christian’ Identity in Northern Nigeria: A critical Perspective”, Paper, University of Bayreuth, July 11 & 12, 2003
7. “Islam, Tolerance and Religious Conflict: From Theology to Social Science” Paper, 11th Annual International Law and Religion Symposium, “Religion in the Public Sphere: Challenges and Opportunities”, International Centre for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. October 4, 2004
8. “Interpretive Communities and Religious Tolerance in Islam: Contextualizing the Construction of Extremist Identities” Paper, International Conference on Religion and Conflict, organized by the University of Notre-Dame at Jinja, Uganda, April, 2004
9. “The Hudood Punishments in Northern Nigeria: A Muslim Criticism”, Paper, Seminar of the West Africa Study Group, University College, London, January 17, 2003
10. “The Politicisation of Ontological Questions: Discourses, Subjectivities and Muslim Family Law in Nigeria”, Paper, International Conference on Muslim family Law in Sub-Saharan Africa, Centre for Contemporary Islam, University of Cape Town, South Africa, March 11-14, 2002

11. "The Class Character of Religious Revival: Shari'ah and Ideology in Northern Nigeria" Paper, Second Essex graduate Conference in Political Theory, University of Essex, Colchester, May 4-5, 2001
12. "Islam, Probity and Accountability: A Critical Essay in History, Philosophy and Law", Paper, Nigerian Television Authority Channel 10 Annual Ramadhan Public Lecture, Nigerian law School, Lagos, December 3, 2003
13. "Institutional Framework of Zakat: Dimensions and Implications", paper, Symposium on "Essentials for Building an Islamic Ummah" Katuru Road Mosque, Kaduna, Nigeria, December 2, 2000
14. "An Introduction to Islamic Insurance (Takaful)", Paper, International Islamic Book fair, University of Lagos, Akoka, Lagos, Nigeria October 9, 2003
15. "The Ulama and Mobilization for Economic Empowerment", Paper, National Roundtable for Poverty Reduction in Nigeria, The Gamji Forum, Kaduna, Nigeria October 24 & 25, 2002
16. "Transparency and Probity in Nigeria: Confronting our Present with our Past", Paper, Annual National Conference of the Federation of Muslim Women's associations of Nigeria (FOMWAN), Maiduguri, Nigeria, August 27, 2004
17. "Interaction Between Government and Religious Actors in Peacemaking", Paper, International Conference on "Mapping the Terrain: The Role of Religion in Diplomacy and Peacemaking" The International Peace Research Institute (PRIO) and Norwegian Foreign Ministry, Oslo, Norway, February 7-9, 2005.
18. "Kano Political economy: Reflections on a Crisis and its Resolution", paper, "The Kano Debate", Mambayya House, Kano, Nigeria, January 1, 2004
19. "Reforming the Nigerian Economy: Which Model? A Theoretical Critique of Nigerian Economic Policy from 1986-2004", paper, 2nd Annual Trust Dialogue, Abuja Sheraton hotel, January 13, 2005.
20. "Issues in Restructuring Corporate Nigeria", Paper, National Conference on the 1999 Constitution, Organized by Network for Justice and the Vision Trust Foundation, Kaduna, Nigeria, September 11-12, 1999
21. "Basic Needs and Redistributive Justice in Islam: The Panacea to Poverty in Nigeria", Paper, 2nd International Seminar on Islamic Banking and Finance, Organized by Ahmed Zakari & Co (Chartered Accountants), Abuja Sheraton hotel, June 30 and July 1, 2001.
22. "Social Re-Orientation, Private-Public Policy Dialogue and Rebuilding Institutions", paper, Kano Economic Summit, **KAPEDI**, Kano, April 25-27, 2006.
23. "The Judicial Office as a Public Trust", paper, Roundtable commemorating the retirement of Hon. Chief Justice Muhammadu Lawal Uwais, GCON, Eko Hotel & Suites, Victoria Island, Lagos, June 15, 2006.

Dozens of other articles academic papers on politics, the national question, religion, and the economy have been published in various Nigerian newspapers, many of which are available on the internet. In August, 2021, HH launched a book "For the Good of the Nation"; this book is a selection of articles published between 1998 and 2005 on subjects relevant to national unity, progress and development of Nigeria.