

ABU was represented at the Africa Science Leadership Programme (ASLP) Held at Future Africa, University of Pretoria, South Africa.

The Africa Science Leadership Programme (ASLP) is an initiative of the University of Pretoria and the Global Young Academy, with the support of the Robert Bosch Stiftung. It aims to grow mid-career African academics in the areas of thought leadership, team management and research development, with the intention of enabling them to contribute to the development of a new paradigm for science in African, focused on its contribution to solving the complex issues facing both Africa and the global community.



The leadership programme aims to:

- a. Identify early- to mid-career academics who have demonstrated leadership potential and an interest in developing key leadership skills
- b. Support them to apply the acquired skills to projects that are relevant to the academic development on the continent and its impact on society
- c. Create a network of academic leaders on the continent, spanning not only across countries, but also across disciplinary boundaries
- d. Advance a curriculum for academic leadership development which can be utilized in other institutions in Africa and beyond.



Ahmadu Bello University was well represented by Dr Adebisi Adetayo Abdulmumin from the Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering alongside 22 other African scientists and researchers across Africa. The edition of 2023 marks the 9th cohorts of the Africa Science Leadership Programme (ASLP) which took place at the Future Africa, University of Pretoria South Africa from 1-6 December, 2023.

The 23 exceptional scientist and researchers were selected from over 1,200 highly qualified candidates who applied from all African countries. The programme has provided an essential platform for networking and promoting our collective vision for the future of Africa. This was achieved through engaging discussions and establishing lifelong connections. The programme aims to reshape African narratives and contribute to a new scientific paradigm addressing both local and global challenges.



The emphasis on training mid-career African academics and researchers aligns with our commitment to instigate impactful change. Being part of this cohort has been an exceptional opportunity to exchange insights on pan-African scientific challenges and engage in diverse perspectives for creatively addressing African issues.

ASLP was launched in 2015, and has trained 180 African scientists, and I am privilege to be among the three (3) Nigerians to participates out of the 23 fellows from Africa in the 9th cohort for 2023 Edition. The African Science Leadership Programme (ASLP) focuses on developing collective leadership skills that will help fellows contribute to the “Agenda 2063: The Africa We Want”.

