

## **SPEAKERS' PROFILE**

**RCE KANO**

### **DIGITAL YOUTH FORUM**

**The opportunity for a green recovery in the post COVID-19**



Charles A. Hopkins holds the UNESCO Chair at York University in Toronto, Canada. He has been an advisor to several ministries of education in Asia and Europe as well as universities and colleges in the Americas.

He has numerous publications and has lectured worldwide on a range of topics from quality education to educating for global citizenship and educating for a sustainable future. In the past, he was a teacher, principal, curriculum superintendent and regional superintendent with the Toronto Board of Education before assuming the UNESCO Chair in 1999. He has been awarded seven honorary doctorates and professorships spanning Europe, Latin America and Asia. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts in the UK, the Salzburg Global Seminar in Austria, and the Australian Association of Environmental Educators.

Today, Hopkins is advisor to the United Nations University's Global Network of Regional Centres of Expertise on ESD and Co-Director of the Asia-Pacific Institute on Education for Sustainable Development in Beijing, China.



Ros Wade is Professor of Education for Sustainability (EFS) at London Southbank University, Chair of the London Regional Centre in Expertise in EFS and a Distinguished Research Fellow of the Schumacher Institute for Sustainable Systems. She developed and ran the PG Education for Sustainability programme from 1994-2016. This is an international distance-learning programme which covers all global regions and which is

producing cutting edge research on education for sustainability. Her prime concern in research and scholarship is to explore the ways that issues of social justice, poverty eradication and development can play a vital role in the field of EFS and to examine how these concerns can be addressed within the parameters of the ecological limits of our planet.



Recent publications include an edited book (with Hugh Atkinson) 'The Challenge of Sustainability; linking learning, politics and education', Policy Press 2015; Wade, R (2013) 'Promoting sustainable communities locally and globally: the role of Regional Centres of Expertise (RCEs)' in Sterling, S. Maxey, L. and Luna, H (eds) The Sustainable University pp 89-110; Wade, R and Parker, J (2012) 'EFA and ESD: taking forward the Dialogue' in Tales of HOPE III EFA-ESD Linkages and Synergy, Asia Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO, pp 3-23. She is very interested in the role of forced migration in the sustainability discourse and has just completed a toolkit for community groups *promoting the well being of migrants and displaced persons* (freely available at [www.commeet.org](http://www.commeet.org)). She is currently working with the Schumacher Institute and COMMEET on a toolkit for community groups on climate action.



Professor Sadiya Sani Daura holds PhD in English at Bayero University, Kano, and M.A. in English, Bayero University, Kano. She is currently Provost of Yusufu Bala Usman College of Legal and General Studies, Daura, from 2015 to Date. She was the Head, Department of English & Literary Studies, Bayero University, Kano from 2011 to 2015. She also served as Chairperson, Appointments and Promotion Committee, Department of English & Literary Studies, BUK from 2011 to Date.

Professor Sadiya has written several books and papers such as Exam Focus English (Language), Ibadan: University Press in 2004 and Improving Your English, Zaria: ABU Press in 2011. She has also attended several global conferences and workshops, which include Fundraising Fundamentals Course: Proposal Writing, Monitoring & Evaluation Plan, Sustainability Plan, presented by PAMOJA INC. VERMONT 05143 USA in 2004. Regional Centers' of Expertise [RCE] Intercontinental Meeting & Workshop on Education for Sustainable Development [ESD], Rhodes University, South Africa in 2012. She has also attended Professional Development Training Program at Wright State University, Ohio, USA in 2015 and 'Towards the Development of Women Entrepreneurship: A Survey of Entrepreneurship in Northern Nigeria', presented at the Oxonia University Network International Conference, University of Oxford, UK in 2015.



Safiya Ahmad Nuhu is a law lecturer from the Department of International Law and Jurisprudence, Bayero University, Kano, Nigeria. She is a PhD student at the University of the Witwatersrand South Africa, doing research on the regional framework for the protection and assistance of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in Africa. She has worked as an intern at the Brookings



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She has also been the Research Coordinator of Kano Civil Society Forum (KCSF). Her research interests include Human Rights particularly education rights, women's rights and IDPs. Other research interests include International Humanitarian Law, and Migration Law. She is Fellow, Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders (MWF), Fellow, Leadership Development for Reproductive Health (LDM), as well as a member, Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection (PHAP). She is currently the Deputy Director (Training) at the Center for Gender Studies, BUK, and is recently nominated by the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as an Ambassador Designate.



Ali Bukar Ahmad holds Master Degree Certificate in Applied Physics (Atmospheric Electricity Physics), he also has United Nations University Postgraduate Certificate International Courses (IC) Environmental Change: Managing Risks. He is currently the Chair, Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development RCE Kano. He attended several capacity building program such as Certificate in Operational project Management- SETYM International Inc Montreal Canada in 2004. Certificate on Sopho IS3000 Telephone System- ABB University Switzerland in 2007. Certificate on ETL 600, PLC Equipment- ABB University Switzerland 2007. Certificate on SDH/TPS/PABX, SELTA Cadeo, Italy 2008. Certificate on SDH SELTA, Cadeo, Italy 2010. Certificate on SDH, HIMARK China 2012. Mr Ahmad attended several global conferences including UNU-RCE ESD Conference, Nairobi in Kenya 2013. UN-RCE ESD Conference, Okayama Japan 2014. Attended UNU Continental Conference in Entebbe Uganda. Optic Fiber Communication in Power industry, SELTA Cadeo, Italy in 2011. SDH HIMARK Yangzhou, China 2012 also attended Utility Regulation and Strategy PURC/World Bank Gainesville Florida USA 2017.



Dr. Hadiza Hamma LL.B., BL., LL.M., Ph.D (Abuja); ALM GDP (Harvard) Dr. Hamma is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Public Law, University of Abuja. She holds Bachelor's, Master's and Doctorate degrees in Law. She also earned a Master of Liberal Arts in Global Development Practice from Harvard University.

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Usman Muhammad is climate activist, women empowerment advocate, children's education champion and social entrepreneur. He earned his BSc in Economics from prestigious Ahmadu Bello University Zaria and MSc in Education for Sustainability at the London South Bank University under African Commonwealth Scholars Program. He is currently Coordinating activities of RCE Kano. Usman has been philanthropic for his entire life, he works for over 5 years as Founder and Executive Director at the Centre for Renewable Energy and Action on Climate Change (CREACC-Nigeria) an NGO that engaged extensively on a multi-faceted climate and renewable energy related activities which help bridge poverty gap in Nigeria through creation of poverty alleviation oriented programs.



Abubakar Saeed Koki is presently the coordinator, sustainability Ambassadors program. He is a private horticulturist, and is a passionate advocate of the protection and promotion of the environment. He is currently a 400L student at Yusuf Maitama Sule University Kano, where he studies Economics. His main area of interest is economic development, and sustainability practices.

