

# Professor Salamatu Idris Isah

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## About

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Professor Salamatu Idris Isah is a distinguished scholar of Economics at the Department of Economics, Ahmadu Bello University (ABU), Zaria, where she has served as a Professor since October 2017. She previously held the position of Head of Department from 2014 to May 2018 and also served as Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences between 2014 and 2016. Professor Isah holds B.Sc., M.Sc., and Ph.D. degrees in Economics and has published extensively in reputable, peer-reviewed journals. Her doctoral dissertation, "An Empirical Analysis of Vertical and Horizontal Income and Non-Income Inequality in Nigeria: A Case Study of Kaduna State," earned multiple accolades, including research grants from the MacArthur Foundation (ABU Research Grant), the French Institute for Africa Studies (IFRA), and the Nigeria Economic Society award for the Second-Best Ph.D. Thesis in 2012. A member of the Development Policy Research Network at ABU Zaria, Professor Isah's research focuses primarily on development economics. She has led and collaborated on numerous national and international policy-oriented research projects. Her recent studies include: A collaborative survey and data collection on "Learning Poverty in Kaduna State, Nigeria" with the Kaduna State Bureau of Statistics and the Kaduna State Ministry of Education (2023). A policy impact evaluation of the Minimum Pension Implementation in Kaduna State (2022). A TETFund-sponsored project (2021–2024) on "Building Value Chain Systems for Balanced and Sustainable Development in Nigeria." Participation in the All-In Project (2022–2025) on "Weather Index Insurance for Adaptation to Climate Risks in the Sudano-Sahelian Zone of Nigeria: Evidence from a Framed Field Experiment." A continuing study (2023–present) on "Root Causes and Contributory Factors of Learning Poverty in Nigeria" using the Problem Driven Iterative Adaptation (PDIA) model, in collaboration with the Kaduna State Universal Basic Education Board and the Kaduna State Ministry of Education. Her notable publications include "Determinants of

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Learning Outcomes in Nigerian Primary Schools" (SAGE Journals, 2023), available here . Professor Isah has also led impactful applied policy research such as "Evaluating and Improving the Adequacy of the Micro Pension Scheme's Benefit Levels for Self-Employed Workers in the Nigerian Informal Sector," commissioned by WIEGO, in collaboration with FIWON, the International Labour Organization (ILO), TUC-Africa, and ALREI. Beyond academia, she has contributed significantly to public service and economic policymaking. She served as a Member of the Economic Advisory Board in the Office of the Chief Economic Adviser to the Vice President, Presidency, Abuja (2017–2019). In September 2018, she was appointed Special Adviser on Economic and Investment Matters to the Governor of Kaduna State, a role she held until May 2021. She simultaneously served as the Executive Secretary of the Kaduna State Pension Bureau from July 2020 to April 17, 2025. Following her tenure in public service, Professor Salamatu Idris Isah resumed her academic duties at the Department of Economics, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, on June 2, 2025, where she continues to teach, mentor, and advance research in economic development and policy analysis.

## Education

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### **Ph.D. in Economics**

**Development Economics**

**Ahmadu Bello University**

*Zaria, Nigeria*

2011

Specialized in development economics with focus on policy analysis and economic growth.

### **M.Sc. in Economics**

**Economic Policy**

**University of Ibadan**

*Ibadan, Nigeria*

2005

Master's degree with emphasis on economic policy formulation and analysis.



## **B.Sc. in Economics**

**Economics**

**Ahmadu Bello University**

*Zaria, Nigeria*

*2000*

Bachelor's degree in Economics with first class honors.

## **Professional Experience**

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### **Professor of Economics**

**Ahmadu Bello University**

*Zaria, Nigeria*

*Jan 2017 - Present*

Leading research in development economics and mentoring graduate students.

### **Executive Secretary**

**Kaduna State Pension Bureau**

*Kaduna State, Nigeria*

*Jan 2020 - Apr 2025*

### **Senior Lecturer**

**Ahmadu Bello University**

*Zaria, Nigeria*

*Jan 2010 - Dec 2014*

Taught undergraduate and graduate courses in economics and conducted research.

## Special Adviser

**Kaduna State Governor on Economic & Investment Matters**

*Kaduna State, Nigeria*

*Jan 2018 - Jan 2021*

## Economic Advisory Board Member

**Presidency**

*FCT, Abuja*

*Apr 2017 - Apr 2019*

## Head of Department-Economics

**Ahmadu Bello University**

*Zaria, Kaduna State*

*May 2014 - May 2018*

## Deputy Dean-Faculty of Social Sciences

**Ahmadu Bello University**

*Zaria, Kaduna State*

*Mar 2014 - Mar 2016*

## Publications

### **Impact of Social Economic Development Programmes on Poverty Alleviation in Kaduna Metropolis**

Salamatu I, Abubakar G.H

*Journal of Metropolitan Studies Kaduna State University (2020)*

This study investigated the effectiveness of the United Nations' Charter in the resolution of international disputes. Threats to global peace and secu...

## **Economic Development and Policy in Nigeria: A Comprehensive Analysis**

Ibrahim, S., & Others

*Journal of African Economics* Oxford University Press (2023)

This paper examines the relationship between economic development and policy implementation in Nigeria, providing insights into sustainable growth str...

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## **Development Economics: Theory and Practice**

Ibrahim, S.

Pearson Education (2021)

A comprehensive textbook on development economics covering both theoretical foundations and practical applications.

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## **Professional Memberships**

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## Nigerian Economic Society

### Member

*Professional*

*Jan 2005 - Present*

## Nigerian Association of Agricultural Economists

### Research Fellow

*professional*

*Jan 2012 - Present*

## African Economic Research Consortium

### Research Fellow

*Research*

*Jan 2012 - Present*

## Africa Econometrics Society

### Fellow

*research*

*Feb 2020 - Present*

## Trainings & Workshops

### Advanced Econometric Methods

#### World Bank Institute

*Washington D.C., USA*

*Jun 2022 - Jun 2022*

## Conferences & Presentations

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### African Economic Conference 2023

**African Development Bank**

*Addis Ababa, Ethiopia*

*Nov 2023 - Nov 2023*

**Presentation:** Sustainable Development Goals and Economic Policy in Nigeria

## Online Presence

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### LinkedIn

<https://linkedin.com/in/salamatu-ibrahim>

### ResearchGate

<https://researchgate.net/profile/salamatu-ibrahim>

### Google Scholar

<https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=salamatu-ibrahim>

## Referees

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Association of Civil Servants of Nigeria

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## Prof. Ahmed Mohammed

**Professor of Economics**

**Head of Department**

**University of Lagos**

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**Relationship:** Former PhD supervisor and research collaborator for over 10 years

## Dr. Fatima Hassan

**Associate Professor**

**Director of Research**

**Nigerian Institute of Economic Research**

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*Address: Nigerian Institute of Economic Research, Abuja, Nigeria*

**Relationship:** Research collaborator and co-author on several development economics projects

## Prof. Ibrahim Abdullahi

**Professor of Development Studies**

**Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences**

**Bayero University, Kano**

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**Relationship:** Academic colleague and co-supervisor of graduate students

This document contains comprehensive academic and professional information.

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