



Fulbe Development & Cultural Organization

PRESS STATEMENT

FUDECO ORGANISES NATIONAL DAY OF PULAAKU; PROMOTES FULBE CULTURAL HERITAGE, PEACE AND UNITY.

1. ABUJA, 25 SEP. 2024: Saturday October 12, 2024, will be a defining moment for Fulbe in Nigeria and FUDECO, a young and steadily growing Fulbe humanitarian, development and cultural organization, which is operating in 13 states across northern Nigeria.
2. On this day, the organization will organise its first ever National Day of Pulaaku in a dozen State capitals across the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
3. The day is being organized for the first time, to promote Fulbe cultural heritage and unity and pursue peaceful coexistence among the broad diversity of Fulbe and their neighbours.
4. FUDECO National Chairman, SS Nana says the event is especially organized to coincide with the United Nations International Day of Indigenous Peoples takes place annually on 9 August to celebrate Indigenous Peoples and their knowledge. The Day highlights rights of Indigenous Peoples to make their own decisions and carry them out in ways that are meaningful and culturally appropriate to them.
5. Mr. Nana urges all Fulbe and Nigerians to stay away from all forms of criminality, ethno-religious hatred and violence and to promote their positive cultural values, peace and unity.
6. Therefore, he noted, “the inaugural edition of the National Day of Pulaaku is aimed at promoting the Declaration on the rights of indigenous peoples by the UN in 2007.”
7. The event, which will hold simultaneously in all the participating States on the same day, will feature cultural exhibition of Fulbe artifacts and literary works, public lectures, other interactive sessions, horse racing and durbar, traditional habitat display, music, dance, poetry competition, among many others.
8. The day will also feature the dramatization of Soro, an old cultural practice of bravery by potential male suitors, at a ceremony of stick fighting among competitors, where young maids are usually at stake.
9. HRH Lamido Fombina (Adamawa) and Grand Patron of Tabbital Pulaaku International, Alh. Muhammadu Barkindo Aliyu Mustafa, PhD, CFR, is pleased with what he described as ‘FUDECO’s very lofty and historic initiative to plan, organise and host this important cultural day for Fulbe.’
10. The Royal Father implores Fulbe in all regions of the world to institutionalize the practice of celebrating Pulaaku Day in their various countries across Africa and around the world, to pursue peaceful coexistence and foster greater understanding of the tenets of Pulaaku locally and internationally.’ The Lamido also urged Fulbe in the diaspora to unite in their various countries of residence to host the National Day of Pulaaku every year. The Lamido called for peaceful co-existence between Fulbe and all other communities in Nigeria and

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- Africa. Commending FUDECO leadership for taking such a bold initiative, Lamido Barkindo appealed to other Fulbe organizations to extend their solidarity and fellowship to other people and cultures in order to promote sustainable harmony among all humanity.
11. The Lamido Fombina noted that the reckless stigmatization of Fulbe can only subside when other cultures respect the significant accomplishments of Fulbe in various spheres of human endeavour. The royal father strongly believes that events such as Pulaaku Day can substantially contribute towards clearing the hazy lens with, which Fulbe are usually grouped for stereotyping by many unsuspecting citizens including the mass media.
 12. The Emir of Zazzau, HRH Amb. Ahmed Nuhu Bamalli, CFR, who is hosting the Kaduna State Day of Pulaaku in his Palace said: “We welcome this excellent initiative by FUDECO to promote cultural understanding and peaceful co-existence which is highly needed by all Nigerians. We need to understand and respect every culture and tradition in Nigeria to live in peace and harmony.”
 13. FUDECO Vice Chairperson Dr. Nafisatu Dahiru Muhammad (OON), former Executive Secretary of the Nomadic Education Commission, is equally excited about the successes, which the organization has painstakingly achieved so far in conceiving and pulling through the inaugural edition of Pulaaku Day.
 14. Dr. Nafisatu added, “my joy is manifold as FUDECO is finally able to use the concept of Pulaaku to advance the principle of cross-cultural understanding and promote peacebuilding for sustainable development.”
 15. One of FUDECO’s founding Trustee, Dr. Abubakar Umar Girei, Wakilin Fulbe Adamawa, is also deeply elated to see that regardless of the unfair stigmatization of Fulbe around the world, FUDECO is being recognized as a leading NGO, which promotes tolerance, diversity and all worthy humanitarian causes and interests. He called on Fulbe pastoralists to wake up and remove the veil of stigmatization hovering over them, by personally blowing their own trumpet, without waiting for any aid from anyone. He also calls on pastoralists to embrace changes to adapt to the current realities of Nigeria and Africa.
 16. After the inaugural edition of Pulaaku National Day, FUDECO will host its fifth Annual General Meeting in Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory, in December 2024.
 17. The FUDECO National Day of Pulaaku is supported by AYNi Fund of FIMI, as part of FUDECO’s pastoralist women economic empowerment project.

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