Name and Status: Prof Michael Tunde Ajayi Profile

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**Education:** I attended Christ's School Ado Ekiti for my secondary education and Igbobi College, Yaba, Lagos for my Higher School Certificate. I obtained my B.Sc., M.Sc. and PhD degrees from University of Ibadan, Ibadan. I have over 25 years' experience in Africa Agricultural Research and Development

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In 1988, I worked with the Raw Materials Research and Development Council as a Principal Scientific Officer where I was responsible for the coordination of research and development on local sourcing of agro-based and forestry raw materials.

In January 1989, I joined the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Ibadan, Nigeria as a Research Training Specialist where I was involved for over a decade in strengthening the human resource capacity of the national agricultural research systems (NARS) in sub-Saharan Africa through short training, attachments, postgraduate programmes and extension services.

I joined the Federal University of Technology, Akure in January 2003 as Lecturer I at the Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension but later joined the University of Benin in April 2004 as a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension Services.

I was appointed a Professor of Agricultural Administration in September, 2009 till now by the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta. I have served in different capacities in the university system which includes being head of department twice and a Director of Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme. I have served as external examiner for B. Sc, M.Sc. and Ph.D. Examinations in many universities and served as a reviewer of many local and international journals.

I have supervised students' research projects and theses. I have to my credit over 100 undergraduates, 40 Masters, and 4 PhD students that I have successfully supervised as a major supervisor in which two of them are now professors.

I have published over 75 articles in reputable local and foreign peer review journals. I am a distinguished Member of Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education, based in the United States of America and also a member of Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria.

I have contributed extensively to emerging issues on agriculture as a consultant to international and national organizations which include Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), Accra, Ghana, International Institute

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 1974 -1977 - B.Sc. Crop Science -1977
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## **Professional Qualifications (with dates and granting bodies):**

Certificate in Training of Trainers for Agricultural Extension and Rural Development Officers -1991, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington D.C., USA.

#### **Employment History:**

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## (a) Current Appointment:

Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Ogun State – October 2009 till present Position: Appointed as a Professor effective October 1, 2009, Department of Agricultural

Administration which was carved out of Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development. This involves carrying out of research, training, workshop and seminar and teaching students up to postgraduate level and community development activities. Also supervise students' projects and theses up to Ph.D. level.

## **Other Appointments:**

(b) University of Benin, Benin City, Edo State – April 1, 2004 till September 2009

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# c) Federal University of Technology, Akure, Ondo State, Nigeria - January 2003 till March 2004.

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(d) International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) – January 1989 till October 2002. The Position: Employed in the capacity of Associate Training Officer in 1989, rose to the position of Research Training Specialist in 1991 and in 2002 became Acting Group Training Coordinator. The general objective of the job is to build human capacity required for the improvement of agricultural research, food production, and technology transfers through training of scientists, technicians and extension officers from various countries of the humid and sub-humid Africa.

## (e) Raw Materials Research and Development Council, Abuja, Nigeria, 1988 The Organization:

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## **Inaugural Lecture**

**Ajayi, M.T.** (2013). **Human Resource Management in Agriculture**: A Neglected Component of Agricultural Development. 40<sup>th</sup>Inaugural Lecture Series, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Ogun State, Nigeria. Delivered on 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2013.

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## **Administrative Experience**:

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- 1 Acting **Group Training Coordinator** –International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Ibadan, Nigeria. 2002
- 2 **Head**, Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension Services, University of Benin, Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria, July 1, 2005 till 30 June .2007.
- 3 **Member of Senate** of University of Benin, Benin City from July 1, 2005 till 30 June 2007.
- 4 **Head,** Department of Agricultural Administration, University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Ogun State, Nigeria. October 2009 2011.
- 5 **Member of Senate** of University of Agriculture, Abeokuta from October, 2009 till date.
- **Director**, Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Ogun State, Nigeria September 2011 -September 2013.

## **Grant Attracted:**

# Grant from International Association of Universities, France, Leadership Development for Higher Education Reform (LEADHER, 2012)

I initiated and led the Grant jointly won by Department of Agricultural Administration, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Nigeria in collaboration with the Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Ghana, Legon, Ghana for joint curriculum development on Agricultural Administration which is being run by the two Departments in the two Universities.

### **Leadership Training Courses attended:**

I have attended some leadership training courses which include:

- \* The Role of Agricultural Education and Training within NEPAD, a training workshop for Agricultural Training Managers, Cape Town, South Africa, 22 September 3 October 2003.
- \* Training course on Transformational Leadership for Managers and Chief Executives organised by Industrial Training Fund (ITF), Nigeria. October 2011.at IITA, Ibadan.

## **Membership of Learned Society/Association:**

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- Member of Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education, United States of America
- Member of Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria.
- Member of Nigerian Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services(NIFAAS)

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## Recent Consultancy Activities:

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I have been involved in varied consultancy activities which include Extension services, Capacity development, Baseline survey, Impact assessment, Project review and end of project evaluation, Synthesis and Documentation of Lessons learnt from a project, etc. I have specifically been involved in the following:

- Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM),
  Uganda, February May, 2021. Consultancy on Literature Study on Korea Model and
  Contribution of Universities to National Economic Development. African Consultant hired
  to work with a Korean Consultant based in Seoul University, Korea on this assignment. The
  consultancy is funded by African Development Bank.
- Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA) October 2020: Consultancy on Regional Case Studies on Effective Partnerships for Innovation, Particularly Focusing On Country-Level Status of AR4D Partnerships. Consultant hired to carry out this assignment which has been completed.
- 3 Sustainable Trade Initiative (IDH), Netherlands, December 2020. Consultancy on Assessment of Oil Palm Clusters Formation and Central Mills in Edo and Ondo States,

- Nigeria. A co-consultant that carried out this assignment.
- The Sasakawa Africa Fund for Extension Education (SAFE), December 2019 to February, 2020: Consultancy on NEED ASSESSMENT/CASE STUDY ON SAFE PROGRAMS in Nigeria. A co-consultant hired to carry out this assignment which has been completed in February, 2020.
- National Initiative on Sustainable and Climate Smart Oil Palm Smallholders (NI-SCOPS), Nigeria for the Sustainable Trade Initiative (IDH), Netherlands: Consultancy on Stakeholder Analysis. October, 2019. Appointed as a Lead Consultant with Chitadol Nig. Limited for this consultancy in Edo and Ondo States of Nigeria.
- Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA). Consultancy on Final Evaluation of Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation funded Improved M.Sc. in Cultivar Development for Africa (IMCDA) Program in Makerere University, Uganda, Kwame Nkuruma University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana and University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa, (Reference 17597), September/October, 2019. A member of the consultants for Chitadol Nig. Ltd that carried out this final evaluation consultancy.
- 7 Council for Agricultural Research and Development in West and Central Africa (CORAF/WECARD). A Consultant that developed a Training manual on Strategies for Scaling Agricultural Technologies and Innovations in West Africa and also trained stakeholders from the Anglophone countries of West Africa 11 June 3 July 2019.
- 8 Uganda Governance and Poverty Alleviation Program (UGOPAP), 15-21 July, 2019 Consultancy on Documentation of Success Stories and Lessons Learned from project. I and two other consultants handled this training course.
- 9 Natural Resources Institute, University of Greenwich, United Kingdom: Consultancy on End Line Evaluation for Nigeria funded by Bill & Mellinda Gates Foundation Cassava: Adding Value for Africa Phase II. Reference: B0489x2. 3rd -31st March, 2019. A consultant hired to carry out this assignment.
- International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Ibadan, Nigeria November, 2018. Consultancy on one-week each training course on Scientific Writing and Policy for scientists Sponsored by IFAD. Appointed in company of two other consultants from Nigeria and USA in carrying out this consultancy assignment.
- 11 DOCERAD/ROD-DEI ASSOCIATES: Training Workshop on Preparing and Writing Fundable Research Grant Proposals for Lecturers and Researchers in Balyesa State, Nigeria at Niger Delta University Amassoma, Bayelsa State, 12 16 November, 2018. Appointed in company of two other consultants that facilitated the training course.
- African Development Bank (AfDB). Appointed as one of the Service Providers for the Agricultural Fast Tract Fund. <a href="https://www.afdb.org/fasttractfund">www.afdb.org/fasttractfund</a>
- Bill& Mellinda Gates funded CAVA2 Nigeria Project, December 2017. Consultancy on a two-day consultancy on facilitation of a training course for ADP and private company extension agents on communication with farmers. A consultant that employed for this

assignment.

14 Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), Accra, Ghana, January/February, 2017. (FARA-ZEF-PARI/FARA/2016/ISP 2.1.4/Ajayi – 2017). A Consultancy Service to carry out a study and develop Strategies for Scaling Agricultural Technologies in Africa. A consultant hired to carry out this assignment. This report was published by FARA in 2018 "Strategies for Scaling Agricultural Technologies in Africa".

## **Countries with work experience:**

I have worked in the following countries carrying out activities that include extension services, training/Capacity development, Technology transfer, Impact assessment, Monitoring and Evaluation: Angola, Benin Republic, Botswana, Burundi, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Congo Republic, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Niger Republic, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, Uganda, Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.