

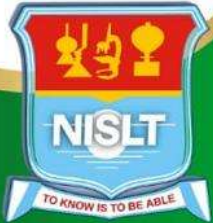
SOME ACTIVITIES OF THE DIRECTORATE

Activities in 2026

Workshop on Future Ready Laboratory Professionals



FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE, ABEOKUTA, (FUNAAB)
Directorate of Technologists and Technical Staff (DITTECS)



In conjunction with

**NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE
LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY (NISLT)**

Presents

A Day Workshop

Topic: Building Future-Ready Laboratory Professionals: Essential Hard and Soft Skills for Academic and Workplace Excellence

MONDAY 15 JUNE 2026

Green Chamber

10:00 a.m.

Guest Speaker
• Dr. Peter Adefisoye Oluwafisoye, FISLT, mnip
Ag. DG/Registrar/ CEO, Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT)

Chief Host
• Prof. Olusola Babatunde Kehinde FGSN, FIHS, FASN
Vice-Chancellor, FUNAAB

Host
• Dr. (Mrs) 'Wunmi Abimbola-Okuneye FISLT
Director, DITTECS

The Directorate of Technologists and Technical Staff (DITTECS) of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), in collaboration with the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT), on June 15, 2026, organised a one-day capacity-building workshop aimed at equipping laboratory professionals with the competencies required to thrive in today's rapidly evolving academic and workplace environment. The workshop, **themed “Building Future-Ready Laboratory Professionals: Essential Hard and Soft Skills for Academic and Workplace Excellence,”** was held at the Green Chamber and attracted laboratory Technologists, Technical Staff, and other participants from across the University community.

Delivering the welcome address, the Director of DITTECS, Dr. Wunmi Abimbola-Okuneye, expressed appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, for his unwavering support for initiatives aimed at enhancing the professional development of laboratory personnel and strengthening their contributions to scientific advancement and institutional excellence. She noted that technical competencies such as laboratory techniques, good laboratory practice, scientific literacy, quantitative analysis, quality assurance, regulatory compliance, laboratory safety, and biosafety remain fundamental to scientific excellence. According to her, the effective application of these competencies is further strengthened by soft skills such as communication, teamwork, critical thinking, problem-solving, adaptability, leadership, mentorship, and integrity, which are essential for success in today's dynamic workplace.

Presenting the keynote lecture, the Acting Director-General of Nigeria Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT), Dr. Peter Adefisoye Oluwafisoye, reiterated the importance of continuous professional development and urged laboratory personnel to consistently upgrade their knowledge and competencies. He highlighted emerging trends such as digital transformation, artificial intelligence, laboratory information management systems, cloud computing, hybrid work environments, and global collaborations as key developments reshaping modern laboratory practice. He further emphasized the need for laboratory professionals to understand laboratory instrumentation, troubleshoot equipment faults, maintain high operational standards, and improve their scientific writing, presentation, and communication skills. He also highlighted the benefits of professional licensing and networking, noting that active professional credentials and strategic professional relationships can unlock significant career and economic opportunities. In his concluding remarks, Dr. Oluwafisoye encouraged laboratory professionals to mentor younger colleagues, document their expertise, and embrace lifelong learning, maintaining that continuous self-improvement remains the foundation of sustained success in the modern laboratory environment.

Dignitaries at the event included the representative of the University Librarian, Dr. Samuel Adeyoyin, and the immediate past Director of DITTECS, Dr. Julius Amira, among others.



Welcome Address by the Director, DITTECS, Dr W. A. Abimbola-Okuneye



The Guest speaker, Ag. DG NISLT, Dr Peter Adefisoye Oluwafisoye



The participants at the workshop.



A group photograph of Dignitaries and participants at the event

World Laboratory Day, 2026



FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE, ABEOKUTA (FUNAAB)
DIRECTORATE OF TECHNOLOGISTS AND TECHNICAL STAFF (DITTECS)

Celebrate

3RD WORLD LABORATORY DAY 2026

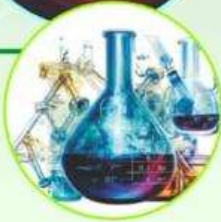


Theme: **AI in Research:
Tools and Practical use**

Lead Speaker
Prof. Olusegun Folorunso
Director, Directorate of Academic Information Systems (DACIS)

Sub Theme: **Advancing Laboratory Capacity through Artificial Intelligence and Digital Competency Development**

Guest Speaker
Engr. Sofolahan Akande Tunde
Lab 4.0: Advanced and Digital Laboratory operations



THURSDAY 23 APRIL 2026

Postgraduate School Auditorium

10:00 a.m.

Chief Host
Professor Olusola Babatunde Kehinde, FGSN, FIHS, FASN
Vice-Chancellor, FUNAAB

Host
Dr. 'W. A. Abimbola-Okuneye, FISLT
Director, DITTECS

RSVP Mrs. Olukemi Fashina: 08038592094
Chairman Local Organising Committee

Mr. John Idehen: 08035207136
Secretary Local Organising Committee

Joining the global community to commemorate the 2026 world laboratory day, the Directorate of Technologist and Technical Staff of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta restated the transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in advancing modern laboratory science.

The event, themed “AI in Research: Tools and practical use” was held on April 23, 2026, at the Postgraduate School Auditorium of the University.

The Vice-Chancellor, represented by the Dean, Postgraduate school, Prof. Sowande Olusiji emphasized that AI should be embraced as a complement to human expertise rather than a replacement. He noted that while AI continues to reshape global research practices, the effectiveness of laboratory science ultimately depends on the adaptability of professionals to emerging technologies.



Representative of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Sowande Olusiji giving the opening speech



The Director DITTECS, Dr Abimbola-Okuneye, 'Wunmi giving the welcome address



The Keynote Speaker, Prof. Olusegun Folorunso during his presentation



Group photograph of Dignitaries and participants at the event

Orientation and Laboratory Capacity Strengthening Towards Effective Performance

Date: 24th February, 2026.



FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE, ABEOKUTA, (FUNAAB)
Directorate of Technologists and Technical Staff (DITTECS)

Presents

A day **ORIENTATION** **ON LABORATORY CAPACITY** **STRENGTHENING TOWARDS** **EFFECTIVE PERFORMANCE**

for

**Newly employed, converted and
upgraded Laboratory Personnel**



TUESDAY

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FEBRUARY

2026

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Auditorium



11:00 a.m.

Chief Host: ● Prof. Olusola Babatunde Kehinde FGSN, FIHS, FASN Vice-Chancellor, FUNAAB	Host: ● Dr. (Mrs) 'Wunmi Abimbola-Okuneye FISLT Director, DITTECS
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The Directorate of Technologists and Technical Staff (DITTECS), Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), today, February 24, 2026, organised a One-Day Orientation programme for newly employed, upgraded and converted laboratory personnel as part of efforts to strengthen its technical workforce.

Declaring the programme open, the Director, DITTECS, Dr. 'Wunmi Abimbola-Okuneye, stressed the pivotal role of Technologists and Scientists in advancing the University's mandate. She described them as highly trained professionals with specialised expertise across the physical, biological, chemical, biomedical and engineering sciences.

According to her, the training was designed to enhance laboratory capacity and instil professional best practices among staff.

She characterised the laboratory as the powerhouse of science, serving as a controlled environment for experiments, measurements and analysis. Dr. Abimbola-Okuneye noted that laboratory professionals play critical roles in diverse sectors, including research institutions, academia, clinical settings and private industry. She emphasised that excellence in the profession requires responsibility, efficiency, consistency and self-discipline, enabling personnel to translate innovative ideas into tangible benefits for the society.

The orientation featured a forward-looking lecture titled "Essential Laboratory Practices, where participants were introduced to the concept of Lab 4.0 (how the Internet of Things (IoT) and predictive maintenance are reshaping modern laboratory operations). The use of IoT-enabled sensors in monitoring equipment performance and conducting automated diagnostics were also highlighted.

Other lectures delivered are:

- (i.) History of the University and the Directorate
- (ii.) Work Ethics
- (iii.) Laboratory Safety and health
- (iv.) Information Management, Documentation and Record Keeping
- (v.) Equipment Handling and Maintenance



Participants at the event

