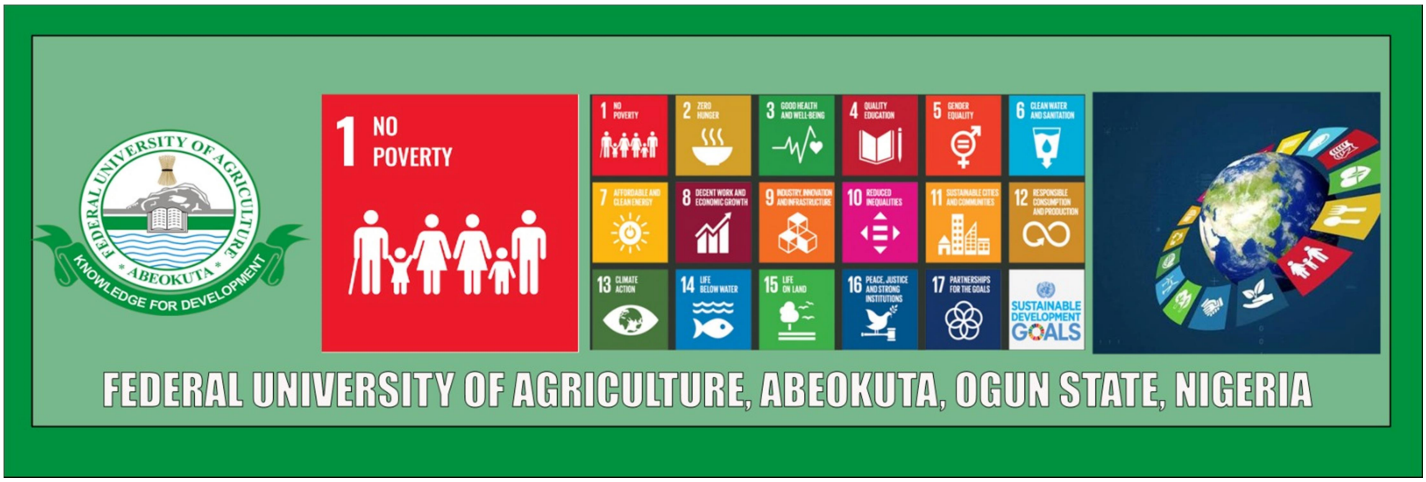










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The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) is committed to promoting the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a pathway to a more sustainable and equitable future.

SDG 1 - No Poverty goal emphasizes skill acquisition, entrepreneurial development, and growth as essential tools for eradicating poverty.

FUNAAB Programmes like the Farm Practical Year (FPY) and Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES) as well as activities at the College of Entrepreneurial and Development Studies (COLENDS) and Centre for Entrepreneurship (CENTS) provide students with practical skills and entrepreneurial opportunities, directly addressing poverty by empowering individuals to create their income sources in a "Teach me how to fish" approach.

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1. VC's Examination Support Initiative Benefits Indigent Students

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In a demonstration of his steady commitment to student welfare and academic success, the Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, through the generosity of his family, has provided examination support packages to indigent students of the University.

The presentation, facilitated by the Student Affairs Division, aimed to ease the financial burden on deserving students during the ongoing examination period and ensure that economic challenges do not hinder their academic performance.

Speaking during the presentation ceremony, the Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Festus Adeosun, represented by the Deputy Dean, Dr. Mathew Wheto, expressed profound appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor and his family for their consistent support for students' welfare. He noted that the initiative has become a source of encouragement and relief for many students facing financial difficulties, particularly during examinations.

According to him, the gesture reflects Prof. Kehinde's people-centred leadership style and his dedication to fostering an environment where students can thrive academically and personally.

Dr. Wheto further commended the Vice-Chancellor and his family for their compassion and generosity, stressing that the support packages would go a long way in helping the beneficiaries focus on their studies and perform optimally in their examinations.

Responding on behalf of the beneficiaries, Azubike Delight, a 300-Level student of the Department of Plant Physiology and Crop Production (PPCP), expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor and his family for the thoughtful intervention. He stated that the support would significantly ease the financial pressures many students face and motivate them to remain dedicated to their academic pursuits.

The beneficiaries offered prayers for the Vice-Chancellor and his family, wishing them continued good health, wisdom, success, and prosperity. They also pledged to justify the gesture through improved academic performance and exemplary conduct.



2. NUC, TETFund, GETrust Partner FUNAAB to Strengthen Entrepreneurship Education for Academic Staff

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The National Universities Commission (NUC), Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), and GETrust have partnered with the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) to strengthen entrepreneurship education through a 3-Day Capacity-Building Programme for the University's Academic staff.

Tagged "Teaching Entrepreneurship Using Effectuation," the Training Programme is scheduled to hold from Monday, September 14 to Wednesday, September 16, 2026, at the Centre for Entrepreneurial Studies (CENTS), Auditorium between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. daily.

The programmed was organised to equip Academic staff with contemporary approaches and practical tools for teaching entrepreneurship, particularly the effectuation approach, which emphasises entrepreneurial decision-making, innovation and the effective utilisation of available resources in uncertain environments.

The programme would be facilitated by Dr. Abubakar Adamu of the Department of Business Administration, University of Maiduguri (UNIMAID), and Dr. Bola Jenyo of the Department of General Studies (Entrepreneurship Unit), Federal University of Health Sciences, Ila-Orangun.

The Vice-Chancellor of FUNAAB, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, is expected to declare the Training Programme open on Monday, September 14, 2026.

3. FUNAAB to Host Cassava Seed Entrepreneurship Training

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The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), is set to host a Cassava Seed Entrepreneurship Training Programme, organised by the Industrial Cassava Stakeholders Association of Nigeria (INCSAN) in collaboration with the Sasakawa Africa Association.

The training is designed to build participants' knowledge and skills in cassava seed entrepreneurship and production.

The programme would be held at the Career Services and Linkages Unit (CSLU), with the first batch scheduled for tomorrow, Tuesday, September 8, and Wednesday, September 9, 2026, while the second batch would hold on Thursday, September 10, and Friday, September 11, 2026.

Training sessions would commence at 9:00 a.m. daily.

4. FUNAABites Drive Africa's Agritech Innovation Push at Nigeria's Premier Tech Summit

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The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), has once again reinforced its growing reputation as a leading innovation hub in Africa following the successful hosting of G-SPARK Summit 1.0, a student-led technology gathering that brought together innovators, researchers, global tech stakeholders, and policymakers to explore the future of agriculture and Artificial Intelligence.



In a Press Statement issued by Mr. Olasunkanmi Olajide, Ag. Head, Directorate of Public Relations at FUNAAB, the summit was described as a demonstration of FUNAAB's growing influence in driving technological innovation and youth-led solutions within Africa's rapidly evolving digital and agricultural sectors.

The statement noted that the summit, held at the University's Ceremonial Building on April 25, 2026, and themed "Showcasing Talents, Scaling Impact," attracted more than 1,000 participants from across Nigeria, positioning FUNAAB at the center of conversations around Agritech, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Machine Learning (ML) in emerging economies.

According to Mr. Olajide, the event, organised by Google Developer Groups (GDG) on FUNAAB Campus, highlighted how young African innovators are increasingly leveraging digital technologies to address food security, agricultural productivity, and sustainable development challenges.

He further explained that the summit strengthened collaborative ties between FUNAAB, the Ogun technology ecosystem, and international technology companies, including Google and NVIDIA. Mr. Olajide added that participants engaged in technical workshops, innovation showcases, networking sessions, and hackathon-style activities focused on real-world agricultural and technological challenges.

He also emphasised that the summit was intentionally structured to empower young innovators with practical knowledge and career-ready skills capable of competing on the global stage. According to him, the organisers provided a 40 percent transportation subsidy for students travelling from outside Ogun State, enabling broader participation from universities across Nigeria as part of efforts to ensure inclusivity.



He further disclosed that the summit venue was equipped with high-speed internet connectivity and professional production infrastructure to support technical demonstrations and digital collaboration.

While acknowledging the success of the event, he noted that the organisers identified operational challenges related to managing large-scale attendance and limited hardware availability during practical workshops, adding that plans were already underway for G-SPARK Summit 2.0 with proposed partnerships involving global hardware manufacturers to support device-lending initiatives for participants.

Meanwhile, he stressed that the event has been widely regarded as evidence of the increasing role African universities are playing in shaping the continent's technology future. By fostering innovation at the intersection of agriculture and digital technology, FUNAAB has continued to position itself as a key contributor to Africa's evolving knowledge and startup economy.

Mr. Olajide, however, said that the Lead Organiser, Mr. Yusuff Ahmad, speaking on behalf of the G-SPARK Organising Committee, expressed appreciation to the University Management for supporting what he described as "a bold vision to showcase the innovative capacity of African students to the world."

5. VC Visits CENTS as Entrepreneurial Training Concludes on May 6

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By Femi Dansu

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, today, April 29, 2026, paid a working visit to the Centre for Entrepreneurial Studies (CENTS), where he engaged with 200-Level students undergoing entrepreneurial training, as the programme approaches its conclusion on May 6, 2026.

Addressing the students during the visit, the Vice-Chancellor urged them to take full advantage of the training, noting its relevance in today's dynamic and competitive economy. He stressed that the University remains committed to equipping students with practical skills that complement their academic pursuits and enhance their employability.



Prof. Kehinde encouraged the students to view the training beyond a compulsory academic requirement, describing it as a strategic opportunity to develop competencies that could serve as hobbies, alternative income streams, or full-scale business ventures after graduation. He further advised them to remain diligent, creative, and innovative, stressing that such attributes are essential for success in entrepreneurship.





Speaking also, the Director of CENTS, Prof. Sakiru Akinbode, stated that the trainees were currently receiving hands-on instruction in over 21 vocational areas, including fashion designing, bag making, photography, videography, digital marketing, information management and content creation for social media, laptop repairs, and the production of household cleaning materials, among others.



Prof. Akinbode noted that the training, which commenced on April 1, 2026, forms part of the ETS 206 practical course and holds weekly on Wednesdays between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. He emphasised that the programme was embedded in a University-wide course for all 200-Level students, ensuring inclusivity and exposure to practical, income-generating skills. According to him, although the training has been scheduled to conclude the following week, the visit was facilitated earlier to accommodate the Vice-Chancellor's tight schedule.



Highlighting the significance of the initiative, the Director explained that the visit was also aimed at motivating students and reinforcing FUNAAB's entrepreneurial orientation. He stressed that agriculture, in line with national priorities, should be embraced as a viable and profitable enterprise rather than a subsistence activity, describing modern agriculture as a pathway to wealth creation and economic prosperity.



The Deputy Director, CENTS, Dr. Abiodun Oyelakin, and other officials of CENTS were also in attendance.

6. MCB 422 Students Showcase Innovative Products at Entrepreneurship Exhibition

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Students of Microbiology Course (MCB 422), College of Biosciences (COLBIOS), recently held the 2025/2026 Academic Session Entrepreneurship Exhibition, showcasing the creativity, innovation and entrepreneurial potential of final-year Microbiology students.

The exhibition, which was held at the COLBIOS Car Park, attracted dignitaries, Academic staff and students from across the College. Among those in attendance were the Dean of COLBIOS, Prof. Iyabode Kehinde; the Course Coordinator, Prof. Oluwatoyin Afolabi; the Assistant Course Coordinator, Dr. Seun Adebajo; and the Course Lecturer, Dr. Idayat Agboola, along with other Heads of Departments and several lecturers within the College.



In her address, the Dean commended the Course Coordinator, lecturers and the Department of Microbiology for sustaining the initiative over the past six Academic Sessions. She described the exhibition as a platform that consistently demonstrated the ingenuity and practical capabilities of Microbiology students.

She further stressed the importance of self-employment and urged Nigerians to contribute towards transforming the nation from a consumer-driven economy to a self-reliant and productive one. Prof. Kehinde also announced that beginning from the next Academic Session, the programme would be expanded into a full COLBIOS Exhibition, encouraging other Departments within the College to develop innovative products for future showcases.

Earlier, Prof. Afolabi noted that the exhibition had become an annual tradition within COLBIOS, aimed at exposing students to practical entrepreneurial opportunities in Microbiology. According to her, the exhibition featured a variety of microbiological products developed by students, including antiseptics, fermented bean cake powder, pine vinegar, coconut oil and 'ogi' powder.

She explained that the primary objective of the course was to equip students with entrepreneurial skills that would make them self-reliant and job creators, rather than relying solely on scarce white-collar jobs.



A major highlight of the event was the recognition of a differently-abled final-year Microbiology student, Ajayi Aduragbemi Temitope, who was celebrated for her resilience, determination and outstanding academic performance despite her challenges.

Students, lecturers and Departmental representatives presented her with gift items and monetary donations in appreciation of her inspiring perseverance. Donations were made by the Dean, Course Coordinators, Lecturers and Departments across the College.

The exhibition concluded with goodwill messages from the Heads of Departments present, who encouraged the students to remain innovative, resilient and committed to entrepreneurial development.

7. FUNAAB Holds Workshop on Robotic Ranching to Boost Cattle Production

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By Raymond Osemene

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), today, April 15, 2026, organised a workshop focused on advancing cattle production in Nigeria through robotic ranching systems and intelligent feeding technologies.

The workshop, sponsored by the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), National Research Fund (NRF), was held at the Centre of Excellence in Agricultural Development and Sustainable Environment (CEADESE) Conference Room and attracted researchers and key stakeholders within the University.



Dean, COLBIOS, Prof. Iyabode Kehinde delivering her remarks during the workshop

Welcoming participants, the Principal Investigator, Prof. Olufunke Vincent, noted that the workshop provided a platform to address critical challenges in Nigeria's livestock sector. She highlighted issues such as inefficient feeding, poor livestock monitoring, labour shortages, climate variability, and rising costs, alongside conflicts arising from open grazing practices.

Prof. Vincent emphasised that emerging technologies, including robotics, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), and data analytics, were driving smart agriculture and offering sustainable solutions for improved livestock management.



The Principal Investigator of the project, Prof. Olufunke Vincent addressing the participants

Delivering a lecture titled "Robotic Ranching System: An Intelligent Feeding Mechanism for Enhanced Cattle Production in Nigeria," Prof. Bamidele Oluwatosin noted the transformative nature of the project, saying that the growing relevance of modern livestock systems such as ranching, feedlot operations, and zero grazing, were becoming evident.

She commended FUNAAB's commitment to research and innovation while identifying infrastructural gaps in some institutions.

Also speaking, the Director of the Institute of Food Security, Environmental Resources and Agricultural Research (IFSERAR), Prof. Kazeem Bello, underscored the need to adopt modern technologies, including Radio Frequency Identification (RFID), to enhance livestock monitoring and reduce farmer-herder conflicts.



Former Director, IFSERAR, Prof. Bamidele Oluwatosin at the event

Participants lauded the initiative and called for increased interdisciplinary collaboration to drive innovation and ensure sustainable agricultural development.

8. FUNAAB Begins 5-Day Training on Employability Skills for Students

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By Raymond Osemene

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), has commenced a 5-Day training and capacity-building workshop aimed at equipping final-year and penultimate students with essential employability skills for career success.

The training, organised by the University's Career Services and Linkages Unit (CSLU) in collaboration with Jobberman, Mastercard Foundation, and Doit Services Limited, began today, April 13, 2026, at the Prof. Oluwafemi Balogun Ceremonial Building.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Head, Career Services and Linkages Unit, Prof. Elijah Obayelu, welcomed participants and highlighted the significance of the initiative in bridging the gap between academic knowledge and industry expectations. He noted that the workshop was deliberately structured to expose students to critical competencies required for life after graduation, urging them to maximise the opportunity.

Prof. Obayelu further explained that the training aligns with the Unit's mandate to connect students with industry realities and enhance their competitiveness in the labour market. He commended the partnership with Jobberman, describing the organisation as a dependable collaborator in advancing student development. He also recalled previous interventions by the organisation, including training support and recommendation letters that have facilitated students' access to international opportunities.



He added that the collaboration extends beyond the current workshop, offering long-term benefits such as continuous professional support and credible endorsements for students when necessary.

Delivering the training session, the facilitator, Mr. David Ewetan, emphasised the importance of balancing hard and soft skills in career development. He described hard skills, such as computer programming, machine operation, typing proficiency, and academic qualification, as measurable competencies acquired through formal training. In contrast, he noted that soft skills, including communication, teamwork, leadership, adaptability, and time management, are equally vital for career progression.

According to him, while hard skills may help secure employment opportunities, soft skills are crucial for sustaining success and achieving career advancement. He therefore encouraged participants to deliberately cultivate both skill sets to remain relevant in an increasingly competitive job market.

The session also featured discussions on self-confidence as a key driver of personal and professional success, with participants encouraged to build confidence through continuous learning and self-improvement.

The workshop, which attracted a large turnout of students, was designed to prepare participants for the demands of the modern workplace by equipping them with the requisite skills for professional growth and career advancement.

9. DUFARMS Holds Pre-Season Seminar on Innovation, Revenue Generation

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By Olaoye Oyewole & Tayo Onayemi

The Directorate of University Farms (DUFARMS), Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), on April 8, 2026, organised its 2026 Pre-Season Farming Seminar, bringing together internal and external stakeholders to explore strategies for advancing agricultural innovation and boosting revenue generation within the University.

Declaring the seminar open, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, noted the significance of collaboration, knowledge sharing, and continuous learning in achieving institutional objectives, describing the seminar as both timely and essential.



The Vice-Chancellor emphasised that the University was established not only for teaching and research but also for meaningful community engagement, particularly in supporting farmers to enhance productivity.

Commending DUFARMS for its efforts, Prof. Kehinde lauded the Directorate's introduction of value addition initiatives and encouraged staff, especially in livestock production, to scale up activities in poultry, beef, pork, and egg production to improve the visibility and impact of the University Farms. He added that initiatives such as the revitalised Graduate Farmers Employment Scheme (GRADFES) reflects the University's commitment to graduate empowerment and agricultural development.

The seminar featured a keynote lecture delivered by Dr. Basiru Ojo, titled "The University Farm as an Incubation Ground for Innovation and Revenue Generation." In his presentation, Dr. Ojo noted that university farms have evolved from their traditional roles into dynamic centres for innovation, entrepreneurship, and industry collaboration.



He identified key areas where university farms serve as innovation hubs, including research and development, student entrepreneurship, technology transfer, and interdisciplinary collaboration. He further encouraged DUFARMS to explore opportunities in commercial agricultural

production, value addition and agro-processing, consultancy services, research partnerships, agritourism, and intellectual property commercialisation.

Highlighting potential challenges, Dr. Ojo pointed to issues such as inadequate funding, weak industry linkages, climate change, environmental risks, and limited commercial orientation. He, however, proposed strategies for optimisation, including the adoption of agribusiness models, integration of modern technologies, strengthened partnerships, promotion of student-led enterprises, and the development of sustainable value chains.



Reflecting on the evolution of DUFARMS, Dr. Ojo paid tribute to past Vice-Chancellors, beginning with the pioneer Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Nimbe Adedipe, whose vision led to the establishment of the University Farm. He also acknowledged milestones recorded under successive administrations, including the expansion of cashew and oil palm plantations, as well as the establishment of processing facilities for value addition.

He further commended the contributions of past and present staff, alongside former students who have attained notable academic positions. He encouraged staff to uphold discipline, integrity, and continuous professional development.

As part of his recommendations for future growth, Dr. Ojo proposed the establishment of crop collection plots, revival of underutilised crops, exploration of cashew nutshell liquid production for revenue generation, and expansion of tree crop plantations such as cashew and oil palm.



Earlier, the Ag. Director, DUFARMS, Dr. Emmanuel Bankole appreciated the participants for their presence, and called for more collaboration among farmers.

The seminar concluded with a renewed commitment by participants to reposition DUFARMS as a hub for innovation, practical training, and sustainable revenue generation, in line with global best practices.

10. FUNAAB Holds Workshop for 26 IBR Awardees

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By Olasunkanmi Olajide & Joy Adeyiga

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), today, April 7, 2026, held a One-Day Workshop for 26 beneficiaries of the Institutional Based Research (IBR), supported by the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund).

Speaking at the event, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, emphasised the need for improved research quality, accountability, and strict adherence to global best practices during the execution of the project.



The Ag. Director, DRIP, Dr. Oluwagbemiga Adeleye addressing the beneficiaries during the Workshop organised for the IBR awardees

The Vice-Chancellor, whose address was delivered by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development), Prof. Olawale Dario, noted that the initiative was timely, as it aimed to sensitise Academic staff on expectations, standards, and best practices required for conducting impactful and credible research. He assured that such engagements would be institutionalised and held regularly, particularly during the presentation of research award letters, to ensure alignment with the University's research culture.

Congratulating the beneficiaries, Prof. Kehinde also revealed plans to strengthen the University's Monitoring and Evaluation Unit to enhance effective tracking and assessment of research performance.

Earlier, the Ag. Director, Directorate of Research, Innovations and Partnerships (DRIP), Dr. Oluwagbemiga Adeleye, stated that the Workshop was convened to address observed gaps in the IBR Programme over the years. He noted that while many research outputs had been commendable, challenges remained in areas such as compliance with required formats, reporting structures, and inclusion of key components in project documentation.



A cross-section of the IBR recipients during the Workshop

Dr. Adeleye explained that the Workshop was designed to clarify expectations, demonstrate appropriate reporting formats, and deepen recipients' understanding of monitoring and evaluation processes.

He stressed the importance of proper documentation, noting that research reports must reflect credibility, structure, and alignment with established standards to enhance institutional visibility and recognition.

He observed the need for continuous monitoring throughout the lifecycle of research projects, rather than at the final stage, to improve outcomes and minimise last-minute challenges. On sustainability, he urged researchers to focus on producing impactful results that extend beyond the lifespan of funding, describing it as a core expectation of the IBR Programme.

Highlighting the focus of the Workshop, the Ag. Director identified three key pillars which were implementation framework, financial accountability, and reporting expectations, as essential for the successful execution of funded projects.



Awardees with the representative of the Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Development, Prof. Olawale Dairo, including the Ag. Director, DRIP, Dr. Oluwagbemiga Adeleye after the Opening Session of the Workshop

As part of the Workshop, Prof. Issac Ayelaagbe delivered a lecture on Research Conduct, while Prof. Helen Bodunde spoke on Data Integrity and Publications, equipping participants with practical knowledge for effective research implementation.