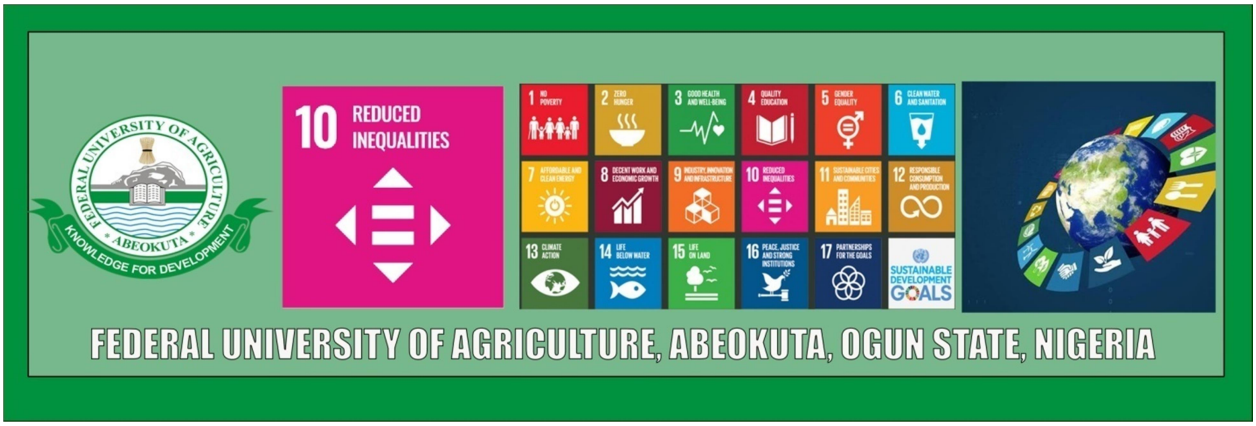








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1. FUNAAB, ACM-W Celebrate Women in Computing, Advocate Greater Inclusion



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By Raymond Osemene

The College of Computing Sciences (COLCOMPS), Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), in collaboration with the Association for Computing Machinery for Women (ACM-W), Nigeria Professional Chapter, has held the maiden Celebration of Women in Information Technology (CWIT), with a call for greater participation and leadership of women in computing and the digital economy.

The conference, which began today, September 9, 2026, at the Green Chamber, was themed "Bridging the Gender Gap in Computing" and brought together Academics, Non-Teaching staff, students, invited schools and other Information and Communication Technology (ICT) stakeholders.



Representing the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, the Director, Directorate of Academic Planning, Prof. Biodun Badmus, described the theme as timely, noting that computing had become a major force shaping the modern world through developments in Artificial Intelligence (AI), data science, cybersecurity, software engineering, robotics and digital agriculture.

The Vice-Chancellor stressed that closing the gender gap was essential to building an innovative, inclusive and sustainable digital future. He reaffirmed FUNAAB's commitment to academic excellence, research, innovation and entrepreneurship, while calling for practical measures, including mentorship, scholarships, sponsorship, leadership opportunities and stronger industry partnerships, to support women in technology.



Prof. Kehinde further charged stakeholders to make the celebration a platform for sustained collaboration and measurable progress, urging participants to share experiences, build partnerships and develop concrete initiatives capable of increasing women's participation and leadership in computing beyond the event.

In her Welcome Address, the Chairperson of ACM-W, Nigeria Professional Chapter, Prof. Oluwasefunmi Arogundade, said the programme was designed to celebrate women in IT while inspiring young girls and women to consider computing as a viable and rewarding career. Prof. Arogundade, also the Dean, COLCOMPS, noted that although computing had traditionally been perceived as male-dominated, women's creativity, perspectives and skills were increasingly important to technological development and solving societal challenges. She also highlighted ACM-W's role in advancing professional development, research, mentoring and dialogue across academia, industry and the wider computing community.



Delivering the keynote lecture, “Breaking Barriers, Building the Future: Women Leading the Next Digital Revolution,” Prof. Audrey Waleghwa Mbogho of the School of Science and Technology, United States International University-Africa (USIU-Africa), Kenya, observed that women remained substantially underrepresented in technology, particularly in senior leadership and Artificial Intelligence. She said the disparity was not merely a social concern but also an engineering, investment and leadership challenge requiring collective action.

Prof. Mbogho also highlighted Africa’s digital gender gap, particularly among rural women, and called for efforts to expand internet and technology access beyond universities and urban centres. She stressed that improved access to digital technologies and AI could enhance the livelihoods of rural women in agriculture, healthcare, entrepreneurship and other sectors, while urging male entrepreneurs and investors to deliberately create more inclusive technology teams and funding opportunities.



In the second keynote, "AI Innovation and the African Woman," the Chief Executive Officer, Testify Group, Miss Ibironke Yekinni, urged African women to move beyond being consumers of AI to becoming builders, professionals and shapers of AI governance. She identified innovation, ethical regulation, data quality, information governance and the development of African-language technologies as areas where women could play significant roles in shaping the continent's AI future.

The event featured discussions on professional development, networking, mentoring and emerging technologies, with participants encouraged to promote sustained collaboration towards gender inclusion in computing.

2. NAUW-FUNAAB Chapter to Host 2-Day Hybrid International Conference on Sustainable, Equitable Development

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By Raymond Osemene

The Nigerian Association of University Women (NAUW), Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) Chapter, is set to host a Two-Day Hybrid International Conference focused on advancing sustainable and equitable development through intergenerational impact and inclusive technology.

According to a circular jointly signed by the Chairperson, Local Organising Committee (LOC), Prof. Oluwatosin Dosunmu, and the LOC Secretary, Dr. Esther Tolorunju, the conference is scheduled to hold from Tuesday, October 27 to Wednesday, October 28, 2026, at the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta.

Themed "Enhancing Sustainable and Equitable Development Through Intergenerational Impact and Inclusive Technology," the conference would provide a platform for critical discussions on emerging issues affecting sustainable development, equity and inclusion.

The programme would feature keynote presentations, paper presentations, virtual sessions and other academic activities designed to promote knowledge exchange, networking and meaningful dialogue among participants.

The conference is expected to attract scholars, researchers, professionals, development practitioners and other stakeholders from Nigeria and beyond, who would deliberate on contemporary issues and explore innovative approaches to achieving sustainable and equitable development.

3. FUNAAB Partners Rotary to Equip FUNIS Girls, Others with Menstrual Health Knowledge



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By Femi Dansu

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Abeokuta Prestige, has taken a significant step towards addressing menstrual health awareness among young girls through the second phase of the Red Safe Project.

The event, held today, March 13, 2026, at the FUNAAB International School (FUNIS), was designed to empower schoolgirls in Odeda Local Government Area with the knowledge, confidence, and resources needed to manage menstruation with dignity.

Speaking at the Opening Ceremony, the President of the Rotary Club of Abeokuta Prestige, Rtn. Adedayo Ayegbokiki explained that the project was deliberately extended to schools within the Odeda Local Government Area to reach girls in underserved communities. According to him, the theme of the programme, “Empowering Girls with Knowledge and Confidence to Manage Periods Effectively,” was carefully chosen to address the silence and misconceptions often associated with adolescent reproductive health.



He noted that limited access to accurate information, societal stigma, and inadequate sanitary materials frequently contribute to school absenteeism and reduced self-confidence among female students.

Rtn. Ayegbokiki stated that the project was designed to tackle these challenges by combining education with practical support, stressing that no girl's education should be disrupted by a natural biological process. He explained that the reusable pads were hygienic, environmentally friendly, and cost-effective, noting that they had been tested and approved by relevant State agencies to ensure their safety and quality.

The programme featured expert-led sessions facilitated by specialists from the University's Agricultural Media Resources and Extension Centre (AMREC). In the first presentation, Dr. Oluwatosin Adeyeye delivered a session on menstrual hygiene management, educating the students on the importance of planning for their menstrual cycles by ensuring access to sanitary pads and maintaining proper personal hygiene.



Similarly, Mrs. Rukayat Abdulsallam addressed issues relating to self-esteem and body confidence, encouraging the students to value themselves based on their character and abilities rather than unrealistic standards often portrayed on social media. She reminded them that being a girl is a source of strength and encouraged the development of positive self-esteem and supportive friendships.

In another session, Dr. Olubukola Idowu spoke on personal safety and boundaries. She also guided the students on tracking their menstrual cycles, proper disposal of sanitary materials, and the importance of hand hygiene, while encouraging them to remain confident and resilient.



A major highlight of the event was the distribution of reusable sanitary pads to 200 senior secondary school girls drawn from four schools: FUNIS, Muslim High School, Isolu; Salawu Abiola Comprehensive High School; and Nawair-ud-Deen Grammar School, Obantoko. The

project was implemented in collaboration with international partners, the Rotary Club of Whitburn and the Rotary Club of Livingston, both in Scotland, United Kingdom.

The event attracted notable personalities, including the Director of AMREC, Prof. Jacob Olaoye; Dr. Olamide Adeosun; former Rotary Club President, Mr. Adewole Oduwole; and Chief Jimoh Lateef (Jimlat), among others. The programme also featured interactive sessions, testimonies from participants, and engaging discussions.

4. FUNAAB Drives Global Push for Women's Inclusion in Science



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By Olasunkanmi Olajide, Joy Adeyiga & Raymond Osemene

As a leading institution advancing agricultural innovation and scientific excellence on the African continent, the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) has reinforced its global leadership by hosting the 2026 edition of the Global Women's Breakfast (GWB), a worldwide initiative championing gender equity and collaboration in science.

Held under the theme "Many Voices, One Science," the event convened female Scientists, Academics, researchers, and students from diverse disciplines and institutions, positioning FUNAAB as a dynamic hub for inclusive scientific dialogue in Africa. The gathering emphasised the transformative power of science and the urgent need to ensure that innovation remains representative, equitable, and widely accessible.

Participants and Facilitators with the VC's representative and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Prof. Olusegun Idowu during the GWB 2026 workshop

Addressing the participants, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olusegun Idowu, highlighted the indispensable contributions of women to scientific advancement, while acknowledging that their work has historically been under-recognised and under-supported. He stressed that meaningful breakthroughs in science and academia are driven not by chance, but by deliberate mentorship, institutional commitment, advocacy, and sustained collaboration.

Reaffirming FUNAAB's strategic vision, the Vice-Chancellor assured participants that the University remains committed to cultivating an ecosystem where women in science can thrive,

from students discovering research pathways to early-career scholars navigating academic leadership and established experts shaping global scientific agendas.



VC's representative and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Prof. Olusegun Idowu with Facilitators at the event

The programme was hosted by Prof. Caroline Akinremi, who explained that the Global Women's Breakfast was part of a worldwide initiative inspired by the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry (IUPAC). She noted that the initiative was aimed at building a vibrant international network of women and allies working collectively to dismantle barriers to gender equality across all STEM disciplines. According to her, the objectives remained consistent: expanding mentorship, strengthening professional networks, providing access to global memberships, and fostering collaborative research platforms for emerging female scientists.

Prof. Akinremi also noted the growing importance of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and other frontier technologies, encouraging participants to embrace innovation while ensuring their perspectives shape technological advancement.



Participants and Facilitators with VC's representative after the event

In her Keynote Lecture titled, "Integrating AI and Machine Learning to Advance Women in STEM" and delivered virtually, Dr. (Engr.) Olusola Abayomi-Alli spotlighted accessible digital learning pathways, including free Python programming courses and supportive technology communities that lower entry barriers for beginners in coding and data science.

She stressed that digital literacy now extends beyond foundational computer skills to encompass data interpretation, statistical reasoning, ethical AI development, and interdisciplinary collaboration, urging participants to seek mentorship in statistics and machine learning, while actively engaging in small-scale, cross-disciplinary projects to build practical expertise.



"Artificial Intelligence is transforming every sector," she noted. "To apply AI meaningfully in our various fields, we must equip ourselves with the right skills." Importantly, she warned that technological systems risk reinforcing inequality if diverse voices are excluded from their design

and governance. Inclusive participation in AI development, she argued, was not an act of benevolence but a benchmark of excellence, credibility, and innovation.

In her paper presentation titled “Be the Voice that STEM Needs,” the Coordinator, Part-Time Degree Programme, Dr. Enovwo Odjegba charged women to speak up, and lead boldly in any responsibility entrusted into their hands. Likewise, the National Coordinator, Women in Chemistry of Nigeria, Prof. Iheoma Adekunle, represented by the Head, Department of Pure and Applied Chemistry, Prof. Abideen Adeogun congratulated the women for the bold steps, she noted that women’s voice in science cannot be whisked away as they play a vital role in National Development.

Participants were encouraged to lead conversations, challenge structural barriers, and contribute to the creation of ethical, accurate, and transformative AI solutions.

5. My Parents' Prayers, Sacrifice Drove My Journey to the Top – FUNAAB's Best Graduating Student



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By Joy Adeyiga

Miss Joy Osianor, the Best Graduating Student and Valedictorian of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) Class of 2025, has attributed her outstanding academic achievement to the unwavering prayers, fasting and sacrifices of her parents.

Speaking during her Valedictory Address at the University's 33rd Convocation Ceremony, Miss Osianor described her success as the product of sustained spiritual and emotional support from her family, noting that her parents consistently fasted and prayed for her, especially during examination periods.

According to her, this deep-rooted commitment formed the foundation of her resilience throughout her academic journey. While expressing heartfelt gratitude to God, her lecturers, supervisors, mentors and coursemates, she emphasised that her parents' devotion stood out as a defining pillar of strength.



Miss Joy Osianor

"The guidance of my supervisors and the encouragement of my coursemates were crucial," she said, "but it was the steadfastness of my parents, their prayers and fasting during my exams, that truly sustained me."

Reflecting on the shared experiences of the Class of 2025, Miss Osianor recalled the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, including delayed matriculation and the transition to virtual learning. She noted that these challenges, rather than weakening their resolve, forged resilience, adaptability and a strong sense of community among the graduating students.

Looking ahead, the valedictorian urged her fellow graduates to embrace bold dreams and live lives that inspire others. "If your dreams don't scare you, they aren't big enough," she declared, encouraging them to move forward with courage, kindness and purpose.

She concluded her address with three symbolic bows: one in remembrance of departed classmates, another in honour of FUNAAB, and a final bow in deep appreciation of the sacrifices made by parents and guardians. Her moving tribute drew wide applause, turning a personal story of faith and family support into a powerful celebration of collective effort and academic excellence.

6. AMREC, YORNNA Conduct Health Mission Outreach for Families in Ogun State



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The Agricultural Media Resources and Extension Centre (AMREC), Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), has partnered with the Yoruba Nurses of North America (YORNNA) to implement a Health Mission Outreach for families across Ogun State.

YORNNA, a non-profit organisation based in North America, is renowned for its annual health missions in Nigeria. For the 2025 exercise, the organisation carried out health outreach in four locations within Ogun State, namely Abeokuta, Ilaro, Sagamu, and Ijebu-Imusin.

Under the leadership of its Founder and Convener, Prof. Modupe Aka-Bashorun Adebayo (USA), YORNNA engaged the Gender Issues and Youth Development Unit of AMREC (GIYD-AMREC) to mobilise rural families for the Abeokuta outreach, which was held at the Ake Palace on December 16, 2025.

The outreach featured comprehensive healthcare services, including free screening for blood pressure and blood glucose, visual-acuity testing with the provision of free eyeglasses, breast cancer awareness, basic mental health counselling, screening for malaria and other infectious diseases, as well as the distribution of welfare and palliative packages.

The event was graced by the presence of the Alake and Paramount Ruler of Egbaland, HRM Oba (Dr.) Adedotun Aremu Gbadebo, Okukenu IV, CFR, who attended with members of his entourage, including Egba High Chiefs.

FUNAAB's collaborating team comprised staff of AMREC, alongside staff and students of the Department of Home Science and Management (HSM). The outreach also received support from student nurses of the Ogun State Colleges of Nursing, Abeokuta and Ilaro.

The Abeokuta outreach recorded remarkable success, with a total of 254 beneficiaries accessing various healthcare services, underscoring FUNAAB's commitment to community development and public health promotion through strategic partnerships.

7. FUNAAB Alumni Host Career Talk to Equip Secondary School Students for 21st-Century Opportunities



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By Raymond Osemene

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) Alumni Association, Abeokuta Branch, on December 10, 2025, hosted its annual career guidance programme aimed at inspiring and preparing secondary school students for emerging opportunities in a rapidly evolving world.

The event, themed "21st Century Career Pathway: Sojourn in the Light Shining from the Right Mind," brought together students and teachers from several secondary schools across Abeokuta.

Representing the Vice-Chancellor, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olusegun Idowu, commended the organisers for bridging the gap between academic learning and the practical demands of the workplace. He emphasised that academic excellence alone was no longer sufficient for success in a fast-changing, technology-driven global environment.



Prof. Idowu urged the students to cultivate adaptability, emotional intelligence, technological skills, and a commitment to lifelong learning. He encouraged them to embrace innovation, develop practical competencies, and build the confidence needed to become problem-solvers within their communities and beyond. He also appreciated the teachers and facilitators for their dedication to guiding the next generation, expressing confidence that the students would return to their schools more informed and motivated about their career prospects.

Speaking on behalf of the Chairman of the FUNAAB Alumni Association, Abeokuta Branch, Mr. Rasheed Ajibade, Mr. Oronto Olamide expressed delight at the participation of both students and teachers, describing them as the next generation of leaders, innovators and nation builders. He noted that the programme's theme was timely, stressing that success in today's world requires not only technological competence but also clarity of purpose and strength of character.

The Guest Speaker, Dr. Ibrahim Abdulganiyu, Provost, Federal Cooperative College, Ibadan who was represented by Dr. Iyiola Gbolahan, highlighted the importance of adaptability, technology, and innovation in shaping the future of young Nigerians. He encouraged the students to take the training seriously, describing the initiative as a significant investment in their future. He applauded the efforts of the Alumni Association in providing early guidance that helps young people navigate life after school.



In his remarks, the Global President of the FUNAAB Alumni Association, Mr. Bolaji Gbadamosi, advised the students to remain focused on their academics and consider agriculture as a viable and promising career path in the 21st century. He noted that early guidance shaped his own academic journey and contributed to his success in the agricultural profession.

Also, Mrs. Oluwakemi Fashina of the Lakem Support Foundation, alongside the Alumni Secretary, Mr. Femi Ajayi, spoke on appropriate subject combinations for WAEC and UTME examinations. They guided the students on selecting subjects that align with their strengths and career aspirations, ensuring they meet the requirements for their desired university programmes.

The event was well attended by members of the FUNAAB Alumni Association, teachers, and students from various secondary schools within Abeokuta.