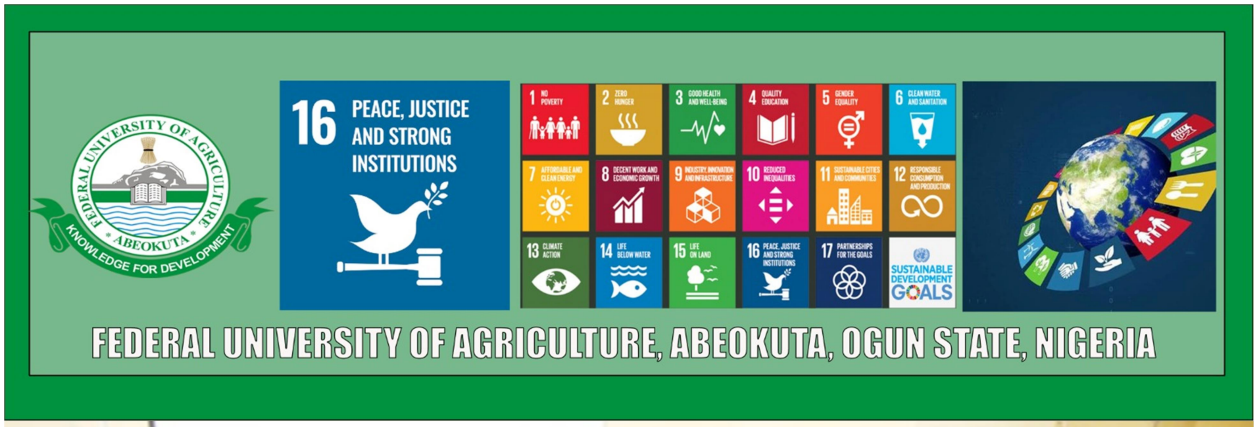






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The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) is committed to achieving Sustainable Development Goal - SDG16 - **"PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS**"

This aimed at ensuring that all local groups have equal access to public services and opportunities to exercise their own rights and freedoms. It targets socially deprived neighborhoods in reducing violence and conflicts;

SDG 16 drive increases public access to information and thus provides transparency and accountability of their own work and introduce new forms of participatory decision-making (budgeting, planning, and implementation)

Ensuring peace and justice is crucial for strong institutions. FUNAAB therefore, promotes these values through various programmes and initiatives, fostering a peaceful and just society.

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... As FUNAAB Hosts Inauguration of Newly Elected NUPCPS Executives

By Raymond Osemene

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, has commended the initiative to establish an association dedicated to promoting the welfare, security and collective interests of members who have contributed significantly to the growth and development of the University.

The commendation was made today, August 18, 2026, through the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development), Prof. Olawale Dairo, who represented the Vice-Chancellor at the inauguration of the newly elected executive members of the Nigeria Union of Pensioners Contributory Pension Scheme (NUPCPS), FUNAAB Chapter.



Prof. Kehinde noted that, having been part of the University Community for several years, he had witnessed the immense contributions, dedication and wealth of experience accumulated by staff at various levels of the institution, stressing the need for appropriate structures to protect their welfare and security after years of service.

According to him, a strong and representative association would provide members with a collective platform to articulate their needs and engage relevant authorities, noting that an organised association would have a stronger voice.

The Vice-Chancellor also highlighted the value of members' experience, saying that their years of service had equipped them with knowledge that could benefit younger members of the University Community. He congratulated the organisers and members, describing the initiative as a commendable achievement capable of promoting welfare, unity and collective interests.

Speaking at the ceremony, the State Chairman of NUPCPS, Comrade Joseph Adewoyin, commended the Vice-Chancellor for his support for retirees and prayed for God's continued blessings upon him.

Comrade Adewoyin lamented the financial difficulties confronting many retirees after decades of service, calling for a review of welfare arrangements to ensure that retirees receive their due benefits.



The NUPCPS Chairman, however, commended President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR for interventions aimed at addressing pension-related challenges, particularly the payment of outstanding pension arrears, which he said had brought relief to many retirees.

A major highlight of the event was the inauguration of the newly elected executive members entrusted with steering the affairs of the FUNAAB Chapter.

The new executives are Mr. Ramon Balogun, Chairman; Mr. Raphael Coker, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Olufemi Bamgbose, Secretary; Mrs. Atinuke Adiyeloja, Assistant Secretary; Rev. (Mrs.) Elizabeth Adeyemo, Treasurer; Mr. Emmanuel Akinbo, Financial Secretary; Rev. Canon Hezekiah Ogunremi, Public Relations/Welfare Officer; Evangelist David Giwa, Auditor; Mr. Gabriel Ayoola, Ex-Officio I; and Mr. Gabriel Ogunleye, Ex-Officio II.

2.HSM Fashion Show Celebrates Cultural Heritage, Creativity

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By Raymond Osemene

The Department of Home Science and Management (HSM), Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), today, May 13, 2026, staged a colourful and intellectually engaging fashion show that celebrated creativity, cultural heritage, and innovation in fashion and textile design.

The event, themed "Heritage of the Culture: A Bridal and Owambe Runway Experience Celebrating Indigenous Textiles," was held at the Cooperative Building and drew an impressive audience of Academic and Non-Teaching staff, students, fashion enthusiasts, and members of the University Community.

Representing the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olusegun Idowu, described the exhibition as a remarkable showcase of talent and a proud achievement for the Department and the University at large. According to him, the fashion show transcended the ordinary display of clothing, as it reflected the rich history, traditions, and cultural identity embedded in indigenous fashion and textile designs. He commended the graduating students for their ingenuity, dedication, and exceptional craftsmanship, noting that the future of Nigeria's fashion and textile industry remains promising with the emergence of such talented young designers.

The Vice-Chancellor further encouraged the students to continue refining their skills and creativity while urging the Department to sustain and expand the initiative in future editions. He also reaffirmed the University's commitment to strengthening practical teaching and learning in fashion and textile studies.



Speaking earlier, the Ag. Head of Department, Dr. Bolanle Oyundoyin, emphasised the importance of traditional fabrics as enduring symbols of identity, history, and culture across African societies. She highlighted notable indigenous fabrics such as Adire from Abeokuta and Osogbo, Aso-Oke from Iseyin, and Kente from Ghana, stressing that clothing remains one of the strongest expressions of cultural identity and social heritage. Dr. Oyundoyin, however, expressed concern over the increasing influence of fast fashion and commercialisation, which she said often diminishes the true cultural and artistic value of clothing in the digital age. According to her, the extinction of traditional weaving techniques would amount to the loss of indigenous knowledge, craftsmanship, history, and ancestral symbols preserved through generations. "Our heritage should not become a museum artefact locked behind glass," she stated, adding that cultural traditions must evolve while remaining relevant in contemporary society.

She explained that the fashion show served as a platform for promoting creativity, royalty, and cultural preservation, while also opening opportunities for rural artisans and custodians of indigenous traditions to access broader global markets.



Corroborating the Ag. HoD, Prof. Adetoun Amubode described the annual fashion show as more than a runway exhibition, noting that it remains a vibrant platform for learning, innovation, cultural expression, and academic excellence. She observed that cultural heritage represented a priceless treasure that defines the identity, values, and traditions of a people. She added that the exhibition encouraged students to reconnect with indigenous fabrics, traditional aesthetics, and cultural designs that continue to shape society.

One of the major highlights of the event was the dazzling runway presentation of diverse creative designs by the final year students, demonstrating both academic excellence and artistic originality.

3. COLPHYS Holds Research Ethics Step-Down Workshop

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The College of Physical Sciences (COLPHYS), recently organised a Research Ethics Step-Down Workshop aimed at strengthening ethical standards in research conduct and academic publications.

The workshop featured notable Resource Persons, including Prof. Isaiah Adejumobi, representing the University Research Ethics Committee (UREC), alongside Prof. Amidu Mustapha and Prof. Caroline Akinremi.

During the workshop, participants were enlightened on the importance of adhering strictly to institutional regulations and ethical guidelines in the conduct of research. The speakers stressed the need for researchers to "do things right" in line with approved ethical standards and community expectations within the University system.

The Resource Persons also highlighted essential guidelines for ethical research practices, while drawing attention to the consequences associated with unethical conduct in research and publication processes.

Participants were encouraged to ensure that the lessons learnt from the workshop positively influence future research activities and publications. The facilitators further emphasised the need for ethical research culture to cascade to undergraduate and postgraduate students, thereby promoting integrity and excellence in research conduct and output.

4.VC Inspires Leadership Students to Drive Change Beyond the Classroom

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The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, has charged students of the Leadership and Management Certificate Programme to apply the knowledge and skills acquired during the training towards personal development, career advancement and national growth.

The Vice-Chancellor gave the charge recently, while receiving participants in his office at the conclusion of the 4-Day Certificate course, organised by the Philosophy and Leadership Studies Unit of the Institute of Communication and General Studies (ICGNS).

Addressing the participants, Prof. Kehinde commended them for their dedication, discipline and decision to enrol in the programme, describing the initiative as timely and highly relevant in today's rapidly evolving global environment.

He emphasised that academic qualifications alone were no longer sufficient for success in the contemporary workplace, stressing the importance of leadership capacity, emotional intelligence, communication skills and adaptability. According to the Vice-Chancellor, the programme was designed to reshape mindsets and equip participants with the competencies required to thrive in dynamic environments where innovation, creativity and character are highly prized.

He assured the Institute of the University Management's continued support towards broadening the scope and societal impact of its professional development programmes.

Earlier, the Director of ICGNS, Prof. Remi Aduradola, disclosed that the just-concluded training represented the Institute's second certificate programme, adding that arrangements were already in progress for a third edition. She appreciated the University Management for providing an enabling environment for the Institute's programmes to thrive.

Also speaking, the Programme Leader, Philosophy and Leadership Studies, Prof. Emmanuel Akintona, noted that participants had completed the academic aspect of the training and would proceed on an excursion as part of the practical component of the programme.

Speaking on behalf of the participants, Mr. Seun Fabiyi expressed appreciation to the University Management and facilitators, stating that the programme had broadened their perspectives and inspired them to pursue greater accomplishments in life. He pledged the commitment of the participants to align with the vision and mission of the University while putting into practice the values and lessons gained during the training.

5.COLPLANT Holds Seminar on Postgraduate Success Blueprint

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The College of Plant Science and Crop Production (COLPLANT), has hosted the 14th edition of its College Seminar Series, aimed at equipping postgraduate students with essential tools for academic excellence.

The seminar, held on April 22, 2026, at the College Seminar Room, was themed "The Complete Postgraduate Blueprint: Research, Writing and Presentation," providing participants with a comprehensive guide to navigating the demands of postgraduate education.

Earlier in his Welcome Address, the Dean of COLPLANT, Prof. Bolarinwa Senjobi, highlighted the growing complexity of postgraduate studies, stressing the need for scholars to be intellectually sound, methodologically rigorous, ethically grounded, and globally competitive.



He described research as the cornerstone of academic excellence, noting that impactful, problem-solving studies are vital for societal development. The Dean also stressed the importance of effective academic writing and strong presentation skills, describing them as indispensable for communicating knowledge at seminars, conferences, and thesis defences.

Reaffirming the College's commitment to innovation and excellence, Prof. Senjobi emphasised the role of research in addressing critical challenges such as food security, environmental sustainability, and agricultural development. He encouraged postgraduate students to actively engage in academic seminars to enhance their scholarly capacity.

Delivering the Keynote Lecture, Prof. Olufemi Pitan provided a detailed exposition of key academic and research terminologies to help students build a solid intellectual foundation. He further guided participants through a structured approach to postgraduate research, emphasising the identification of viable research problems and the development of well-organised academic work.



The former Head of the Department of Crop Protection also examined the structure of scholarly writing, offering practical insights into proposal development, thesis organisation, literature review techniques, and appropriate referencing styles. He stressed the importance of clarity, coherence, originality, and strict adherence to academic standards.

In his concluding remarks, Prof. Pitan urged participants to apply the knowledge gained, noting that success in postgraduate studies requires diligence, critical thinking, and effective communication.

6.FUNAAB Alumni Rally Global Support for 2026 Convention, Secure Ministerial Backing

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The Alumni Association of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) is calling on its global network of graduates and partners to converge for the Global Convention '26, a high-impact gathering designed to strengthen alumni engagement and mobilise strategic support for the University's continued growth and innovation.

Scheduled to take place from April 28 to May 3, 2026, the Convention would assemble alumni, industry leaders, policymakers, and development partners from across the continents in a week-long programme of intellectual exchange, networking, and community impact initiatives.

At the heart of the international appeal is a renewed push for alumni worldwide to contribute meaningfully to their alma mater, through partnerships, investments, mentorship, and institutional support, particularly in advancing agriculture, research, and sustainable development.

This global call gained further momentum following a high-level engagement between the FUNAAB Alumni Global President, Otunba Bolaji Gbadamosi, and Nigeria's Honourable Minister of Livestock Development, Alhaji Idi Mukhtar Maiha, in Abuja. The meeting noted the growing alignment between alumni-driven initiatives and national agricultural priorities.



During the visit, the Minister was formally invited to attend the Convention as a Special Guest and Chief Presenter of the FUNAAB Alumni Compendium, as well as Guest Lecturer at the flagship Convention Lecture. He expressed a strong interest in participating, signalling federal-level recognition of the Convention's strategic importance.

Discussions also explored potential collaboration between the Ministry and the FUNAAB Alumni, particularly around the Alumni Farm Hub, a large-scale agribusiness initiative spanning over 2,000 acres, with plans for significant expansion. The proposed partnership aims to position the Hub as a national innovation and demonstration centre, contributing to food security, livestock development, and the transformation of agribusiness.

The Convention programme reflects a blend of academic discourse, social engagement, and outreach activities. Highlights include a virtual lecture on herbal cultivation and sustainable wellness, a mega reunion fiesta, a high-level convention lecture on sustainable business in an evolving economy, and community visits to traditional institutions and social welfare homes. An exhibition showcasing innovations and opportunities would run throughout the event.

Noting the adequate plans and arrangements for the largest gathering of the Alumni on the campus, the Chairman, Global Convention Organising Committee (GCOC) '26, Dr. Oludare Adekoyeni emphasised that the Convention would be more than a reunion, saying that it has been organised to be a platform for collective action, urging alumni across the globe to reconnect, collaborate, and invest in the future of FUNAAB.

With increasing international participation and growing institutional partnerships, the Global Convention '26 is poised to serve as a catalyst for transformative impact, bridging academia, industry, and government in shaping sustainable solutions for Nigeria and beyond.

7.FUNAAB Inaugurates SERVICOM Marshals, Brigades to Strengthen Service Delivery

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The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), on April 15, 2026, inaugurated a new set of SERVICOM Marshals and Brigades as part of renewed efforts to enhance quality service delivery, accountability, and institutional efficiency across the University.

Speaking at the Inauguration Ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, noted the significant milestone of the event in the University's drive to uphold excellence and best practices in service delivery. He added that the initiative aligned with FUNAAB's guiding philosophy, "Knowledge for Development," and reinforces its commitment to meeting the expectations of both internal and external stakeholders.



SERVICOM Focal Officer, Mrs. Oluwatoyin Dawodu, addressing the members at the Ceremony

The Vice-Chancellor who was represented by the Dean, Postgraduate School, Prof. Olusiji Sowande explained that SERVICOM, Service Compact with All Nigerians was established in March 2004 by former President Olusegun Obasanjo to promote timely, honest, and transparent service delivery in public institutions. According to him, the SERVICOM Charter at FUNAAB reflects these principles and serves as a framework for ensuring efficiency in all service windows of the University.

Prof. Kehinde emphasised that the newly inaugurated Marshals, comprising Academic and Non-Teaching staff, as well as the Brigades, drawn from the student body, would play critical roles in monitoring compliance with University regulations, identifying service delivery gaps, and reporting observed shortcomings to the SERVICOM Unit for prompt redress.



A cross-section of the Marshals and Brigades at the Ceremony

He charged the appointees to discharge their duties with integrity, responsibility, and professionalism, warning against misconduct such as extortion, harassment, intimidation, and other unethical behaviours that could tarnish the image of the University. He further urged them not to accept gifts or favours capable of influencing their judgment, while encouraging them to also report instances of excellent performance for recognition.

Earlier in her Welcome Address, the SERVICOM Focal Officer, Mrs. Oluwatoyin Dawodu, stated that the inauguration marked the second phase of engaging staff and students as active participants in strengthening service delivery and institutional accountability. She described SERVICOM as a social contract between the Federal Government and citizens, which guarantees the right to quality service and provides avenues for redress when standards are not met.



Brigades at the Ceremony

Mrs. Dawodu, a former Ag. Registrar of the University, stated that the SERVICOM Unit monitors service delivery across key areas of the University, including Colleges, Departments, Directorates, Centres, Institutes, hostels, lecture rooms, laboratories, and major academic processes such as examinations, matriculation, and convocation. She added that periodic reports are compiled and submitted to University Management to address observed gaps and sustain high performance standards.

While noting that many service units have performed commendably, she called for a review of the existing SERVICOM Charter to reflect current realities and further improve operational effectiveness.



VC's representative and the Dean, PG School, Prof. Olusiji Sowande with the SERVICOM Focal Officer, Mrs. Oluwatoyin Dawodu, including the newly inaugurated Marshals and Brigades after the Ceremony

The Focal Officer expressed optimism that the inauguration of the Marshals and Brigades would significantly boost the Unit's capacity to ensure compliance, promote awareness of SERVICOM principles, and sustain efficient service delivery throughout the University.

Present at the occasion were the Head, Office of Advancement, Mr. Olujinmi Ogundimu; representative of the Headteacher, FUNAAB Staff School, Mr. Saburi Sanusi; Matron, FUNAAB SUG, Mrs. Olukemi Fashina, among several others.

The ceremony concluded with appreciation to the University Management for its continued support, as well as to staff and students who volunteered to serve, with a shared commitment to advancing FUNAAB's service delivery to greater heights.

8.Pro-Chancellor Commends Pace, Quality of Work as Council Inspects Ongoing Projects

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The 8th Governing Council of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), under the leadership of the Pro-Chancellor and Chairman, HRM, Oba Rasheed Ayotunde Olabomi, Odundun IV, has restated its strong support for the ongoing infrastructural transformation of the University, even as he commended the pace and quality of work during an inspection tour of projects on campus today, April 13, 2026.



The Projects are the Council Lodge, Swimming Pool, Multi-Storey Administrative Complex, College of Computing Sciences (COLCOMPS) Building and the Veterinary Anatomy Laboratory Phase II.



Leading the Council on the inspection, the Pro-Chancellor expressed satisfaction with the steady progress recorded on the various construction sites, describing the developments as a testament to the visionary leadership and infrastructural strides of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, and the collective commitment of the University Management.



Oba Olabomi noted that although the projects commenced earlier in the year, they have already attained advanced stages within a relatively short period. He lauded the contractors for maintaining high standards, while acknowledging that some aspects would still require finishing touches before completion. He emphasised that the Council remained resolute in ensuring that all projects are delivered on schedule without compromising quality.



The Pro-Chancellor further highlighted that the facilities under construction were strategically designed to enhance administrative efficiency, particularly in relation to academic and Council activities. He added that the structure would provide a more conducive, welcoming, and accessible environment for staff, stakeholders, and visitors to the University.



He disclosed that the Council was actively engaging in discussions to address critical considerations that would guarantee the functionality and sustainability of the projects upon completion. According to him, the Governing Council is fully committed to supporting initiatives that promote effective administration and a productive institutional environment.



The inspection exercise highlighted the 8th Governing Council's backing of the Vice-Chancellor's development agenda, especially in the area of infrastructural growth and expansion across the University.



Upon completion, the projects are expected to significantly enhance administrative efficiency, facilitate recreational activities, and provide comfort for Council members, coordination, and other high-level engagements within the University.

The Pro-Chancellor was accompanied on the visit by the Vice-Chancellor, alongside both internal and external members of the Governing Council, among many Frontline Officers of the University.