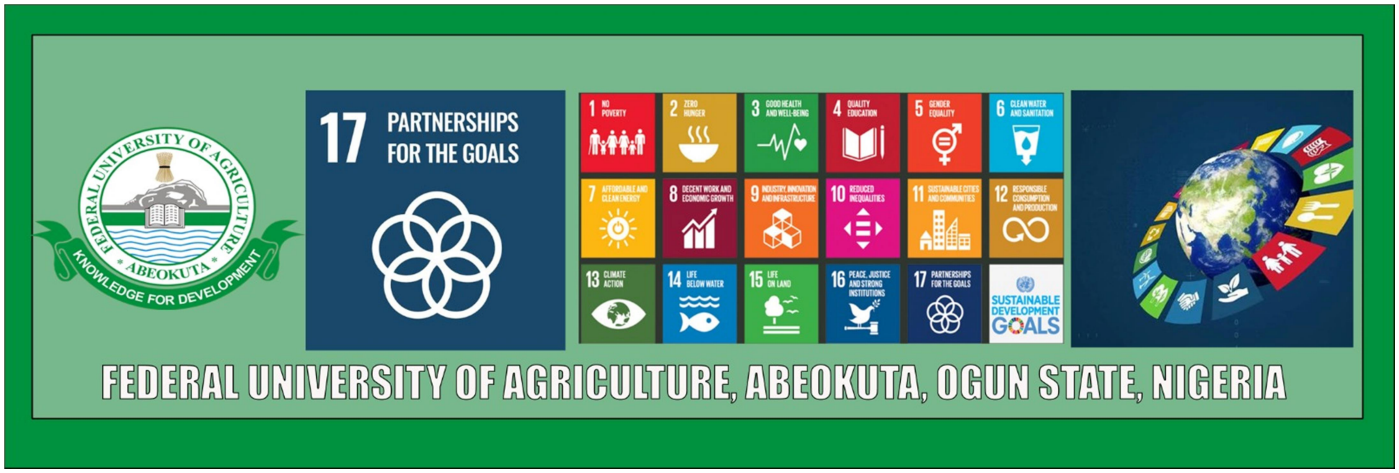










A - 2025/26 FUNAAB SDG17 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

PREAMBLE

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) is committed to achieving Sustainable Development Goal - SDG17 “Partnerships for the Goals.”

This involves building close networks with local, governmental and international bodies, the private sector and civil society; assisting developing stakeholders in attaining long-term debt sustainability through coordinated policies aimed at fostering debt financing, debt relief and debt restructuring; as well as advocating and networking for increased levels of decentralized cooperation.

SDG 17 explicitly relates to all other SDGs. Everyone needs to come together, governments, civil society, scientists, academia, and private sector, to achieve the sustainable development goals

FUNAAB recognizes the importance of partnerships in achieving the SDGs. The University, therefore, collaborates with both local and international partners to drive progress towards these goals. Annual reports on these partnerships and their impacts are essential for tracking progress.

CONTENT LINKS

1. FUNAAB Explores Partnership with German Agricultural Firm on Greenhouse Farming, Agricultural Development

Published On June 22, 2026
https://funaab.edu.ng/funaab-explores-partnership-with-german-agricultural-firm-on-greenhouse-farming-agricultural-development/

2. UNILORIN SUMMIT: FUNAAB's Pro-Chancellor Urges Nigerian Universities to Become Engines of Innovation, SME Growth and National Development
Published On June 4, 2026
https://funaab.edu.ng/unilorin-summit-funaabs-pro-chancellor-urges-nigerian-universities-to-become-engines-of-innovation-sme-growth-and-national-development/

3. FUNAAB Welcomes Three Liberian Scholars Under Strategic Agricultural Partnership

Published On May 25, 2026

https://funaab.edu.ng/funaab-welcomes-three-liberian-scholars-under-strategic-agricultural-partnership/

4. VC Reaffirms FUNAAB's Readiness for TFN Fellowship Programme
Published On: July 13, 2026
https://funaab.edu.ng/vc-reaffirms-funaabs-readiness-for-tfn-fellowship-programme/

5. VC Welcomes ACFBI, Commends Initiative to Support Students
Published On September 9, 2026
https://funaab.edu.ng/vc-welcomes-acfbi-commends-initiative-to-support-students/

6. Senator Yayi Constructing 2-Storey Hospital Complex in FUNAAB, Says VC
Published On August 26, 2026
https://funaab.edu.ng/senator-yayi-constructing-2-storey-hospital-complex-in-funaab-says-vc/

7. FUNAAB Moves to Strengthen Global Visibility, Improve Ranking Status
Published On August 24, 2026
https://funaab.edu.ng/funaab-moves-to-strengthen-global-visibility-improve-ranking-status/

8. FUNAAB, TFN Deepen Partnership as Fellowship Cohort Grows
Published On August 16, 2026
https://funaab.edu.ng/funaab-tfn-deepen-partnership-as-fellowship-cohort-grows/

9. FUNAAB to Mentor Newly Established Owolabi University

Published On August 8, 2026#
https://funaab.edu.ng/funaab-to-mentor-newly-established-owolabi-university/

10. FUNAAB to Host Landmark Africa-Europe Conference on Agroecology Education in September **Published On** August 6, 2026
https://funaab.edu.ng/funaab-to-host-landmark-africa-europe-conference-on-agroecology-education-in-september/

11. Burkina Faso Seeks Stronger Ties with FUNAAB **Published On** August 6, 2026
https://funaab.edu.ng/burkina-faso-seeks-stronger-ties-with-funaab/

!8. UNAABites Drive Africa's Agritech Innovation Push at Nigeria's Premier Tech Summit

Published On May 18, 2026
https://funaab.edu.ng/funaabites-drive-africas-agritech-innovation-push-at-nigerias-premier-tech-summit/

19. FUNAAB, HAIDA Agric Firm Poised for Strategic Collaboration
Published On May 18, 2026
https://funaab.edu.ng/funaab-haida-agric-firm-poised-for-strategic-collaboration/

21. BATNF Empowers Six FUNAAB Graduates with N1.5m Each
Published On May 3, 2026
https://funaab.edu.ng/batnf-empowers-six-funaab-graduates-with-n1-5m-each/

22. Nigeria Charts New Economic Path with Livestock Development
Published On May 2, 2026
https://funaab.edu.ng/nigeria-charts-new-economic-path-with-livestock-development/

23. IFSERAR, Alliance Farms Forge Strategic Partnership on Data-Driven Livestock Production

Published On April 30, 2026
https://funaab.edu.ng/ifserar-alliance-farms-forge-strategic-partnership-on-data-driven-livestock-production/

25. NDLEA Seeks Partnership with FUNAAB to Curb Illicit Drug Cultivation
Published On April 21, 2026
https://funaab.edu.ng/ndlea-seeks-partnership-with-funaab-to-curb-illicit-drug-cultivation/

26. Two-Day Training on Research Funding, Grant Management Begins at FUNAAB
Published On April 15, 2026
https://funaab.edu.ng/two-day-training-on-research-funding-grant-management-begins-at-funaab/

27. DUFARMS Holds Pre-Season Seminar on Innovation, Revenue Generation
Published On April 8, 2026
https://funaab.edu.ng/dufarms-holds-pre-season-seminar-on-innovation-revenue-generation/

28. NSPRI Boss Charges IFSERAR on Innovation, Research Commercialisation for National Impact **Published On** April 2, 2026
https://funaab.edu.ng/nspri-boss-charges-ifserar-on-innovation-research-commercialisation-for-national-impact/

32. FUNAAB Signs MoU With Swedish Institution to Boost International Collaboration
Published On March 5, 2026
https://funaab.edu.ng/funaab-signs-mou-with-swedish-institution-to-boost-international-collaboration/

34. FUNAAB, Agri-Tech Firm Partner to Drive Agricultural Innovation
Published On March 5, 2026
https://funaab.edu.ng/funaab-agri-tech-firm-partner-to-drive-agricultural-innovation/

35. UNAAB, CIPM Sign MoU to Establish Study Centre on Campus
Published On March 5, 2026
https://funaab.edu.ng/funaab-cipm-sign-mou-to-establish-study-centre-on-campus/

37. AGRECOFARM Begins 3-Day Vocational Training on Agroecology, Sustainable Food Production

Published On February 25, 2026
https://funaab.edu.ng/agrecofarm-begins-3-day-vocational-training-on-agroecology-sustainable-food-production/

38. FUNAAB Set to Partner AltBank, Tulima on AI-Enabled Hydroponic Farming Campus Project
Published On February 24, 2026
https://funaab.edu.ng/funaab-set-to-partner-altbank-tulima-on-ai-enabled-hydroponic-farming-campus-project/

39. FUNAAB Scholars Strengthen Climate-Smart Aquaculture Collaboration at UNESP, Brazil

Published On February 2, 2026
https://funaab.edu.ng/funaab-scholars-strengthen-climate-smart-aquaculture-collaboration-at-unesp-brazil/

40. FUNAAB, Austria's PeaceEye Partner on Digital Tool to Address Farmer–Herder Conflict

Published On January 19, 2026
https://funaab.edu.ng/funaab-austrias-peaceeye-partner-on-digital-tool-to-address-farmer-herder-conflict/

41. FUNAAB, NSPRI Host Workshop on Reducing Post-Harvest Losses
Published On: December 18, 2025
https://funaab.edu.ng/funaab-nspri-host-workshop-on-reducing-post-harvest-losses/

42. FUNAAB, FJUT Sign MoU to Establish China–Africa Youth Innovation Base
Published On December 1, 2025
https://funaab.edu.ng/funaab-fjut-sign-mou-to-establish-china-africa-youth-innovation-base/

43. New German Consul General, Daniel Krull, Receives FUNAAB Delegation, Sets December 9 for Official Visit
Published On November 24, 2025
https://funaab.edu.ng/new-german-consul-general-daniel-krull-receives-funaab-delegation-sets-december-9-for-official-visit/

1. FUNAAB Explores Partnership with German Agricultural Firm on Greenhouse Farming, Agricultural Development

Published On: June 22, 2026 *By Raymond Osemene*



Last Updated on June 28, 2026 by Olasunkanmi Olajide

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), has expressed its readiness to collaborate with a German agricultural company, IAK Agrar Consulting, to advance greenhouse farming, agricultural research, extension services, and capacity development in Nigeria.

This was revealed today, Monday, June 22, 2026, during a courtesy visit by the Managing Director of IAK Agrar Consulting, Mr. Sven Gehlhaar, and his delegation to the University. The visit provided an opportunity for both parties to explore areas of mutual interest, including vegetable and fruit production, greenhouse technology, agricultural research, and training.

Speaking during the engagement, Mr. Gehlhaar disclosed that the delegation's visit to Nigeria formed part of a feasibility and prospect study aimed at identifying viable agricultural investment opportunities within the country. He noted that the company was particularly interested in evaluating high-value vegetable and fruit crops with strong market potential, as well as assessing greenhouse technologies and innovative agricultural practices suitable for large-scale production.

According to him, the visit also enabled the team to gain first-hand knowledge of FUNAAB's strengths in agricultural research, seed development, extension services, and human capacity development. He added that future collaboration could extend to the employment of FUNAAB graduates, joint research initiatives, student internship programmes, and on-farm studies focused on enhancing soil fertility, crop productivity, and sustainable agricultural practices.



Responding, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde assured the delegation that the University possesses the requisite expertise, facilities, and human resources to support the proposed collaboration, particularly in greenhouse cultivation, vegetable production, and climate-smart agriculture.

Prof. Kehinde further disclosed that FUNAAB was strategically positioning itself as a leading centre for greenhouse farming and conservation agriculture in Nigeria. He revealed that the University has specialists in crop production, greenhouse management, and vegetable cultivation, adding that plans were underway to organise a major symposium and workshop on greenhouse farming to equip farmers and other stakeholders across Southwestern Nigeria with relevant knowledge and skills.

Highlighting the University's extension mandate, the Vice-Chancellor noted that the Agricultural Media Resources and Extension Centre (AMREC), has continued to play a pivotal role in bridging the gap between research findings and farming communities through the dissemination of agricultural innovations and technologies.

He further observed that Nigeria's rapidly growing population presents enormous opportunities for increased fruit and vegetable production, while FUNAAB's strategic proximity to Lagos, one of Africa's largest commercial hubs, provides a significant advantage for agribusiness development and commercial agriculture.

The Vice-Chancellor also noted the growing adoption of greenhouse farming across Ogun and Lagos States, driven by increased investments and heightened interest among farmers and agribusiness operators seeking efficient and sustainable production systems.

The meeting was attended by the Registrar, Dr. Titus Adeniyi and the Director, AMREC, Prof. Jacob Olaoye; among others.

2. UNILORIN SUMMIT: FUNAAB's Pro-Chancellor Urges Nigerian Universities to Become Engines of Innovation, SME Growth and National Development

Published On June 4, 2026



The Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), and the Aragbiji of Iragbiji Land, HRM, Oba Rasheed Ayotunde Olabomi, Odundun IV, Asoludero has called for a radical transformation of Nigeria's higher education system, urging universities to move beyond certificate production and become active drivers of innovation, industrialisation, entrepreneurship and national economic development.

Delivering the Keynote Address at the 2026 University of Ilorin Research and Industrial Summit (UIRIS), themed "Advancing University–Industry Collaboration for Sustainable National Development in Nigeria," the highly revered monarch emphasised that innovation remains the most potent tool for the development of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs), which constitute the backbone of Nigeria's economy.



Speaking before academics, industry leaders, policymakers, researchers and students, Oba Olabomi described the summit as a strategic national intervention capable of reshaping Nigeria's economic future through stronger collaboration among universities, industries and government institutions. According to him, Nigeria's greatest challenge is not the absence of talent or resources but the inability to convert research outputs into commercial products, technologies and enterprises capable of driving economic growth.

"Nigeria must stop seeing universities as factories for certificates and begin to see them as centres for problem-solving, innovation and enterprise development," he said.

The Royal Father noted that while SMEs account for about 96 percent of businesses in Nigeria and contribute significantly to employment generation, many remain constrained by poor technological adoption, inadequate research support, weak innovation ecosystems and limited access to modern production systems. He argued that the solution lies in building a robust innovation ecosystem where universities, industries and government agencies work together to commercialise research, support entrepreneurship and stimulate industrial growth.



Drawing from global examples, Oba Olabomi cited the role of Stanford University in the emergence of Silicon Valley, South Korea's Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) in the country's technological transformation, Germany's dual education model and India's technology-driven SME revolution as evidence that universities can serve as powerful catalysts for economic development.

He stressed that countries such as the United States, China, Germany, South Korea and Singapore achieved global competitiveness through deliberate investments in research, innovation and university-industry partnerships. The monarch challenged Nigerian universities to establish technology transfer offices, innovation hubs, entrepreneurship accelerators, product development centres and research commercialisation units that can support local industries and SMEs. He further advocated stronger government intervention through increased research funding, innovation grants, startup financing, tax incentives for research-supporting industries, digital infrastructure development and stronger intellectual property protection.



Oba Olabomi expressed concern that thousands of valuable research findings generated in Nigerian universities remain abandoned on library shelves, while industries continue to depend heavily on imported technologies and foreign expertise.
"A nation that imports everything cannot sustainably develop. Research without commercialisation remains incomplete, while knowledge without societal impact remains underutilised," he stated.

The keynote speaker also underscored the opportunities presented by the Fourth Industrial Revolution, highlighting Artificial Intelligence, robotics, biotechnology, renewable energy, advanced manufacturing, blockchain technology and data analytics as critical areas where Nigerian universities and SMEs must invest to remain globally competitive. He called for the integration of entrepreneurship education into university curricula, insisting that graduates must be equipped not only with academic qualifications but also with innovation, business and problem-solving skills capable of creating jobs and wealth.



The Royal Father further urged policymakers to align innovation strategies with sustainable development objectives, encouraging universities and SMEs to collaborate on climate-smart agriculture, renewable energy technologies, waste-to-energy solutions, sustainable manufacturing and digital climate monitoring systems.

According to him, innovation-driven SMEs possess enormous potential to address youth unemployment, poverty and economic exclusion, particularly in a country where more than 70 per cent of the population is under the age of 35. He noted that Nigeria's future prosperity would depend largely on its ability to harness research, technology and entrepreneurship to build a knowledge-based economy.



Looking ahead, Oba Olabomi painted a vision of a Nigeria where universities drive industrial production, research generates globally competitive technologies, students create successful startups, local industries rely on indigenous innovations and youth unemployment is drastically reduced. He challenged the University of Ilorin and other tertiary institutions to become national models for innovation-led development by strengthening collaborations with industry, government and international partners. “The future of Nigeria cannot be built on consumption alone. It must be built on innovation, research, entrepreneurship and industrial productivity,” he declared.

Earlier in his Opening Remarks, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ilorin, Prof. Wahab Olasupo Egbewole, SAN, described the summit as a strategic platform designed to bridge the long-standing gap between research outputs and industrial application in Nigeria. He noted that universities must play a central role in driving national development through innovation, technology transfer and enterprise creation. According to him, the University of Ilorin remains committed to fostering impactful collaborations among academia, industry and government to ensure that research findings translate into practical solutions that address societal challenges, stimulate economic growth and enhance Nigeria’s global competitiveness.



The Vice-Chancellor further emphasised that the summit aligns with the institution's vision of promoting excellence in research, innovation and community impact while creating opportunities for students, researchers and entrepreneurs to contribute meaningfully to national development.

Meanwhile, the 4-Day Summit, organised by the University of Ilorin's Centre for Laboratory to Product (LABTOP) in collaboration with the Centre for Research Development and In-House Training (CREDIT), the Technical and Entrepreneurship Centre (TEC) and FETICON 2026, featured research exhibitions, technology innovation challenges, students' colloquia and discussions on strengthening collaboration among academia, industry and government for sustainable national development.

Participants agreed that accelerating Nigeria's economic transformation would require deliberate investments in research commercialisation, technology development, entrepreneurship and stronger partnerships between universities and industry.

3. FUNAAB Scholars Strengthen Climate-Smart Aquaculture Collaboration at UNESP, Brazil

Published On: February 2, 2026



Last Updated on February 5, 2026 by Olasunkanmi Olajide

Researchers from the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), Nigeria, are deepening international collaboration in climate-smart aquaculture through a research and capacity-building visit to the Centre of Aquaculture at São Paulo State University (UNESP), Brazil.

The visit, involving Dr. Mathew Wheto, Dr. Ikililu Abdulraheem and Dr. Oluwaseun Ojelade, is being conducted under the UK–Brazil–Africa Climate-Smart Agriculture Innovation Programme. It is aimed at advancing scientific cooperation and knowledge exchange among leading institutions in Nigeria, Brazil and the United Kingdom.

During a guided tour of UNESP's world-class aquaculture facilities, the FUNAAB scholars engaged with key research and production units, including fish reproduction, health and welfare laboratories, nutrition and feed development facilities, and limnology systems. The interactions offered practical insights into integrated aquaculture models that emphasise sustainability, animal welfare and enhanced productivity in the face of climate variability.



The exposure was particularly relevant to tropical aquaculture systems in Nigeria, where climate pressures continue to challenge food production and aquatic ecosystems. Lessons drawn from UNESP's research approaches are expected to inform adaptive strategies for resilient and sustainable aquaculture development in Africa.

The engagement was part of a broader collaborative project coordinated through Harper Adams University, United Kingdom, titled "Building Collaborative Research Partnerships in Fish Breeding, Health and Welfare Management to Enhance Sustainability, Productivity and Resilience of Aquaculture Production in Nigeria."

The visit underscored FUNAAB's growing international profile and its commitment to global partnerships, applied research and capacity building aimed at advancing climate-smart aquaculture and strengthening sustainable food systems across regions.

4. FUNAAB Welcomes Three Liberian Scholars Under Strategic Agricultural Partnership

Published On May 25, 2026



The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) has welcomed three scholars from Liberia as part of a landmark tripartite collaboration aimed at strengthening agricultural development and Soil Science expertise in West Africa.

The initiative, which involves FUNAAB, the Government of Liberia, and the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), was designed to build a new generation of highly skilled Soil Scientists capable of transforming agricultural productivity and sustainable land management in Liberia.

The scholars, who arrived on campus on May 25, 2026, were enrolled in advanced academic programmes at FUNAAB's Centre of Excellence in Agricultural Development and Sustainable Environment (CEADESE), where they would specialise in Crop/Pasture Production and Sustainable Environment with emphasis on Soil Science.

The collaboration followed months of strategic planning and engagement coordinated by Dr. Samuel Mesele, Soil Scientist and Project Coordinator, Soils4Africa/Soils4Liberia, Soil Management Unit, IITA Liberia Country Office, who facilitated discussions with the University towards the realisation of the initiative.



Speaking during a reception held at the Vice-Chancellor's Office, the Vice-Chancellor of FUNAAB, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde charged the scholars to remain focused on the objectives of the programme and maximise the opportunities provided by the University.

According to him, the programme was carefully designed to equip the scholars with the technical expertise and practical skills required to support Liberia's efforts at rebuilding and sustaining its soil resources for improved agricultural productivity.
The Vice-Chancellor assured the scholars of the University's commitment to providing a conducive academic environment that would make their stay productive, rewarding, and memorable.

Corroborating the Vice-Chancellor, the Bursar, Mr. Olukayode Osinuga pledged the support of the administration in addressing logistical and welfare concerns, while the Director of CEADESE, Prof. Adeboye Fafiolu assured the scholars of access to quality facilities, experienced faculty members, and a robust learning environment tailored towards research excellence and practical impact.

In their separate remarks, the Liberian scholars expressed appreciation to FUNAAB, IITA, and the Government of Liberia for the opportunity, promising to justify the confidence reposed in them through dedication and academic excellence.

The collaboration is expected to further strengthen institutional ties between Nigeria and Liberia while contributing significantly to regional agricultural development, particularly in addressing the shortage of soil management experts in Liberia.

5. VC Reaffirms FUNAAB's Readiness for TFN Fellowship Programme

Published On: July 13, 2026



Last Updated on July 14, 2026 by Olasunkanmi Olajide

The Vice-Chancellor of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, has reaffirmed the University's commitment to providing an enhanced experience for participants of the Teach For Nigeria (TFN) Fellowship Programme, assuring the visiting delegation of improved welfare, security and facilities ahead of this year's exercise.

The Vice-Chancellor disclosed that the University's Planning Committee, headed by the Dean, Student Affairs, Prof. Festus Adeosun, commenced preparations early, drawing from lessons learnt during last year's programme. He added that the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olusegun Idowu, had been assigned to monitor the committee's activities, while he would personally oversee the entire process. According to him, the committee comprised experienced members from the previous exercise alongside new members to ensure continuity and improved service delivery.

Prof. Kehinde revealed that the renovation and upgrading of hostel facilities were already underway, while a Welfare Sub-Committee, chaired by the Dean, College of Biosciences (COLBIOS), Prof. Iyabode Kehinde, had been constituted to coordinate the welfare of the Fellows throughout their stay.

Highlighting recent infrastructural improvements, the Vice-Chancellor noted that the University now enjoys almost 24-hour electricity supply through its solar power plant. He added that the ongoing hostel renovations would guarantee uninterrupted water supply, including to the upper floors of the hostels.



On security, Prof. Kehinde disclosed that the University had strengthened collaboration with the Harmony Police Division and the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), with armed security personnel strategically deployed across the campus to ensure the safety of residents and visitors.

He further stated that the University Health Centre had been upgraded with additional Doctors and Nurses to provide round-the-clock medical services for the Fellows and the entire University Community.

The Vice-Chancellor explained that the University's stable academic calendar would further support the success of the programme, noting that the 2025/2026 Academic Session would end on July 23, 2026, after which students and most Academic staff would proceed on vacation, creating a more conducive environment for the Fellowship activities.

Expressing confidence in the success of the programme, Prof. Kehinde assured the delegation of FUNAAB's readiness to promptly address any challenges and pledged the University's full cooperation towards ensuring a rewarding and memorable experience for all the Teach For Nigeria Fellows.

Also present at the meeting were other members of the committee, including the Deputy Dean, Student Affairs, Dr. Matthew Wheto; Principal Assistant Registrar, Vice-Chancellor's Office, Mr. Adekunle Adebiyi; Principal Internal Auditor, Mr. Victor Enilolobo, and an Accountant, Mr. Godswill Olatunde, among others.

The Teach For Nigeria delegation comprised the Operations Director, Mr. Yusuf Zwalle; Ag. Head, Training and Leadership Development Unit, Mr. Jonathan Obiaraije; Senior Coaches, Mr. Sunday Daniel, Miss Sophie Onwubuariri, Mr. Joseph Ogbonnaya and Mrs. Jemima Nnamdi-Iweha, as well as School Leadership Development Officers, Mr. Ijeoma Okoye and Mr. Moses Taiwo.

6. VC Welcomes ACFBI, Commends Initiative to Support Students

Published On: September 9, 2026 *By Olaoye Oyewole*



Last Updated on September 11, 2026 by Olasunkanmi Olajide

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, has welcomed the African Campus Food Bank Initiative (ACFBI) to the University, describing its food support programme as a timely intervention capable of addressing food insecurity among students.

Prof. Kehinde stated this while receiving representatives of the Foundation on campus, noting that the initiative had come at a critical period when many students were experiencing economic difficulties.



The Vice-Chancellor expressed appreciation to the Foundation for selecting FUNAAB as one of the universities where it would operate, describing the initiative as "very heartwarming" and a response to an important need among students. He noted that many students were currently facing challenges with food sufficiency and that the intervention would provide meaningful support.

Prof. Kehinde prayed for continued blessings and provision for the Foundation and its partners, while expressing hope that the programme would be sustained to enable more students to benefit from the initiative.

He, however, urged the Foundation, its coordinators and volunteers to adequately plan for possible challenges associated with food distribution, particularly crowd management, orderliness and ensuring that the food items reach students who genuinely need the assistance.



FUNAAB BULLETIN

The Vice-Chancellor also cautioned against possible abuse of the programme, noting that some individuals might attempt to take advantage of the initiative at the expense of students genuinely in need. He therefore called on the coordinators and volunteers to continually educate beneficiaries on the purpose of the programme and the need to ensure equitable distribution.

Prof. Kehinde said the ACFBI intervention would complement the University's existing efforts to support student welfare, assuring the Foundation of FUNAAB's cooperation. He expressed optimism that beneficiaries would remember the assistance received during their student years and, in future, extend similar support to others when they attain positions of influence.

Speaking on behalf of the Founder/Executive Director of ACFBI, Mr. Philip Soladoye, the Co-Founder and Director of Strategy, Mr. Temitope Abolarin, said the initiative was established on the principle that no student should have to choose between a meal and academic materials. He said ACFBI operates across Nigerian universities to provide students in need with adequate nutrition to support their academic success.



He appreciated the Vice-Chancellor and the University for welcoming the initiative, disclosing that the food bank would commence operations from the available space on campus and expand its activities as the need arises. He added that the programme was designed to provide food assistance to students in need while contributing to their welfare and overall academic experience at FUNAAB.

Also present at the event was the Director of Operations, ACFBI, Dr. Azeez Yusuf. Food items to kick-start the programme on the FUNAAB campus were subsequently presented to the University.

7. Senator Yayi Constructing 2-Storey Hospital Complex in FUNAAB, Says VC… *As the 2-Day Train-the-Trainers Workshop on University Ranking Metrics Ends.*

Published On: August 26, 2026



Last Updated on August 27, 2026 by Olasunkanmi Olajide

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, has disclosed that the ongoing construction of a two-storey hospital complex within the premises of the University Health Services was donated to the University by the Chairman, Senate Committee on Appropriations, and the Ogun State All Progressives Congress (APC) Gubernatorial candidate, Senator Solomon Olamilekan Adeola, popularly known as Yayi.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Prof. Olusegun Idowu, made this known today, August 26, 2026, at the closing ceremony of the Two-Day Train-the-Trainers Workshop on University Ranking Metrics organised by the FUNAAB Ranking Advisory Committee (FURAC).

Prof. Kehinde said the project was being executed on a Build-and-Furnish basis and is expected to be completed and commissioned for use by December 2026.



Earlier, the Director, Directorate of Academic Planning (DAP), Prof. Biodun Badmus, stressed that improving FUNAAB's ranking should not be the responsibility of a single Directorate or Academic Unit. He urged Academic and Non-Teaching Units to collaborate to provide accurate data, document institutional achievements, strengthen research visibility, improve facilities, develop partnerships, and respond promptly to ranking-related requests. He also identified Academic Planners as key liaison officers between Colleges and Departments in facilitating the collection and submission of relevant information.

During the workshop, the Ag. Director, Directorate of Information and Communication Technology Services (DICTS), Mr. Temitope Soretire, presented "Webometrics Ranking: Presence, Visibility, Transparency and Excellence," while the University Librarian, Prof. Abayomi Owolabi, spoke on "Repositories Ranking: The Size, Scholar, Visibility and Rich Files."



The Director, World Bank Centre of Excellence in Agricultural Development and Sustainable Environment (CEADESE), Prof. Adeboye Fafiolu, presented "International Outlook: Improving

the Linkages and Collaborative Drive of FUNAAB," while Dr. Adekunle Oyelami addressed "Responsible and Ethical Use of Artificial Intelligence in Academic Writing and Research."

Other presentations featured the Bursar, Mr. Olukayode Osinuga, who spoke on "Establishing a Robust Industry Partnership Towards Increasing the Annual Income of FUNAAB"; the Director, Physical Planning, Engr. Kehinde Bamisile, who presented "Provision of Infrastructural Facilities: A Basic Requirement"; and the Alumni Global President, Otunba Bolaji Gbadamosi, represented by the Director, Alumni Ventures, Mr. Biodun Ajayi, spoke on "Alumni Involvement in All Development Phases of FUNAAB."



The workshop ended with the presentation of certificates to participants, marking the successful completion of the Two-Day Train-the-Trainers Workshop aimed at strengthening collective efforts to improve FUNAAB's visibility, research impact, and performance in global university rankings.

7. FUNAAB Moves to Strengthen Global Visibility, Improve Ranking Status

Published On: August 24, 2026 By Olasunkanmi Olajide & Rasheed Amisu



Last Updated on August 26, 2026 by Olasunkanmi Olajide

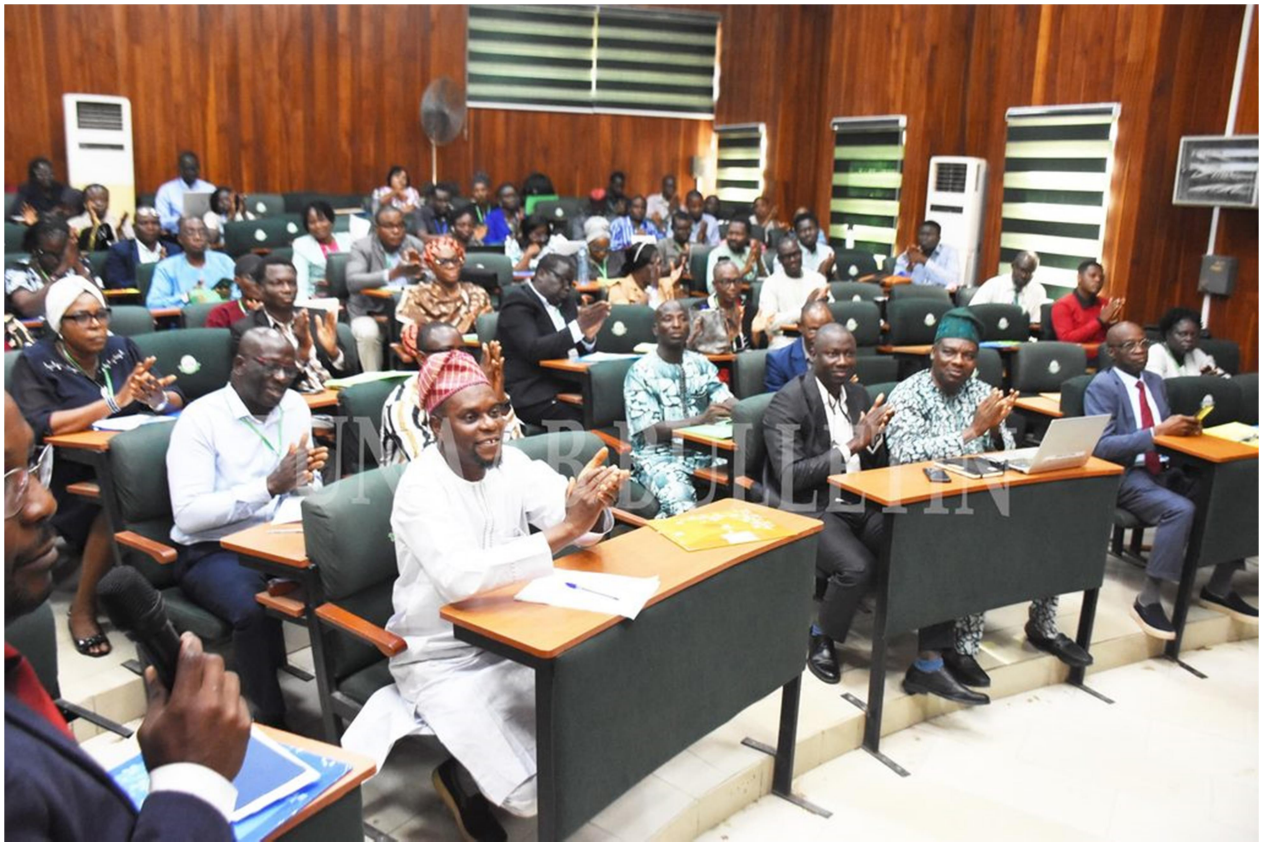
The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) has intensified efforts to strengthen its global visibility, enhance research impact and improve its standing in international university rankings through strategic data management, stronger research collaboration and greater visibility of its contributions to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The commitment was reinforced at the opening of a Two-Day Train-the-Trainers Workshop on University Ranking Metrics, organised by the FUNAAB Ranking Advisory Committee (FURAC), and themed “Exploring the Individual Components of University Ranking Metrics.” The workshop commenced today, August 24, 2026, at the Green Chamber.



Declaring the workshop open, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, described the initiative as a strategic intervention designed to improve FUNAAB's global visibility and strengthen its performance in international university rankings. He urged participants to approach the training with open minds and translate the knowledge gained into measurable outcomes, stressing that its success would depend on the University's ability to provide accurate information promptly, document its achievements effectively and enhance the visibility of its academic and institutional contributions.

Earlier, the Chairman of FURAC and Director of the Directorate of Academic Planning, Prof. Biodun Badmus, described university ranking as a collective responsibility requiring the active participation of every unit and member of the University Community. He explained that FURAC coordinates the University's ranking efforts, ensures accurate and timely submission of institutional data, improves global visibility and facilitates regular updating of information on the University's website. He urged participants to take the training seriously and systematically document the University's achievements, research activities, facilities, conferences, community engagement and other initiatives as verifiable evidence for ranking exercises.



The lead facilitator, Prof. Babatunde Adebesin, who is the Deputy Vice-Chancellor of Hillside University of Science and Technology, Okemesi, Ekiti State, in his presentation, "Data Storytelling and Reporting for the Global and SDG Impact Ranking," explained that while data indicates an institution's position, effective storytelling communicates the significance and impact of its achievements. Using research on space science publications across Africa as an illustration, he noted that research impact extends beyond publication volume to include visibility, relevance, citations and societal influence.

He disclosed that FUNAAB had recorded 5,901 documents involving 3,378 authors on the Scopus/SciVerse platform, with Agricultural and Biosciences remaining its strongest research area, and publications across approximately 148 subject areas. International collaboration accounted for about 38 percent, national collaboration 36 percent, institutional collaboration 21 percent and single authorship only three percent.



He encouraged the University to deepen international research partnerships, noting that internationally collaborative research generally attracts greater visibility and citation impact. He also advised FUNAAB to focus not merely on increasing publication output, but on producing research that is visible, relevant and capable of demonstrating measurable societal impact.

On SDG-related research, Prof. Adebesin identified SDG 2 (Zero Hunger) as FUNAAB's strongest area, with 421 documents recorded between 2016 and 2025, while SDG 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) and SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) were also significant. He urged the University to strategically align research, teaching, innovation, conferences and community engagement with relevant SDGs and continuously document evidence of such activities.



The facilitator recommended transforming the FUNAAB website into a comprehensive knowledge-sharing platform supported by an accessible institutional repository, while encouraging academic staff to maintain consistent researcher profiles across Scopus, Google Scholar and ORCID for accurate attribution and tracking of scholarly contributions.

Other presentations addressed key dimensions of university performance and ranking, including "FUNAAB Core Values: Foundation for the Attainment of Our Vision," by the Vice-Chancellor; "Quality Academic Delivery: A Key Performance Index in World Ranking," by Prof. Biodun Badmus; "X-raying the Rubrics of World-Class University Ranking," by FUNAAB's SDG Anchor Person, Prof. Adeniyi Olayanju; "Building Standard University Culture in Academic Matters," by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Prof. Olusegun Idowu; "Building Standard University Culture in Development Matters," by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Development, Prof. Olawale Dairo; and "Building Standard University Culture in Administrative Matters," by the Registrar, Dr. Titus Adeniyi.



Further sessions focused on “Redefining FUNAAB Research Focus for Enhanced Publications and Income,” by the Director, Directorate of Research, Innovation and Partnerships (DRIP), Prof. Oluwagbemiga Adeleye, and “Citations: Research Influence on New Knowledge and Ideas,” by the Director, Directorate of Academic Information Systems (DACIS), Prof. Olusegun Folorunso.

Highpoint was the presentation of certificates to the facilitators, including responses to questions, as well as comments on the strategy to improve the University’s ranking status.

Meanwhile, the Two-Day workshop continues on Wednesday, August 26, 2026 at the same venue and time, and it is expected to strengthen institutional capacity for data collection, documentation, research visibility, including evidence-based reporting, while fostering a university-wide culture of systematically capturing and communicating academic, research, administrative, development and community-impact activities for greater global visibility.

8. FUNAAB, TFN Deepen Partnership as Fellowship Cohort Grows

Published On: August 16, 2026



Last Updated on August 16, 2026 by Olasunkanmi Olajide

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) has restated its commitment to deepening its partnership with Teach For Nigeria (TFN), as the organisation expands its Fellowship programme on the University's campus.

The commitment was reiterated during a meeting between FUNAAB Management and TFN representatives today, August 13, 2026, at the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development)'s Conference Room, where both institutions reviewed the previous Fellowship and discussed preparations for the expanded cohort. The 2026 three-week Pre-Service Training Institute (PSTI), which commenced on August 10, 2026, and runs until September 6, 2026, has attracted 725 participants to the University.



FUNAAB BULLETIN

Welcoming the delegation on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development), Prof. Olawale Dairo, appreciated TFN for selecting FUNAAB as its programme venue for the second consecutive year.

Prof. Kehinde assured TFN of the University's readiness to improve facilities and services, while emphasising that programmes hosted on campus must operate within established rules and regulations. He also highlighted the importance of skills acquisition and capacity development in preparing young people for today's demands.

The Dean of Student Affairs, Prof. Festus Adeosun, described challenges experienced during the inaugural programme as "teething problems", noting that the University had taken steps to improve participants' experience, particularly in transportation and other areas. He also proposed the development of a dedicated facility for future TFN programmes as the Fellowship continues to grow.

The Chief Executive Officer of TFN, Ms. Molade Adeniyi, commended FUNAAB for its responsiveness and collaborative approach, describing these as key reasons for the organisation's return to the University. She explained that the Fellowship had continued to expand, with growing interest from government stakeholders who have recognised its potential to improve classroom learning and contribute to broader educational transformation.

"Our priority is to equip Fellows with the right skills, attitudes and mindsets so they can go into classrooms and transform education for every Nigerian child," she said, stressing the importance of the PSTI in preparing Fellows for the subsequent stages of the programme.

The meeting further identified common interests between FUNAAB and TFN in skills development, character formation, innovation, service, training and research. Both institutions expressed interest in formalising and broadening the partnership through structured collaborations, building on existing initiatives, including research cooperation on fertiliser development.

9. FUNAAB to Mentor Newly Established Owolabi University

Published On: August 8, 2026



Last Updated on August 8, 2026 by Olasunkanmi Olajide

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), has been named the mentoring institution for the newly established Owolabi University, Oke Ila Orangun, Osun State, following the latter's approval by the National Universities Commission (NUC).

Owolabi University, established by Bishop Owolabi, was granted its operating licence by the NUC on July 24, 2026, with approval to commence academic activities in three Faculties that are Allied Sciences, Sciences and Computing, and Management Sciences, comprising 15 academic programmes across nine departments.

During a courtesy visit to FUNAAB on August 6, 2026, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, assured the delegation of the University's commitment to providing the necessary mentorship and support to ensure a successful take-off. He also advised the team to engage with the Heads of relevant units in FUNAAB as part of preparations for their forthcoming NUC Resource Verification exercise.

The Owolabi University delegation was led by the Ag. Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Samuel Adedotun, and included the Director of Academic Planning, Prof. James Agbolade, and the Bursar, Mr. Festus Oladokun. The meeting was attended by FUNAAB's Principal Officers and the Senior Deputy Registrar, Vice-Chancellor's Office, Mr. Moses Ayanda.

10. FUNAAB to Host Landmark Africa-Europe Conference on Agroecology Education in September

Published On: August 6, 2026



Last Updated on August 7, 2026 by Olasunkanmi Olajide

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), Nigeria, is set to welcome leading Academics, policymakers, development partners, researchers, and agroecology practitioners from Africa and Europe for the Final Conference of the AGRECOFARM Project, a flagship international initiative dedicated to advancing agroecology education and promoting sustainable agricultural transformation across Africa.

According to the Ag. Head, Directorate of Public Relations, Mr. Olasunkanmi Olajide, the conference, scheduled to hold from September 28 to 29, 2026, at the Red Chamber of the Senate Building, FUNAAB, is themed "Advancing Agroecology Education: Future Opportunities for Africa." He noted that the 2-Day conference, co-funded by the European Union, would serve as a strategic platform for strengthening Africa-Europe partnerships, promoting knowledge exchange, and accelerating innovative approaches to sustainable agriculture and resilient food systems.

Mr Olajide stated that the conference would bring together representatives of leading universities, research institutions, development organisations, and government agencies, including the Central University of Sierra Leone and other AGRECOFARM partner institutions

across Africa and Europe, to deliberate on strategies for mainstreaming agroecology into higher education, research, policy development, and agricultural practice.

He further disclosed that the Opening Ceremony would feature a keynote address by a distinguished agroecology expert, His Excellency, Dr. Hussein Gadain (FAO Representative in Nigeria and ECOWAS), who would examine the growing relevance of agroecological approaches in addressing food insecurity, climate change, biodiversity conservation, and sustainable rural development across the African continent.



According to him, technical sessions would focus on three broad thematic areas which are Production and Ecological Practices; People, Nutrition and Social Systems; and Enabling

Environment. He explained that the discussions are expected to generate practical, evidence-based recommendations for integrating agroecological principles into educational curricula, public policy, research, and farming systems across Africa.

Mr. Olajide also revealed that the second day of the conference would feature a high-level roundtable on the future of agroecology in Africa, bringing together renowned scholars and sector leaders to examine pathways for scaling agroecological innovations, strengthening institutional collaboration, and enhancing regional capacity for sustainable agricultural development.

He added that the programme would include Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) activities jointly organised by the two Nigerian partner universities, showcasing innovative models for equipping the next generation of agricultural professionals with practical competencies in agroecology and climate-smart agriculture.

Beyond the technical sessions, Mr. Olajide emphasised that the conference would provide an important platform for networking, collaboration, and knowledge exchange among researchers, educators, students, policymakers, and development partners committed to advancing sustainable agriculture and building resilient food systems across Africa.

He stressed that hosting the AGRECOFARM Final Conference would further reinforce FUNAAB's growing reputation as one of Africa's foremost universities of agriculture and a leading centre for cutting-edge research, international collaboration, and capacity development. According to him, the event reflects the University's steady commitment to driving innovation, strengthening global partnerships, and delivering practical solutions to some of the world's most pressing agricultural and environmental challenges.

11. Burkina Faso Seeks Stronger Ties with FUNAAB

Published On: August 6, 2026



Last Updated on August 8, 2026 by Olasunkanmi Olajide

The Consul General of Burkina Faso to Nigeria, Mr. Maxim Bengaly, on August 6, 2026, paid a courtesy visit to the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), seeking to strengthen bilateral cooperation with the University, particularly in agriculture and other areas of mutual interest.

During the visit, Mr. Bengaly identified agriculture, economic cooperation, cultural exchange, and scientific collaboration as key areas where Burkina Faso and FUNAAB could deepen their relationship.

He stressed that language should not constitute a barrier to stronger relations between Nigeria and Burkina Faso, noting that human beings possess the intellectual capacity to learn and master new languages. He further illustrated this with his personal business affiliations with Saki, a town in Oyo State.



Welcoming the Consul General and his delegation, the Vice-Chancellor expressed delight at the visit. He affirmed FUNAAB's readiness to partner with Burkina Faso and other West African countries in the areas of research, education and community development.

Prof. Kehinde disclosed that the University had, over the years, trained nationals from various West African countries, particularly at the Postgraduate level, through its Africa Centre of Excellence in Agricultural Development and Sustainable Environment (CEADESE) programmes.

He assured the Consul General that students from Burkina Faso would be warmly welcomed to FUNAAB's Postgraduate programmes, adding that the University was open to exploring further areas of collaboration.

The Vice-Chancellor also used the occasion to appeal to the Consul General to explore the possibility of facilitating the establishment of a French Language Centre at FUNAAB, noting its potential to strengthen communication, cultural exchange and academic collaboration between the University and Francophone countries.

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

Published On: May 18, 2026



Last Updated on May 29, 2026 by Olasunkanmi Olajide

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."

13. FUNAAB, HAIDA Agric Firm Poised for Strategic Collaboration

Published On: May 18, 2026



Last Updated on May 22, 2026 by Olasunkanmi Olajide

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) is set to collaborate with HAIDA Agricultural and Technology Nigeria Limited in the areas of students' internship, scholarship opportunities, and agricultural training programmes aimed at enhancing modern farming practices and technology transfer.

Speaking during a meeting between the University Management and representatives of the company, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, expressed the University's readiness to partner with the organisation, noting that FUNAAB remained committed to strategic collaborations capable of advancing agricultural development and capacity building.



The Vice-Chancellor disclosed that the University already maintains a productive collaboration with CWAY Group, adding that the University also has existing partnerships with Lanzhou University and China Agricultural University, both in China, stressing that FUNAAB possesses the requisite expertise and manpower in the proposed areas of collaboration.

Earlier, the General Manager of HAIDA, Mr. Andy Zhang Li, who spoke through the Human Resources Manager, Diana Pan Dan, revealed that the company was also ready for the collaboration.



Meanwhile HAIDA Agricultural and Technology Nigeria Limited is a subsidiary of Guangdong Haid Group Co., Limited, a Chinese multinational agricultural enterprise currently expanding its agribusiness operations in Nigeria through the establishment of a major feed production and agricultural technology base in Ogun State.

Present at the meeting were the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Development, Prof. Olawale Dairo; Director, Centre of Excellence in Agricultural Development and Sustainable Environment (CEADESE), Prof. Adeboye Fafiolu; the Ag. Director, Directorate of Research, Innovations and Partnerships (DRIP), Dr. Oluwagbemiga Adeleye; the Administrative Manager of HAIDA, Mr. Johnny Xian; and the translator, Mr. Odede Tosin.

14. BATNF Empowers Six FUNAAB Graduates with N1.5m Each

Published On: May 3, 2026



Last Updated on May 3, 2026 by Olasunkanmi Olajide

The British American Tobacco Nigeria Foundation (BATNF), has awarded a total of N9 million to six outstanding graduate agripreneurs of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), each receiving N1.5 million to support their agribusiness ventures. The presentation was made today, April 28, 2026, during the Graduate Agripreneurship Pitch Programme, where shortlisted applicants showcased innovative agricultural business ideas.

Delivering the Welcome Address of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development), Prof. Olawale Dairo, commended BATNF for its sustained collaboration with the University. He noted that the initiative had significantly enhanced agripreneurship development among graduates, adding that the programme's continuity was a testament to the judicious utilisation of funds by previous beneficiaries.

The Vice-Chancellor further disclosed that the University Management had recently committed N20 million towards supporting students engaged in practical farming on FUNAAB farms. He encouraged participants to be realistic, innovative, and bold in their pitch presentations, while emphasising the importance of utilising the grants strictly for agripreneurial purposes.

Also speaking, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olusegun Idowu, represented by the Director of the Centre for Community-Based Farming Scheme (COBFAS), Prof. Dare

Akerele, expressed appreciation to BATNF for its unwavering commitment to youth empowerment. He highlighted the significance of the partnership in addressing unemployment and promoting agriculture as a key driver of economic development.

On his part, the General Manager of BATNF, Mr. Oludare Odusanya, encouraged participants to maximise the opportunity presented by the pitch platform. He explained that six out of the twelve shortlisted applicants were selected to receive the N1.5 million grants, noting that the quality of participation would determine the expansion of the programme in future editions.

The event culminated in the formal presentation of cheques to the six successful applicants, marking another milestone in FUNAAB's commitment to fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and sustainable agricultural development among its graduates.

15. Nigeria Charts New Economic Path with Livestock Development...

As FUNAAB Alumni Association Holds 28th Global Convention, 27th Annual Lecture Series

Published On: May 2, 2026



Last Updated on May 18, 2026 by Olasunkanmi Olajide

Nigeria's push to reposition its economy beyond oil gained renewed momentum, today, May 2, 2026, as policymakers, industry leaders, and the global alumni of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), converged on its campus for a landmark gathering that spotlighted livestock development as a cornerstone of national growth.



The event themed "Crafting a Sustainable Business & Human Wellbeing", the 28th Global Convention and the 27th Annual Lecture of the FUNAAB Alumni Association, brought into sharp focus the country's ambition to transform its vast agricultural sector into a multi-billion-dollar engine for jobs, food security, and exports.



Delivering a Keynote Address, the Honourable Minister of Livestock Development, Alhaji Idi Mukhtar Maiha, outlined an aggressive roadmap to scale the livestock economy from its current estimated value of $32 billion to $74 billion within a decade. Represented by the Senior Special Adviser to the Honourable Minister on Knowledge Management & Communication, Mr.

Richard-Mark Mbaram, the Minister stated that the strategy was anchored on the National Livestock Transformation Plan, alongside new financing and infrastructure initiatives. “The livestock sector is no longer a subsistence activity, it is a business ecosystem,” the Minister declared, emphasising a shift towards structured, sedentary, and productivity-driven systems. The creation of a dedicated livestock ministry, according to him, a first in Nigeria’s history by the President, His Excellency, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR, was a decisive policy pivot aimed at unlocking value across meat, dairy, poultry, and related industries.



The Minister stated further that central to this transformation was a $300 million support package from the African Development Bank, targeting feed production, animal health systems, breed improvement, and rural infrastructure. The initiative was complemented by Nigeria’s participation in the Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zones Programme, which has already attracted over $530 million in investment to Ogun State alone.



He noted that officials also emphasised the role of livestock in improving child nutrition through an expanded school feeding programme, supported by a $20 million grant from development partners. According to him, the initiative was designed not only to improve dietary protein intake among children but also to guarantee stable markets for local producers.



In the Lecture titled “A Megatrend Approach to Creating Long-Term Business and Investment in an Evolving Economy,” and delivered by an exceptional industrialist, Alhaji Goke Adeyemi, who urged a pragmatic approach to long-term investment in emerging economies. While acknowledging global “megatrends” such as artificial intelligence, demographic shifts, and energy transition, he argued that Nigeria’s most immediate opportunities lie in fixing basic inefficiencies, particularly post-harvest losses in agriculture.



“Up to 50 per cent of Nigeria’s agricultural produce is lost due to poor storage, logistics, and processing,” he noted, pointing to cold-chain infrastructure, agro-processing, and market linkages as high-impact investment areas. “The fastest path to becoming a global agri-food exporter is not just technology, it is reliability and infrastructure, he stressed.”



In his Address, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, described the alumni network as a critical partner in institutional and national development. He cited ongoing alumni-led initiatives, including a 2,000-hectare farm hub, transport services, and student support programmes, as examples of how diaspora engagement can drive tangible impact.



The convention also drew royal and traditional leadership, with a Goodwill Message from the Alake and Paramount Ruler of Egbaland, HRM, Oba (Dr.) Michael Adedotun Aremu Gbadebo,

Okukenu IV, who was represented by a former Vice-Chancellor of FUNAAB and the Fimogbayi of Egbaland, Prof. Oluwafemi Olaiya Balogun, the Alake reaffirmed local support for the University's expansion and its role in regional stability and development.



For the Alumni Association, led globally by Otunba Bolaji Gbadamosi, the gathering was both a celebration of achievements and a call to action. With chapters across the United States, the United Kingdom, and Canada supporting scholarships, food programmes, and academic mentoring, the association is increasingly positioning itself as a transnational development network.



Key highlights of the Convention was the launching of the Maiden Alumni Compendium and a proposed partnership between the alumni body and the Federal Ministry of Livestock Development to transform the University's farm hub into a national innovation and demonstration centre, an initiative aligned with Nigeria's broader food security agenda.



As Nigeria navigates the global supply chain disruptions, the message from Abeokuta was clear: the future of Africa's largest economy depends on how effectively it can modernise agriculture, and both its public and private institution work together to turn potential into productivity.



The convention concluded with awards presented to key contributors, among whom is the Olokine of Ojowo Kingdom, Ijebu-Igbo, HRM, Oba Abdul-Rasheed Abayomi Banjo, followed by a guided tour of the University's renewable energy infrastructure, the 3.4MW hybrid solar power plant, as well as the FUNAAB Alpha Unit, including the Animal Demonstration Laboratory (Abbattoir).

16. IFSERAR, Alliance Farms Forge Strategic Partnership on Data-Driven Livestock Production

Published On: April 30, 2026



Last Updated on May 18, 2026 by Olasunkanmi Olajide

The Institute of Food Security, Environmental Resources and Agricultural Research (IFSERAR), today, April 30, 2026, paid a strategic visit to Alliance Farms, Oyo State, to deepen industry–academia collaboration and advance innovation in livestock and crop production systems.

Welcoming the delegation, the Chief Executive Officer of Alliance Farms, Mr. Oyekunle Ogunmola, highlighted his professional journey and the vision driving the enterprise. A Physics graduate of the University of Ibadan and a Chartered Accountant trained with KPMG, he noted that his transition into agriculture was motivated by a desire to strengthen Oyo State's agrarian economy and improve access to quality livestock systems.

He explained that the farm operates on a philosophy of efficiency and productivity, with a focus on high-performing pedigree animals to shorten production cycles. Central to its operations is a proprietary digital platform, "Farm OS," used to monitor reproductive performance indicators such as kidding rates, lambing intervals, and calving records.

Despite being less than a year in operation, the farm has recorded notable reproductive successes, including instances of triplets and quadruplets in goats. However, challenges persist, particularly high kid mortality rates and the limited effectiveness of some vaccines against Clostridium-related infections, attributed to inconsistencies in formulations and inadequate strain coverage.



On genetic improvement, Mr. Ogunmola noted that livestock are sourced locally, especially from northern Nigeria, and crossbred with imported pedigree stock. While this has yielded promising results, challenges such as quarantine mortality and the need for more scientific selection processes remain, even as the farm explores advanced reproductive technologies like artificial insemination and embryo transfer.

Addressing livestock nutrition, he emphasised the farm's commitment to precision feed formulation supported by laboratory analysis, while lamenting the high cost and occasional inaccuracies of commercial feed analysis services. He also noted the difficulty in sourcing quality mineral supplements locally, leading to reliance on imports.

To ensure feed sustainability, the farm cultivates maize, sorghum, and soybeans, alongside extensive forage development. It also adopts alternative forage crops such as Cajanus cajan for its high crude protein content, while implementing pasture management strategies and diversification efforts including teak cultivation.

In his remarks, the Director of IFSERAR, Prof. Kazeem Bello, described the visit as a vital step towards aligning academic research with real-world agricultural challenges. He underscored the importance of partnerships with commercial farms in driving solution-oriented research and strengthening engagement with national bodies such as the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria (ARCN).

Prof. Bello added that the collaboration would include staff exchange, student industrial training placements, and joint research initiatives, while also exploring opportunities in fodder production, improved feed processing, and sustainable practices. He described the partnership as mutually beneficial in enhancing teaching, research, and extension services at FUNAAB, while supporting innovation at Alliance Farms.

17. NSPRI Boss Charges IFSERAR on Innovation, Research Commercialisation for National Impact

Published On: April 2, 2026



Last Updated on April 4, 2026 by Olasunkanmi Olajide

The Executive Director of the Nigerian Stored Products Research Institute (NSPRI), Prof. Lateef Sanni, has stressed the critical role of creativity and innovation in addressing complex national challenges, particularly in agriculture, health, and technology.

Prof. Sanni made this known while delivering the first keynote lecture titled "World Class Research Institute – Innovation & Collaboration Focus" at a Strategic Retreat organised by the Institute of Food Security, Environmental Resources and Agricultural Research (IFSERAR), Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), on April 2, 2026.

The Retreat, held at the IFSERAR Livestock Laboratory, brought together Academic staff, researchers, and key stakeholders. It featured two keynote lectures aimed at strengthening institutional research impact and enhancing global competitiveness. The programme was designed to advance research capacity, innovation, collaboration, and technology commercialisation within the Institute and the wider University Community.



In his presentation, Prof. Sanni noted that impactful research is driven by access to adequate resources and modern infrastructure, while also reflecting on the evolution of research practices in Nigeria, from limited information systems to the growing adoption of digital tools and emerging technologies. Prof. Sanni, a former Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Development at FUNAAB emphasised the need for researchers to embrace innovative approaches in solving contemporary problems.

He further highlighted the interconnectedness of sectors, noting that advancements in agriculture have direct implications for public health. Citing examples such as crop improvement, animal breeding, and biofortification initiatives like yellow cassava, he stressed their contributions to improved nutrition outcomes.



Drawing comparisons with leading global institutions such as the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), Prof. Sanni, a recipient of the prestigious Honorary Doctor of Science Degree from the Greenwich University, United Kingdom, identified three key pillars for building world-class research institutions: high-quality human capital, well-equipped innovation laboratories, and strong international collaborations. He also identified inadequate patenting and commercialisation of research outputs as a major gap in Nigeria's academic landscape, urging scholars to prioritise translating research findings into marketable solutions.

While declaring the Retreat open, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development), Prof. Olawale Dairo, described the initiative as timely and strategic. He noted that the retreat aligns with the University's core mandate, stressing the need for research to transcend theoretical contributions and address pressing national and global challenges. He restated Management's commitment to supporting research initiatives and encouraged scholars to intensify efforts in attracting both local and international grants.



The second keynote lecture, titled “Understanding the National Agricultural Research System (NARS) of Nigeria,” and Mandate, Organisation, Resources and Programmes of IFSERAR, was delivered by a former Director of IFSERAR, Prof. Olusegun Osinowo. He emphasised the importance of multidisciplinary approaches and cross-sectoral partnerships in advancing research and development.

According to him, meaningful progress can only be achieved through collaboration among government, academia, and industry. He stressed the need for partnerships at international, national, institutional, and industrial levels to facilitate knowledge exchange, capacity building, and increased research impact.



Prof. Osinowo, who is also the Chief Executive Officer of Sophie Academy, expressed concern over the limited awareness of available academic resources among researchers and students, calling for improved access and sensitisation. Reflecting on past successes, he noted that industry partnerships previously supported young researchers through sponsorships, but such initiatives have declined over time.

He also restated the importance of accountability and feedback mechanisms in sustaining effective collaborations, noting that clearly defined objectives and transparent frameworks are essential for long-term success. He encouraged institutions to explore global opportunities, including international fellowships and innovation hubs, as avenues for strengthening research capacity, enhancing visibility, and attracting funding.



In his concluding remarks, Prof. Osinowo urged universities to prioritise sustainable partnership models, invest in innovation, and actively engage stakeholders across sectors, noting that such efforts were critical to achieving research excellence and global relevance.

Earlier in his Welcome Address, the Director of IFSERAR, Prof. Kazeem Bello, described the Retreat as a significant milestone in the Institute's 16-year journey towards attaining world-class status. He explained that the initiative reflects a collective resolve to strengthen research capacity and reposition the Institute for greater global relevance.

Prof. Bello highlighted that sustained institutional support has led to improved infrastructure, enhanced staff morale, and renewed commitment to research and development. He added that these efforts have yielded tangible outcomes, including the successful hosting of the Institute's maiden international conference on Climate Smart Agriculture, revitalisation of cocoa and oil palm projects, and notable improvements in crop production initiatives.

18. FUNAAB Signs MoU With Swedish Institution to Boost International Collaboration

Published On: March 5, 2026



Last Updated on March 9, 2026 by Olasunkanmi Olajide

Following the visit of scholars from Blekinge Institute of Technology, Sweden, to the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) last week, the University, today, March 5, 2026, signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), to strengthen international academic collaboration and expand opportunities for teaching, research, academic exchange.

The agreement centred on discussions held during the Swedish scholars' visit, where both institutions explored avenues for developing mutually beneficial academic programmes and research initiatives. The partnership is expected to enhance knowledge sharing and deepen global engagement between the two institutions.



Speaking during the engagement, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, emphasised the importance of collaborative programmes that would benefit staff, students, and external partners of the University. He noted that the partnership would enhance academic development, strengthen research output, and further position FUNAAB within the global academic community.

Earlier, the Team Lead, Prof. Kayode Adekunle, highlighted the significance of the collaboration, noting that it would also provide the Swedish institution with valuable exposure to Nigeria's academic environment and educational system, while fostering a productive and mutually beneficial relationship.



As part of the collaboration framework, both institutions have proposed the development of joint academic programmes at the Bachelor's and Master's levels, particularly in Computer Science and Electrical/Electronics Engineering. The programmes would involve joint curriculum development, with about 30 per cent local academic content incorporated to ensure relevance to the respective institutional contexts. To facilitate implementation, Deans of relevant Colleges at FUNAAB would work closely with Heads of Departments to provide programme structures and course outlines, enabling programme managers from both institutions to review courses and design collaborative academic plans.

Beyond teaching, the partnership would also prioritise research collaboration, with academic staff from both institutions expected to identify areas of mutual research interest, pursue joint publications, and apply for research grants to strengthen the long-term impact of the collaboration.

19. AGRECOFARM Begins 3-Day Vocational Training on Agroecology, Sustainable Food Production

Published On: February 25, 2026



Last Updated on March 2, 2026 by Olasunkanmi Olajide

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), through its AGRECOFARM, has commenced a 3-Day vocational education training workshop on agroecology and sustainable food production. The programme, which brought together farmers, students, extension agents, agribusiness operators and other stakeholders across the agricultural value chain, began today, Wednesday, February 25, 2026.

Delivering the Opening Remarks, the Team Lead of AGRECOFARM FUNAAB, Prof. Adewale Dipeolu, represented by Prof. Oladapo Fasae, described the initiative as a carefully structured platform designed to address pressing challenges in education, financial empowerment, and community development. He noted that beyond learning from facilitators, participants would also benefit from peer-to-peer engagement through interaction, demonstrations and shared experiences throughout the 3-Day programme.



Director, CEADESE, Prof. Adeboye Fafiolu addressing the participants of the workshop

Prof. Dipeolu emphasised that sustainable progress can only be achieved when opportunities, resources and financial support are equitably distributed across society. According to him, meaningful transformation occurs when support systems are strengthened and individuals are equipped with the necessary tools to succeed.

In his remarks, the Director of the, Centre of Excellence in Agricultural Development and Sustainable Environment (CEADESE), Prof. Adeboye Fafiolu, reiterated the need for innovative and knowledge-driven approaches to farming, particularly in the face of rising global food demand. He stressed that modern agriculture requires more than traditional practices, highlighting efficient water usage, soil rejuvenation and sustainable land management as critical components of productive farming systems.



The AGRECOFARM Programme Coordinator, Dr. Folasade Oke delivering her Welcome Address at the workshop

Prof. Fafiolu further explained that whereas land reclamation previously took up to 15 years before degraded land could become suitable for cultivation, recent research breakthroughs and emerging technologies have reduced the process to as little as one year. He restated that efficiency in irrigation, soil regeneration and overall resource management remains essential for maximising productivity while safeguarding the environment.

Earlier in her Welcome Address, the Programme Coordinator, Agroecology FUNAAB, Dr. Folashade Oke, expressed delight at the impressive turnout and diversity of participants. She noted that the training, organised under the AGRECOFARM initiative and hosted by CEADESE, attracted smallholder and large-scale farmers, youths, women, students and farm service providers.



Participants and Facilitators after the Opening Ceremony of the 3-Day Vocational Training Workshop

According to Dr. Oke, the programme reflected FUNAAB's commitment not only to teaching and research but also to translating knowledge into practical skills that enhance livelihoods, strengthen food security and promote environmental sustainability.

She revealed that the workshop was deliberately structured to be 80 per cent practical, enabling participants to engage in hands-on sessions covering sustainable land preparation, soil testing, greenhouse and hydroponic crop production, product processing, feed pellet production and farm record keeping.

Dr. Oke added that the initiative represented a shared commitment to advancing sustainable agriculture, livestock production and innovative farming solutions that directly address the needs of farmers and agribusinesses across the country



Present at the meeting were the Registrar, Dr. Titus Adeniyi, and the Ag. Director, Directorate of Research, Innovations and Partnerships (DRIP), Oluwagbemiga Adeleye, among others.

20. FUNAAB Set to Partner AltBank, Tulima on AI-Enabled Hydroponic Farming Campus Project

Published On: February 24, 2026



Last Updated on February 26, 2026 by Olasunkanmi Olajide

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), has further strengthened its reputation as a leading African hub for global agricultural innovation as it advanced high-level discussions with Sterling Financial Holdings Company Plc ('Sterling HoldCo') and Egypt-based Tulima Farms and Agri-Processing LLC on the establishment of an AI-enabled hydroponic farming ecosystem on campus.

The initiative, spearheaded by Sterling HoldCo's subsidiary, The Alternative Bank ('AltBank'), is conceived as a commercially viable, technology-driven agricultural venture integrating Artificial Intelligence with precision hydroponic systems to cultivate select exotic vegetables and staple crops under climate-controlled conditions. Designed to operate at scale, the project reflects a new generation of smart farming models that combine finance, innovation, and research expertise.

Abeokuta has been identified as a high-potential investment destination, with FUNAAB recognised as a strategic anchor institution due to its robust agricultural research ecosystem, expansive farmlands, innovation-driven centres, and access to highly skilled human capital. The University's longstanding leadership in agricultural science, enterprise development, and sustainable farming solutions places it at the forefront of Africa's transition towards technology-enabled agriculture.

Welcoming the delegation, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, affirmed the University's readiness to host and drive the partnership, emphasising that FUNAAB possesses the institutional capacity, technical depth, and enabling infrastructure required to successfully launch and sustain the project. He reiterated the University's commitment to fostering impactful industry collaborations capable of delivering measurable economic and developmental outcomes.

The proposed AI-enabled hydroponic initiative is in sync with broader efforts to strengthen food systems through import substitution, year-round productivity, and enhanced climate resilience. By leveraging data-driven nutrient management, optimised water use, and controlled-environment agriculture, the project aims to ensure consistent high yields while minimising resource waste. Beyond boosting domestic food production, the initiative is expected to contribute significantly to agribusiness growth, job creation, and economic diversification, while serving as a scalable model for smart agriculture across the African continent.

As part of the technical and commercial due diligence process, the joint team undertook site inspections within the University to assess infrastructure availability, climatic suitability, and preliminary water and soil nutrient profiling.

The engagement provided an opportunity to review identified locations, align operational expectations, and advance discussions towards a structured and mutually beneficial partnership framework.

Mrs. Ugonwa Ikegwuonu, Head of Agric Finance at The Alternative Bank led the delegation and provided strategic insights into the rationale behind the project. Mr. Mohamed Salama, Founder/CEO, Tulima Farms, Cairo, Egypt delivered a comprehensive technical presentation outlining the production model, investment structure, operational framework, and proposed risk-sharing architecture. He underscored the importance of constituting a cross-functional University team comprising experts in agriculture, engineering, research, infrastructure, and enterprise development to deepen technical collaboration and accelerate implementation.

Meanwhile, Tulima Farms and Agri-Processing LLC is internationally reputed for its sustainable, high-tech indoor farming systems, utilising climate-controlled greenhouses and modular container farms to produce pesticide-free, nutrient-dense crops within an integrated farm-to-table value chain. The delegation's tour of FUNAAB's Automated Greenhouse facility, Musarchy Farms, and the Centre of Excellence in Agricultural Development and Sustainable Environment (CEADESE) experiential farms further demonstrated the University's preparedness to host advanced agricultural technologies and scale commercially viable agribusiness ventures.

Senior University officials present at the meeting included the Registrar, Dr. Titus Adeniyi; the Bursar, Mr. Olukayode Osinuga; the Director, CEADESE, Prof. Adeboye Fafiolu; the Acting Director, Directorate of Research, Innovations and Partnerships (DRIP), Dr. Oluwagbemiga Adeleye; the Principal Assistant Registrar, Vice-Chancellor's Office, Mr. Adekunle Adebiyi, and the University Legal Officer, Mrs. Olanrewaju Tanimowo. They were joined by Dr. Hatem Elmedalaa, the resident Agronomy Consultant in Tulima Farms, among others.

With this prospective partnership, FUNAAB is reinforcing its global outlook and strategic commitment to integrating finance, research excellence, and emerging technologies in building resilient and sustainable food systems for Africa and beyond.


Gr8 Sanko
24 February 2026 12:57 pm

21. FUNAAB, Austria's PeaceEye Partner on Digital Tool to Address Farmer–Herder Conflict

Published On: January 19, 2026
By Olasunkanmi Olajide

In a bold move to resolve the lingering farmer-herder crisis in Nigeria, the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), today, January 19, 2026, entered into a strategic partnership with PeaceEye FlexCo, an Austria-based geospatial intelligence and digital innovation company, to develop a technology-driven Farmer–Herder App aimed at preventing and mitigating conflicts across Nigeria.

The partnership formalised with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), marked a significant step towards deploying research-led, inclusive digital solutions to one of sub-Saharan Africa's most persistent socio-economic and security challenges.



Farmer–herder conflicts have intensified across Nigeria in recent years, driven by climate change, declining land productivity, water scarcity, and shifting migration patterns. These pressures have heightened competition over land and natural resources, resulting in recurring violence, displacement, and economic losses. The FUNAAB–PeaceEye collaboration seeks to address these challenges through innovation, data-driven planning, and community engagement.

PeaceEye FlexCo, headquartered in Salzburg, Austria, specialises in applying Earth Observation (EO), Artificial Intelligence (AI), satellite imagery, and open-source intelligence to geospatial risk analysis for public good. Under the partnership, both institutions would co-design and deploy a Farmer–Herder App that is accessible, user-friendly, and adaptable regardless of literacy or educational background.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, PeaceEye's Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Andreas Papp, commended FUNAAB's strong ties to local communities and its practical understanding of the

realities faced by farmers and pastoralists. He described the initiative as a collaborative, bottom-up process that prioritises community participation over externally imposed solutions.

“This partnership goes beyond technology,” Mr. Papp said. “It is about building trust, enabling dialogue, and co-creating digital tools that help communities agree on grazing routes, land use, and peaceful coexistence. FUNAAB’s research capacity and grassroots engagement make it an ideal partner.”

Welcoming the PeaceEye delegation, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, described the collaboration as timely and strategic, noting that “The farmer–herder crisis is not merely an agricultural problem; it is a complex socio-economic and cultural issue,” Prof. Kehinde said. “Beyond pasture provision, sustainable solutions must account for social dynamics, cross-boundary movements, and community perceptions. FUNAAB is well positioned to integrate these dimensions into a scalable, evidence-based model.”

Meanwhile, the Farmer–Herder App would leverage geo-fencing technology to provide farmers and nomadic herders with real-time access to mapped farmlands, designated grazing areas, and approved migration corridors. By promoting transparency, coordination, and shared understanding of land use, the app is expected to significantly reduce conflict risks and support sustainable resource management.

The brief ceremony was attended by the Ag. Director, Directorate of Research, Innovations and Partnerships (DRIP), Dr. Oluwagbemiga Adeleye; Caribbean Countries Desk Officer for FUNAAB, Prof. John Oyedepo and the immediate past Director, DRIP, Prof. Mutiu Busari, including the University Legal Officer, Mrs. Olanrewaju Tanimowo, among others.

22. FUNAAB, Austria's PeaceEye Partner on Digital Tool to Address Farmer–Herder Conflict

Published On: January 19, 2026
Last Updated on October 9, 2026 by admin

By Olasunkanmi Olajide

In a bold move to resolve the lingering farmer-herder crisis in Nigeria, the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), today, January 19, 2026, entered into a strategic partnership with PeaceEye FlexCo, an Austria-based geospatial intelligence and digital innovation company, to develop a technology-driven Farmer–Herder App aimed at preventing and mitigating conflicts across Nigeria.

The partnership formalised with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), marked a significant step towards deploying research-led, inclusive digital solutions to one of sub-Saharan Africa's most persistent socio-economic and security challenges.



Farmer–herder conflicts have intensified across Nigeria in recent years, driven by climate change, declining land productivity, water scarcity, and shifting migration patterns. These pressures have heightened competition over land and natural resources, resulting in recurring violence, displacement, and economic losses. The FUNAAB–PeaceEye collaboration seeks to address these challenges through innovation, data-driven planning, and community engagement.

PeaceEye FlexCo, headquartered in Salzburg, Austria, specialises in applying Earth Observation (EO), Artificial Intelligence (AI), satellite imagery, and open-source intelligence to geospatial risk analysis for public good. Under the partnership, both institutions would co-design and deploy a Farmer–Herder App that is accessible, user-friendly, and adaptable regardless of literacy or educational background.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, PeaceEye's Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Andreas Papp, commended FUNAAB's strong ties to local communities and its practical understanding of the realities faced by farmers and pastoralists. He described the initiative as a collaborative, bottom-up process that prioritises community participation over externally imposed solutions.

"This partnership goes beyond technology," Mr. Papp said. "It is about building trust, enabling dialogue, and co-creating digital tools that help communities agree on grazing routes, land use, and peaceful coexistence. FUNAAB's research capacity and grassroots engagement make it an ideal partner."

Welcoming the PeaceEye delegation, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, described the collaboration as timely and strategic, noting that "The farmer–herder crisis is not merely an agricultural problem; it is a complex socio-economic and cultural issue," Prof. Kehinde said. "Beyond pasture provision, sustainable solutions must account for social dynamics, cross-boundary movements, and community perceptions. FUNAAB is well positioned to integrate these dimensions into a scalable, evidence-based model."

Meanwhile, the Farmer–Herder App would leverage geo-fencing technology to provide farmers and nomadic herders with real-time access to mapped farmlands, designated grazing areas, and approved migration corridors. By promoting transparency, coordination, and shared understanding of land use, the app is expected to significantly reduce conflict risks and support sustainable resource management.

The brief ceremony was attended by the Ag. Director, Directorate of Research, Innovations and Partnerships (DRIP), Dr. Oluwagbemiga Adeleye; Caribbean Countries Desk Officer for FUNAAB, Prof. John Oyedepo and the immediate past Director, DRIP, Prof. Mutiu Busari, including the University Legal Officer, Mrs. Olanrewaju Tanimowo, among others.

23. New German Consul General, Daniel Krull, Receives FUNAAB Delegation, Sets December 9 for Official Visit

Published On: November 24, 2025



Last Updated on November 24, 2025 by Olasunkanmi Olajide

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), Prof. Olukayode Akinyemi, has paid a courtesy visit to the new Consul General of Germany, Mr. Daniel Krull, on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde.

Speaking on the visit, the Ag. Head, Directorate of Public Relations, Mr. Olasunkanmi Olajide, noted that the Consul General expressed his commitment to strengthening and expanding the longstanding relationship between the German Consulate and FUNAAB.

He further disclosed that, as part of efforts to deepen collaboration, the Consul General is scheduled to visit FUNAAB on December 9, 2025, for an official tour of the University.

Prof. Akinyemi was accompanied by FUNAAB's Desk Officer for the German Consulate, Prof. Olufemi Ojo, and Mr. Johnson Olukehinde.