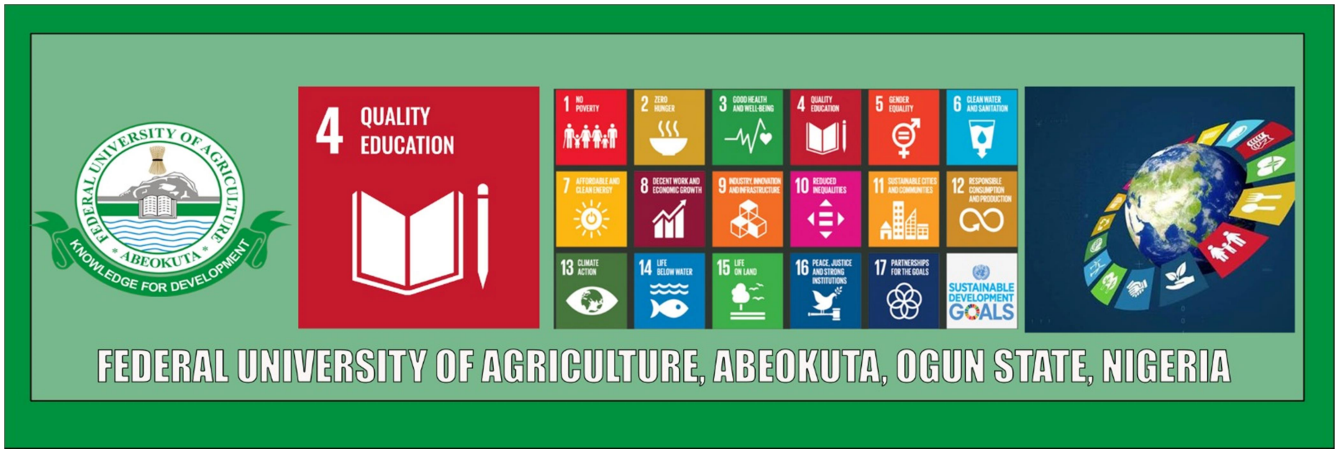










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1. DIA Holds In-House Training on Audit Reporting, Financial Management

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By Olaoye Oyewole

The Directorate of Internal Audit (DIA), today, June 4, 2026, organised an In-house Training programme to strengthen the capacity of Audit personnel in report writing, professional practice, and financial management.

Delivering a paper titled, "Enhancing Internal Audit Effectiveness Through Quality Report Writing and Professional Practice," the Director, FUNAAB Integrated Ventures (FIV) and former Director, Directorate of Internal Audit, Mr. Olufisayo Ambode, underscored the importance of quality report writing and adherence to professional standards in enhancing internal audit effectiveness.

According to him, the value of an audit extends beyond the identification of weaknesses and risks to the effective communication of findings in a clear, accurate, and objective manner that supports informed decision-making. He further highlighted the need for professional scepticism, independence, integrity, and continuous professional development in achieving quality audit outcomes.



Mr. Ambode encouraged participants to embrace concise, evidence-based reporting techniques and align their activities with established professional standards to promote accountability and strengthen internal control systems.

In another presentation titled, “Essentials of Internal Audit Report,” the Ag. Director of the Directorate, Mr. Kehinde Ajayi, described the audit report as a critical tool for communicating audit findings and recommendations to Management. He emphasised that effective audit reports must be clear, accurate, objective, timely, and evidence-based.
Mr. Ajayi identified audit findings, risk implications, recommendations, and management responses as key components of a quality audit report. He noted that effective audit reporting enhances decision-making, strengthens internal control systems, and contributes significantly to organisational performance.

Speaking on “Elements of Budget, Expenditure Control and Prepayment Audit,” Mr. Olufemi Owoade, a Deputy Director in the Directorate, stressed the importance of budgeting as a vital instrument for planning, resource allocation, and organisational control. He identified revenue projections, expenditure estimates, and performance targets as essential elements of a sound budgeting process.



He further explained that expenditure control measures help ensure that spending remains within approved budgetary limits and aligns with organisational objectives. According to him, prepayment audit plays a crucial role in verifying transactions before payment, thereby preventing errors, fraud, and unauthorised expenditures.

Earlier in his Welcome Address, Mr. Ajayi stated that the training programme was carefully designed to enhance participants' knowledge, skills, and professional competence in key areas of internal auditing, financial management, and report writing. He noted that Internal Auditors play a vital role in promoting accountability, transparency, good governance, and effective risk management within organisations, adding that the topics selected for the programme were timely and relevant to the evolving demands of the profession.

The training concluded with a renewed call for effective audit reporting, prudent financial management, and strict adherence to professional standards as essential tools for promoting transparency, accountability, and overall institutional effectiveness within the University.

2. DITTECS, NISLT Partner to Build Future-Ready Laboratory Professionals

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By Joy Adeyiga

The Directorate of Technologists and Technical Staff (DITTECS), Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), in collaboration with the Nigerian Institute of Science Laboratory Technology (NISLT), is set to organise a capacity-building workshop aimed at equipping Laboratory Technologists and Scientists with the skills required for professional excellence in the modern workplace.

The workshop, themed "Building Future-Ready Laboratory Professionals: Essential Hard and Soft Skills for Academic and Workplace Excellence," is scheduled to hold on Monday, June 15, 2026, at the Green Chamber, FUNAAB.

According to a statement issued by the Director of DITTECS, Dr. 'Wunmi Abimbola-Okuneye, the programme would commence at 10:00 a.m. and is designed to strengthen the technical and interpersonal competencies of laboratory professionals, enabling them to adapt to the evolving demands of academic and professional environments.

Dr. Abimbola-Okuneye explained that participants would gain practical knowledge on emerging trends in laboratory practice, professional ethics, effective communication, teamwork, leadership, and other essential skills required for career advancement and improved service delivery.

The Director further noted that the initiative reflects FUNAAB's commitment to continuous capacity development and to promoting best practices in laboratory science through strategic partnerships with recognised professional bodies such as NISLT.
She encouraged eligible participants to take advantage of the workshop, describing it as an opportunity to acquire relevant competencies needed to remain effective and competitive in today's rapidly changing scientific and technological landscape.

Meanwhile, the workshop is expected to attract Laboratory Technologists, Scientists, researchers, and other stakeholders from within and outside the University community. It would also provide a valuable platform for knowledge exchange, networking, and professional growth.

3. AGRECOFARM Cohort 2.0 Empowers Climate-Smart Farmers

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The AGRECOFARM Vocational Education Training Cohort 2.0 has successfully empowered participants with practical knowledge and skills in climate-smart and sustainable agricultural practices during the just-concluded training programme held at the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB).

The Two-Day vocational training programme on Agroecology and Sustainable Food Production, which held from May 13 to 14, 2026, was organised in response to growing concerns over food insecurity, climate change, declining soil fertility, and the increasing demand for sustainable food production systems across Nigeria and Africa.

The training brought together farmers, students, agripreneurs, extension officers, and agricultural professionals for intensive practical sessions focusing on hydroponics, soilless farming systems, composting, integrated pest management, crop nutrition, and effective farm management techniques.

Speaking during the programme, the Team Lead of the AGRECOFARM Project, Prof. Adewale Dipeolu, stressed the urgent need for innovative and sustainable farming systems capable of addressing present-day food production challenges.

According to him, modern agriculture can no longer depend solely on traditional farming methods due to changing climate conditions, environmental degradation, and the increasing demand for food. He noted that farmers must embrace climate-smart technologies and sustainable solutions to remain productive and competitive.

Prof. Dipeolu explained that the training programme was conceived as a practical intervention aimed at equipping participants with relevant skills, innovative approaches, and modern agricultural knowledge capable of enhancing productivity, profitability, and environmental sustainability.

He further disclosed that AGRECOFARM remained committed to bridging the gap between conventional agriculture and modern sustainable farming systems through practical exposure to hydroponics, nutrient management, composting, integrated pest management, and effective farm management practices.

The Team Lead emphasised that the future of agriculture lies in innovation, sustainability, and knowledge-driven farming systems, while encouraging participants to apply the knowledge gained within their farms, businesses, and communities to improve food production and environmental protection.

Earlier in her Welcome Address, the Programme Coordinator, Dr. Folasade Oke, appreciated participants and facilitators for their commitment to promoting sustainable agriculture and youth participation in agribusiness. She described the initiative as a timely intervention aimed at addressing critical challenges confronting agriculture and food production systems in the country.

Dr. Oke further noted that the programme adopted an 80 percent practical and learner-friendly approach, allowing participants to engage directly in demonstrations and hands-on activities within an inclusive, non-examination learning environment that encouraged active participation, practical understanding, and knowledge sharing among participants.

4. VC Charges Newly Employed IFSERAR Research Fellows on Ethics, Impactful Research

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By Femi Dansu

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, today, December 22, 2025, charged newly employed Research Fellows of the Institute of Food Security, Environmental Resources and Agricultural Research (IFSERAR) to uphold the highest standards of ethics, professionalism and discipline in the conduct of impactful research.

Speaking through the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olusegun Idowu, the Vice-Chancellor congratulated the Fellows on their appointments, describing them as recognition of their academic excellence and potential to drive innovation, research advancement and national development.

He noted that they were joining a scholarly community founded on integrity, intellectual rigour and service, and urged them to prioritise honesty, diligence and accountability in all research activities, particularly in data collection and analysis.

Prof. Kehinde emphasised that IFSERAR was established to address critical challenges in food security, environmental sustainability and agricultural development, charging the Fellows to be innovative, solution-driven and committed to producing research outputs with tangible local and national impact. He further encouraged collaboration, mentorship, interdisciplinary partnerships and continuous professional development, while stressing the importance of timely delivery of research milestones.

He concluded by reminding the Fellows to serve as worthy ambassadors of IFSERAR and FUNAAB, ensuring that their conduct, publications and professional engagements continue to enhance the University's reputation.

Earlier, the Director of IFSERAR, Prof. Kazeem Bello, in a presentation titled "Revitalising IFSERAR: FUNAAB's World-Class Status—Our Focus," outlined the Institute's mandate to conduct and coordinate world-class research, with dissemination of outputs to end-users through the Agricultural Media Resources and Extension Centre (AMREC). He highlighted IFSERAR's integrated agricultural research strategy aimed at innovation, commercialisation and economic growth, in line with national food security priorities and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Prof. Bello attributed the Institute's achievements to staff dedication despite several challenges, including low public awareness of IFSERAR's capabilities. He advocated improved coordination, long-term planning, stronger academia–industry collaboration through the triple-helix model, increased private-sector engagement, innovation skill development, and prioritisation of quality publications and patents.

Also speaking, Prof. Victor Olowe, a former Director of AMREC, presented an overview of IFSERAR's history, programmes, mandates and the roles of Research Fellows. He explained that the Institute operates eight programmes covering aquaculture and fisheries, agricultural mechanisation and energy, biosciences, crop production, environmental resources and conservation, food and nutrition, livestock production, and socio-economics.

He outlined the Fellows' responsibilities, which included proposal development, project monitoring, grant management, research dissemination, limited teaching and supervision, and regular reporting to the Director, while offering practical tips for achieving success and visibility in research.

5. VC's Examination Support Initiative Benefits Indigent Students

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

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



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

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

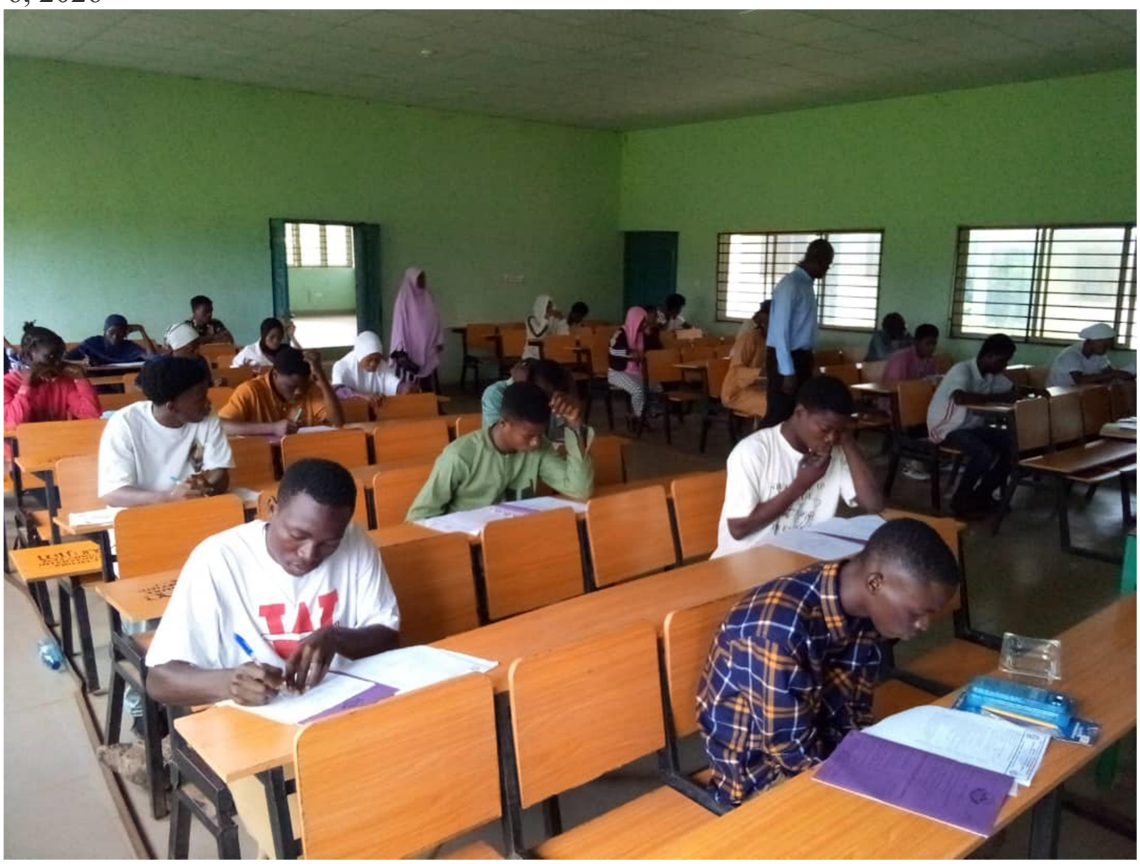
Dr. Wheto further commended the Vice-Chancellor and his family for their compassion and generosity, stressing that the support packages would go a long way in helping the beneficiaries focus on their studies and perform optimally in their examinations.

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

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

6. FUNAAB, OYSCATECH Degree Programmes Commence Second Semester Examinations

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The Oyo State College of Agriculture and Technology (OYSCATECH), Igbo-Ora, under the affiliation of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), has commenced the second semester examinations for students of its affiliated Degree programmes for the 2025/2026 Academic Session.

The examinations, which began on July 6, 2026, are scheduled to end on July 17, 2026.

The examination exercise was monitored by the Academic Coordinator, Prof. Emmanuel Idehen, alongside the Academic Coordinator at the College, Dr. Olusola Olagoke, and the Chief Invigilator, Dr. Victoria Ojo. Other invigilators were also on the ground to supervise the examinations and ensure strict compliance with examination regulations.

7. FUNAAB Invites Interested Candidates to Apply for Six Newly Approved Academic Programmes

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The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), has called on suitably qualified candidates seeking admission for the 2026/2027 Academic Session to proceed to any accredited Computer-Based Test (CBT) Centre to effect a change of course to any of its six newly approved Undergraduate Academic Programmes.

The call follows the approval granted by the National Universities Commission (NUC) for the University to commence the programmes on a Full-Time basis from the 2026/2027 Academic Session.

The newly approved programmes are:

- Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Geophysics
- Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Public Health
- Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Biotechnology
- Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Science Laboratory Technology
- Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
- Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) Clothing and Textile

Prospective candidates who meet the admission requirements are advised to take advantage of this opportunity by completing the change of course process at any accredited CBT Centre.

8. FUNAAB Staff School Honours Outstanding Pupils at 2026 Prize-Giving Ceremony

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... Introduces CBT for Primary Six

By Olasunkanmi Olajide & Femi Dansu

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) Staff School, today, July 22, 2026, celebrated academic excellence and outstanding achievements at its 2026 Prize-Giving Ceremony, with the introduction of Computer-Based Testing (CBT) for Primary Six pupils marking another milestone in the school's drive towards digital education.



In his Message to the school as the Father of the Day, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, commended the pupils for their remarkable display of talents. He noted that their performances reflected the quality of education being offered at the Staff School and expressed delight over the introduction of CBT, describing it as evidence of the school's commitment to preparing pupils for future academic realities.



The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Director, Directorate of Academic Planning (DAP), Prof. Biodun Badmus, encouraged parents to enrol their children in FUNAAB International School (FUNIS) immediately, explaining that the institution was established as a feeder school to the University. Prof. Badmus who also represented the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic and the Chief Host, Prof. Olusegun Idowu, noted that many former pupils had successfully progressed through the International School into FUNAAB, where they continued to

excel academically. He appreciated the parents, the Head Teacher and members of staff for their dedication to nurturing the children and prayed that they would reap the rewards of their labour.



Speaking as Chairman of the Day, the Surveyor-General of Ogun State, Mr. Ebenezer Ewulo, disclosed that all his children attended FUNAAB Staff School. He described the school as exceptional, applauding the remarkable improvements in its facilities, academic standards and overall development. He also commended the Vice-Chancellor for providing purposeful leadership that had continued to reposition the school for greater achievements.



Earlier, the Headteacher, Mrs. Florence Alade, described the achievements recorded during the 2025/2026 Academic Session as a reflection of hard work, dedication and God's faithfulness. She expressed profound appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor for his visionary leadership and prompt approval of requests that had continued to enhance the growth and development of the Staff School.



She also acknowledged the support of the Chairman of the FUNAAB Schools' Management Board, Prof. Olusegun Idowu, members of the Board, the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), parents and guardians, as well as the Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff, whose collective commitment, she noted, had contributed immensely to the academic excellence and moral upbringing of the pupils.



Highlighting the school's accomplishments, Mrs. Alade disclosed that pupils recorded impressive performances in academics, sports and entrance examinations into FUNIS. She also announced that Computer-Based Testing (CBT) had been introduced for Primary Six pupils as a

strategic initiative to equip learners with essential digital skills for the 21st century. Congratulating the graduating pupils, she urged them to remain worthy ambassadors of the school, noting that the annual Prize-Giving Ceremony was organised to celebrate excellence, diligence and holistic development through the recognition of outstanding pupils, dedicated staff and supportive parents.



The highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of awards to outstanding pupils across all classes. Dignitaries at the event included former Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development), Prof. Kola Adebayo; former Ag. Registrar, Mrs. Oluwatoyin Dawodu; Ceremonials Committee Chairperson, Prof. Temitope Ajadi; Ag. Director, Directorate of Internal Audit, Mr. Kehinde Ajayi; representative of the Director of Health Services, Dr. David Adedeji; and Prof. Olusegun Oladoye, who represented the Special Guest of Honour, among many others.



9. FUNAAB Expands Global Footprint with International Agricultural Short Courses

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... Targets Agricultural Professionals, Institutions Across Africa

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), Nigeria, is strengthening its global role in agricultural capacity development with a portfolio of four intensive International Short Courses designed to equip agricultural professionals with practical skills, cutting-edge knowledge and research competencies.

The five-day programme, which commenced on Monday, September 14 and would run until Saturday, September 19, 2026, is being delivered by the World Bank Centre of Excellence in Agricultural Development and Sustainable Environment (CEADESE), further positioning FUNAAB as a platform for international knowledge exchange, professional development and agricultural innovation.

The four specialised courses are Cassava Production, led by Prof. Thomas Fabunmi; Seed Agronomy, led by Prof. Emmanuel Idehen; Research Methods, facilitated by Prof. Oluwagbemiga Adeleye; and Seed Quality Testing and Laboratory Tools, led by Dr. Tolulope Lawrence.

The Cassava Production course takes participants through the cassava value chain, from variety selection and production to processing and enterprise development. Seed Agronomy focuses on seed biology, crop reproductive processes and seed production planning, while the Seed Quality Testing and Laboratory Tools course provides practical training in genetic purity, field inspection and laboratory analysis.

The Research Methods course equips participants with competencies in research design, experimentation, data analysis and scientific writing.

Each programme comprises 40 contact hours and combines expert-led masterclasses with hands-on fieldwork, laboratory exercises, case studies and competency-based assessments. The practical orientation is designed to help participants translate acquired knowledge into solutions they can apply within their institutions and agricultural systems.

The programmes have attracted participants from outside Nigeria, including professionals from Liberia's Central Agricultural Research Institute (CARI), led by its Director, Mr Joseph Woah.

Speaking during a Courtesy Visit to the Vice-Chancellor, Mr Woah described the programme as both an exploratory engagement and a professional development opportunity for CARI, expressing confidence in FUNAAB's capacity to deliver on the training objectives.

Welcoming participants at the Opening Ceremony on Monday, September 14, 2026, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, emphasised the importance of continuous professional development in accelerating agricultural transformation.

"I am welcoming you to the Best University of Agriculture in Africa today. Take every lecture seriously so you can return to your organisations and improve your systems," the Vice-Chancellor told the participants.

Prof. Kehinde also specially welcomed Mr. Mark Yanley, a FUNAAB alumnus from Liberia who previously participated in a CEADESE programme, back to his alma mater. At the end of each programme, participants who successfully met the stipulated requirements would receive a Certificate of Completion carrying 40 Contact Hours.

The initiative represents an expansion of FUNAAB's contribution to agricultural development beyond conventional degree programmes, reinforcing the University's focus on internationalisation, research excellence, industry and institutional engagement, professional capacity building and lifelong learning.

Through initiatives such as these, FUNAAB is creating avenues for agricultural professionals and institutions across Africa to access specialised expertise, share knowledge and develop practical solutions capable of advancing agricultural productivity and sustainable development across the continent and beyond.

10. FUNAAB Partners NUC, TETFund, GETrust to Strengthen Entrepreneurship Education Capacity

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By Joy Adeyiga & Wuraola Dada

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), in collaboration with the National Universities Commission (NUC), Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), and GETrust, has commenced a 3-Day capacity-building programme to strengthen the capacity of Academic staff in entrepreneurship education.

The programme which began today, September 14, 2026, at the CENTS Auditorium, was organised by the University's Centre for Entrepreneurial Studies (CENTS), and focused on "Teaching Entrepreneurship Using Effectuation."

Declaring the programme open, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olusegun Idowu, commended the Director of CENTS for organising the training, describing it as an important initiative towards strengthening entrepreneurship education across the University.



The Vice-Chancellor urged participants to engage actively with the sessions and ensure that the knowledge and skills acquired were effectively transferred to students to foster an entrepreneurial mindset and produce graduates who would not only seek employment but also create opportunities for themselves and others.

He also charged the facilitators to share practical experiences and teaching approaches that could be adapted by Academic staff across various disciplines, while wishing participants a fruitful and rewarding experience.

In his goodwill message, the Director, CENTS, Prof. Sakiru Akinbode, noted the strategic importance of entrepreneurship education and the pivotal role of the Centre in mainstreaming entrepreneurial learning across the University's Colleges.

Prof. Akinbode explained that effectuation provides a practical framework for teaching students, particularly those outside business-related disciplines, how to make decisions and take action under conditions of uncertainty by leveraging their existing resources, knowledge and networks.

He called on participants to actively engage in the programme and develop practical teaching modules that could be integrated into FUNAAB's curriculum.

The first facilitator, Dr. Abubakar Adamu of the University of Maiduguri, delivered sessions on pedagogical principles for teaching entrepreneurship to non-business students, as well as the background and core principles of effectuation.



He explained that the approach was built around five core principles: Bird-in-Hand, Affordable Loss, Crazy Quilt, Lemonade, and Pilot-in-the-Plane.

The second facilitator, Dr. Olufunke Jenyo, focused on the Bird-in-Hand principle, explaining that it encourages entrepreneurs and students to begin with what they already possess, who I am, what I know, and whom I know, rather than waiting for a perfect business idea or external funding.

According to her, the principle promotes immediate action by encouraging individuals to leverage existing personal assets, including their skills, experiences and social connections. She noted that the approach was particularly relevant to non-business students, whose discipline-specific knowledge and expertise could serve as valuable resources for venture creation.

The 3-Day programme is expected to enhance the capacity of FUNAAB Academic staff to deliver entrepreneurship education that is experiential, inclusive and aligned with global best practices in effectual thinking.

11. FUNAAB Wins ACM-W Nigeria Women in IT Hackathon

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The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) has emerged as the winner of the hackathon organised as part of the ACM-W Nigeria Celebration of Women in Information Technology (IT), further demonstrating the University's growing strength in technology, innovation and digital skills.

The hackathon, which focused on Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AI/ML) using live datasets, brought together students from leading tertiary institutions across the South-West, including FUNAAB, the University of Ibadan, Osun State University (UNIOSUN), Anchor University, Lagos (AUL), Lead City University, Ibadan, Chrisland University, Abeokuta, Bells University of Technology, Ota, Redeemer's College of Technology and Management, Mowe, and Ladoke Akintola University of Technology, Ogbomoso.

At the keenly contested competition, FUNAAB emerged first, with UNIOSUN and AUL finishing second and third, respectively.

The closing and award presentation ceremony was held on September 10, 2026, at the Green Chamber, attracting participants, Academics and technology enthusiasts from participating institutions.

Declaring the University's support for initiatives that promote technological advancement, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, represented by the Director, Directorate of Academic Planning, Prof. Biodun Badmus, commended the Dean of the College of Computing Sciences, Prof. Oluwasefunmi Arogundade, for hosting the programme, as well as the keynote speaker, Prof. Audrey Julia Waleghwa Mbogho of Kenya, and all participants for contributing to its success.

The Vice-Chancellor also highlighted the impact of FUNAAB's solar farm project on the University's operations, noting that improved power supply and campus electrification had strengthened the institution's capacity to support technology-driven initiatives and innovation.

A major highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of awards to outstanding contributors to the celebration. Prof. Mbogho was honoured for her contributions to advancing women's participation in Information Technology.

The organisers also conferred a Distinguished Award of Excellence in Innovation on the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Kehinde, in recognition of the University's innovative strides, particularly in sustainable campus infrastructure.

The ACM-W Nigeria Celebration of Women in IT has continued to provide a platform for promoting women's participation in technology, nurturing innovation and digital competence, as well as fostering healthy academic competition and collaboration among tertiary institutions.

12. Final, Penultimate-Year FUNAABites to Benefit from iDICE Skills Training-to-Jobs Programme

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... Programme Set to Commence at FUNAAB on September 15

Final- and penultimate-year students of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) are set to benefit from the Federal Government's Investment in Digital and Creative Enterprises (iDICE) Skills Training-to-Jobs Programme, designed to equip young Nigerians with in-demand digital skills and connect them with employment and entrepreneurship opportunities.

The programme is scheduled to commence at FUNAAB on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, with an engagement and sensitisation session for interested students at 11:00 a.m. at the Prof. Olusola Oyewole Lecture Theatre.

Speaking on the initiative, the Director, Directorate of Academic Information Systems (DACIS), Prof. Olusegun Folorunso, said the engagement would introduce students to the opportunities available under the programme and expose them to avenues for acquiring relevant digital skills, developing marketable competencies and pursuing careers in the rapidly expanding global digital economy.

Prof. Folorunso explained that iDICE is a Federal Government initiative implemented by the Bank of Industry (BOI), with support from development partners, to strengthen participation in Nigeria's digital and creative economy through skills development, employment and entrepreneurship.

According to him, the programme would enhance students' employability and entrepreneurial prospects by providing access to practical training and other opportunities within the evolving digital economy.

The DACIS Director further disclosed that the engagement would explore the possibility of establishing an iDICE training hub at FUNAAB, which would provide students with convenient and sustained access to digital skills development opportunities.

He said DACIS is coordinating the engagement in collaboration with the programme organisers, while encouraging interested students to attend the session, learn more about the opportunities available and register for the programme.

13. UNAAB Staff School Holds Annual Workshop on Effective Classroom Management

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The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) Staff School today, September 9, 2026, held its annual workshop for the 2026/2027 Academic Session, with emphasis on equipping teachers with contemporary classroom management strategies for effective teaching and learning.

The workshop, themed "Effective Classroom Management and Techniques for 21st Century Learners," brought together members of the University Community and education stakeholders, including the Chairman, FUNAAB Schools Management Board and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olusegun Idowu, who was represented by the Director, Directorate of Academic Information Systems (DACIS), Prof. Olusegun Folorunso; former Ag. Registrar, Mrs. Oluwatoyin Dawodu; and Dr. Chiemeka Njoku.

Welcoming participants to the workshop, the Headteacher of the Staff School, Mrs. Florence Alade, said the theme was carefully selected in view of the changing dynamics of contemporary classrooms and the emergence of learners as digital natives.

She noted that the curiosity and evolving learning patterns of present-day pupils required teaching approaches that went beyond the conventional chalk-and-talk method. According to her, the workshop was designed to equip teachers with modern strategies for creating engaging, disciplined and learner-centred classrooms that promote academic excellence and character development.

In his opening remarks, Prof. Idowu underscored the importance of effective classroom management and appropriate communication strategies in disseminating knowledge in modern classrooms.



He commended the teachers for their dedication and relentless efforts towards sustaining and improving the academic standards of the Staff School, urging them to continue embracing innovative approaches to teaching and learning.

Delivering the first lecture, Mrs. Dawodu spoke on “Principles of Management and Work Ethics as They Affect the Teaching Profession.” She highlighted essential managerial qualities and professional work ethics required to enhance productivity and effectiveness in technology-driven classrooms, particularly in the interaction between teachers and pupils.

Speaking on attendance management, Mr. Saburi Sanusi emphasised the importance of maintaining accurate attendance records, noting that the school would henceforth adopt a digital system for marking pupils’ attendance.

The third lecture, titled “Effective Classroom Management,” was delivered by Dr. Njoku. He advocated the use of innovative and participatory teaching approaches, including gamification, to enhance learners’ engagement and generate productive feedback.

Dr. Njoku further encouraged teachers to adopt modern teaching methods that promote active participation and respond to the needs of learners in today’s increasingly digital-oriented classroom.

The workshop provided an avenue for teachers to enhance their professional knowledge and acquire practical strategies for managing contemporary classrooms while fostering effective learning, discipline and positive character development among pupils.

14. COBFAS Concludes 3-Day Orientation for 2026/2027 FPY Students

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... Equips Students with Skills for Year-Long Agricultural Activities

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), through the Centre for Community-Based Farming Scheme (COBFAS), has concluded a 3-Day Orientation Programme for students participating in the 2026/2027 Farm Practical Year (FPY) Programme, equipping them with practical skills, entrepreneurial knowledge and professional competencies for their year-long agricultural activities.

Held from September 2 to 4, 2026, at the Prof. Oluwafemi Balogun Ceremonial Building, the programme was themed, “Building Future-Ready Agricultural Professionals through Practical Skills, Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Food Systems.” It brought together students from the College of Animal Science and Livestock Production (COLANIM), College of Plant Science and Crop Production (COLPLANT), and College of Agricultural Management and Rural Development (COLAMRUD).

The orientation featured keynote presentations, interactive sessions, career guidance, entrepreneurship discussions and practical briefings on professional conduct and farm safety. The opening activities emphasised the need for students to approach the FPY not merely as an academic requirement, but as an opportunity to acquire practical competencies, develop entrepreneurial mindsets and prepare for meaningful careers in agriculture.

Speaking during the programme, the Director of COBFAS, Prof. Akerele, appreciated the University Management and the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, for their continued support for COBFAS and the FPY Programme. He urged the students to take the orientation and

subsequent practical training seriously, maintain good character and conduct themselves as responsible ambassadors of FUNAAB.

The second day focused on emerging opportunities in agriculture, agribusiness, entrepreneurship, value addition and professional development. The keynote, "The Future of Agriculture: Emerging Opportunities, Global Trends and Career Pathways," was delivered by Dr. Bukunmi Stephen Atilade, who represented the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Psaltry International, Chief (Mrs.) Oluyemisi Iranloye.

Dr. Atilade challenged the students to move beyond conventional perceptions of agriculture and explore opportunities across the agricultural value chain. He highlighted Nigeria's potential in the global cassava industry and stressed the roles agricultural graduates could play in production, processing, marketing, research, consultancy and technology. He urged the students to maximise the FPY experience and consider it an opportunity to develop their first business venture.

Another session, "Agribusiness, Entrepreneurship and Value Addition: Creating Wealth from Agriculture," was facilitated by Dr. Wahab O., who represented the Executive Director of Obasanjo Farms Nigeria Limited, Dr. G. Jamiyu Adeyemo. The session encouraged students to identify real-life problems and develop agricultural and entrepreneurial solutions, while discussions centred on agribusiness, value creation, entrepreneurship and opportunities across the agricultural value chain.

A FUNAAB alumnus, Mr. Gabriel Oshoma, also shared his "Experience as FPY Alumnus and Opportunities," urging the students to approach the programme with seriousness and purpose. He encouraged them to see the farm as a practical learning environment where they could acquire relevant skills, gain experience and build competencies applicable beyond the University.

The final phase featured the Dean, COLAMRUD, Prof. Emmanuel Fakoya, who spoke on "Building Future-Ready Agricultural Professionals through Practical Skills, Innovation and Entrepreneurship." He identified knowledge, innovation, problem-solving ability and professionalism as essential qualities for future agricultural professionals, while stressing the importance of punctuality, discipline, commitment, integrity and strict compliance with farm safety procedures.

The 3-Day Orientation has reinforced the need for students to combine theoretical knowledge with practical competence, innovation and entrepreneurship as they commence their year-long FPY activities.

15. Nine Nimbe Adedipe Library Staff Attain LRCN Certification

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The Nimbe Adedipe Library of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), has recorded a significant professional milestone as nine of its staff were formally inducted as Certified Librarians of Nigeria (CLN) by the Librarians' Registration Council of Nigeria (LRCN) at the 2025 induction ceremony held in Ibadan.

The induction followed the successful completion of the prescribed professional examinations, signifying that the Librarians have met the required academic, professional and ethical standards for practice. The LRCN certification enhances professional credibility, promotes continuous professional development and strengthens the quality of information service delivery in academic and research libraries across the country.

Addressing the newly inducted Librarians, the University Librarian, Prof. Abayomi Owolabi described the achievement as both an honour and a call to higher responsibility. He urged them to maintain a positive mindset, uphold professional ethics and contribute more meaningfully to the University through dedication to duty, innovation in service delivery and effective support for teaching, learning and research.

Those inducted from the Nimbe Adedipe Library are: Adebamiro N. (CLN), Anifiowose (CLN), Koleade T. (CLN), Ogunsola R. (CLN), Omotosho O. (CLN), Owolabi J. (CLN), Solanke R. (CLN), Sodiya A. (CLN) and Oyero M. (CLN).

The achievement not only brings pride to the individuals concerned but also strengthens the professional standing of the Nimbe Adedipe Library and enhances FUNAAB's image within the academic community.

16. FUNAAB Commences 3-Day Orientation Programme for 2026/2027 FPY Students

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By Raymond Osemene

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), through its Centre for Community-Based Farming Scheme (COBFAS), has commenced a Three-Day Orientation Programme for students participating in the 2026/2027 Academic Session Farm Practical Year (FPY) Programme. The programme, which began today, September 1, 2026, at the Prof. Oluwafemi Balogun Ceremonial Building, is themed, "Building Future-Ready Agricultural Professionals through Practical Skills, Innovation, Entrepreneurship and Sustainable Food System."

The programme attracted FPY students from the College of Animal Science and Livestock Production (COLANIM), College of Plant Science and Crop Production (COLPLANT), and College of Agricultural Management and Rural Development (COLAMRUD). Declaring the programme open, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development), Prof. Olawale Dairo, charged the students to approach agriculture as a viable business by maximising productivity and profitability through appropriate technologies, improved practices and effective management strategies.



The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Prof. Olusegun Idowu delivering his Goodwill Message at the programme

Prof. Kehinde urged the students to participate actively in the practical sessions, noting that the FPY programme was designed to provide hands-on experience in agricultural production and value addition. He stressed that modern agriculture extends beyond crop and animal production, offering opportunities in storage, processing, marketing, mechanisation, consultancy and other areas of the agricultural value chain.

The Vice-Chancellor also emphasised the importance of technology, innovation and collaboration in addressing challenges confronting the agricultural sector. He encouraged the students to embrace emerging technologies, think creatively, ask questions, remain open to new ideas and build networks with colleagues from diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise.



Student Union Executives led by their President during the Orientation Programme

In his Goodwill Message, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olusegun Idowu, urged the students to complement theoretical knowledge with practical skills that would enhance their productivity and contribution to the agricultural sector. He identified practical exposure and technical competence as key objectives of the FPY, noting that students would gain experience in farm machinery operation, farm capital and labour management, post-harvest handling and other aspects of agricultural production.

The Focal Officer, SERVICOM, Mrs. Oluwatoyin Dawodu, represented by the Principal Assistant Registrar, Mrs. Gladys Solanke, assured the students of Management's commitment to providing a conducive environment for learning, personal development and wellbeing. Welcoming the students, the Director, COBFAS, Prof. Dare Akerele, said the orientation was designed to complement classroom learning by exposing students directly to agricultural enterprises through practical sessions, field activities and interactions with academic and professional experts.



The Director, COBFAS, Prof. Dare Akerele delivering his speech at the programme

Prof. Akerele described the philosophy of the FPY as "learning by doing," urging the students to participate actively in the practical activities and take the programme seriously. The Dean, Students Affairs, Prof. Festus Adeosun, similarly charged them to remain focused on their studies while demonstrating discipline, teamwork, good character and positive relationships with their colleagues.

The Director, Students Industrial Work Experience Scheme (SIWES), Prof. Oluwatoyin Afolabi, represented by Mr. Emmanuel Essienekpo, sensitised the students on the University's transition from paper-based procedures to digital platforms. He advised them to familiarise themselves with the University's online assessment, reporting and payment procedures, while paying close attention to instructions communicated through their official emails and other approved platforms.



A cross-section of COBFAS students at the programme

The Director, Health Services, Dr. Oluseyi Anjorin, represented by Dr. Oyelekan Nasiru, advised the students to prioritise safety throughout the compulsory one-year programme. He urged them to use appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), particularly farm boots and suitable head protection, to guard against hazards such as lacerations, puncture wounds, snake bites, scorpion stings and falling objects. The Deputy Director II, Farms, Mrs. Olubukola Fasae, and the Assistant Chief Environmental Officer, Mr. Peter Bolarinwa, represented by Mr. Ayelabola Adeogun, also urged the students to uphold discipline, good character, responsibility and teamwork throughout their training.

The Three-Day o
Orientation Programme is expected to prepare the students for the practical phase of their Farm Practical Year Programme by equipping them with relevant knowledge, practical skills, discipline and professional orientation needed to become future-ready agricultural professionals.

17. FUNAAB to Mentor Newly Established Owolabi University

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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.

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

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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.

19. High-Flying Graduates of FUNAAB

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FUNAAB Produces Another Scholar in the United States

By Olasunkanmi Olajide

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) has again demonstrated its growing reputation as a breeding ground for globally competitive professionals, as one of its distinguished alumni, Dr. Oyefunmilayo Amoda, has earned a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Nutrition from Oregon State University, Corvallis, United States, and secured an appointment as an Assistant Professor at a prestigious American university.

The remarkable feat emphasised FUNAAB's commitment to producing graduates equipped with the knowledge, skills and research competencies required to excel in the global academic and professional environment.

Dr. Amoda graduated from FUNAAB's Department of Nutrition and Dietetics in 2021 with First Class Honours, emerging as the Best Graduating Student in her Department. During her undergraduate years, she distinguished herself not only through outstanding academic performance but also through active participation in cutting-edge research under the mentorship of renowned Academics in the University.

As a young researcher, she contributed to several scholarly publications in reputable peer-reviewed nutrition journals, focusing on critical public health issues, including adolescent nutrition in Abeokuta schools and micronutrient adequacy among civil servants in Ogun State. The strong academic foundation, research exposure and mentorship she received at FUNAAB made her an exceptional candidate for Doctoral studies abroad.

Her impressive academic portfolio earned her direct admission into a fully funded PhD programme at Oregon State University without the requirement of a Master's degree, GRE, TOEFL or IELTS examinations, while also receiving a waiver of the application fee. She was equally awarded the highly competitive Provost Distinguished Scholarship, reserved for students with exceptional academic and research potential, and served as a Graduate Teaching Assistant throughout her Doctoral programme.

Her Doctoral research focused on the epidemiological roles of nutritional factors in hypertension, resulting in publications in leading international nutrition journals, with additional manuscripts currently undergoing peer review.

In another significant milestone, Dr. Amoda has accepted an appointment as an Assistant Professor at a prestigious university in the United States, where she would begin her academic career in the Fall of 2026, joining the global community of scholars advancing research and innovation.

Dr. Amoda's success has been widely described as a reflection of FUNAAB's enduring tradition of academic excellence, impactful mentorship and research-driven education that continues to produce graduates capable of competing and excelling anywhere in the world.

As FUNAAB continues to strengthen its global footprint, stories such as Dr Amoda's reaffirm the University's position as a centre of excellence, nurturing requisite expertise and producing graduates who are making significant contributions to academia, research, industry, and national development across the globe.

20. FUNAAB Students Shine as Ultimate Agri-Contest 2.0, Uncovers Young Agricultural Innovators

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By Femi Dansu

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), today, May 15, 2026, hosted the presentation of winners of the Ultimate Agri-Contest 2.0, a youth-driven agricultural initiative aimed at identifying, empowering, and promoting young agriculturists with innovative ideas capable of transforming agriculture and agribusiness in Nigeria.

Speaking at the event, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olusegun Idowu, described the initiative as a visionary platform inspiring students towards excellence and innovation in agriculture. He commended the Convener, Mr. Sodiq Hassan, a 500-Level student of Animal Production and Health (APH), College of Animal Science and Livestock Production (COLANIM), for initiating and sustaining the programme.



According to the Vice-Chancellor, the Ultimate Agri-Contest had come to stay, expressing optimism that future editions would continue to expand in impact and relevance. He stated that every great idea begins with a dream and vision, noting that the initiative had already become a reality capable of inspiring students, staff, and stakeholders within and beyond the University Community.

He stressed that the programme reflected genuine engagement with the University system, demonstrating how students could contribute meaningfully to institutional growth while also being positively shaped by the University experience. He further remarked that the initiative showed that the convener and participants were truly making their impact felt within the institution.

The Vice-Chancellor, therefore, encouraged students not to underestimate the value and opportunities in agriculture, describing it as a globally respected and profitable profession. He also congratulated all participants, urging those who did not emerge victorious to see the experience as part of their growth process and to return stronger in future editions.



Earlier, the Convener, Mr. Hassan, revealed that the Ultimate Agri-Contest 2.0 commenced about two months ago with orientation and screening exercises, during which 25 participants were reduced to 10 finalists. According to him, contestants were later given time to develop and present innovative agricultural and business-oriented ideas capable of addressing real-life agricultural challenges.

Some of the projects showcased during the competition included a mechanised farming tool developed by a student of Agricultural and Bio-Resources Engineering, rabbit manure production, and the conversion of fresh tomatoes into tomato powder, among other innovative solutions aimed at improving agricultural productivity and sustainability.

The competition was sponsored mainly by NOLAP Farms Limited, with additional support from 5KG Farms. Mr. Hassan reiterated that the initiative had evolved into a movement that required sustained support through increased sponsorships and strategic partnerships to expand its reach and impact.



At the end of the contest, Dare-Ojo Victory Olumide, a 500-Level student of Agricultural and Bio-Resources Engineering, emerged overall winner and received a cash prize of N150,000. Agboola Isaiah Adebayo, a 300-Level student of Animal Breeding and Genetics, emerged first runner-up with N100,000, while Oniyide Kamaldeen Ayodeji, a 400-Level student of Animal Physiology, emerged second runner-up with N50,000.

Other participants received certificates of participation in recognition of their efforts and contributions. Among dignitaries present at the event was the Senior Deputy Registrar, Vice-Chancellor's Office, Mr. Moses Ayanda, alongside some other members of the University Community.

21. BUDLEIN, Nimbe Adedipe Library Train Over 100 School Librarians in Ogun State

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The Budding Leaders Empowerment Initiative (BUDLEIN), in collaboration with the Nimbe Adedipe Library, recently organised a capacity-building training programme for school librarians and teacher-librarians across Ogun State.

Speaking at the event, the University Librarian, Prof. Abayomi Owolabi, emphasised the critical role of functional school libraries in fostering a strong reading culture among pupils. He urged schools to deliberately integrate reading periods into their academic timetables and ensure proper maintenance of library facilities to enhance learning outcomes.

In her address, the Executive Director of BUDLEIN, Prof. Iyabode Kehinde, restated the organisation's commitment to improving literacy levels and supporting the development of functional school libraries across Nigeria, describing libraries as essential drivers of educational transformation.

Meanwhile, facilitators at the training provided participants with practical knowledge of core library operations, where they guided attendees on cataloguing and acquisition processes, as well as effective strategies for sourcing relevant library materials. The participants were also

introduced to electronic resources and digital tools that can strengthen teaching and learning in modern school libraries.

Over 100 school librarians and teacher-librarians participated in the training. One of the beneficiaries, Mrs. Yemisi Ojo, described the programme as eye-opening, noting that it deepened her understanding of the school library system and equipped her with practical skills to promote reading culture among pupils.

22. COLPHYS Holds Research Ethics Step-Down Workshop

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

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

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

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

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

23. COLENG Kicks Off 2026 International Conference on Sustainable Engineering

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By Raymond Osemene

The College of Engineering (COLENG), Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), today, April 28, 2026, commenced its annual international conference with a compelling focus on "Sustainable Engineering in the Era of Digital and Green Transformation."

The opening session, held at the Red Chamber, drew a diverse audience of Academic staff, policymakers, and industry stakeholders, all converging to explore innovative and forward-thinking approaches to engineering practice in a rapidly evolving global environment.



Representing the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olusegun Idowu, described the conference as both timely and visionary. He noted that the theme aligns with the pressing global need for environmentally responsible and technology-driven engineering solutions. He expressed optimism that the conference would inspire robust intellectual discourse, deepen collaboration, and yield practical strategies for sustainable development. He further highlighted FUNAAB's growing reputation in agricultural education and the critical role of engineering in advancing mechanisation, food security, and rural development.

The Vice-Chancellor also commended the outstanding achievements of students and the strong academic leadership within the College, reaffirming the University's commitment to excellence in teaching, research, and innovation.

Earlier in his Welcome Address, the Dean of COLENG, Prof. Adedayo Badejo, revealed that the conference attracted 144 participants from 33 tertiary institutions within and outside Nigeria. He stressed the importance of harmonising digital transformation with green engineering practices, with much emphasis on smart systems, data-driven innovation, renewable energy, and circular design principles. He also outlined key sub-themes, including digital and green transformative systems, resilient engineering, artificial intelligence and embedded systems, eco-friendly technologies, and renewable energy for food security.



Also speaking, the Olowu of Owu Kingdom, Oba (Prof.) Saka Adelola Matemilola, Oluyalo Otileta VII, represented by Dr. Akintoye Akindele, Chairman of Platform Capital, emphasised the need for engineering to transcend theoretical frameworks and embrace practical, market-driven solutions. He stressed that the true value of engineering lies in its capacity to generate economic impact, urging professionals to translate innovations into viable enterprises within the dynamic digital economy.

He further described today's global landscape as one driven by digital innovation and sustainability, where green technologies are no longer optional but imperative. He cited advancements in renewable energy, smart grids, and solar-powered systems as clear indicators of engineering's transformative potential.

Delivering the keynote lecture, the Vice-Chancellor of Elizade University, Kwara State, Prof. Philip Oguntunde, described the conference theme as both relevant and urgent. He observed that conventional industrial models based on extraction and disposal are becoming obsolete, giving way to a "twin transformation" shaped by digital innovation and environmental sustainability.



He advocated a shift from linear production systems to circular models that prioritise reuse, recycling, and low-carbon materials. While acknowledging the enabling role of digital technologies in achieving sustainability goals, he also drew attention to their high energy demands, describing this as an “engineering paradox” that calls for balanced, innovative, and sustainable solutions.

The conference is expected to feature technical sessions, paper presentations, and collaborative engagements aimed at advancing sustainable engineering practices in line with global development goals. It ends on April 30, 2026.

24. IFSERAR Seminar Highlights Climate-Smart Strategies for Improved Sorghum Productivity

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By Femi Dansu

A Research Fellow at the Institute of Food Security, Environmental Resources and Agricultural Research (IFSERAR), Dr. James Fadeyi, has unveiled innovative climate-smart strategies aimed at enhancing sorghum productivity in the face of worsening climatic conditions.

Dr. Fadeyi presented the findings at the Institute's Monthly Seminar held today, April 29, 2026, where he, alongside his research team, examined the impact of organic soil amendments on improved sorghum varieties within the forest–savannah transition agro-ecology, an area increasingly vulnerable to climate variability.

The presentation underscored the urgency of adopting Climate-Smart Agriculture (CSA) practices, in line with global efforts to simultaneously improve productivity, strengthen adaptation, and mitigate climate change impacts.

Highlighting the rationale for the study, the researchers pointed to persistent yield gaps of between 30 and 60 percent in sorghum production, particularly among smallholder farmers. They noted that despite sorghum's inherent drought tolerance, factors such as poor soil fertility, erratic rainfall, and nutrient stress continue to limit optimal yields. The team also identified critical knowledge gaps relating to soil nutrient dynamics and varietal performance under changing climatic conditions.

To address these challenges, the study evaluated three improved sorghum varieties—SAMSORG 44, SAMSORG 47, and SAMSORG 48, under varying levels of water stress, while also assessing the influence of poultry manure on growth and yield performance. Findings revealed that severe drought stress had no significant effect on key agronomic parameters, including growth, phenology, and yield.

Notably, clear varietal differences were observed, with SAMSORG 44 consistently outperforming the other varieties in grain yield and related components across all stress conditions. The study further demonstrated that the application of poultry manure significantly improved plant performance, with an optimal rate of 5.0 tonnes per hectare identified for maximum productivity.

Based on the findings, the researchers recommended SAMSORG 44 for cultivation in drought-prone areas and regions with short rainy seasons due to its superior resilience and yield advantage. Conversely, SAMSORG 47 and SAMSORG 48 were considered more suitable for areas with longer rainfall duration or access to supplementary irrigation. The team also advocated the routine application of poultry manure at 5.0 tonnes per hectare to enhance soil fertility and crop performance.

In addition, the researchers called for expanded on-farm trials across diverse agro-ecological zones to further validate the results and facilitate wider adoption of the recommended climate-smart practices.

25. FUNAAB Matriculates 6,356 Students, Records Largest Admission in 38 Years

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… As Prof. Fasoyiro Delivers the University's 13th Commencement Lecture

By Olasunkanmi Olajide & Femi Dansu

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), has officially matriculated 6,356 students for the 2025/2026 academic session, the highest student intake recorded by the institution in nearly four decades of its establishment.



A panoramic view of the matriculating students at the event

The Matriculation Ceremony, held today, November 19, 2025, alongside the University's 13th Commencement Lecture, took place at the Professor Oluwafemi Balogun Ceremonial Building.



Speaking at the event, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, described the record admission as a major milestone in FUNAAB's 38-year history. He expressed delight at the growing confidence of parents and prospective students in the University, while directing the new entrants to uphold discipline, decent dressing, a minimum of 70% class attendance, and strict adherence to the Institution's rules. "FUNAAB remains a training ground for future leaders," he said.



Prof. Kehinde reaffirmed the University's zero tolerance for misconduct and emphasised that Student Union engagement on campus was guided strictly by dialogue and responsible leadership. He assured the students that their rights would be protected.



This year's Commencement Lecture was delivered by Prof. Subuola Fasoyiro of the Institute of Agricultural Research and Training (IAR&T), Obafemi Awolowo University, Ibadan. Speaking on the theme "Future Leaders of Character in Agriculture: Building Capacity Today for National and Global Impact Tomorrow," she challenged the students to cultivate character, competence and capacity, the foundations, she said, of effective leadership.



Highlighting the qualities required to shape the future, she emphasised vision, strategic thinking, courage, emotional intelligence, integrity, teamwork and resilience. She also identified the 6Cs of leadership which were clarity, commitment, capacity, character, consistency and contribution, as essential for national development.



“The future is predictable,” she noted, adding that students must position themselves through discipline and continuous learning.
“When you take care of your character, it will help you take care of your reputation,” she concluded.



Meanwhile, the ceremony marked a significant moment for FUNAAB as it continues to expand access to quality agricultural, entrepreneurial, scientific and technological education while nurturing the next generation of national and global leaders.











26. FST Holds 3rd Induction Ceremony, Charges Inductees on Dedication, Lifelong Learning

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By Raymond Osemene

The Department of Food Science and Technology (FST), College of Food Science and Human Ecology (COLFHEC), Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), on November 13, 2025, held its 3rd Induction Ceremony for graduating students into the membership of the Nigerian Institute of Food Science and Technology (NIFST).

The event witnessed the formal induction of 81 graduates from the 2024/2025 Academic Session, marking another milestone in the Department's steady tradition of excellence and professional development.

Representing the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development), Prof. Olawale Dairo, congratulated the inductees and urged them to remain dedicated, disciplined, and committed to lifelong learning. He emphasised that professional growth extends beyond academic achievement, calling on the new members to continuously seek knowledge, innovation, and mentorship as they advance in their careers.



A cross-section of the inductees at the event

The Vice-Chancellor further commended the College and the Department for their consistent efforts in training and mentoring competent professionals capable of transforming the nation's food sector through research, innovation, and service.

Earlier in her remarks, the Dean, College of Food Science and Human Ecology (COLFHEC), Prof. Adebukunola Omemu, expressed pride in the resilience and accomplishments of the new professionals, noting that their induction signifies more than a ceremonial milestone but a call to responsibility and ethical practice. She reaffirmed the College's commitment to producing graduates who embody integrity, discipline, and societal relevance in their professional conduct.

Welcoming guests earlier, the Head, Department of Food Science and Technology, Prof. Olatundun Kajihausa, traced the history of the Department's induction tradition and its steady evolution over the years. She noted that the NIFST membership would open doors for professional networking, collaboration, and advancement within the field. Prof. Kajihausa charged the inductees to contribute meaningfully to national development through innovative research and community-based initiatives that align with global best practices.



Representative of the Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Development, Prof. Olawale Dairo with the Dean, COLFHEC, Prof. Adebukunola Omemu and other officials after the induction ceremony

Delivering goodwill messages, the National President of NIFST, Dr. Bola Osinowo, represented by Mr. Jude Mordi, and the Chairperson of the NIFST Western Chapter, Prof. Bolanle Akinwande, congratulated the inductees on their professional milestone. They described the occasion as a symbolic transition from academic pursuit to professional practice, urging the new members to embrace innovation and entrepreneurship as key drivers of national progress.

The highlight of the ceremony was the presentation of certificates to the newly inducted members.

27. VC Calls for Strategic Reflection at Maiden COLVET Academic Retreat

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By Olaoye Oyewole

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, has charged Academic staff of the College of Veterinary Medicine (COLVET), to reconnect with their shared mission, reflect on their institutional responsibilities, and renew their commitment to excellence in Teaching, Research, and Community Service.

Delivering his address at the maiden retreat themed, "Reconnect, Reflect and Refresh," the Vice-Chancellor, who was represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olusegun Idowu, commended the College leadership for initiating what he described as a timely and strategic gathering aimed at strengthening academic delivery in line with the University's mandate.

He observed that in the demanding world of academia, staff could easily become engrossed in lectures, clinical duties, research grants, publications, and administrative engagements, often at the expense of the University's fundamental shared mission.

Prof. Kehinde emphasised the need for staff to reconnect with the noble purpose of Veterinary Medicine, particularly in safeguarding animal health, public health, food security, and environmental sustainability. He noted that the discipline occupies a central place in the global One Health agenda, which integrates human, animal, and environmental health.



A cross-section of participants at the Retreat

The Vice-Chancellor further urged the College to remain intellectually united and strategically aligned in confronting emerging global challenges, stressing the importance of collaboration and collective vision.

Earlier in his Opening Remarks, the Dean, COLVET, Prof. Olusola Ajayi, expressed appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor and the University Management for their sustained support, noting that their contributions had continued to position the College prominently among its peers.

He explained that the retreat was organised to foster unity among academic staff and strengthen teamwork within the College. Prof. Ajayi added that the forum would provide an opportunity for staff to re-examine their core responsibilities and deepen academic collaboration.

Highlights of the retreat included paper presentations by the Registrar, Dr. Titus Adeniyi; former Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Morenike Dipeolu; former Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development), Prof. Kola Adebayo; and the Director, Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Prof. Olugbenga Kehinde.

Others were the Ag. Director, Directorate of Research, Innovations and Partnerships (DRIP), Dr. Oluwagbemiga Adeleye, and the Ag. Director, Directorate of Internal Audit, Mr. Kehinde Ajayi. Awards of honour were presented to the paper presenters in recognition of their contributions.

28. VC Charges Newly Employed IFSERAR Research Fellows on Ethics, Impactful Research

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By Femi Dansu

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, today, December 22, 2025, charged newly employed Research Fellows of the Institute of Food Security, Environmental Resources and Agricultural Research (IFSERAR) to uphold the highest standards of ethics, professionalism and discipline in the conduct of impactful research.

Speaking through the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olusegun Idowu, the Vice-Chancellor congratulated the Fellows on their appointments, describing them as recognition of their academic excellence and potential to drive innovation, research advancement and national development.

He noted that they were joining a scholarly community founded on integrity, intellectual rigour and service, and urged them to prioritise honesty, diligence and accountability in all research activities, particularly in data collection and analysis.

Prof. Kehinde emphasised that IFSERAR was established to address critical challenges in food security, environmental sustainability and agricultural development, charging the Fellows to be innovative, solution-driven and committed to producing research outputs with tangible local and national impact. He further encouraged collaboration, mentorship, interdisciplinary partnerships and continuous professional development, while stressing the importance of timely delivery of research milestones.

He concluded by reminding the Fellows to serve as worthy ambassadors of IFSERAR and FUNAAB, ensuring that their conduct, publications and professional engagements continue to enhance the University's reputation.

Earlier, the Director of IFSERAR, Prof. Kazeem Bello, in a presentation titled "Revitalising IFSERAR: FUNAAB's World-Class Status—Our Focus," outlined the Institute's mandate to conduct and coordinate world-class research, with dissemination of outputs to end-users through the Agricultural Media Resources and Extension Centre (AMREC). He highlighted IFSERAR's integrated agricultural research strategy aimed at innovation, commercialisation and economic growth, in line with national food security priorities and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

Prof. Bello attributed the Institute's achievements to staff dedication despite several challenges, including low public awareness of IFSERAR's capabilities. He advocated improved coordination, long-term planning, stronger academia–industry collaboration through the triple-helix model, increased private-sector engagement, innovation skill development, and prioritisation of quality publications and patents.

Also speaking, Prof. Victor Olowe, a former Director of AMREC, presented an overview of IFSERAR's history, programmes, mandates and the roles of Research Fellows. He explained that the Institute operates eight programmes covering aquaculture and fisheries, agricultural mechanisation and energy, biosciences, crop production, environmental resources and conservation, food and nutrition, livestock production, and socio-economics.

He outlined the Fellows' responsibilities, which included proposal development, project monitoring, grant management, research dissemination, limited teaching and supervision, and regular reporting to the Director, while offering practical tips for achieving success and visibility in research.

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

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

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

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

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

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

30. Final, Penultimate-Year FUNAABites to Benefit from iDICE Skills Training-to-Jobs Programme

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… Programme Set to Commence at FUNAAB on September 15

Final- and penultimate-year students of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) are set to benefit from the Federal Government's Investment in Digital and Creative Enterprises (iDICE) Skills Training-to-Jobs Programme, designed to equip young Nigerians with in-demand digital skills and connect them with employment and entrepreneurship opportunities.

The programme is scheduled to commence at FUNAAB on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, with an engagement and sensitisation session for interested students at 11:00 a.m. at the Prof. Olusola Oyewole Lecture Theatre.

Speaking on the initiative, the Director, Directorate of Academic Information Systems (DACIS), Prof. Olusegun Folorunso, said the engagement would introduce students to the opportunities available under the programme and expose them to avenues for acquiring relevant digital skills, developing marketable competencies and pursuing careers in the rapidly expanding global digital economy.

Prof. Folorunso explained that iDICE is a Federal Government initiative implemented by the Bank of Industry (BOI), with support from development partners, to strengthen participation in Nigeria's digital and creative economy through skills development, employment and entrepreneurship.

According to him, the programme would enhance students' employability and entrepreneurial prospects by providing access to practical training and other opportunities within the evolving digital economy.

The DACIS Director further disclosed that the engagement would explore the possibility of establishing an iDICE training hub at FUNAAB, which would provide students with convenient and sustained access to digital skills development opportunities.

He said DACIS is coordinating the engagement in collaboration with the programme organisers, while encouraging interested students to attend the session, learn more about the opportunities available and register for the programme.

31. VC Welcomes ACFBI, Commends Initiative to Support Students

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By Olaoye Oyewole

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.



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.

32. FUNAAB Staff School Holds Annual Workshop on Effective Classroom Management

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The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) Staff School today, September 9, 2026, held its annual workshop for the 2026/2027 Academic Session, with emphasis on equipping teachers with contemporary classroom management strategies for effective teaching and learning.

The workshop, themed “Effective Classroom Management and Techniques for 21st Century Learners,” brought together members of the University Community and education stakeholders, including the Chairman, FUNAAB Schools Management Board and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olusegun Idowu, who was represented by the Director, Directorate of Academic Information Systems (DACIS), Prof. Olusegun Folorunso; former Ag. Registrar, Mrs. Oluwatoyin Dawodu; and Dr. Chiemeka Njoku.

Welcoming participants to the workshop, the Headteacher of the Staff School, Mrs. Florence Alade, said the theme was carefully selected in view of the changing dynamics of contemporary classrooms and the emergence of learners as digital natives.

She noted that the curiosity and evolving learning patterns of present-day pupils required teaching approaches that went beyond the conventional chalk-and-talk method. According to her, the workshop was designed to equip teachers with modern

strategies for creating engaging, disciplined and learner-centred classrooms that promote academic excellence and character development.

In his opening remarks, Prof. Idowu underscored the importance of effective classroom management and appropriate communication strategies in disseminating knowledge in modern classrooms.



He commended the teachers for their dedication and relentless efforts towards sustaining and improving the academic standards of the Staff School, urging them to continue embracing innovative approaches to teaching and learning.

Delivering the first lecture, Mrs. Dawodu spoke on “Principles of Management and Work Ethics as They Affect the Teaching Profession.” She highlighted essential managerial qualities and professional work ethics required to enhance productivity and effectiveness in technology-driven classrooms, particularly in the interaction between teachers and pupils.

Speaking on attendance management, Mr. Saburi Sanusi emphasised the importance of maintaining accurate attendance records, noting that the school would henceforth adopt a digital system for marking pupils’ attendance.

The third lecture, titled “Effective Classroom Management,” was delivered by Dr. Njoku. He advocated the use of innovative and participatory teaching approaches, including gamification, to enhance learners’ engagement and generate productive feedback.

Dr. Njoku further encouraged teachers to adopt modern teaching methods that promote active participation and respond to the needs of learners in today's increasingly digital-oriented classroom.

The workshop provided an avenue for teachers to enhance their professional knowledge and acquire practical strategies for managing contemporary classrooms while fostering effective learning, discipline and positive character development among pupils.

33. Prof. Onashoga Leads FUNAAB's Landmark Cybersecurity Drive, Unveils CyberTitans Initiative

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The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), has taken a bold step towards strengthening digital safety and awareness, as the University Community played host to the maiden edition of a Campus-wide Cybersecurity Awareness Initiative (CAI), spearheaded by renowned cybersecurity expert, Prof. Adebukola Onashoga.

Held on April 15 and 16, 2026, the impactful two-day programme culminated in the historic unveiling of the FUNAAB CyberTitans, an elite student-driven network set to position the University within Nigeria's growing league of emerging cybersecurity champions.

The initiative, themed "Pause, Prevent, Protect for a Cyber Safe Culture," combined dynamic grassroots engagement with a grand finale hosted at the College of Computing Sciences (COLCOMPS) Auditorium 3, attracting an impressive gathering of staff, students, and guests.

In a demonstration of innovation and peer-led advocacy, members of the CyberTitans Planning Committee fanned out across the campus, leading an extensive outreach campaign. Moving through hostels, lecture halls, car parks, and relaxation hubs, the students engaged with the University Community by implementing practical, easy-to-adopt cybersecurity measures, including password protection strategies, phishing awareness, and One-Time Password (OTP) safety. The exercise, reinforced with educational flyers and stickers, ignited widespread

conversations and reinforced the message that cybersecurity begins with individual responsibility.

Declaring the grand finale open, Prof. Onashoga underscored the urgency of digital vigilance in today's interconnected world, noting that "cybersecurity is no longer optional; it is the oxygen of our digital lives." Her remarks set a compelling tone for the high-level discourse that followed.



Delivering a thought-provoking goodwill message, Prof. Adesina Agboola captivated participants with an impromptu mathematics exercise, illustrating the intrinsic link between mathematical reasoning and cybersecurity expertise. He challenged students to deploy analytical thinking in identifying and mitigating cyber threats, describing mathematics as the intellectual backbone of the discipline.

Also speaking, the Deputy Dean, Student Affairs Division, Dr. Mathew Wheto, commended the students' proactive involvement, noting that their initiative reflects a growing culture of responsibility and leadership among FUNAAB students. He assured participants of sustained institutional support for future editions.

Renowned cybersecurity scholar, Prof. Adesina Sodiya, further enriched the discourse by emphasising the need for strategic awareness in tackling cyber threats. According to him, "understanding the threat landscape, knowing your adversary, your assets, and your actions, is fundamental to building resilience in cyberspace."

The event also featured a virtual presentation by the Guest Speaker, Dr. Oluyomi Asogbon, a Certified Ethical Hacker (CEH) and President of GlobalTech, who delivered a compelling analysis of human vulnerability in cybersecurity breaches. He stressed that most cyber incidents originate from simple human errors, urging participants to adopt a culture of caution, regular system updates, and prompt incident reporting.

A major highlight of the event was a captivating stage playlet performed by students, creatively illustrating the dangers of OTP compromise. The performance, which blended humour with

critical lessons, resonated strongly with the audience and reinforced key cybersecurity principles in a relatable manner.

Reflecting on the journey, the Students' Coordinator, Mr. Emmanuel, described the initiative as a transformative experience, crediting Prof. Onashoga's mentorship for reshaping students' perspectives on leadership, innovation, and service in technology. Many participating students echoed similar sentiments, expressing renewed interest in cybersecurity as a practical and essential field.

The defining moment of the programme was the official unveiling of the FUNAAB CyberTitans, a strategic move that aligns the University with national efforts to promote peer-driven cybersecurity awareness and collaboration across tertiary institutions.

34. FUNIS Students Visit Aletheia University, Showcase Culture of Excellence

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In a demonstration of its commitment to holistic education and experiential learning, students of FUNAAB International School (FUNIS), recently embarked on an educational visit to Aletheia University, Ago-Iwoye, where they explored the academic environment of the fast-growing institution and interacted with members of its university community.

The visit formed part of FUNIS' broader strategy to expose students to higher education environments, inspire academic ambition, and reinforce the values of leadership, discipline and intellectual curiosity among learners.

Led by the Principal of the school, Mr. Olusola Ilori, the students paid a courtesy call on the Vice-Chancellor of the university, Prof. Olukayode Akinyemi, whose relationship with FUNIS remained significant. Before he was appointed Vice-Chancellor of Aletheia University, Prof. Akinyemi served as the immediate past Chairman of the FUNAAB Schools' Management Board and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic.

During an engaging interactive session with representatives of the university, the students listened attentively as they were encouraged to pursue academic excellence, cultivate sound moral character, and develop leadership skills that would prepare them for future responsibilities. The atmosphere was lively and intellectually stimulating as the students posed thoughtful questions and took notes while reflecting on the guidance offered by their hosts.



Prof. Akinyemi, while addressing the visiting students, emphasised the importance of diligence, integrity and vision in the pursuit of success. He urged them to remain focused on their academic goals and to take advantage of every learning opportunity available to them, reminding them that excellence is built through discipline and continuous self-development.

Beyond the interactive session, the delegation was taken on a guided tour of the university's serene campus. The students explored various facilities and learning spaces, gaining first-hand insight into the academic culture and infrastructure that support teaching, research and student development at Aletheia University.

One of the memorable highlights of the visit was the presentation of a framed portrait to the Vice-Chancellor by the FUNIS delegation. The gesture symbolised appreciation for his past service to the school and reaffirmed the cordial relationship between the two institutions, anchored on a shared commitment to educational advancement and youth development.

The visit also provided a platform for informal interaction between the students and members of the university staff, allowing them to ask questions about university life, academic expectations and career pathways. For many of the students, the experience was both enlightening and motivating, offering them a glimpse into the possibilities that lie ahead in their academic journeys.

Meanwhile, FUNIS, widely recognised for its culture of excellence, discipline and integrity, has commenced its admission process for new students. The school continues to offer parents and guardians the opportunity to enrol their wards in an institution committed to nurturing well-rounded scholars and responsible future leaders.