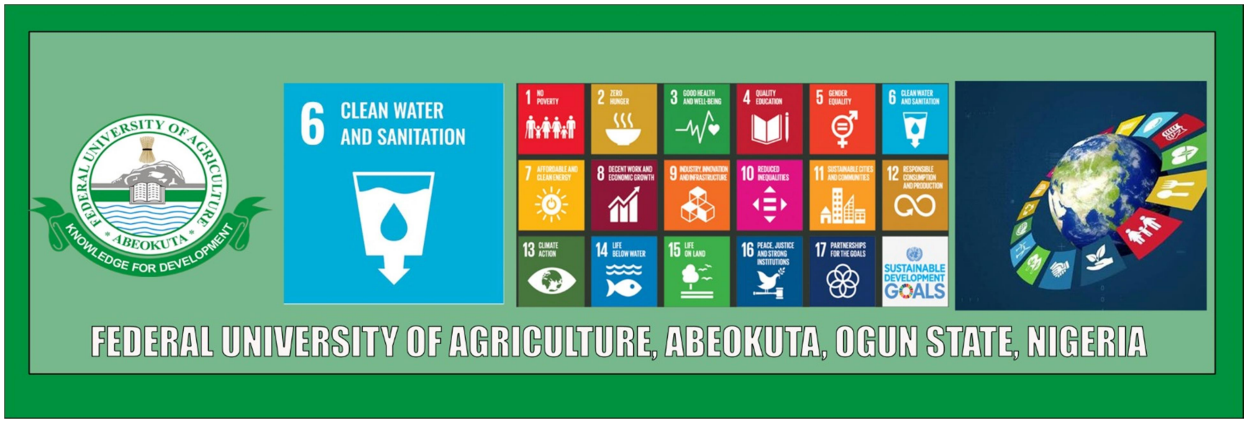








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The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) is committed to achieving Sustainable Development Goal SDG6, “Clean Water and Sanitation.”

Ensuring access to Clean Water and Sanitation is critical. FUNAAB addresses this through initiatives by the College of Environmental Resources Management (COLERM, College of Engineering (COLENG), Directorate of Physical Planning and the Works and Services Department, focusing on providing potable water and effective sanitation systems.

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1. FUNAAB Alumni Honour Prof. Dipeolu with Borehole Project

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The Alumni Association of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), has honoured a distinguished Academic and mentor, Prof. Adewale Dipeolu, popularly known as "Uncle Wale," with a borehole project at the CEADESE AGRECOFARM Greenhouse.

Commissioned today, September 8, 2026, the project was conceived as a practical expression of appreciation for Prof. Dipeolu's enduring contributions to the development of students and his positive impact on the University's alumni community.

Facilitated and fully funded by the FUNAAB Alumni Association, the borehole was commissioned by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, who described the initiative as a reflection of the enduring bond between the University and its alumni.



The Vice-Chancellor congratulated Prof. Dipeolu and Prof. Morenike Dipeolu for their immense contributions to the development of students and for building a legacy worthy of emulation within and beyond the University. He described the Global President as a consistent partner in progress.

Speaking at the ceremony, the Global President of the FUNAAB Alumni Association, Otunba Bolaji Gbadamosi, commended Prof. Dipeolu for his years of dedication to students and the University. He said the Association remained committed to giving back to its alma mater and recognising individuals who had contributed significantly to students' growth.

"As alumni, we cannot afford to neglect our alma mater, and because of the personality of Prof. Dipeolu, we have promised to do more before he retires from the service of FUNAAB," the Global President stated.

He also commended the Vice-Chancellor for his support and commitment to strengthening the Alumni Association's developmental role, disclosing that the project was funded through contributions from some illustrious Alumni like the Executive Director of the Nigerian Stored Products Research Institute (NSPRI), Prof. Lateef Sanni; United States Top Naval Officer, Lt. Commander Victor Agunbiade; Mr. Kunle Awosika; Mrs. Bola Ogbodu and Mrs. Abimbola Kuku-Afolabi.



Responding to the honour, Prof. Dipeolu expressed gratitude to the Vice-Chancellor for the support he had enjoyed since assumption of office as the University's 7th Substantive Vice-Chancellor and for the opportunity to serve. He also appreciated the Alumni Global President and all contributors to the project.

Prof. Dipeolu, a former Dean of the College of Agricultural Management and Rural Development (COLAMRUD), further acknowledged the European Union for providing him with the opportunity to contribute to the progress and achievements recorded by the University.

The well-attended ceremony concluded with a tour of the Greenhouse facilities, highlighting FUNAAB's commitment to agricultural innovation, sustainable production and practical solutions that support food security.

2. FUNAAB's 112th Inaugural Lecture: Don Urges FG to Exploit Rare Earth Deposits in Lagos, Ogun

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An Environmental Geology and Geochemistry expert from the Department of Geology, College of Environmental Resources Management (COLERM), Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), Prof. Adewole Gbadebo, has called on the Federal Government to harness the high concentrations of heavy Rare Earth Elements (REEs) discovered in Lagos and Ogun States for national economic development.

Delivering the 112th Inaugural Lecture of FUNAAB, titled "Rock and Soil Fingerprints on Water: My Groundwater Odyssey," today, April 8, 2026, at the Oluwafemi Balogun Ceremonial Building, the scholar highlighted the strategic importance of these minerals in modern technology and industry.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde presenting a plaque to honour the 112th Inaugural Lecturer of the University, Prof. Adewole Gbadebo during the ceremony

Highlighting the economic prospects of the REEs, Prof. Gbadebo recommended the creation of a dedicated regulatory agency to oversee their sustainable exploration and exploitation, positioning Nigeria competitively in the global mineral market.

Prof. Gbadebo also drew attention to the dual nature of groundwater, describing it as both a "gift and a gamble." While it remains a crucial lifeline for millions of Nigerians, he warned that poor management could transform it into what he termed a "death time bomb," capable of transmitting harmful contaminants and diseases to unsuspecting populations.



A cross-section of the Procession at the ceremony

He explained that groundwater quality is significantly influenced by underlying geological formations, which may introduce both beneficial minerals and toxic substances. Drawing from extensive studies across Nigeria's basement complex and sedimentary terrains, including the Niger Delta, he identified over-extraction, industrial pollution, poor borehole maintenance, and climate variability as major drivers of groundwater contamination.

Despite these challenges, the Inaugural Lecturer expressed optimism, citing ongoing interventions such as the rehabilitation of abandoned boreholes, deployment of solar-powered water systems, and capacity-building initiatives for young hydrogeologists.



Immediate family members of the 112th Inaugural Lecturer during the event

To safeguard groundwater resources, Prof. Gbadebo recommended mandatory water quality certification for all boreholes, stressing that no water source should be used domestically without proper physicochemical and microbial testing. He also advocated increased investment in rural water infrastructure, particularly deeper and solar-powered boreholes.

On environmental governance, he called for stricter enforcement of pollution control regulations, urging industries to treat effluents before discharge, with penalties redirected towards environmental remediation. Additionally, he proposed the establishment of a national groundwater monitoring network to integrate meteorological, hydrological, and geochemical data for the early detection of risks and evidence-based policymaking.



Notable guests and former Principal Officers of FUNAAB during the event

He further emphasised the need for public awareness and community engagement in groundwater protection, noting that environmental stewardship must be a shared responsibility between government and citizens. He also urged stronger collaboration between academia and policymakers to ensure that scientific research informs national decisions.

Earlier in his Introductory Remarks, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, described the lecture as a milestone, noting that it was the first Inaugural Lecture from the Department of Geology and the 15th from the College of Environmental Resources Management.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde with the 112th Inaugural Lecturer of the University, Prof. Adewole Gbadebo, including Principal Officers, as well as some Deans and Directors, after the Lecture

He commended Prof. Gbadebo's over three decades of impactful scholarship, highlighting his contributions to groundwater research, environmental sustainability, and human capacity development. The Vice-Chancellor noted that Prof. Gbadebo had supervised more than 60 postgraduate students and over 200 undergraduate projects, alongside publishing over 100 academic papers.

Prof. Kehinde also appreciated the Geochemist's community impact, particularly his role in facilitating the drilling of over 200 boreholes, thereby improving access to potable water across several communities.

3. Federal Ministry Officials Visit FUNAAB to Enhance Campus Water Infrastructure

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Officials of the Federal Ministry of Water Resources and Sanitation have visited the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), to explore avenues for upgrading the campus water supply system.

The visit, held on November 11, 2024, took place at the Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development), Prof. Kola Adebayo, who represented the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde.

In his Address, the Vice-Chancellor underscored the importance of the visit, noting that it aimed to assess the current water infrastructure and evaluate the feasibility of reticulating water from the University Dam to serve the entire campus community.

Engr. Kehinde Bamisile, Director, Directorate of Physical Planning, elaborated on the objective of the visit, stating that what began as a simple request had evolved into a comprehensive inspection of the University's water supply system. He expressed optimism that the evaluation by the Ministry's Team would pave the way for the inclusion of the project in the University's 2025 budget.

During the visit, the Team inspected the University Dam, Water Treatment Plant, Tank Filters, Chemical Dosing Tanks for lime and chlorine, as well as an Aeration Tank.

Notable attendees included the Registrar, Dr. Titus Adeniyi; Principal Assistant Registrar, DVCD's Office, Mrs. Folasade Giwa, and Engr. Olalekan Famakinwa from the Federal Ministry of Water Resources and Sanitation, among others.

Pictures speak below





