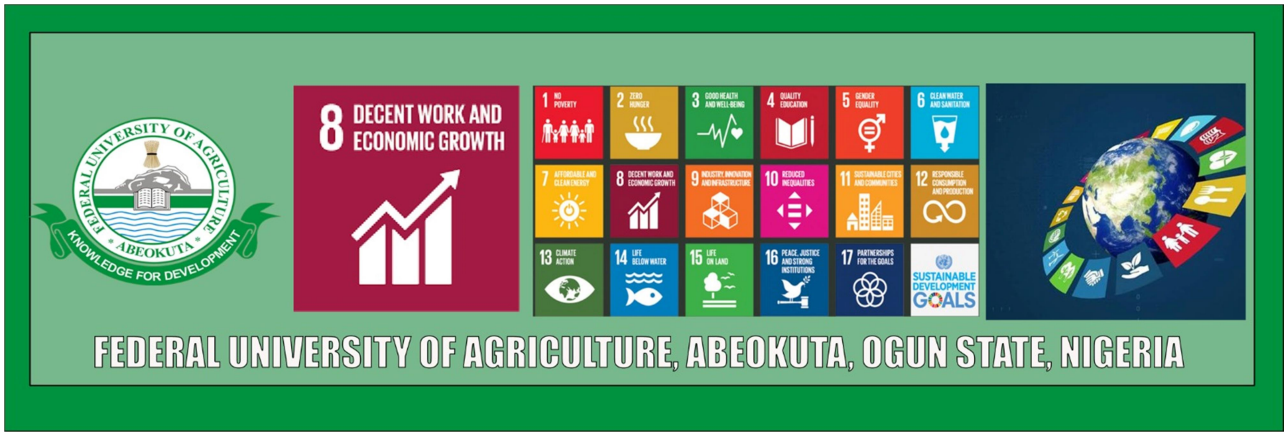










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1. FUNAAB Fashion Designers-in-the-Making Showcase Talent, Innovation at Final Year Exhibition

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By Femi Dansu

Fashion designers-in-the-making from the Department of Clothing and Textiles Design, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), today, June 4, 2026, showcased their talent, creativity and innovative abilities at the Department's 400-Level Final Year Exhibition held at the Centre for Entrepreneurial Studies (CENTS) Exhibition Hall.

The Exhibition, themed "From Culture to Commerce: Inspiring Entrepreneurial Innovation," featured an impressive collection of clothing and textile products conceptualised, designed and produced by the graduating students as part of their academic training.



Representing the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olusegun Idowu, commended the College of Food Sciences and Human Ecology (COLFHEC) and the Department for sustaining an initiative that effectively bridges the gap between the University and society.

According to him, the Exhibition serves as a vital platform that brings together the "town and gown," enabling students to demonstrate their talents while showcasing the practical outcomes of university education. He encouraged the graduating students to embrace entrepreneurship and innovation, stressing that the skills acquired during their training would position them for success in the highly competitive fashion and textile industry.



Speaking earlier, the Ag. Head of Department, Dr. Doyin Labode, described the exhibition as a longstanding academic tradition designed to provide final-year students with an opportunity to display the knowledge and practical skills acquired throughout their programme. He noted that the event also promoted self-reliance and entrepreneurship while creating opportunities for members of the public to appreciate and patronise students' works.

The Course Lecturer, Dr. Olufunmilayo Braide, explained that the annual "Open Day" exhibition, sustained by the Department for over 12 years, was established to bridge the gap between the University and the fashion industry. She stated that the programme exposes students to industry realities by connecting them with successful practitioners, potential mentors and stakeholders who can support their professional growth.



Dr. Braide further highlighted the significance of the Clothing and Textile profession, describing clothing as one of humanity's basic needs alongside food and shelter. She acknowledged the participation of the renowned fashion designer, Ade Bakare, winner of the London Fashion Show 2024, in the programme to inspire students towards professional excellence.

Also speaking, the Orunto of Owu Kingdom, Chief Biodun Lasile, urged the students to complement academic excellence with practical skills, creativity and personal development. He emphasised the importance of innovation, originality and continuous learning in achieving success within the fashion and textile industry.

In her remarks, the Executive Director of Asani Foundation and Director of ATJ Textiles, Dr. Lizzy Adeboyejo, encouraged the students to embrace research, innovation and lifelong learning as essential tools for standing out in a highly competitive labour market. She noted that consistent value addition remains a key determinant of professional success.

Highlights of the exhibition included practical demonstrations, workshops, project defence sessions and a "jumbo sales" segment, which enabled visitors to interact with exhibitors and purchase selected products on display.



Dignitaries at the event included the Dean, COLFHEC, Prof. Adebukunola Omemu; Director, CENTS, Prof. Sakiru Akinbode, and the Chairman, ASUU-UNAAB Chapter, Dr. Ola-Olusegun Oyedele.

Others were the Olori of Owu Kingdom, Olori Mariam Matemilola; Rev. (Dr.) Toyin Adeyemo (Rtd); Chairman, Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Abeokuta South Chapter, Apostle Titus Alalade; and the Oluroko of Erunmu Kingdom, Oba Waheed Ayoade, among others.

2. 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.

3. FUNAAB Launches Community Farmers Market for Fresh Farm Produce

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... Market Holds Every Five Days

By Raymond Osemene

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) has officially commenced operations at its Community Farmers Market, marking another milestone in the University's commitment to promoting agricultural development, food security, entrepreneurship, and community engagement.

The market, situated along the University's 3rd Gate, began operations today, June 29, 2026. The market serves as a central hub for the sale of fresh agricultural produce and value-added products from the University Farms, researchers, students, and members of the adjoining communities. The initiative is expected to strengthen the agricultural value chain by connecting producers directly with consumers while ensuring access to affordable, high-quality farm produce.



Speaking on the development, the Chairperson of the FUNAAB Community Farmers Market, Mrs. Tawa Ayelotan, expressed appreciation to the University Management for bringing the long-awaited project to fruition, describing the opening of the market as a significant achievement for farmers, traders, members of the University Community, and residents of neighbouring communities. According to her, the initiative would improve access to fresh agricultural produce while creating opportunities for increased income and enhanced livelihoods.

She explained that while the market would operate daily, its major trading activities would take place every five days, in line with the traditional market cycle observed in many communities. She expressed confidence that the market would grow into a vibrant commercial hub that would stimulate local trade, promote agricultural development, and further strengthen the relationship between FUNAAB and its host communities.



Some of the traders who participated in the opening, including Mrs. Chinyere Ogunji, Mrs. Motunrayo Jimoh, and Mr. Akinlaja Ogunla, separately commended the initiative, describing it as a laudable effort towards strengthening the agricultural value chain and improving the livelihoods of farmers and traders. They noted that the market would provide buyers with convenient access to fresh farm produce and other goods directly from producers, eliminating the need to travel to neighbouring markets.

Also speaking, the Baale of the host community, Chief Folorunso Ajasa, described the Community Farmers Market as a timely initiative that would promote agricultural development, improve access to fresh farm produce, and expand economic opportunities for farmers and residents. He noted that the market provides a central location where farmers can sell their produce directly to consumers, thereby eliminating unnecessary middlemen and ensuring better returns on their agricultural products.



Meanwhile, the next major market day would be on Friday, July 3, 2026, beginning at 7 a.m.

4. FUNAAB Hosts iDICE Skills-to-Jobs Programme for Penultimate, Final-Year Students

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The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), through the Directorate of Academic Information Systems (DACIS), has hosted the Investment in Digital and Creative Enterprises (iDICE) Skills-to-Jobs Programme for penultimate and final-year students of the University.

The programme, held today, September 15, 2026, at the Professor Olusola Oyewole Lecture Theatre, was organised to expose students to opportunities for acquiring high-value digital skills and improve their prospects for employment and entrepreneurship in an increasingly competitive digital and creative economy.

Addressing the participants, the Director, DACIS, Prof. Olusegun Folorunso, highlighted the importance of acquiring relevant skills in view of the prevailing realities of the Nigerian labour market and the growing demand for digital competencies. He stressed the need for students to take advantage of the iDICE initiative, while appreciating the University Management and the organisers for bringing the programme to FUNAAB.



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Prof. Folorunso encouraged the students to make effective use of the opportunity, noting the importance of complementing their academic qualifications with practical skills that could enhance their employability after graduation.

Speaking at the programme, the State Liaison Officer for the Federal Government's iDICE Programme, Mr. Diligent Adesola, urged the students to take seriously the information and opportunities being presented to them, challenging them with the question: "After school, what next?"

Mr. Adesola explained that the partnership with FUNAAB goes beyond creating awareness about the programme, noting that the University is being positioned as a learning hub where students can access the full training programme at no cost, while pursuing their academic programmes.



He further announced that participating students would receive monthly stipends during the period of their training, subject to the terms of the programme.

Mr. Adesola also introduced the 12 skills available under the Skills-to-Jobs Programme, which included Sales, Telemarketing and Lead Generation; Customer Support; AI Data and Evaluation; UI/UX Design; Data Analysis and Reporting; Copywriting, Content and SEO; Product Management; Digital Marketing and Ads; Data Science; Cybersecurity; Software Testing; and Audio and Podcast Production.

In his speech, the President of the Student Union Government (SUG), Com. Oluwatimileyin Soga, represented by the General Secretary, Com. Yusuf Ahmad, assured the participants of the commitment of the SUG to keeping students informed about the opportunities available through the programme.



Similarly, the President of the National Association of Agricultural Students (NAAS), FUNAAB Chapter, Com. Abdulrazaq Fawaz, appreciated the University Management and the iDICE initiative for prioritising students, particularly penultimate agricultural students undertaking their farming practice, as beneficiaries of the programme. He encouraged the students to make good use of the opportunity.

The programme also featured an interactive session during which participants sought clarification on various aspects of the training and received responses from the organisers. Students were subsequently assisted with the necessary tools and resources to commence their registration for the available courses.

5. FUNAAB Intensifies Agricultural Revitalisation, Food Security Drive as COBFAS Harvests 8-Hectare Maize Farm

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The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), under the leadership of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, has highlighted FUNAAB's Agricultural Revitalisation Efforts, Food Security Drive, and Community Impact as the Centre for Community-Based Farming Scheme (COBFAS) commenced the harvest and sale of maize from its 8-hectare farm.



Prof. Kehinde disclosed this today, August 27, 2026, during the commencement of the sale of the freshly harvested maize, describing the initiative as a practical demonstration of FUNAAB's contribution to food security, agricultural revitalisation, student training and community development.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, the maize farm forms part of the Farm Practical Year (FPY) programme for 400-Level students, which exposes them to the realities of agricultural production and enterprise development across the value chain from production planning and cultivation to harvesting, marketing and commercialisation.



He explained that students had also been involved in the cultivation and marketing of vegetables, tomatoes under Greenhouse conditions and leafy vegetables in the field, stressing that such practical experiences were critical to producing graduates with the skills and entrepreneurial mindset required to drive Nigeria's agricultural transformation.

Prof. Kehinde noted that FUNAAB was also complementing the Federal Government's food-security efforts through the productive utilisation of its extensive land resources. He, however, observed that large-scale agricultural production required substantial funding and manpower, necessitating strategic partnerships.



He disclosed that between 5,000 and 6,000 hectares of the University's land were currently under cultivation through partnerships with several organisations, with about a dozen partners involved in various agricultural activities and some exploring agro-processing opportunities on campus.

The Vice-Chancellor further revealed that the FUNAAB Alumni Association had taken up approximately 2,000 hectares for cultivation, describing the development as a major outcome of the University's Agricultural Revitalisation Programme.



He stressed that FUNAAB's strategy was to transform its land resources into productive agricultural assets, while strengthening partnerships that would contribute to food production, employment, and enterprise development.

Corroborating the Vice-Chancellor, the Director of COBFAS, Prof. Dare Akerele, said the 8-hectare maize farm was being harvested in phases to ensure effective management and a steady supply of fresh maize. The freshly harvested maize is being sold at the Bus Stop opposite the Directorate of Public Relations to members of the University Community, market women and buyers from neighbouring towns and cities.



Prof. Akerele attributed the success of the project to the support of University Management, particularly the Vice-Chancellor, the expertise of COBFAS Agricultural Officers, favourable weather conditions and collaboration with Premier Seed, which supplied the improved, Vitamin A-rich maize variety. He added that the project was fully mechanised and the variety was also being evaluated for drought tolerance.

Looking ahead, he disclosed that COBFAS plans to cultivate about 10 hectares of maize during the dry season, with fertilisers and basic agrochemicals already procured. He said returning FPY students would participate in the project as part of their practical training, while the Centre would explore maize drying and threshing, animal feed production and poultry farming. Prof. Akerele expressed confidence that the initiatives would boost food security, entrepreneurship and local economic development, while calling for continued institutional support and collaboration.



The ongoing COBFAS initiative reinforces FUNAAB's multifaceted contribution to SDG 2 through food production, practical agricultural education, sustainable farming, value addition, entrepreneurship, research, strategic partnerships and community engagement. It also advances related SDGs, particularly SDG 4 on quality education, SDG 8 on decent work and economic growth, SDG 12 on responsible consumption and production, and SDG 17 on partnerships for the goals.

6. VC Commends Efforts to Establish Staff Welfare Association

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

By Raymond Osemene

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

7. 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.

8. HSM Fashion Show Celebrates Cultural Heritage, Creativity

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By Raymond Osemene

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

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



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

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



Speaking earlier, the Ag. Head of Department, Dr. Bolanle Oyundoyin, emphasised the importance of traditional fabrics as enduring symbols of identity, history, and culture across

African societies. She highlighted notable indigenous fabrics such as Adire from Abeokuta and Osogbo, Aso-Oke from Iseyin, and Kente from Ghana, stressing that clothing remains one of the strongest expressions of cultural identity and social heritage.

Dr. Oyundoyin, however, expressed concern over the increasing influence of fast fashion and commercialisation, which she said often diminishes the true cultural and artistic value of clothing in the digital age. According to her, the extinction of traditional weaving techniques would amount to the loss of indigenous knowledge, craftsmanship, history, and ancestral symbols preserved through generations. “Our heritage should not become a museum artefact locked behind glass,” she stated, adding that cultural traditions must evolve while remaining relevant in contemporary society.

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



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

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

9. VC Visits CENTS as Entrepreneurial Training Concludes on May 6

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By Femi Dansu

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, today, April 29, 2026, paid a working visit to the Centre for Entrepreneurial Studies (CENTS), where he engaged with 200-Level students undergoing entrepreneurial training, as the programme approaches its conclusion on May 6, 2026.



Addressing the students during the visit, the Vice-Chancellor urged them to take full advantage of the training, noting its relevance in today's dynamic and competitive economy. He stressed that the University remains committed to equipping students with practical skills that complement their academic pursuits and enhance their employability.



Prof. Kehinde encouraged the students to view the training beyond a compulsory academic requirement, describing it as a strategic opportunity to develop competencies that could serve as hobbies, alternative income streams, or full-scale business ventures after graduation. He further

advised them to remain diligent, creative, and innovative, stressing that such attributes are essential for success in entrepreneurship.



Speaking also, the Director of CENTS, Prof. Sakiru Akinbode, stated that the trainees were currently receiving hands-on instruction in over 21 vocational areas, including fashion designing, bag making, photography, videography, digital marketing, information management and content creation for social media, laptop repairs, and the production of household cleaning materials, among others.



Prof. Akinbode noted that the training, which commenced on April 1, 2026, forms part of the ETS 206 practical course and holds weekly on Wednesdays between 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. He emphasised that the programme was embedded in a University-wide course for all 200-Level students, ensuring inclusivity and exposure to practical, income-generating skills. According to him, although the training has been scheduled to conclude the following week, the visit was facilitated earlier to accommodate the Vice-Chancellor's tight schedule.



Highlighting the significance of the initiative, the Director explained that the visit was also aimed at motivating students and reinforcing FUNAAB's entrepreneurial orientation. He stressed that agriculture, in line with national priorities, should be embraced as a viable and profitable enterprise rather than a subsistence activity, describing modern agriculture as a pathway to wealth creation and economic prosperity.



The Deputy Director, CENTS, Dr. Abiodun Oyelakin, and other officials of CENTS were also in attendance.

10. VC Calls for Deepened Collaboration with ICAN

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... As Abeokuta District Top Officials Pay Courtesy Visit to FUNAAB

By Olasunkanmi Olajide & Femi Dansu

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, has called for deeper collaboration between the University and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN), particularly in strengthening professional training for students.

Prof. Kehinde made the call today, March 9, 2026, while receiving a delegation from the Abeokuta District Society of the Institute during a strategic Courtesy Visit to the University.

During the meeting, the Vice-Chancellor proposed leveraging ICAN's Accounting Technicians Scheme (ATS) to enable students to begin obtaining professional certifications concurrently with their University degrees. According to him, such an arrangement would give graduates a competitive advantage in the labour market.

Prof. Kehinde appreciated the District for recognising the University's strides in professional development, noting that FUNAAB's guiding philosophy of excellence, integrity, innovation, and global relevance had contributed to its growing international recognition, including its ranking among the world's leading agricultural universities.

The Vice-Chancellor also revealed that the University had successfully revived its Accounting programme after a period of delisting due to regulatory concerns about its placement within a specialised agricultural institution. He explained that the programme, alongside others in the Management Sciences such as Economics, Banking and Finance, and Business Administration,

were reinstated in the 2025/2026 Academic Session, thereby expanding the University's academic offerings and strengthening its capacity for professional training.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde with the Bursar, Mr. Olukayode Osinuga and some frontline staff of FUNAAB, including the visiting ICAN delegation after the meeting

In her remarks, the Chairman, ICAN Abeokuta District, Mrs. Olubukola Olufemi, FCA, expressed appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor and the University Management for their continuous support for ICAN members within the institution. She noted that the visit was aimed at acknowledging the University's leadership and further consolidating the cordial relationship between the professional body and FUNAAB.

Mrs. Olufemi also highlighted key achievements recorded by the District under her leadership, including professional development programmes addressing emerging trends such as Artificial Intelligence in Accounting, Cryptocurrency Analysis, and Blockchain Technologies. She further mentioned the District's "Catch Them Young" initiative, a programme designed to inspire young people to pursue careers in Accounting.

Looking ahead, she invited members of the University Community to the District's forthcoming dinner scheduled for May 15, 2026, noting that the event would precede the inauguration of a new executive committee that would be led by a staff member of the University.

The meeting was attended by the Bursar, Mr. Olukayode Osinuga; Dean, College of Entrepreneurial and Development Studies (COLENDS), Prof. Olabisi Jaiyeola; Deputy Bursars and several Heads of Sections in the Bursary Department, reflecting the significance of the partnership between the professional body and the University.

11. FUNAAB Opens Applications for Phase V of Graduate Agripreneurship Programme

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By Femi Dansu

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), has opened applications for the fifth phase of its flagship Graduate Agripreneurship Programme, offering a grant of ₦1.5 million to selected young alumni to establish and scale agricultural enterprises.

The initiative, launched in 2022 through a partnership between FUNAAB and the British American Tobacco Nigeria Foundation (BATNF), was aimed at addressing youth unemployment by empowering graduates with the resources and support required to build sustainable agribusiness ventures.

Under the programme, successful applicants in Phase V would receive a ₦1.5 million grant to establish and develop their agricultural enterprises on or around the University campus. The funding is intended to support key start-up needs, including procurement of inputs and operational setup.

According to an official announcement by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development), Prof. Olawale Dairo, he described the programme as part of the University's strategic commitment to nurturing innovation and entrepreneurship among young graduates.

He said that the programme seeks to identify and support young innovators who view agriculture not merely as a traditional practice but as a viable and profitable business venture capable of driving economic growth.

Since its inception, the programme has successfully produced 16 agripreneurs across four phases, creating a growing network of young agricultural entrepreneurs contributing to food production and agribusiness development.

To be eligible for the fifth phase, applicants must be graduates of FUNAAB from the Colleges of Agricultural Management and Rural Development (COLAMRUD), Animal Science and Livestock Production (COLANIM), Environmental Resources Management (COLERM), or Plant Science and Crop Production (COLPLANT). Applicants must also have graduated within the last four years, completed the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), fall within the age bracket of 21–35 years, and demonstrate a strong interest in agribusiness. Evidence of prior engagement in agricultural activities would be considered an added advantage.

Interested candidates are required to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) accompanied by a detailed business plan outlining how the ₦1.5 million grant would be utilised to develop a sustainable agribusiness venture. Applicants are also expected to include a personal essay explaining why they are suitable for the programme.

Successful candidates would be required to establish their agribusiness enterprises within the vicinity of the University and comply with the programme's stipulated terms and conditions. All applications must be submitted electronically to the Office of the Vice-Chancellor via dvcd@funaab.edu.ng on or before Wednesday, March 18, 2026.

12. CENTS Director Meets Skill Leaders, Reaffirms Commitment to Strengthening Entrepreneurship Training

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The Director of the Centre for Entrepreneurial Studies (CENTS), Prof. Sakiru Akinbode held an interactive meeting with Skill Leaders and Facilitators of the Centre as part of efforts to strengthen the operations and activities of the Centre.

The meeting, which took place on March 5, 2026, at the CENTS Board Room, provided a platform for constructive dialogue between the Director and the facilitators responsible for coordinating the various entrepreneurial skills programmes of the Centre. In attendance were 16 Skill Leaders and 10 Facilitators.

The interactive session was organised to enable the Skill Leaders and Facilitators formally interface with the newly appointed Director, while also encouraging them to contribute more actively to the growth and development of the Centre, particularly in supporting its Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) initiatives. It also served as an avenue for participants to share ideas, raise concerns, and discuss areas requiring clarification in the execution of their vocational responsibilities.



Addressing the participants, the Director stated that his primary mandate was to move the Centre forward and build on its existing achievements.

The Director, a former Deputy Dean of the College of the Entrepreneurial and Development Studies (COLENDS), encouraged Skill Leaders to continually upgrade their knowledge and professional competencies in order to remain relevant in the rapidly evolving entrepreneurial landscape. He also stressed the growing importance of digital marketing and urged the facilitators to adopt digital tools and platforms in promoting their vocational activities and training programmes.

While acknowledging the significant progress made under the leadership of the immediate past Director, Prof. Emily Ayo-John, he assured participants of his commitment to consolidating the achievements already recorded by the Centre. According to him, the goal was to strengthen and expand the existing framework.

As part of measures to enhance efficiency and accountability, the Director disclosed plans to institutionalise a Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) team that would assess performance and ensure that activities of the Centre align with its mandate.

He further emphasised the importance of punctuality, diligence, and commitment among the Skill Leaders and Facilitators in the discharge of their responsibilities, noting that these values were critical to the continued growth and success of the Centre.

The meeting concluded with discussions and contributions from participants, who expressed their willingness to support the Director’s vision for advancing entrepreneurship development at the University.

13. Don Urges FG to Resuscitate Ajaokuta Steel Complex

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... As FUNAAB Holds 109th Inaugural Lecture

By Olasunkanmi Olajide & Femi Dansu

A leading Corrosion and Materials Engineering expert, Prof. Olayide Adetunji of the Department of Mechanical Engineering, College of Engineering (COLENG), Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, has called on the Federal Government to urgently revive the long-dormant Ajaokuta Steel Complex, describing it as a strategic catalyst for industrial growth, foreign exchange conservation, and sustainable national development.

Delivering the University's 109th Inaugural Lecture today, February 25, 2025, Prof. Adetunji stated that resuscitating the steel complex would significantly boost local steel production, reduce Nigeria's heavy reliance on imports, and strengthen domestic manufacturing capacity. He emphasised that a functional steel industry remains fundamental to infrastructure development, energy systems, transportation, and national security.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde presenting a plaque to honour the 109th Inaugural Lecturer, Prof. Olayide Adetunji at the event

In his lecture titled "Combating the Hidden Menace of Metallic Materials: Panacea for Industrial Growth and Environmental Sustainability," the scholar identified corrosion as a major but often overlooked economic threat. He described corrosion as a "silent destroyer," capable of triggering structural failures, industrial accidents, chemical leaks, and environmental disasters if not properly managed.

According to him, corrosion affects critical sectors including infrastructure, transportation, manufacturing, and energy. He warned that neglecting corrosion management could result in catastrophic building and bridge collapses, equipment breakdowns, pipeline failures, and fire outbreaks, ultimately undermining public safety and environmental sustainability.



The immediate family members of the 109th Inaugural Lecturer at the event

To address the challenge, Prof. Adetunji outlined several mitigation strategies, including improved engineering design, appropriate material selection, protective coatings, and the adoption of cathodic protection systems, particularly in the oil and gas sector. He also stressed the importance of corrosion inhibitors and smart monitoring technologies to detect early signs of deterioration in buried facilities such as pipelines and storage tanks.

Specifically, he recommended that filling stations and fuel depots nationwide adopt sacrificial anode cathodic protection systems to prevent underground tank leakages and environmental contamination. He further urged the government, through the Council for the Regulation of Engineering Practice in Nigeria, to make corrosion resistance a mandatory requirement in public procurement processes and infrastructure design standards.



A cross-section of the Procession at the event

The 109th Inaugural Lecturer also advocated the integration of Corrosion Engineering into university curricula to equip graduates with industry-relevant skills. He encouraged manufacturing firms and tertiary institutions to establish corrosion monitoring and control units to reduce maintenance costs and extend infrastructure lifespan. Strengthening collaboration between academia and industry through targeted research funding, he noted, would further stimulate industrial growth and deepen local content development.

In addition, Prof. Adetunji called on all tiers of government to officially recognise April 24 as Corrosion Awareness Day in alignment with the World Corrosion Organisation initiative, to promote public awareness and preventive best practices.



COLENG family at the event

Earlier, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, commended the 109th Inaugural Lecturer for his distinguished academic career and scholarly contributions.

He noted that Prof. Adetunji's research interests span Corrosion Engineering, advanced materials development, machinery systems, energy materials, and nanotechnology, fields he described as critical to Nigeria's industrial transformation and sustainable development agenda.



The 109th Inaugural Lecturer, Prof. Olayide Adetunji with the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, as well as Deans and Directors after the event

14. DITTECS Trains New Laboratory Personnel on Best Practices, Emerging Technologies

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By Joy Adeyiga & Raymond Osemene

The Directorate of Technologists and Technical Staff (DITTECS), Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), today, February 24, 2026, organised a One-Day Orientation programme for newly employed, upgraded and converted laboratory personnel as part of efforts to strengthen its technical workforce.

Declaring the programme open, the Director, DITTECS, Dr. 'Wunmi Abimbola-Okuneye, stressed the pivotal role of Technologists and Scientists in advancing the University's mandate. She described them as highly trained professionals with specialised expertise across the physical, biological, chemical, biomedical and engineering sciences.

According to her, the training was designed to enhance laboratory capacity and instil professional best practices among staff.

She characterised the laboratory as the powerhouse of science, serving as a controlled environment for experiments, measurements and analysis. Dr. Abimbola-Okuneye noted that laboratory professionals play critical roles in diverse sectors, including research institutions, academia, clinical settings and private industry. She emphasised that excellence in the profession requires responsibility, efficiency, consistency and self-discipline, enabling personnel to translate innovative ideas into tangible benefits for society.



Director, DITTECS, Dr. Wunmi Abimbola-Okuneye with the Guest Speaker, Facilitators and participants after the Orientation Programme

The orientation featured a forward-looking lecture titled "Essential Laboratory Practices, delivered by the Guest Lecturer, Engr. Tunde Shofolahan. He introduced participants to the concept of Lab 4.0, explaining how the Internet of Things (IoT) and predictive maintenance are reshaping modern laboratory operations. He highlighted the use of IoT-enabled sensors in monitoring equipment performance and conducting automated diagnostics.

While acknowledging the benefits of emerging technologies, Engr. Shofolahan cautioned against over-reliance on automation. "In the past, we practised five-minute pre-use checks manually. In Lab 4.0, IoT sensors can perform automated diagnostics, but they cannot replace a guardian mind," he stated.

He advised laboratory personnel to continue rigorous manual checks before experiments, including inspecting equipment cleanliness, verifying calibration tags and identifying potential faults. According to him, technological tools are designed to complement, not replace human judgment and vigilance.

Further reinforcing the importance of foundational principles, other resource persons addressed essential professional competencies. Ms. Jolaade Adegbite delivered a session on work ethics and time management, while Mrs Christine Awe-Mathias spoke on laboratory safety and health. Both speakers emphasised the need for security consciousness, strict adherence to ethical standards and punctuality in daily operations.

15. FUNAAB Odeda Farmers Cooperative Receives Federal Empowerment

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The FUNAAB Odeda Farmers Cooperative Multipurpose Society Limited has received empowerment support from the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (FMAFS) to enhance agricultural productivity and strengthen the capacity of its members.

Items presented to the Cooperative include a power tiller, water pump, knapsack sprayers, fertilizer, pepper and tomato seeds, a grinding machine, planter, Ultimate Plus, insecticides, and fungicide.

While receiving the items, the President of the Cooperative, Mr. Ayorinde Isaiah, expressed appreciation to FMAFS for the support, noting that the equipment would be judiciously utilised to boost food production and improve members' livelihoods.

The intervention is expected to strengthen mechanised farming operations and significantly improve crop yield among members of the Cooperative.

16. VC Tasks New Academic Staff on Innovation, Integrity

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By Emeka Oluka & Olaoye Oyewole

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, has urged newly employed Academic Staff of the University to embrace innovation and recognise time as a critical asset in their career progression.



The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Development, Prof. Olawale Dairo while addressing the participants during the workshop

The Vice-Chancellor gave the charge during a One-Day Workshop organised by the Directorate of Research, Innovations and Partnerships (DRIP) for newly appointed Academic staff. The workshop, themed "Experimentation to Commercialisation: 21st Century Grant Writing

Techniques," was designed to equip participants with contemporary research and grant acquisition skills.

Congratulating the new staff members on their appointments, the Vice-Chancellor encouraged them to familiarise themselves with the University's rules and regulations. He advised them to consistently reflect on how their contributions could advance the University beyond its current standing.



The Registrar, Dr. Titus Adeniyi admonishing the newly employed Academic staff at the event

According to him, FUNAAB remains committed to sustaining its global relevance through a clearly defined vision and mission. He called on the new Academic staff to align with Management in achieving these goals, while upholding the legacies of the University's founding fathers through integrity, diligence, and humility in their interactions with colleagues.

In his remarks, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development), Prof. Olawale Dairo, noted the importance of the workshop, saying that every university operates within specific guidelines and ethical frameworks. He stressed the need for strict adherence to institutional rules, adding that the programme was structured to clarify the culture and expectations of the University. Management, he emphasised, expects academic excellence, integrity, and full compliance with institutional values.



Also speaking, the Registrar, Dr. Titus Adeniyi, charged the participants to understand clearly what the University expects from them. He reminded them that ignorance would not be accepted as an excuse for non-compliance and urged them to pay close attention to all presentations.

Earlier, the Ag. Director of DRIP, Dr. Oluwagbemiga Adeleye, expressed appreciation to the Vice-Chancellor for supporting the initiative. He noted that research in the 21st century has become increasingly commercialised, with both government and University Management expecting Academic Staff to attract research grants and generate funds through innovative projects. He encouraged the new lecturers to build networks with colleagues and pursue collaborative, impactful research capable of advancing their academic careers.



A cross-section of participants at the event

Similarly, Prof. Kayode Bamgbose advised the participants to remain resilient despite prevailing economic challenges. He urged them to collaborate with seasoned researchers within the University to enhance their productivity and professional growth.

As part of the workshop activities, a former Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development), Prof. Kola Adebayo, delivered a presentation titled “Experimentation to Commercialisation: 21st Century Grant Writing Techniques.” Other Resource Persons included Prof. Adeboye Fafiolu, who spoke on “Conceptualising an Innovation Study,” and Dr. Adeleye, who presented on “Different Windows and Opportunities for Researchers in FUNAAB.”



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde with Facilitators and participants after the Opening Session

17. FUNAAB Zoo Park Set for Elephant Arrival, Unveils New Exotic Additions

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As a leading University of Agriculture in Africa, the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), has continued to translate knowledge into real-world experiences, where conservation, research, and experiential learning converge. In a bold stride that reinforces its pride in wildlife management and eco-tourism, the FUNAAB Zoo Park has completed a state-of-the-art elephant enclosure, signalling a new chapter in its ambitious revitalisation drive as it prepares to receive an elephant, set to become the Zoo's most iconic resident and a powerful symbol of its expanding vision.

Further strengthening its collection, the Zoo has also unveiled three new exotic animal species, marking a significant expansion of its wildlife inventory. The development underscores FUNAAB's strategic commitment to biodiversity conservation, hands-on training for students, and the adoption of global best practices in zoological management.

In this exclusive interview with *Olasunkanmi Olajide and Emeka Oluka of FUNAAB Bulletin*, the Zoo Park Director, Prof. Olufemi Sammy Sam-Wobo, shares insights into the new acquisitions, the inspiration behind the expansion, and the Zoo's preparedness to host its most anticipated addition.



The peafowls

Interview

FUNAAB Bulletin: Sir, the University Community has heard about new additions to the Zoo. Can you tell us what has changed?

Prof. Sam-Wobo: Yes, indeed. At the beginning of this month, we acquired three new exotic species: a breeding pair of Giant Desert Tortoises, a male and female Peafowl (commonly known as a peacock and pea-hen), and a male Civet cat. All the animals have undergone a thorough veterinary examination by our medical officer and are in excellent health.

FUNAAB Bulletin: What informed the decision to bring in these particular species?

Prof. Sam-Wobo: Visitors' feedback played a major role. Before I assumed office, tourists often complained about seeing the same animals repeatedly. We listened carefully. These new additions are part of our commitment to increasing variety and enhancing visitor experience. For instance, many people have only seen the Giant Desert Tortoise in pictures; now they can see one in real life. These species would certainly boost the Zoo's tourist appeal.



The civet cat

FUNAAB Bulletin: Were there institutional supports that made these acquisitions possible?

Prof. Sam-Wobo: Absolutely. We are grateful to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, the University Community, and the vendors who provided the animals at significantly reduced costs. The Management has been very supportive of our revitalisation agenda.

FUNAAB Bulletin: There are also reports about an elephant enclosure. What is the current status?

Prof. Sam-Wobo: I am pleased to confirm that the elephant enclosure is fully ready. This is a major milestone for us. We have written to the donors, and the Vice-Chancellor and his Management Team committed the necessary resources to ensure the facility meets required standards. As I speak with you, the enclosure is ready and waiting to receive the elephant.

FUNAAB Bulletin: Can you share when the elephant is expected to arrive?

Prof. Sam-Wobo: While I cannot give a specific date due to logistics, I can assure you that everything on our end is set. The facility is ready for pickup arrangements. By the grace of God, before I celebrate my second anniversary in office as Director, the elephant will be here.



Completed state-of-the-art elephant enclosure

FUNAAB Bulletin: What should the University Community and the public expect going forward?

Prof. Sam-Wobo: They should expect growth, improved biodiversity, and a stronger conservation footprint. These new acquisitions and the anticipated elephant, would significantly increase visitor turnout, enhance our educational value, and strengthen our role in wildlife conservation. We are positioning the FUNAAB Zoo Park as a leading destination for unique and diverse species in South-West Nigeria.

With these strategic additions and ambitious plans, the FUNAAB Zoo Park is steadily transforming into a premier hub for conservation, research, recreation, and environmental education.

18. Sustainable Blue Economy Key to Ending Fish Importation, Says Prof. Akegbejo-Samsons

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A Professor of Aquaculture and Coastal Fisheries Management in the College of Environmental Resources Management (COLERM), Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), Prof. Yemi Akegbejo-Samsons, has called for the strategic harnessing of Nigeria's aquatic resources as a sustainable pathway to tackling food insecurity and strengthening the national economy.

Delivering a compelling lecture at the 2nd COLERM Leadership Lecture Series, titled "Nigeria's Blue Economy: Beyond Marine Transportation, Oil and Gas," Prof. Akegbejo-Samsons urged policymakers and stakeholders to rethink the Blue Economy as a primary driver of food security and economic resilience.

The renowned aquaculture expert argued that Nigeria's vast aquatic resources, if properly managed, possess immense untapped potential to significantly reduce fish importation, generate employment, and promote inclusive and sustainable development.

Reframing the concept of the Blue Economy beyond its conventional association with maritime transportation and petroleum exploration, he described it as a holistic development framework that must balance economic growth, social equity, and environmental sustainability.



Prof. Yemi Akegbejo-Samsons making salient points, while delivering the 2nd COLERM Leadership Lecture Series

Critiquing the nation's current approach, Prof. Akegbejo-Samsons observed that while the establishment of the Federal Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy in 2023 was a commendable step, it must be strengthened through clearer policy direction and stronger scientific grounding. He stressed the urgent need to ground decision-making in research, data, and long-term sustainability principles.

Positioning aquatic resources as both a national food basket and an economic engine, he called for a decisive shift from political rhetoric to science-driven action. According to him, achieving meaningful transformation requires stronger synergy between political will and scientific expertise, with universities playing a central role in this process. "Universities must lead in manpower development, technology innovation, and evidence-based policy advisory," he stated, highlighting FUNAAB's interdisciplinary strengths in aquaculture, environmental management, agribusiness, and extension services as strategic assets in advancing the Blue Economy agenda.



A cross-section of COLERM Staff and other participants at the lecture

He further identified the Centre of Excellence in Agricultural Development and Sustainable Environment (CEADESE) as a critical institutional platform capable of driving research, innovation, and policy engagement in the sector.

Earlier in his address, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olusegun Idowu, reaffirmed the University's commitment to translating academic research into practical solutions for national development. He described the Leadership Lecture Series as a vital platform for aligning scholarship with national priorities, particularly in areas such as economic diversification, sustainability, and empowerment.

Commending COLERM for promoting intellectually relevant discourse, the Vice-Chancellor noted that FUNAAB's agricultural mandate naturally extends to aquatic systems and resource management. He urged researchers to ensure their work transcends academic publication and influences public policy and societal impact.

Earlier in his Welcome Address, the Dean of COLERM, Prof. Olusegun Oguntoke, underscored the College's commitment to leading conversations on resource governance, climate resilience, and sustainable development. He acknowledged the foundational contributions of pioneering scholars whose efforts have strengthened the College's academic standing.



VC's representative and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Academic, Prof. Olusegun Idowu with the lecturer, Prof. Yemi Akegbejo-Samsons and other Top Staff of the College after the lecture

The lecture attracted distinguished academics and stakeholders, including former Vice-Chancellor of Landmark University, Prof. Adeniyi Olayanju and former Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Development, Kola Adebayo among others.

19. Top Investment Banker, Aig-Imoukhuede Urges Nigeria to Reimagine Agriculture as the Engine of the Future of Work

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... As FUNAAB Holds 33rd Convocation Lecture

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Nigeria's pathway to sustainable jobs, inclusive growth and long-term national resilience lies not in fear of automation, but in the deliberate reinvention of agriculture as a coordinated, system-driven engine of work. This was the central argument advanced by a world renowned banker, investor and philanthropist, Barr. Aigboje Aig-Imoukhuede, CFR, at the 33rd Convocation Lecture of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), held on January 30, 2026, at the Red Chamber.



Speaking on the theme "Agriculture, the Future of Work, and the University as Catalyst," Barr. Aig-Imoukhuede challenged policymakers, universities and graduates to look beyond traditional narratives of farming and recognise agriculture as Nigeria's most scalable platform for dignified employment, innovation and national transformation, if properly governed and coordinated.



The lecture formed a central intellectual pillar which has reinforced the University's growing reputation as a global thought leader at the intersection of agriculture, governance and development.



In the Lecture, Barr. Aig-Imoukhuede noted that while global discourse on the future of work was dominated by automation and artificial intelligence, Africa's more urgent challenge is the creation of productive, sustainable and large-scale employment for its youthful population. Agriculture, he argued, offers a unique comparative advantage. "Agriculture is not merely about farming," he said. "It is a complex system encompassing science, engineering, logistics, finance, technology, regulation and trade. No other sector matches its capacity to create jobs across skill levels, income bands and rural–urban divides while strengthening food security and national resilience."



Drawing lessons from the biblical account of Joseph in Egypt and Brazil's agricultural transformation, he emphasised that agriculture becomes truly transformative only when treated as an integrated system rather than a series of isolated interventions. Turning to Nigeria, he observed that despite vast arable land, human capital and a large domestic market, the country remained a net food importer due to weak coordination rather than a lack of ideas or effort. "Nigeria's agricultural story is not one of failure," he stated, "but one of unfinished architecture."



He urged graduates to see agriculture as a modern, technology-enabled and value-chain-driven career space, noting that the most significant employment opportunities lie beyond the farm gate, in storage, processing, logistics, quality assurance, branding and export markets. He also cautioned against over-reliance on technology without strong institutions and governance, stressing that enduring transformation required patient capital, credible systems and consistent leadership.



Addressing the graduating class, directly, Barr. Aig-Imoukhuede called for adaptability, lifelong learning and civic responsibility, reminding them that Nigeria's future depends on builders of systems, not spectators.



Earlier, the Vice-Chancellor of FUNAAB, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, welcomed guests and described the Convocation Lecture as a celebration of excellence, learning and institutional pride. He noted that the Lecture remained a defining intellectual tradition of the University, providing a platform for critical engagement with national and global challenges. He, however, expressed confidence in FUNAAB's commitment to excellence, innovation and national development.



The lecture was chaired by the Chairman of the Federal Civil Service Commission, Prof. Tunji Olaopa, who called for a fundamental rethinking of Nigeria's University education system, particularly universities of agriculture. He urged such institutions to align more deliberately with national development priorities and the future aspirations of Nigerian youth. He raised concerns over youth unemployment and unemployability, warning of their implications for social stability and national cohesion.



He advocated a balanced educational model that combines manpower development with character formation and urged universities to embrace emerging technologies, such as artificial intelligence, robotics, drones, GIS and the Internet of Things, to drive smart agriculture and innovative agribusiness. He also called for sustainability-driven research, innovation hubs and community-focused solutions, particularly for rural development.



In his concluding remarks, Prof. Olaopa identified key reforms needed to reposition Nigeria's university system, including greater institutional autonomy, improved funding through public-private partnerships and a more developmental approach to industrial relations.



The 33rd Convocation Lecture thus underscored FUNAAB's role as a global knowledge hub and catalyst for ideas capable of reshaping agriculture, governance and the future of work in Africa, while positioning the University at the forefront of debates shaping Nigeria's long-term development trajectory.

20. FUNAAB has Consistently Supplied Ogun State with Quality Manpower – VC

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... As the University holds 33rd Convocation Ceremony Press Conference

By Olasunkanmi Olajide & Joy Adeyiga

As Ogun State marks the golden jubilee of its creation, the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) has been spotlighted as a key contributor to the State's human capital development, with the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, affirming that the University has consistently produced quality manpower for Ogun State and the nation at large.

Prof. Kehinde made this known today, January 28, 2026, during a Press Conference held as part of activities marking FUNAAB's 33rd Convocation Ceremony, where he disclosed that a total of 4,141 students would be graduating across various academic programmes on Saturday.



A cross-section of Press Men, Deans and Directors during the Press Conference

The Vice-Chancellor described FUNAAB as a strategic partner in Ogun State's development journey over the decades, noting that the University's graduates have continued to play critical roles in agriculture, science, technology, education, industry and public service within the State and beyond.

According to him, since its establishment 38 years ago, FUNAAB has remained committed to its mandate of producing skilled, innovative and ethically grounded graduates capable of addressing local and global challenges. He explained that the University's academic programmes are deliberately designed to combine theoretical knowledge with practical skills, entrepreneurship, research, innovation and community engagement.

The Vice-Chancellor emphasised that the calibre of graduates produced by FUNAAB reflects the confidence reposed in the University by government, parents, employers of labour and development partners, adding that many of the University's alumni are today contributing significantly to Ogun State's socio-economic growth.



The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde (Middle) and the Bursar, Mr. Olukayode Osinuga (Left), with members of FUNAAB Pensioners Association after the 33rd Convocation Ceremony Press Conference

He stressed that FUNAAB graduates are not only academically sound but are also solution-driven, self-reliant and globally competitive, attributes that align with Ogun State's vision as it celebrates 50 years of progress and development.

Prof. Kehinde, however, expressed appreciation to members of the Press for their sustained support and partnership, assuring them that FUNAAB would continue to contribute meaningfully to Ogun State and national development through its core mandate of Teaching, Research and Community Service.

In his Goodwill Message, the Chairman of the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ), Ogun State Council, Mr. Wale Olanrewaju, commended the Vice-Chancellor for what he described as focused and purposeful leadership that has positively repositioned FUNAAB.



Mr. Olanrewaju particularly applauded the University for curbing social vices on campus, attributing the achievement to its strong emphasis on academic excellence, discipline and the in loco parentis mentorship approach adopted by the Management.

He described FUNAAB as a model institution where serious academic engagement and structured mentorship have replaced deviant behaviours, thereby providing a conducive environment for learning and character development.

Present at the Conference were other Principal Officers, Deans, Directors and prominent Journalists in Ogun State, including the Ag. Chairman, Ogun State Correspondents Chapel, Mr. Peter Moses.

21. VC Commends Google Developers on Campus

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... Says 240-Capacity Computer Laboratory to be Commissioned during 33rd Convocation Ceremony

By Raymond Osemene

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, has commended members of the Google Developers Group (GDG) on Campus for their innovation, resilience and commitment to projecting the University on the global technology stage, while reaffirming Management's readiness to support and partner with the student-led tech community.

Prof. Kehinde gave the commendation today, January 7, 2026, when the group paid him a visit. He described the group's initiatives as inspiring and impactful, challenging the students to go beyond merely passing through the University. He urged them to allow the institution "pass through them" by leaving enduring legacies of innovation, creativity and problem-solving.



The Vice-Chancellor cited notable alumni, including the founder of the civic-tech platform BudgIT, Mr. Seun Onigbinde, as examples of how academic training could be translated into technology-driven solutions to national and global challenges. He noted that many successful innovators did not necessarily study core technology courses but built thriving careers in the tech ecosystem through passion, continuous skill acquisition and collaboration.

Expressing satisfaction with the achievements of the group, Prof. Kehinde assured them of the University's institutional backing and encouraged them to remain focused despite bureaucratic challenges. Addressing their infrastructural needs, he disclosed the availability of campus facilities that could be repurposed for their activities, adding that plans were underway to develop an Innovation Hub with a capacity of over 100 users.

He further pledged to connect the group with industry leaders and philanthropists interested in supporting student innovation. According to him, key stakeholders, including the Chairman, Senate Committee on ICT, Senator Shuaib Afolabi Salisu, and other industry leaders, are expected on campus on January 30, 2026, for the commissioning of a 240-capacity computer laboratory and other landmark projects as part of activities marking the 33rd Convocation Ceremony, scheduled to commence on January 23, 2026.



Earlier, the Team Lead, Google Developers Group on Campus, Mr. Ahmad Yusuf, said Google operates a globally supported network of aspiring developers across over 500 universities in more than 100 countries, noting that FUNAAB chapter has established multiple learning and innovation tracks. These include photography and videography, frontend, backend and mobile development, as well as emerging fields such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML).

Mr. Yusuf explained that through these platforms, members have gained hands-on experience, built professional capacity and secured meaningful opportunities, with some members having their academic and technical papers accepted at international conferences for both virtual and physical presentations. He attributed these achievements to the enabling environment created by the current University Administration.



He added that the group holds regular hands-on workshops, with Wednesdays serving as a convergence day for Google developers on campus. Beyond the campus chapter, he noted that the group maintains strong ties with the wider Google Developer Group network at state and regional levels, which hosts flagship annual events for collaboration, knowledge-sharing and innovation showcase. Mr. Yusuf also announced plans for the group's first student-led global event, the G-Spark Summit, scheduled for April 5, 2026.

Present at the meeting were the Ag. Director, Directorate of Information and Communication Technology Services (DICTS), Mr. Temitope Soretire, and members of the Google Developers Group on Campus, including Abdulqayyum Ajibike, Maqsudhat Bisiriyu and Daniel Olufemi.

22. 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.

23. FUNAAB Hosts DIGISOL Workshop to Advance Climate Finance for Small-Scale Agro Enterprises

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The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), has reiterated the pivotal role of small-scale agro enterprises in enhancing food security, sustaining rural livelihoods, and driving inclusive economic growth, while stressing the urgent need to strengthen their resilience to the impacts of climate change.

This was underscored at the Opening Session of the 2-Day DIGISOL Workshop on December 15, 2025, a capacity-building initiative focused on exploring sustainable climate finance solutions for small-scale agricultural enterprises.



Declaring the workshop open on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olusegun Idowu, noted that despite their importance, small-scale agro-enterprises remained highly vulnerable to climate change and are often excluded from conventional financing systems. He explained that sustainable climate finance offers a critical pathway to unlock innovation, enhance resilience, and scale up climate-smart investments across the sector.

According to the Vice-Chancellor, the DIGISOL Project has provided a unique platform for knowledge sharing, capacity development, and collaboration among policymakers, financiers, researchers, practitioners, and agro-entrepreneurs. He expressed confidence that the workshop's interactive sessions would expose participants to innovative financing mechanisms, risk-mitigation strategies, and policy frameworks capable of attracting and sustaining investments in small-scale agro enterprises.



He encouraged participants to engage actively, share experiences, and explore partnerships that would translate deliberations into actionable outcomes capable of strengthening climate resilience, promoting sustainable agriculture, and delivering measurable socio-economic benefits to communities.

Earlier in his address, the DIGISOL Coordinator at FUNAAB, Prof. Adewale Dipeolu, disclosed that the workshop was the third in the DIGISOL series, following earlier editions hosted by the lead partner, the University of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences (UAES), Owerri, Imo State, and Al-Hikmah University, Ilorin, Kwara State.



Prof. Dipeolu observed that climate change was no longer a distant threat but a present reality with far-reaching implications for agriculture, Nigeria's economic backbone and the primary

source of livelihood for millions. He identified challenges such as erratic rainfall, prolonged droughts, flooding, and declining soil fertility as major threats to food security and rural incomes. He emphasised that climate finance presents an opportunity to transform agricultural systems through investments in climate-smart agriculture, sustainable land management, renewable energy for agro-processing, improved irrigation, and early-warning technologies.

He, therefore, called for strengthened partnerships among government, academia, the private sector, financial institutions, and development partners to ensure that climate finance effectively reaches farmers, agribusinesses, and rural communities.

Delivering a keynote presentation, a finance expert, Dr. Chinedum Anowuru, spoke on accessing the Green Climate Fund (GCF), explaining that the fund supports farmers in adopting climate-resilient practices that enhance productivity and reduce climate risks. He outlined eligibility requirements and stressed the need for governments to establish Climate-Smart Agriculture frameworks, strengthen institutions, promote digital solutions, and foster strategic collaborations.



Another keynote speaker, Dr. Issa Adeleye, Director of Forestry, Non-Timber Forest Programmes, Wildlife and Ecotourism, Ogun State, spoke on Climate Change and Climate Finance Concepts, emphasising the need to build resilience, attract and efficiently manage climate finance, and achieve a food-secure Ogun State.

In a separate keynote address, Dr. Chikamso Apeh, UAES Youth Expert, spoke on Accessing Agricultural Finance Initiative (AgriFI) and Local Climate Adaptation Living (LoCAL). He urged the government to align financing with climate realities through integrated AgriFI–LoCAL

frameworks, invest in youth capacity development, and position Ogun State as a national model for youth-led, climate-resilient agriculture.



From a gender perspective, Prof. Petra Abdulsalam-Saghir, a Gender Specialist at FUNAAB, delivered a presentation titled Exploring Climate Finance Options under EDFI: Accessing AgriFI and LoCAL from a Gender Perspective. She advocated inclusive policies that remove barriers for women and youth, gender-responsive financial products, and locally driven climate finance models, noting that mainstreaming gender enhances the effectiveness and sustainability of climate finance.

Other presentations included sessions on accessing green finance products, such as green loans, grants, and carbon credits by Mr. Aluko Adebowale, State Coordinator and Climate Finance Blending Facilities, focusing on intra-credit products and energy financing, by Mr. Olugbenga Adelana.

The workshop attracted researchers, and academic staff from within and outside FUNAAB.

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

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By Raymond Osemene

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

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

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



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

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

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



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

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

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

25. DACIS Trains Academic Staff Ahead of First Semester Examinations

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By Femi Dansu

As the First Semester Examinations approach, the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB) has intensified efforts to strengthen its digital assessment processes through a targeted capacity-building workshop for Academic staff.

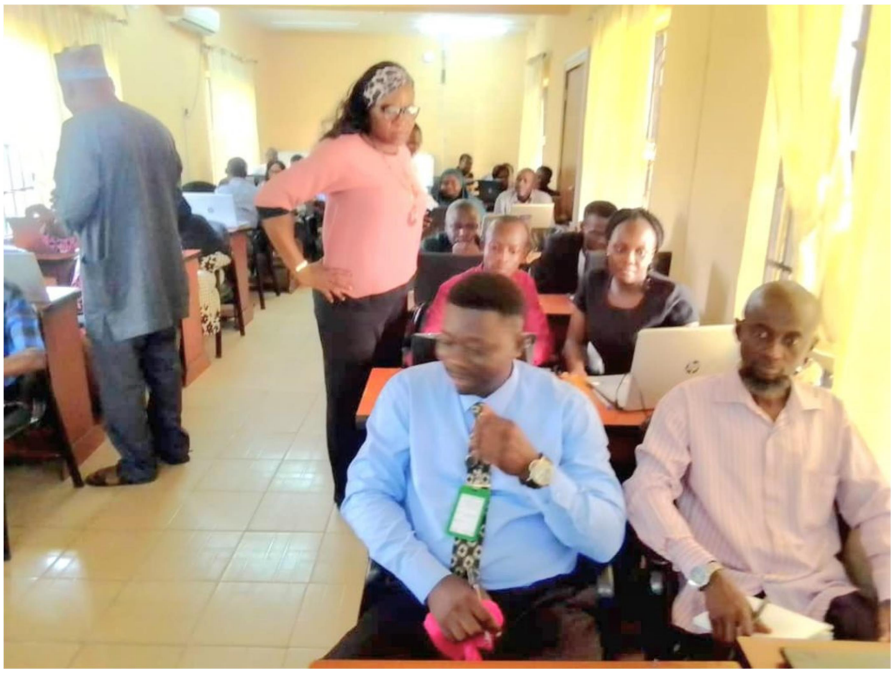
Held today, December 2, 2025, at the Laboratory 2 of the ICT Building, the training was organised by the Directorate of Academic Information Systems (DACIS) to enhance lecturers' competence in authoring and managing computer-based examinations.

Speaking during the session, the Director, DACIS, Prof. Olusegun Folorunso, described assessments as a core academic responsibility, particularly after the completion of teaching. He noted that, with the University's expanding student population and its transition to technology-driven assessment methods, the adoption of efficient question-authoring tools has become indispensable.

A major highlight of the workshop was the introduction of QPACKS, a digital tool used for preparing objective questions for FUNAAB's e-Exam platform. Prof. Folorunso emphasised the

need for lecturers to be familiar with such tools to ensure proper formatting and system compatibility.

According to him, the training was designed to make examination preparation easier for all Academic staff. “Whether they are new lecturers, experienced scholars, or professors, everyone needs to continually upgrade their knowledge of digital tools for examinations. What we are doing now is just the starting point, this will be a continuous process,” he stated.



Some of the participants at the training

Prof. Folorunsho explained that participants were nominated from various Departments to serve as representatives who would cascade the knowledge to their colleagues, given that it was impractical to gather all lecturers simultaneously due to ongoing academic activities.

He outlined the objectives of the QPACKS and Authoring Manager System to include: simplifying and automating the creation of course materials and assessments; standardising quality questions; improving efficiency in teaching and assessment delivery; enhancing digital learning content; enabling seamless integration with Learning Management Systems (LMS); supporting continuous assessment and timely feedback; facilitating collaboration among lecturers; and ensuring easy updating and long-term content management.

He further highlighted that QPACKS enhances question quality, saves preparation time, reduces errors, supports continuous assessment, and integrates easily with LMS platforms. Similarly, the Authoring Manager enhances course material development, encourages standard formats, improves content quality, supports collaboration, and promotes better student engagement.

Commenting on the mandate of DACIS to strengthen academic processes through effective information systems, Prof. Folorunso noted that “This is a capacity-building process for the

entire University. We plan to sustain it, even into the next semester, to ensure continuous improvement in the use of digital authoring tools."

The interactive session ended with renewed commitment by DACIS to explore further innovative solutions that would further enhance teaching, learning, and assessment at FUNAAB.

26. FUNAAB Commences ADEPTI Programme for Staff to Strengthen Administrative Capacity

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By Olaoye Oyewole & Patrick Erinoso

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), on December 1, 2025, commenced the weeklong Advanced Digital Empowerment Programme for Tertiary Institutions (ADEPTI), a capacity-building initiative designed to enhance staff competence, administrative efficiency, and overall institutional performance.



The Team Lead/Coordinator, DBI, Mr. Adesoji Fagbemi highlighting the expectations of the Training during the Opening Session

Representing the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development), Prof. Olawale Dairo, commended the organisers for sustaining a platform that supports continuous staff development. He noted that programmes such as ADEPTI remain central to strengthening the University's workforce, improving productivity, and aligning FUNAAB with global best practices in institutional governance.



Director, DAP, Prof. Olajide Sogunle

Declaring the programme open, the Vice-Chancellor urged participants to take full advantage of the training and remain attentive throughout the sessions.

Earlier, the Director, Directorate of Academic Planning (DAP), Prof. Olajide Sogunle, welcomed participants drawn from various Units, Departments, and Colleges across the University. He stated that the training was structured to deepen professional competence, introduce best administrative practices, and promote the use of modern, technology-driven tools for improved service delivery.



Representative of the Vice-Chancellor and the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Development, Prof. Olawale Dairo with the Director, DAP, Prof. Olajide Sogunle and some of the participants during the Opening Session of the 2025 ADEPTI Training

Also speaking, the Coordinator of the Digital Bridge Institute (DBI), Mr. Adesoji Fagbemi, reaffirmed FUNAAB's commitment to building a skilled, innovative, and dynamic workforce capable of advancing the University's strategic mandate. He disclosed that the programme was fully funded by the Nigerian Communications Commission (NCC), adding that ADEPTI was designed to enhance participants' understanding and utilisation of emerging digital tools and Microsoft Office applications. He further explained that the training would assist staff in automating and simplifying office and academic tasks while applying essential cybersecurity principles.



Participants and Facilitators with the Vice-Chancellor's representative and the DVC, Development, Prof. Olawale Dairo, after the Opening Session of the 2025 ADEPTI Training

Meanwhile, the programme continues today and is expected to conclude on Friday, December 5, 2025.

FUNAAB Alumna, Dr. Mary Adebayo Makes History as Nigeria's Overall Best Teacher for 2026

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... Clinches Double National Honours, Wins Brand-New Car at Presidential Excellence Awards

The Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB), has celebrated the emergence of its alumna, Dr. Mary Adebayo, as Nigeria's Overall Best Teacher for 2026, describing the prestigious national recognition as a testament to the quality of its graduates and their contributions to national development.

Speaking on the achievement, the Ag. Head, Directorate of Public Relations (DPR), FUNAAB, Mr. Olasunkanmi Olajide, described Dr. Adebayo's triumph as a moment of immense pride for the University, noting that her accomplishment exemplifies the values of academic excellence, discipline, professional competence and dedication to service that FUNAAB seeks to instil in its graduates.

Dr. Adebayo, a teacher at Nawair-Ud-Deen Grammar School (Senior), Obantoko, Abeokuta, Ogun State, received the prestigious honour at the President's Teachers' and Schools' Excellence Awards in Abuja, held as part of the 2026 World Teachers' Day celebration. In recognition of her exceptional performance, she was also presented with a brand-new car.

According to Mr. Olajide, Dr. Adebayo's achievement holds special significance for FUNAAB, where she obtained her first Degree in Animal Production and Health (APH) in 2003, followed by a Master's Degree in Animal Physiology (ANP) in 2011 and a PhD in the same discipline in 2021.

He noted that her academic journey and professional accomplishments reflect the enduring value of quality education, continuous learning and a commitment to excellence. He described her as a worthy ambassador of FUNAAB whose accomplishments have brought honour to her alma mater, Ogun State and the nation.

Beyond emerging as Nigeria's Overall Best Teacher for 2026, Dr. Adebayo also won the Best Public Senior Secondary School Teacher category, earning double national recognition for her outstanding contributions to teaching and learning.

The Ag. Head, DPR, observed that the dual honours highlighted the critical role of teachers in shaping the intellectual, moral and social development of young people. He added that Dr. Adebayo's recognition was a fitting reward for her dedication to effective classroom delivery, exemplary professional conduct and the nurturing of future generations.

Mr. Olajide further noted that her accomplishment reinforced FUNAAB's reputation for producing graduates who excel across diverse professional fields. He explained that although the University is widely recognised for its leadership in agriculture and related disciplines, the achievements of its alumni in education and other sectors demonstrate the far-reaching impact of its academic training on society.

Congratulating Dr. Adebayo, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Babatunde Kehinde, commended her dedication to the teaching profession and described her national recognition as a worthy accomplishment. He expressed confidence that her success would inspire other FUNAAB alumni, practising teachers and aspiring professionals to pursue excellence and make meaningful contributions to society.

Meanwhile, Dr. Adebayo's emergence as Nigeria's Overall Best Teacher for 2026 represents not only a personal triumph but also a significant milestone for FUNAAB and the teaching profession. Her accomplishment highlights the transformative power of education, the importance of professional dedication and the enduring contributions of committed teachers to national development.