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IAR&T.....Improving Farmers' Productivity and Livelihood

Science Serving Society

AGRICULTURAL VALUE ADDITION PROGRAMME (AVAP)

The Agricultural Value Addition Programme (AVAP) has the mandate to transform raw plant and animal based agricultural commodities, through primary and secondary processing, into safe, nutritious and market ready value-added products, for use at household and community levels. The Programme integrates principles of food science, technology, safety and nutrition to advance product development, post-harvest loss reduction, and sustainable agro-industrial growth. Additionally, the Programme develops and optimizes food processing technologies to improve product attributes (nutrition and organoleptic), reduce operational drudgery, and improve economic status of adopters of our technologies.

Specifically, the Programme develops food products for different categories of people for sustainable health and analyses food products for nutritional, microbiological, biochemical and sensory characteristics, improving shelf-life characteristics of crops, animals and processed foods, and also developing training modules for cottage, low, medium and large-scale food industries, to avert postharvest losses and contamination, to improve nutrient retention. The Programme is working on the development of effective packaging systems for retention of texture, flavour and nutrients of processed foods and to extend/prolong shelf life. The Programme also collaborates with other Programmes within the Institute like the Livestock Improvement Programme (LIP), Grain Legumes Improvement Programme (GLIP), South-West Farming Systems Research and Extension Programme (SWFSR&EP), and Kenaf and Jute Improvement Programme (K&JIP).

The Agricultural Value Addition Programme (AVAP) has experienced and competent Scientists from various disciplines including Human Nutrition, Food Science, Nutritional Biochemistry, Food Microbiology, Meat Science, and Food Biotechnology.

SPECIFIC PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

In order to mitigate food losses, hence food and nutrition insecurity, AVAP has developed some technologies on cultivars of the Institute's mandate crops (maize, grain legumes, kenaf).

The products developed over the years include:

* Soy-bean based products such as soy-tofu, soy-milk, soy-yoghurt, tofu sticks, soy-dawadawa, soy-ogi, soy-garri, soya-corn milk, soya-mayonnaise, soya-burger, and other soya-based snacks



* Roselle based products such as Roselle Juice (zobo), Roselle wine, Roselle tea, Roselle jam



Roselle wine



Roselle Jam

* Maize-based products like maize biscuits and maize chin-chin



QPM kokoro



Maize biscuit

* Under-utilised legumes-based products, like Pigeon pea dadawa, Pigeon/Lima bean dadawa, pre-cooked Lima bean, bambara bread, bambara chinchin, cassava-pigeon pea cake



Weaning food



Pigeon pea chinchin

Kenaf based product – Kenaf green tea.



* Collaboration with the SWFSR&EP, the Programme organises structured training, to promote the adoption and effective utilization of our developed technologies for income generation and wealth creation.



Training on the processing of zobo drink utilization



Training on soy bean

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS

The Programme has successfully patented two of her developed products:

1. Enriched custard also known as Moor custard
2. Precooked Lima beans

These products are nutritious and healthy, and convenient foods, with commercialization potentials. The Programme looks forward to their Industrial uptake and commercialization.



Enriched custard



Pre-cooked lima beans

EXPECTED IMPACT

1. Improvement in Economic and Livelihood status: Higher income to food processors, foreign exchange savings, rural enterprise growth and overall economic stability
2. Food security enhanced: Reduced post-harvest losses will lead to all season availability of food, hence there is increased food reserve
3. Good nutrition and improvement in public health: Our products have better nutrients than the traditional ones, leading to improved nutrition, food safety and dietary diversification
4. Job creation: Value addition to food gives room for more hands on the farm, hence there will be more inclusion of women and youth in agri-business

COMMITMENT OF THE PROGRAMME

AVAP remains committed to conducting applied research into technology improvement and innovation in processing and utilisation that would contribute to food security through reduction of food losses and increase value-added products for sustainability and wealth creation.

Dr. Oyeyoyin Taiwo Olanipekun

Head of Programme

IAR&T Commissions New Station in Osun, Reaffirms Commitment to Food Security



L-R: The Vice-Chancellor, OAU, Ile-Ife, Prof. A. S. Bamire; The Owa-Ooye of Imesi-Ile, HRM, Oba (Engr.) Enoch Ademola Akinyemi, Oyoyo II; The Executive Director, IAR&T, Prof. Gabriel Oluwatosin and; National President, Imesi-Ile Progressive Association (IPA), Barr. Samuel Olusola Agbeluyi, FCA, mni during the official inauguration of Institute's Imesi-Ile Station and Commissioning of its Office Complex in Imesi-Ile, Osun State



The Vice Chancellor, OAU, Ile-Ife, Prof. A. S. Bamire, with the Executive Director, IAR&T, Prof. Gabriel Oluwatosin and other Dignitaries officially commissioning the Office Complex of the new IAR&T Station in Imesi-Ile, Osun State



Group photograph of the Institute Management and the National President of Imesi-Ile Progressive Association (IPA), Barr. Samuel Olusola Agbeluyi, FCA, mni (4th L) with the Pioneer Staff of the Station, headed by Mr. Sunday Opadare (2nd L)



The Newly Commissioned Office Edifice of IAR&T Imesi-Ile Station

The Institute of Agricultural Research and Training (IAR&T), Ibadan on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 officially inaugurated its new Station and commissioned the Office Building at Imesi-Ile, Osun State. The Vice Chancellor, Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife, Prof. A. S. Bamire and the Institute Delegation, led by the Director, Prof. Gabriel Oluwatosin paid homage to the Palace of the Owa-Ooye of Imesi-Ile, HRM Oba (Engr.) Enoch Ademola Akinyemi, Oyoyo II, where they were warmly received by him and his Chiefs-in-Council before proceeding to the venue of the event.

The grand Ceremony, which had in attendance

distinguished guests, began with a Welcome Address delivered by the Director of the Host Institution, Prof. Gabriel Oluwatosin. In his remarks, he commended the effort of the Kabiyesi and the Imesi-Ile Progressive Association (IPA), led by the National President, Barr. Samuel Olusola Agbeluyi, *FCA, mni*. He reiterated the Institute's commitment to food security through research, innovation and technology development. He appreciated everyone for their presence and wished them an eventful day.

While delivering his speech, the Royal Host, the Owa-Ooye of Imesi-Ile, Oba (Engr.) Enoch Ademola Akinyemi, Oyoyo II used the medium to appreciate the Institute Management for making the dream project a reality. He urged the indigenes to maximize the presence of IAR&T for community and national benefit.

Speaking on the exposition of the Imesi-Ile Station, the Head of Crop and Livestock Production Unit, IAR&T and Chairman, Local Organizing Committee, Prof. J. A. Adetumbi traced the trajectory of the Station's establishment. He acknowledged the IPA's funding of the office building and land donation for farm operations.

The National President of the Association, Barr. Samuel Agbeluyi, FCA, mni, while delivering his speech also appreciated all the donors to the cause both home and abroad, and seized the opportunity to encourage other Federal Institutions to partner with the town, "as the Imesi-Ile community, though small in landmass, but big in ambition and aspirations, is open to advancement and progress", he added. He disclosed the Association's plan to bring the permanent site of the Polytechnic, Imesi-Ile closer to the Institute's Station.

However, as a way of encouraging the farmers in the Community, a symbolic presentation of improved Maize seeds was made and this session was conducted by the Deputy Director of the Institute, Prof. D. J. Ogunniyan. He reiterated the Institute's resolve to producing quality seeds and assured them of high yields, urging the farmers to be committed to good agricultural practices.

Prior to goodwill messages, a local cultural group from the Community thrilled the audience with a very powerful and awesome performance, elevating the spirit of invited guests and refreshing their minds.

In delivering goodwill messages, the Chairman of All Farmers Association of Nigeria (AFAN), Osun State, Alhaji Wahab Bello, on behalf of the farmers, appreciated the Institute for the kind gesture and promised that the seeds would be used maximally with expectation of good and positive feedback. The Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, OAU, Ile-Ife, Prof. Femi Ajayi seized the medium to interact with the farmers in native language, imploring them to capitalize on the opportunity of having a Research Institute in their domain. He narrated a story to echo his food-for-thought to the farmers and wished the Institute continued success. In addition, the Rector of the Polytechnic, Imesi-Ile, Dr. J. O. Bifarin extended his appreciation to the King, IPA and Institute Management for the beautiful project and development brought to Imesi-Ile, stressing the importance of the Institute's presence for the Students of the Polytechnic. According to him, "partnership with the Institute is guaranteed for the training of my students. It would be a good avenue for acquiring practical knowledge and skills development". Also, the Second-in-Command, High Chief Olatunde Aluko (The Obaala of Imesi-Ile) also wished for the success of the Institute and assured the security of all personnel

and properties of the Institute. Finally, the Immediate Past Director of the Institute, Prof. V. A. Obatolu offered her comments. She emphasized the importance of the project, tracing the starting point and believed, the reality of the Station during the reign of the present Director is a great achievement and would do humanity good. She appreciated the community for their effort and positive contributions to the project.

Following the goodwill messages, the Chief Host and Vice Chancellor, OAU, Ile-Ife, Prof. Adebayo Simeon Bamire delivered his speech. In his remarks, he expressed his gratitude to the Kabiyesi and the Indigenes, and by extension the IPA executives for the warm reception and opportunity for such a great project to be achieved. He emphasized the strong linkage between OAU and IAR&T, stating "the presence of IAR&T is the presence of the Obafemi Awolowo University". He urged farmers to adopt good practices and lauded the Institute's capacity to solve agricultural challenges.

The IPA, led by its President made a presentation of Awards to some important personalities for their great and positive contributions towards the achievement of the project. Honorees included, the Minister of State, Agriculture and Food Security; Vice Chancellor; Director; Immediate Past Director; Deputy Director and; Immediate Past Deputy Director respectively.

The Secretary to the Institute, Mr. Adeboye Popoola offered the Vote of Thanks. On behalf of the Institute Management, he appreciated the presence of all dignitaries and guests who graced the occasion. He wished them safe journey back to their respective destinations.

Consequently, the Director coordinated the unveiling of the Station, while the Vice Chancellor officially commissioned the Office Complex. The National President of IPA, who delegated one of the Chiefs, led guests on a tour of the Office Complex.

Also present were, the Chiefs-in-Council of Imesi-Ile; the DVC (Academic), OAU, Ile-Ife, Prof. G. A. Aderonmu; the Rector of the Polytechnic, Imesi-Ile, Dr. J. O. Bifarin; the Registrar of the Polytechnic, Imesi-Ile, Mr. Kehinde Akinyemi; Divisional Officer, NSCDC, Imesi-Ile, Mr. Wale Elijah; the Chairman, Agriculture and Food Infrastructure Committee of IPA, Mr. Femi Adelugba; Prof. B. O. Adisa (Agric. Extensionist), Faculty of Agric., OAU, Ile-Ife; Chairman, IPA (Home Branch), Chief Adeoye (Jagunmolu of Imesi-Ile); Vice Chairman, Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Osun State, Apostle Ajayi Paul and; Secretary of CAN, Osun State, Prophet Elijah Aletan.

In addition, the Head of Accounts, Mr. Michael Fadipe; the College of Professors, IAR&T; Committee members; CSO, Mr. Jide Oladipo; Station Managers of Institute Outstations; farmers; security agencies and the Press were equally in attendance.

The event ended with a group photograph of dignitaries, invited guests, Committee members and Pioneer Staff of the Station (headed by Mr. Opadare Sunday).

Exhibition Participation at the 65th Anniversary Celebration of Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife



The IAR&T exhibition team led by the Public Relations Officer, Ridwan Yusuff (2nd L)



The exhibition team showcasing Institute's products to the visitors



The Institute of Agricultural Research and Training (IAR&T), Ibadan participated at the 65th Anniversary Celebration of Great Iife (OAU), as part of the week-long events slated for the Ceremony. The event themed, *Research, Innovation and Exhibition*, was held at the Oduduwa Hall, O.A.U, Ile-Ife on Wednesday, June 3, 2026.

The event, which had in attendance Principal Officers of the University and distinguished guests, afforded the Institute the opportunity to exhibit/showcase its products and extend her research innovations and breakthrough to the important stakeholders and general public. Recent technologies from Programmes/Units/Centres, including MoorBeta Chicken and Popcorn Maize varieties were showcased at the event, reaffirming IAR&T's resolve to enhancing food security through agricultural research, innovation and technology development.

The event was marked with a special lecture, titled **'Driving National Development through Research and Innovation'**, which was delivered by the Executive Secretary of Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund), Arc. Sonny S. T. Echono, FNIA, OON. The event also featured the pre-launch of the ₦10 Billion President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, GCFR Centre of Excellence in intercultural dialogue and youth empowerment.

The event had exhibitors drawn from Departments within the OAU Community, NGOs, Research Institutes and Industries.

The Institute team, led by the Ag. Head of Public Relations Unit, Mr. Ridwan Yusuff comprised, the Assistant Chief Agricultural Technologist, Mrs. Adeyemo Temitope (Agricultural Value Addition Programme) and; Mr. Yusuf Fatai (Public Relations Unit).

IAR&T Scientists Attend the Kickstart International Stakeholders Forum



L-R: Dr. A. S. Amusat; Dr. Ajijola; Head, Crop & Livestock Production Unit, Prof. J. A. Adetumbi and; Head, Agric. Engineering Unit, Dr. Omotosho during the event

IAR&T Scientists on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 attended the Kickstart International Stakeholders Forum, held at the International Conference Centre, University of Ibadan, Ibadan. The Institute's participation at the Forum further aids its commitment to stakeholders' collaboration nationally and internationally.

The team, led by Head of Crop & Livestock Production Unit, Prof. J. A. Adetumbi, comprised Dr. A. S. Amusat (SWFSR&EP), Dr. Omotosho (L&WRMP) and Dr. Ajijola (SWFSR&EP).

IAR&T Exhibits Research Products/Innovations at 2026 Faculty of Agriculture Week, OAU, Ile-Ife



L-R: Prof. S. A. Olakojo; Prof. J. A. Adetumbi; Prof. A. Oyegbami; Prof. F. T. Ajayi; Prof. K. S. Are and; the Institute's PRO. Mr. Ridwan Yusuff during the 2026 Faculty of Agriculture Week, Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife.



The PRO attending to the visitors at the Institute's stand



The Institute of Agricultural Research and Training (IAR&T), Ibadan participated in the annual Faculty of Agriculture Week, Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife. The exhibition, held at the Faculty Pavilion, OAU between Monday, June 8 and Wednesday, June 10, 2026, featured Agricultural Outputs/Products from stakeholders in the agricultural sector.

The event provided IAR&T the opportunity to showcase its products and extend its research innovations and breakthroughs to the distinguished dignitaries, guests, academia, industry players and relevant stakeholders in attendance. Recent technologies from the Institute's Programmes, Units, Centres, including MoorBeta Chicken, Popcorn Maize, Value Added Products, such as QPM Cocopops & Flakes and, Bambara Nut Flour, etc. were displayed, reaffirming IAR&T's commitment to food security through agricultural research, innovation and technology development.

The Week was highlighted by the 15th Faculty Lecture & Awards, titled *From Surplus to Scarcity: Bridging Storage Gaps and Agricultural Practices for Food Security*, delivered by the Executive Director/CEO of Nigerian Stored Products Research Institute (NSPRI), Ilorin, Prof. Lateef Oladimeji Sanni. The lecture held at the Main Hall, ACE ICT-Driven Knowledge Park, OAU, Ile-Ife. Also in attendance for the lecture were the Institute's College of Professors, including Prof. S. A. Olakojo, Prof. F. T. Ajayi, Prof. O. A. Akinbode, Prof. A. Oyegbami, Prof. J. A. Adetumbi and, Prof. K. S. Are.

The Institute exhibition stand was visited by important personalities, including the Dean of Faculty, Prof. A. O. Ajayi; the Vice Dean, Dr. F. O. Tijani; Professors, lecturers, students, entrepreneurs and farmers. Exhibitors at the event were drawn from departments within the Faculty, NGOs, Research Institutes, and the Food Industry.

The IAR&T exhibition team was led by the Acting Head of Public Relations Unit, Mr. Ridwan Yusuff, with Mr. Yusuf Fatai of the Unit in attendance. The team also received Professors from the Institute, as well as the Station Manager, Ile-Ife Outstation, Mrs. Abidemi Agbabiaka and the Principal Assistant Registrar (Liaison Office), Mrs. Olusola Mafolasire, who visited the Institute's stand during the exhibition.

IAR&T Scientists Attend Summit, Win Best Award Presentation



L-R: Prof. E. O. Farinde; Miss. B. N. Ezugwu; Prof. S. B. Fasoyiro; Head of Agricultural Value Addition Programme, Dr. O. T. Olanipekun and Mrs. O. S. Agboola during the Summit



IAR&T Scientists receiving Best Presentation Award from the Chairperson, Nigerian Institute of Food Science and Technology, Western Chapter, Prof. Aishat Bolanle Akinwande (R) during the Summit



Food Scientists and Nutritionists from the Agricultural Value Addition Programme (AVAP), Institute of Agricultural Research and Training, Ibadan participated at the 12th Regional Food Science and Technology Summit, held at Osun State University, Osogbo between 8th and 11th June, 2026.

During the event, the delegates' presentations, titled 'Sensory Evaluation of Enriched Custard Powder at Storage' and 'Dissemination of Cassava-Pigeon pea fortified flour technology' won **Best Presentation Award**, making the Institute proud and lending credence to the quality of professionals and experts the Institute boasts of.

The Summit afforded the Scientists and Institute at large the opportunity to network and connect with eminent scholars, policymakers, distinguished researchers and experts across the region, aimed at advancing the mandates of the Institute, especially in the area of value addition and food processing.

Expert Visits IAR&T Staff School, Educates Students on Sanitation

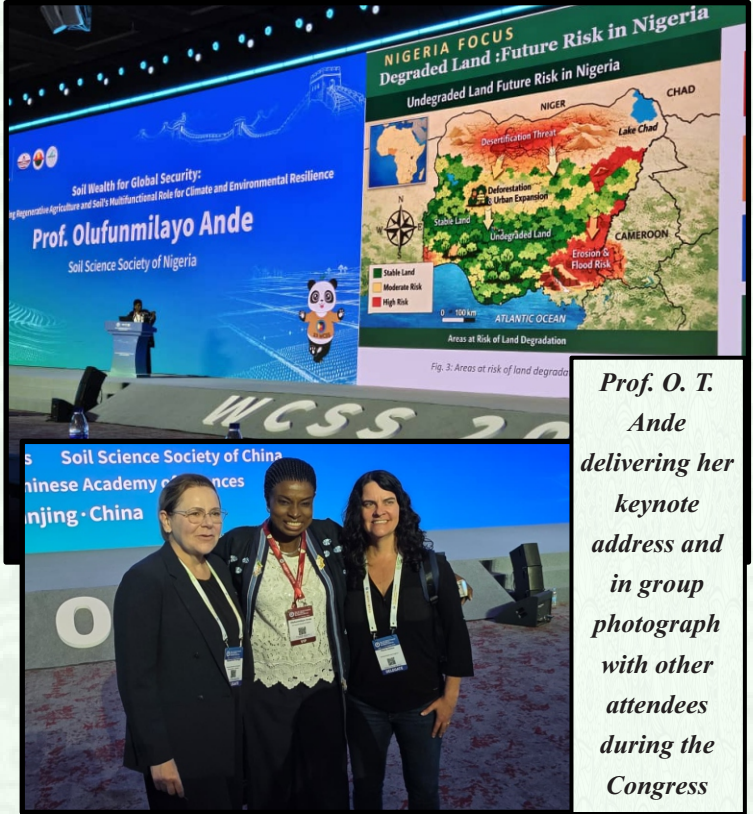


On Thursday, June 18, 2026, an expert from the Health Centre, Federal College of Animal Health and Production Technology (FCAH&PT), Ibadan, Mrs. Christiana Anetor, visited the IAR&T Staff School, where she educated students on the importance of clean water and sanitation for the environment.

The lecture was organized by the School Management, led by the School Overseer, Prof. S. B. Fasoyiro, to advance students' knowledge of public health and societal issues. It was held at the School premises, Moor Plantation, Ibadan. While delivering her lecture, she intimated the students with the basic definition, qualities, and importance of clean water. She also emphasized the disadvantages of dirty water and an unclean environment, as well as diseases that could ensue from them.

The students listened with rapt attention and asked several questions relating to the training, as she highlighted various methods of water purification and environmental sanitation.

IAR&T Don Represents Africa at the World Soil Science Congress in China



In a monumental and historic move, an icon and Soil Expert from the Institute of Agricultural Research and Training (IAR&T), Ibadan, Professor Funmilayo Ande represented not just the Institution or nation, but the entire African Continent as a Keynote Speaker at the 23rd World Congress of Soil Science (WCSS), held between 7th and 12th June, 2026 in Nanjing, China.

Prof. Ande's representation at the Congress does not only put the Institute's roadmap on a global scale, but also reflect the Institute's possession of quality ideas and experts, especially in the area of soil research.

As one of the distinguished eight (8) keynote speakers invited for the Congress across the World, she delivered a keynote address titled *"Soil Wealth and Global Security: Harnessing Multifunctional Roles of Soils and Regenerative Agriculture for Climate and Environmental Resilience"*. The crux of her presentation focused on the concept of leveraging soil information as a "soil wealth bank" to guide sustainable land use, while discussing actionable solutions to the lingering impacts of land degradation.

She had the opportunity to highlight how regenerative agricultural practices directly dictate agricultural productivity, economic resilience, and global stability. Her submission resonated deeply within international frameworks and mirrored local efforts to protect land and livelihoods.

With the presence of global experts, researchers, and policymakers, the Congress afforded her the opportunity to extensively discuss the importance of boosting soil health and enhancing long-term environmental monitoring through improved data systems and regenerative agriculture. The Congress featured a Gala Night, treating participants to exquisite refreshments and traditional display.

This milestone achievement is, no doubt, a testament to the Institute's resolve to agricultural research and development, nationally and globally.

IAR&T, Flour Mills and FADAMA Cooperative Society Train South West Farmers, Urge Improved Agricultural Practices for Increased Production



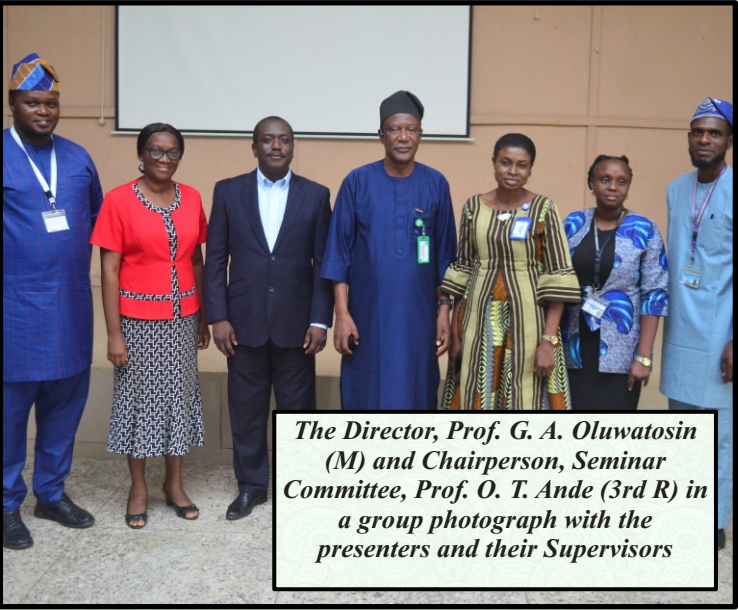
The Institute of Agricultural Research and Training (IAR&T), Ibadan, in collaboration with Flour Mills of Nigeria and FADAMA Cooperative Society, South West, organized a practical training programme on Soybean Production and Extension management practices for farmers in South Western Nigeria.

The training, which was coordinated by the Head of Entrepreneurship Centre, IAR&T, Prof. A. J. Omole, held between Thursday, June 18 and Wednesday, June 24, 2026 across the South West region of the Country. The programme aimed at improving production at a reduced cost and targeted at least 500 participants in each State.

Among the Institute's team of Resource Persons engaged for this training exercise were the Zonal Coordinator, SW REFILS, Prof. F. T. Ajayi; Prof. A. Oyegbami (SWFSR&EP) and Head of Maize Improvement Programme, Prof. J. O. Olasoji. Others were drawn from the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Ibadan, Flour Mills of Nigeria, and FADAMA Cooperative Society.

The training programme underscores IAR&T's commitment to improving farmers' productivity and livelihood through quality training across the region in areas of agriculture.

IAR&T Holds Seminar on Postgraduate Studies, Stresses on the Importance of Internal Review and Evaluation



The Director, Prof. G. A. Oluwatosin (M) and Chairperson, Seminar Committee, Prof. O. T. Ande (3rd R) in a group photograph with the presenters and their Supervisors



Cross Sections of participants during the Seminar



The Institute of Agricultural Research and Training (IAR&T), Ibadan, through its Seminar Committee organized a Postgraduate Seminar for all Scientists and top-ranking Technologists in the Institute. The Seminar was held at Prof. E. A. Adebowale Training Hall, Moor Plantation, Ibadan, on Wednesday, June 24, 2026.

The Chairperson of the Seminar Committee, Prof. O. T. Ande gave the welcome address. In her remarks, she enjoined Scientists to make the most of the exercise, as the Seminar aimed at improving and bettering their research skills and dissertations across disciplines. She added that, to enrich and solidify the discussion, invitations were sent to individual presenters' Supervisors across their Institutions and she appreciated their presence.

The Seminar, which was chaired by the Director, Prof. Gabriel Oluwatosin, saw three (3) presentations delivered by Scientists across Research Programmes of the Institute. Specifically, the presenters, Mr. Zubair Azeez Olushola, Mr. Ukachukwu Paul and Mrs. Agboola Oyedumola Sarah were drawn from the Land and Water Resources Management Programme (L&WRMP), Grain Legumes Improvement Programme (GLIP) and Agricultural Value Addition Programme (AVAP) respectively.

The presentations were exhaustively reviewed and valuable contributions were made by Professors and Senior Scientists in attendance, through questions, comments and suggestions. The presenters were assessed by experts in the Institute, with scores allotted accordingly.

The Seminar ended with a vote of thanks offered by Prof. T. O. Dauda, on behalf of the Seminar Committee.

Also, in attendance were the Deputy Director, Prof. D. J. Ogunniyan; Prof. Kolawole Falade and Dr. Ibukun

Adeyemo, Department of Food Technology, University of Ibadan; Prof. Eunice Thomas, Department of Soil Resources Management, University of Ibadan. In addition, Institute's Heads of Programmes/Units/Centres; Professors; Scientists and Technologists were equally in attendance.

IAR&T Principal Officer Delivers Lecture at FCA, Charges Staff on Effective Service Delivery



The Secretary to the Institute delivering lecture and in group photograph with distinguished guests, Management and staff members of the College during the training



On Wednesday, June 24, 2026, the Secretary to the Institute, Mr. Adeboye Popoola, delivered an insightful lecture as one of the invited facilitators at the Human Capacity Development Training organized by the Federal College of Agriculture (FCA), Ibadan. The training, themed 'Building Capacity for Agricultural Excellence, Productivity, and Effective Service Delivery', was held from June 24 to 26, 2026 at the Lecture Theatre, FCA, Ibadan.

The event, attended by distinguished guests, Management and staff members of the College, provided the Institute's Principal Officer an opportunity to highlight the essentials of effective and efficient service delivery in the public service.

While delivering the lecture titled 'The Dynamics of Service Delivery', he emphasized good work ethics, positive attitude to work, core institutional values, and the importance of integrity and competence in advancing the Institution. He stressed that staff must possess strong organizational and interpersonal skills in the discharge of their duties. He charged staff of the College to demonstrate good conduct, commitment and dedication to duty, urging them to be good ambassadors of the Institution and to protect its name at all times.

The Secretary was accompanied to the event by other Senior Administrators in the Institute, the Deputy Registrar, Mr. T. A. Sule and Assistant Registrar, Mr. Suleiman Yusuf.

IAR&T Management Honours Late Former Director with Lying-in-State Ceremony



The Director, Prof. Gabriel Oluwatosin laying a wreath on the coffin and delivering funeral oration in honour of Late Prof. Adelana during the Lying-in-State programme



Group photograph of the family of the deceased (U) and, with dignitaries after the ceremony (D)



Cross section of participants (U) and procession in honour of the former Director (D)



In a solemn atmosphere, the Director and Management of the Institute of Agricultural Research and Training (IAR&T), Ibadan, held a Lying-in-State Programme in honour of its former Director, Late Prof. Bamidele Oladejo ADELANA (1991-1996), on Friday, June 26, 2026.

The event, which was held at the Prof. E. A. Adebowale Training Hall, Moor Plantation, Ibadan, celebrated a life of service, reflecting Late Prof. Adelana’s significant contributions to agricultural research and training that remain indelible in the history of the Institute.

The Ceremony commenced with the formal reception of the body by the Director and Management, accompanied by a procession of gown-wearing academic staff, family, and friends. After a moment of silence and an opening prayer by Pastor S. O. Ajagbe, the Executive Director, Prof. G. A. Oluwatosin, delivered a funeral oration. In his remarks, he recalled Late Prof. Adelana's integrity, his mentorship of staff, and the values that defined his tenure, and prayed for the peaceful repose of his soul.

Funeral orations were also delivered by the Provosts of sister institutions in the Moor Plantation community: Prof. J. J. Atungwu of Federal College of Agriculture, (FCA), Ibadan and Dr. Grace Alonge, Deputy Provost (Academic), who represented Dr. Chidi Okpeze of the Federal College of Animal Health and Production Technology (FCAH&PT), Ibadan. They spoke on the iconic role of Late Prof. Adelana in the administration of the Colleges in the past, as well as in their personal and professional growth, while highlighting his enviable traits.

Past and present staff of the Institute also paid glowing tributes, describing him as a mentor of good character whose enduring values should be emulated.

In a symbolic act of respect, the Executive Director laid a wreath on the coffin, after which the family, Principal Officers and members of staff filed past to pay their last respects.

The programme concluded with a closing prayer by Prof. O. T. Ande, after which a procession was conducted in an orderly manner, and the guests departed quietly. Also in attendance were the Deputy Director, Prof. D. J. Ogunniyan; Secretary to the Institute, Mr. Adeboye Popoola; Head of Accounts, Mr. Michael Fadipe; Family members led by Mrs. Ebun Abiola Adebayo (the First Daughter of the deceased); Chairman of Nigeria Union of Pensioners (NUP), IAR&T Chapter, Mr. Oloye Abiodun; the College of Professors; Scientists and other members of Staff.

IAR&T Scientists Attend Workshop, Urge Effective Policy Implementation and Women Inclusion for Increased Food Production



Scientists of the Institute of Agricultural Research and Training (IAR&T), Ibadan, Dr. A. S. Amusat, Agricultural Extensionist, SWFSR&EP, and Miss Blessing Ezugwu, Food Scientist, AVAP, participated in a Stakeholder Workshop on behalf of the Institute. The Workshop, organized by the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (FMAFS), through the Nigerian Stored Products Research Institute (NSPRI), was held at Alore-Ijaye, Oyo State, on Tuesday, June 30, 2026.

The Workshop, themed "Mainstreaming Postharvest Technologies for Smallholder Women Farmers for Healthy and Safe Food Production: A Case Study of Policy Implementation", brought together researchers, policymakers, development partners, extension service providers, private-sector actors, women farmer organizations, civil society groups, and other key stakeholders. Participants deliberated on strategies for enhancing the adoption of postharvest technologies among smallholder women farmers through effective policy implementation.

Leveraging the Institute's expertise and experience, the IAR&T scientists engaged with experts and professionals championing gender-inclusive policies and effective implementation to increase food production in the country. They emphasized the importance of women's inclusion to food and nutrition security, and advocated for concerted efforts to put in place institutional support mechanisms favourable to the smallholder women farmers.

Their discussions highlighted the Institute's efforts in promoting gender-responsive agricultural and food system policies. The scientists also used the medium to network and connect with experts across agricultural fields, while intimating the gathering on the services, mandates, and operations of the Institute, thereby reinforcing our commitment to food security in the country.

Visitation:



The Director, rep. by the Deputy Director, Prof. Ogunniyan (M) in a group photograph with the Executives of the KEPPMAN led by the National Secretary, Mr. Peter Iboronke (3rd L) and Chairman, Southwest Zone, Alh. Muideen Olaogun (2nd R) during a Courtesy Visit to the Institute, June 30, 2026

On Air and On Point: The Institute Broadcasts on Radio

IAR&T, being the Zonal Coordinating Institute of Research Extension Farmers Input Linkage System (REFILS) in the South West region, continues to sustain the Flagship Radio Programme “Agbe Asejere” (Profitable Farming) on five (5) stations spread across the South West geopolitical zone. Through this radio programme, Institute's innovations, research breakthroughs, newly developed and improved technologies are now better accessed by the end users, with positive feedback from listeners across the Zone since the programme's inception in 2019.

Currently, the weekly programme is being aired on the following radio stations:

FRCN -Amuludun F.M. 99.1Mhz	–	Ibadan (Thurs. 8.45pm)
OSBC Osun Radio F.M. 104.5Mhz	–	Osogbo (Tues.7.15pm)
Paramount F.M. 94.5Mhz	–	Abeokuta (Thurs.8.45pm)
BCOS Ajilete F.M. 92.1Mhz	–	Ogbomoso (Tues.8.15pm)
BCOS Oke-Ogun F.M. 93.6Mhz	–	Alaga (Tues. 8.15pm)

Announcements:

Entrepreneurship Training:

The Institute of Agricultural Research and Training (IAR&T), through its Entrepreneurship Centre, is organizing a 2-day practical training on:

- ✓ Different Opportunities in Crop and Livestock Farming
- ✓ How to write Fundable Business Plan & Sourcing for Funds from Banks, NGOs and other Financial Institutions.

The training exercise, which is to be conducted within the Institute premises, is scheduled to hold **July 22 – 23, 2026**. Registration fee is thirty thousand naira only (#30,000.00) for either category.

For further enquiries and/or sponsorship, kindly contact: 08033630017 or 08160177203



Retirement:

In June, a Research Professor, Prof. Lucia Omobolanle OGUNSUMI and Principal Executive Officer, Mrs. Eunice Omolaye OLURAKINSE from the South West Farming Systems Research and Extension Programme respectively, retired from active service of the Institute.

The Director and Management of the Institute acknowledged their remarkable contributions during their remarkable years of service to the development of the Institute and wished them the best in their future endeavors.

Death:

Unfortunately, the Institute lost two of its staff, Mr. Francis Abiodun OTUNYEMI (Principal Executive Officer II) from the Liaison Office, OAU, Ile-Ife and Mr. Joseph Sunday AKINYEYE (Chief Engineer) from the Physical Plant and Services Unit in June.

Until their death, the staff were committed and dedicated to duties and their positive contributions to the growth of IAR&T cannot be overemphasized. The Director prays for eternal rest of the dead and wishes the entire staff of the Institute, family and friends of the deceased the fortitude to bear this irreparable loss.

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