



# INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND TRAINING, OBAFEMI AWOLowo UNIVERSITY, MOOR PLANTATION, IBADAN

## Monthly News...August, 2026

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

### SCIENCE SERVING SOCIETY:

#### SouthWest Farming Systems Research and Extension Programme:

SouthWest Farming Systems Research and Extension Programme is the central rallying point for the Institute's research and extension activities as the custodian of the SouthWest Zonal Extension Mandate of the Institute.

The Programme evaluates and promotes technologies that are ecologically adaptable, socio-culturally acceptable and

economically viable to millions of farming households in SouthWest agro-ecologies. These activities basically revolve round Farming Systems Research targeted at evaluating and adapting developed technologies to the SouthWest farming systems. Other core activities include dissemination of proven technologies, technical training for extension personnel, farmers and entrepreneurs. The Programme's activities also extend to conducting studies on adoption, impact assessment, policy and other socio-economic aspects.

The Programme is endowed with experienced

Scientists across different disciplines of relevance to its Mandate. The Programme's pool of expertise covers Agricultural Extension and Communication, Rural Development and Sociology, Agricultural Production and Resource Economics, Agronomy, Agrometeorology, Biometrics and Statistics. This is in addition to the technical and administrative staff of proven proficiency in their different areas of concern.

#### Our Strategic Objectives are to:

- Develop appropriate Cropping and Livestock production practices for SouthWest Farming Systems in Nigeria.
- Evaluate and disseminate ecologically adaptable, socio-culturally acceptable and economically viable technologies to farming households in SouthWest Nigeria.
- Conduct socio-economic and policy research for appropriate intervention.
- Coordinate Research and Extension activities in SouthWest zone, comprising Ekiti, Lagos, Ogun, Ondo, Osun and Oyo States.

- Technology and Extension information dissemination for improved productivity and livelihood among farming households of SouthWest Nigeria.
- Socio-economic and Policy Research for policy advocacy and intervention, and
- Capacity building for farmers and extension staff in SouthWest Nigeria.

**Adopted Villages:** Some of the Institute's adopted villages are Ikija village, Apete Onidoko, Aborishade in Oyo State, Oniyo village in Ogbomosho, Oyo State, Ona-ilu village in Ogun State and Wasinmi village in Osun state

**Adopted School:** As part of the Institute's resolve to training and inclusive agriculture, the following schools are some of its partners: United Christian Secondary School, Omi-Adio, IMG High School, Apata, Baptist Primary School, Ogbomosho, Tewure Grammar School, Ogbomosho, Government College, Apata, Comprehensive High School, Orile-Ilugun,

Christ High School, Oleyo, United Senior Secondary School, Ijokodo.

To further showcase the Institute and technologies emanating from it, there is a flagship radio programme tagged "Agbe-Asejere (Profitable Farming)", currently airing on five radio stations across the South West region as follows:

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- Ogbomosho (Tues., 8.15pm)

BCOS Oke-Ogun F.M. 93.6Mhz- Alaga (Tues., 8.15pm)

Generally, the Programme is responsible for the execution of the Institute's mandate of Farming Systems Research and technology dissemination in the agro-ecologies of SouthWest Nigeria.

#### Major Activities:

- Farming systems research for evaluation and dissemination of improved technologies to farm families in South West Nigeria.

#### Other Extension Activities:

- Revitalization of some of the adopted villages through creation of Radio Listener group comprising of both male and female at both Aborishade and Oniyo in Oyo State.



Fig 1: Aborishade Male Radio Listeners' Group



Fig 2: Aborishade Female Radio Listeners' Group



Fig 3: Oniyo Male Radio Listeners' Group



Fig 4: Oniyo Female Radio Listeners' Group

#### 2. Creation of Awareness on Safe Use of Agro-Chemicals



Fig 5: Practical demonstration on appropriate kit and handling of equipment on safe use of Agrochemicals

3. Data Collection during Survey on Adoption and Impact Assessment of Livestock Technologies Disseminated by IAR&T in SouthWest Nigeria.



Fig 6: Data Collection on adoption and socio-economic impact of IAR&T Soybean-based value added technologies in South West, Nigeria

4. Conduct of Training Workshop for Crop and Livestock Farmers and Processors (29 male and 11 female) with the theme "Market-Oriented Crop and Livestock Production and Value Addition". The specific focus of the training was as follows:

- Water conservation for crop production for mitigating hydro-climatic variations.
- Chemical use in Cowpea production: Emphasis on newly released Cowpea varieties ('Modupe', 'Remilekun' and 'Boluyo' varieties)
- Sheep and Goat fattening strategies for optimal returns.
- Value addition: Utilisation of soybean for income generation
- Record Keeping and Marketing strategies for Small and Medium-scale farm enterprises.



Fig 7: Practical Sessions on Water Conservation and Management under hydro-climatic variations



Advisory Visits to Cowpea Farm



Advisory Visits to Poultry Farm



Radio Programme 'Agbe Asejere' for Extension Information Dissemination



Formation and Evaluation of Radio Listeners' Group in Extension Information Dissemination

TRAINING AND EMPOWERMENT FOR FARMERS, YOUTH AND EXTENSION STAFF



Training of IAR&T Field and Extension Staff



Training of women on Value Addition to Lima Bean

Prof. A. Oyegbami  
Head

## Expert Visits IAR&T Staff School, Trains Teachers on Improved Responsibility and Professionalism



*The Facilitator, Dr. Oluyemisi Aluko (in black) in a group photograph with the Overseer of Bora-Agro Nigeria Limited, Prof. S. B. Fasoyiro (in Red) and participants*

As part of the capacity building effort of the Institute of Agricultural Research and Training (IAR&T), Ibadan, a Training Programme themed "Teachers' Values and Character: Fostering Impactful Learning, Strong Parent Relationships, and Effective Public Representation" was organized for teachers of the Staff School and held at the Prof. V. A. Obatolu Building (formerly AVAEC Building) of the Institute, on Monday, August 3, 2026.

The Training, coordinated by the Overseer of Bora-Agro Nigeria Limited, Prof. S. B. Fasoyiro, aimed at equipping the teachers of the school with the right values and character as a catalyst for impactful learning, strong parent-teacher relationships, and development of the school. The training reinforces the Institute's commitment to providing an effective learning environment and the academic development of the pupils.

The opening address was delivered by the Overseer and the lecture was facilitated by Dr. Oluyemisi Aluko.

In her remarks, the Facilitator emphasized the importance of teachers internalizing the vision and mission of the school and reflecting same in their daily practice. While elaborating on the nitty-gritty of innovative teaching practice, she charged the teachers to move beyond analog-style teaching and embrace modern-style approaches fully characterized by innovation. According to her, the change in style and orientation will further improve teachers' effectiveness and pupils' academic performance.

The Facilitator also addressed the core pillars of a value-laden teacher, including respect, empathy, patience, fairness, leadership, equity and lifelong learning, all of which guarantee excellence and professionalism in the discharge of their respective duties.

The training further exposed the teachers to skills and attitude required for an effective teaching, impactful learning environments, and professional development.

The participants were led by the Head of School, Mrs. Salawu. Also in attendance was Mr. B. O. Ogunmola of the Public Relations Unit.

The training was concluded with a group photograph.

## Activities and Events:

### IAR&T Staff School Holds End of Session Party and Graduation Ceremony, Celebrates Students with Prizes



*Group photograph of the Chairman of the Occasion, Prof. O. A. Aluko (2nd L), Overseer of Bora-Agro Nigeria Limited, Prof. S. B. Fasoyiro (3rd R) and other dignitaries with the pupils during the Ceremony*



*Group photograph of the Graduands with their certificates and prizes*

On Tuesday, August 4, 2026, the Institute of Agricultural Research and Training (IAR&T) Staff School, Ibadan, celebrated its End of Session Party and Graduation Ceremony at the Prof. E. A. Adebowale Training Hall, Moor Plantation, Ibadan.

In a colourful and grand ceremony, the students were ushered in with a Processional Hymn, after which the event commenced.

The Overseer of Bora-Agro Nigeria Limited, Prof. S. B. Fasoyiro, seized the occasion to congratulate the pupils and celebrate the teachers for a successful completion of the academic Session, describing it as a huge achievement given the Country's economic challenges. She also emphasized the need for support from the parents as the School strives to put in place the necessary facilities to aid effective learning. She promised that the School remains committed to improving infrastructure, as well as academic excellence, for which 'IAR&T Staff School is known'. She expressed her deep appreciation to the parents and hoped for continued good relationships for the general good of the pupils and the development of the School.

In her remarks, the Head of School, Mrs. S. O. Salawu, reiterated the School's principles, which have been inculcated in the pupils through quality teaching and moral development. She attributed the school's success to hard work and discipline and implored the pupils to remain good ambassadors everywhere. She extended her appreciation to the parents, the Overseer, and all members of the IAR&T Committee charged with the responsibility of revamping and repositioning the School for rapid development, for their positive contributions and support throughout the Session.

As a representative of the parents, Pastor (Mrs.) Oyediji, congratulated the pupils and prayed for more success in their respective endeavours.

Secretary to the Committee and an Administrative Officer, Mrs. Anyaorah, charged parents to improve their attendance at Parents-Teachers Association meetings, as it is the veritable medium of effective communication. She congratulated the pupils and their parents/guardians for a successful completion of the Session and wished them happy holidays.

Prior to the Chairman of the Committee's remarks, a brief oration was delivered by representatives of the pupils and graduands, aimed at appreciating parents for their constant and continued support for their education and good guidance at home, morally and spiritually.

Prof. O. A. Aluko, Chairman of the Committee and Head, Kenaf and Jute Improvement Programme (K&JIP), delivered brief remarks. While appreciating the Overseer, School Management and parents for their efforts, he pledged a good academic and working environment for the pupils and teachers. He commended the pupils for their commitment to studies and wished them the very best in the future.

The event featured a cultural dance performance aimed at entertaining the guests, after which pupils and graduands were presented Prizes in different categories, including, Best Behaved, and Best in Core Subjects (English, Mathematics, and Science). These Prizes were sponsored by notable figures among the Institute's staff, including the Overseer of Bora-Agro, the Head of Accounts, IAR&T, Mr. Michael Fadipe, and the Chairman of the Committee.

Following the Vote of Thanks and Closing Remarks delivered by the Chairman of the Committee and representative of parents respectively, the event was concluded with light music and dance.

The School remains open to more pupils from elementary classes to the secondary level. Parents and Guardians are advised to bring their wards, as the School is committed to academic excellence and moral development.

Also in attendance at the ceremony was Mr. B. O. Ogunmola of the Public Relations Unit.

### IAR&T Organizes Seminar on Postgraduate Studies, Reviews Research Theses of Staff-in-Training



*Group photograph of the Director, rep. by Prof. O. N. Adeniyani (2nd R) and Chairperson of the Seminar Committee, Prof. O. T. Ande (2nd L) with the Supervisors and Presenters after the Seminar*



*Cross section of the participants during the Seminar*

The Institute of Agricultural Research and Training (IAR&T), Ibadan, through its Seminar Committee, organized a Postgraduate Study Review and Evaluation Seminar for its staff. The Seminar was held at the Prof. E. A. Adebowale Training Hall, Moor Plantation, Ibadan, on Wednesday, August 5, 2026.

In her welcome address, the Chairperson of the Seminar Committee, Prof. O. T. Ande, encouraged all Scientists to make the most of the exercise. She emphasized that the Seminar was designed to enhance the quality of postgraduate research and urged the Presenters to ensure that their research would make meaningful contributions to national development. She also appreciated the presence of the Presenters' supervisors for their commitment to the academic review process.

The Seminar was chaired by Prof. O. N. Adeniyani, who represented the Executive Director of the Institute, Prof. Gabriel Oluwatosin. In his remarks, he welcomed participants and enjoined them to be active and engaging, noting that the Seminar aimed at advancing research and academic excellence.

The three Postgraduate presentations were delivered by Mr. Ojo, Oluwaropo of the Land and Water Resources Management Programme (L&WRMP); Mr. Ilori, Olanrewaju Olatunde of the Livestock Improvement Programme (LIP); and Mr. Ndakotsu, Joshua (L&WRMP).

Following their presentations, Professors, Scientists, and other participants engaged the presenters through insightful contributions, questions, observations, and constructive criticism. The presentations were subsequently evaluated and scored by the Review Panel.

The Seminar was concluded with a Vote of Thanks, delivered by Prof. A. Oyegbami, Head of the SouthWest Farming Systems Research and Extension Programme (SWFSR&EP), on behalf of the Seminar Committee. She expressed appreciation to the Management of the Institute, the guests/supervisors, Professors, Presenters, and technical crew for contributing to the success of the programme.

Among those in attendance were Prof. E. O. Ewuola of the Department of Animal Science, University of Ibadan; Prof. M. O. Omobowale of the Department of Agricultural and Environmental Engineering, University of Ibadan; Heads of Programmes/Units/Centres, Professors, Scientists, Technologists, and other members of staff of the Institute.

**TETFund Donates Digital-Platform Weighing Scale to IAR&T, Aims to Improve Livestock Research**



Digital-Platform Weighing Scale Machine with a capacity of 5,000kg donated to IAR&T by TETFund



The Director, rep. by Dep. Director, Prof. D. J. Ogunniyan (6th L) in a group photograph with the Official of TETFund, rep. by the Principal Investigator of IAR&T TETFund Research Team on Cattle Breeding, Prof. F. T. Ajayi (5th R) and staff members of the Livestock Improvement Programme after taking delivery of the equipment

The Management of the Institute of Agricultural Research and Training (IAR&T), Ibadan, on Monday, August 10, 2026, took delivery of a digital-platform weighing scale with a capacity of 5,000kg, presented by the Institute's TETFund Research Team on Cattle Breeding.

The weighing scale was formally presented by the Principal Investigator (PI) of the Research Team, Prof. F. T. Ajayi, and was received by the Deputy Director, Prof. D. J. Ogunniyan, who represented the Executive Director, Prof. Gabriel Oluwatosin.

The presentation, which took place on the premises of the Institute, symbolized a remarkable milestone aimed at strengthening livestock research facilities and improving agricultural activities at the Institute.

While taking delivery of the Weighing Scale, the Deputy Director delivered a brief remark. He appreciated the Principal Investigator and members of the research team for their commitment, teamwork, and contribution to the development of the Institute. He noted with enthusiasm the importance of the equipment, especially for its usefulness across all livestock commodities.

He also commended the team for their hard work and dedication, stressing that collaboration and collective efforts remained essential to achieving the goals and advancing the development of IAR&T.

The presentation further demonstrates the importance of research funding in providing modern equipment and infrastructure that can enhance agricultural research and technology development at the Institute.

Members of the Research Team included Mr. A. K. Tiamiyu (Co-Investigator); Prof. S. Oseni of Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife; Prof. E. O. Farinde; Prof. A. Oyegbami; Dr. O. O. Oluwole; Dr. I. O. Akintayo; Dr. S. O. Omotoso; Dr. I. A. Omodewu; Mr. Bamidele Boladuro; Mrs. M. O. Olalere; and Mr. Patrick Emerue.

The Head, Livestock Improvement Programme (LIP), Dr. B. A. Makanjuola, was represented by Dr. O. O. Oluwole. Also present at the ceremonial presentation were staff members of LIP, who witnessed the handover session.

**College Students Visit IAR&T on Excursion**



The Public Relations Officer, Ridwan Yusuff addressing the students (first frame) and group photograph of the Public Relations Unit Staff with the students after the excursion exercise (second frame)



Cross sections of the College students during the excursion exercise

On Tuesday, August 18, 2026, students of the Niger State College of Agriculture, Mokwa, visited the Institute on an excursion.

The excursion was aimed at enhancing the practical knowledge of the students and exposing them to modern agricultural practices geared toward agricultural development.

While addressing the students, the Public Relations Officer, Mr. Ridwan Yusuff, highlighted the core mandate and services of the Institute, and enjoined the students to maximize the visit to advance their knowledge and understanding of agriculture.

During the visit, the students toured all relevant Crop-based and Value Addition Programmes/Units, where they received hands-on training and practical demonstrations from the Institute's professionals.

The tour was facilitated by members of the Public Relations Unit, including Mrs. Ogunleye and Miss Shittu.

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Group photograph of the Director, Prof. G. A. Oluwatosin (M) and Chairperson of the Seminar Committee, Prof. O. T. Ande (3rd R) with the Supervisors and Presenters after the Seminar



Cross section of the participants during the Seminar

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In her welcome address, the Chairperson of the Seminar Committee, Prof. O. T. Ande, encouraged all scientists to make the most of the exercise. She emphasized that the seminar was designed to enhance the quality of postgraduate research and urged the Presenters to ensure that their research would make meaningful contributions to national development. She also appreciated the presence of the Presenters' supervisors for their commitment to the academic review process.

The Seminar was chaired by the Executive Director of the Institute, Prof. Gabriel Oluwatosin. In his address, he welcomed participants and enjoined them to be active and engaging, noting that the Seminar aimed at advancing research and academic excellence.

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Following their exhaustive presentations, Professors, Scientists, and other participants engaged the presenters through insightful contributions, questions, observations, and constructive criticism. The presentations were subsequently evaluated and scored by the Review Panel comprising Professors Egbetokun and Fasoyiro.

The Seminar was concluded with a Vote of Thanks, delivered by Prof. T. O. Dauda, on behalf of the Seminar Committee. He expressed appreciation to the Management of the Institute, the guests/supervisors, Professors, Presenters, and technical crew for contributing to the success of the programme.

Among those in attendance were Dr. Osaiyuwu O. H. of the Department of Animal Science, University of Ibadan; Prof. Ayinde Idris Akanbi of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB); Heads of Programmes/Units/Centres; Professors; Scientists; Technologists; and other members of staff of the Institute.

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 SouthWest region, continues to sustain the Flagship Radio Programme “Agbe Asejere” (Profitable Farming) on five (5) stations spread across the SouthWest 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:

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Announcements:

IAR&T YouTube Initiative:

The Institute of Agricultural Research and Training (IAR&T), Ibadan through the Public Relations Unit, has commenced a weekly video content uploads on its official YouTube channel. This Initiative is aimed at putting IAR&T on the global map by disseminating the Institute's technologies to relevant agricultural stakeholders.

The weekly series will connect researchers, farmers, the private sector, and government agencies with the mandate and services of the Institute. The Institute's Scientists across varying specializations will address issues in agriculture to drive adoption and impact.

As a partner, you can connect with this Initiative by visiting the Institute's official YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@iartibadan>.

Please like, comment, share and subscribe.

Together, let us build an inclusive and resilient agricultural sector in Nigeria.

An official Release by the Public Relations Unit, in conjunction with the Publications Unit of the Institute

Admission in Progress: IAR&T Staff School:

This is to inform the general public that admission is currently in progress at the Institute of Agricultural Research and Training (IAR&T) Staff School, Moor Plantation, Ibadan.

Parents and Guardians are encouraged to enroll their wards in the school, which boasts of affordable school fees, qualified teachers, and a conducive learning environment.

At IAR&T Staff School, we remain committed to nurturing excellent future leaders.

Staff, Parents and Stakeholders are advised to extend this information to family, friends, and relevant quarters.

For more inquiries, contact: 08033699313.

Together, we can build a bright future for our children. Enroll now!



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Promotion:

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| 1. | Dr. S. Ajijola       | Principal Research Fellow | CONUASS 6 |
| 2  | Dr. O. T. Olanipekun | Principal Research Fellow | CONUASS 6 |

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