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Vision

To develop horticultural produce and products for local and export market with attendant health, industrial raw materials and employment generation benefits.

Mission

To develop sustainable production and utilisation of horticultural crops in order to achieve excellence in fruits, vegetables, spices, ornamentals as well as aromatic plants research in Nigeria.

Mandate

To conduct research into the genetic improvement, production technologies, processing, storage, utilisation and marketing of fruits, vegetables, ornamentals, spices, other medicinal and aromatic plants of nutritional and economic importance.

Motto

Institutional progress through excellence in horticultural crops research

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This is Public Relations Unit

Our Goal

To build intra-institutional synergy and enhance the reputation of the Institute through effective and efficient engagement of its Publics for the attainment of organisational mandate.

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Editor-in-Chief's Remarks



I am honoured to highlight our significant achievements in advancing horticultural research and innovation during the second half of 2024. National Horticultural Research Institute (NIHORT) continues to excel in Nigeria's agricultural sector, driving sustainable development, food security, and economic growth. The past six months have been a period of remarkable achievements for NIHORT, marked by impactful initiatives and partnerships that strengthen our commitment to improving food security and sustainable agriculture. Some of these achievements include:

i. Pest-Resistant Pepper Varieties: Our scientists have developed improved pepper varieties resistant to common pests, addressing affordability and boosting farmers' productivity.

ii. Biotechnology Advancements: With FAO support, we have upgraded our tissue culture facilities, enhanced banana and plantain production and improved pest management strategies.

iii. Innovative Products: We have developed organic biopesticides, herbal teas, flavoured honey, and natural cosmetics from horticultural waste, promoting eco-friendly practices.

iv. Capacity Building: Training programmes across Nigeria's geopolitical zones have empowered farmers with knowledge on horticultural commodity value chains strengthening rural economies.

The second Global Okra Round Table (GORT II), in collaboration with

Foundation for Advanced Training in Plant Breeding (ATBPR) India hosted by NIHORT in October 2024, showcased Nigeria's leadership in horticultural innovation as the world's second-largest okra producer. This international conference brought together experts to discuss advancements in okra breeding, agronomy, and socioeconomic impacts.

The Institute reaffirmed its commitment to sustainable agricultural systems, focusing on genetic improvement of indigenous crops, eco-friendly practices, and strategic partnerships. By fostering research and capacity building, NIHORT aims to enhance food security and transform Nigeria's horticultural sector. The Institute remains dedicated to improving livelihoods and advancing innovative solutions for sustainable agriculture globally.

Thank you for supporting this vision.
Warm regards,

Prof. M. L. Attanda

Executive Director/CEO & Editor in Chief.
National Horticultural Research Institute
(NIHORT)





It is my pleasure to introduce this edition of our newsletter, a publication that embodies our commitment to excellence and innovation in horticultural value chains. Our vision is to transform this newsletter into a beacon of knowledge, not just for Nigeria but for the global community, aligning with international standards of quality and relevance.

Dreaming Big: A Vision for Excellence

Our dream is to create a platform where the latest breakthroughs in horticulture are showcased, where farmers, researchers, and policymakers can find valuable insights to enhance their work. We envision a newsletter that is not only informative but also engaging, featuring stories of resilience and success from our stakeholders, giving updates on our cutting-edge research, and perspectives from leading experts in the field.

Vision for the Future

Our vision is built on three pillars: Innovation, Collaboration, and Sustainability. We aim to highlight NIHORT's role in developing innovative solutions for horticultural challenges. We seek to foster collaboration between stakeholders, ensuring that our research output reach the end-users effectively. Finally, we are dedicated to advancing sustainable practices, innovative methods and responsible environmental stewardship.

Global Visibility

To achieve comparable visibility, we are elevating the NIHORT newsletter by enhancing content quality, design, and distribution. This includes featuring

Elevating NIHORT's Voice in the Global Community



articles from esteemed international experts, integrating engaging multimedia elements, and broadening our digital outreach. Our goal is to establish NIHORT newsletter as a leading global resource for horticulture information.

A Call to Action

We invite our readers to join us on this journey, share stories, provide feedback and suggestions. Together, we can make NIHORT newsletter a symbol of excellence in horticultural communication.

Thank you for your continued support.
Best Regards,

Oladunjoye Mobolaji, PhD.
Editor



Seeds of Hope: NIHORT Rises to the Challenge of Renewed Hope for Food Security

In a bold stride towards national food sufficiency, the Institute has responded decisively to the Federal Government's Renewed Hope Food Security Programme. Acting on a ministerial directive, NIHORT has taken up the initiative of breeder and foundation seed production for key horticultural crops: tomato, okra, amaranth (tete Yoruba) and pepper. This demonstrates NIHORT's pivotal role in Nigeria's horticultural value chain.

This directive, communicated through the Honourable Minister for Agriculture and Food Security, set the stage for a coordinated institutional response. The Executive Director swiftly convened Heads of Departments, Programs, and Units for a brainstorming session towards ensuring a comprehensive understanding of the assignment's scope and urgency. Through robust dialogue, a strategic path was charted, culminating in the formation of specialised committees tasked with translating policy into action and aligning with the Presidential emergency proclamation on food security.

The process began with the development of a detailed work plan, spearheaded by the Planning, Monitoring, and Evaluation Department in concert with the Seed Technology Unit. The latter assumed

responsibility for varietal development, breeder and foundation seed production, and rigorous seed quality evaluation and processing. This collaborative approach ensured that every stage from the compilation of planting materials to land allocation, nursery establishment and management, pest and disease control, harvesting, and storage was meticulously executed.

The results speak volumes about NIHORT's capacity and commitment. A total of 881.2 kilograms of okra breeder and foundation seed, 58.53 kilograms of tomato, 493.6 kilograms of amaranth, and 59grams of pepper breeder seed were produced with each batch meeting the stringent standards expected of premium seeds. These achievements underscore the institute's alignment with national seed policy, which mandates that only accredited public and private entities handle early generation seed production to guarantee genetic integrity and quality for Nigerian farmers.

NIHORT's efforts not only fulfill a ministerial directive but also embody the spirit of innovation and resilience required to secure Nigeria's food future in horticultural value chain. As the nation rallies behind the Renewed Hope agenda, NIHORT stands as a beacon, demonstrating that with strategic leadership, collaboration, and technical excellence, the seeds of hope can indeed yield a harvest of abundance.

Seeds of Hope: NIHORT Rises to the Challenge of Renewed Hope for Food Security

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Land preparation



Land preparation (Ploughing and Harrowing) at onset of the Ministerial Directive

Inception Training



Participants during the inception training for the Ministerial Directive on Breeder and Foundation seed production

Nursery production



Soil sterilisation and sowing tomato seeds in the nursery



Tomato seedlings growing in the nursery

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Management practices



Tomato plants being staked on the field

Harvesting and Processing



Harvesting of matured Amaranth seeds



Harvesting of Matured Okra pods



Weighing and processing tomato seeds after harvesting

Storage of the processed seeds: Proper storage is essential to guarantee the viability of the processed seeds, accordingly, the tomato seeds, along with other varieties produced, have been carefully stored in the Institute's seed room.



Processed tomato seeds carefully packaged before storage

Capacity Building of Leaders and Administrators for Effective and Efficient Performance of NIHORT Staff

The NIHORT Management Training Series has been a cornerstone in enhancing leadership and administrative capabilities among staff, fostering a more productive and harmonious workplace. Following the success of the first batch held from February 13th to 15th, 2024, the second batch took place from October 22nd to 24th, 2024 at NIHORT Headquarters, Ibadan. This iteration aims at addressing skill gaps among trained staff.

The training featured 15 comprehensive sessions and combined leadership development with mental health awareness aligning with World Health Organisation's (WHO) recommendations on mental and emotional health in the workplace.

Highlights included talks on achieving organisational goals, leadership styles, and team dynamics, delivered by in-house experts. Mental and emotional health talk were central to Day 2, with sessions led by Mrs. Shade Olatunji and Dr. Toyin Aniagwu from the University College Hospital, Ibadan. Topics covered includes understanding mental health, psychosocial issues at work, and work-life balance, complemented by practical case studies.

Participants also benefited from general medical check-ups and subsidized eye tests, underscoring NIHORT's commitment to holistic staff well-being. Pre and post-training evaluation ensured the programme effectively addressed skill gaps, while certificates were awarded to all attendees.

NIHORT's ED/CEO, Prof. M. L. Attanda, emphasised the programme's role in shaping resilient and innovative leadership, marking a significant step toward a healthier and more productive institute.



ED/CEO, Prof. M. L. Attanda



Medical checks for NIHORT staff



Certificate issuance to participants



NIHORT Management with the participants



Mrs. Shade Olatunji & Dr Toyin Aniagwu



Dr L. O. Olajide-Taiwo, Director of Research/Facilitator



Dr O. A. Adetula, Chairman, RRPC/Facilitator



Organising Committee

Horticultural Academy for Youths (HAY) Celebrates Second Batch Graduation



Graduands with ED/CEO (Prof. M. L. Attanda) and HAY Team

The Institute marked the graduation of its second cohort of trainees under the Horticultural Academy for Youths (HAY) programme on October 31st, 2024. The seven-month intensive training, designed to address unemployment and enhance food security, concluded with a ceremony that highlighted the trainees' mastery of horticultural practices on vegetable production.

Overview: Building on the success of its inaugural cohort, in which 28 unemployed youths were trained in 2023, the second batch maintained the same enrolment size. The HAY initiative focuses on equipping participants with lowland and upland vegetable production techniques, emphasizing sustainable livelihoods through horticulture. Trainees received comprehensive training in theoretical and practical horticulture, including crop establishment, nursery management, pest control, and value-chain integration.

Empowerment and Recognition: To ensure hands-on learning, participants were allocated dedicated plots and provided with production inputs such as seeds, tools, protective cover all, and field equipment. Stipends were also disbursed to support their engagement. Six outstanding trainees—three males and three females—received awards for exceptional



On-field theoretical session



Practical demonstration, with a technical supervisor



2024 HAY Graduands with their certificates

Horticultural Academy for Youths (HAY) Celebrates Second Batch Graduation

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Group photograph of participants

performance, reflecting the programme's emphasis on merit-based recognition.

Impact: The training surpassed its four-point objectives, demonstrating measurable success in empowering youths to become self-reliant horticultural practitioners. Graduates were equipped to contribute to Nigeria's food security while serving as employers of labour. NIHORT's commitment to mentorship extends beyond graduation, with ongoing support available to alumni to navigate challenges in their agricultural ventures.

Acknowledgment: The Institute congratulates the 28 graduands on their achievement and commends the HAY team for their dedication to fostering youth-led agricultural innovation. This milestone underscores NIHORT's role in advancing Nigeria's horticultural sector through targeted capacity-building initiatives.



Practical demonstration with a technical supervisor



Graduands at NIHORT's lawn

Empowering Communities, Cultivating Futures: Highlights From NIHORT's 2024 Empowerment Initiatives

NIHORT reaffirmed its dedication to sustainable horticultural development in the latter half of 2024 by successfully delivering a series of impactful empowerment programmes across Nigeria. Five flagship initiatives were conducted in Lere (Kaduna State), Ilorin (Kwara State), Aiyede-Ekiti (Ekiti State), Ijebu-Ode (Ogun State), and Gombi/Hong (Adamawa State), targeting vulnerable Nigerians particularly women and youth between November 1 and December 18, 2024.

These comprehensive sessions focused on enhancing participants' knowledge and practical skills, aligning with NIHORT's mission to promote sustainable horticultural practices through engagement with farmers and other stakeholders. The programmes received enthusiastic participation, as captured in the visual highlights featured in the following pages.

NIHORT's empowerment initiatives underscore its commitment to building local capacity and driving horticultural

advancement nationwide. By prioritising knowledge transfer and skill development, the Institute continues to play a leading role in boosting productivity and sustainability in Nigeria's horticultural sector.

Programme Spotlight: Kaduna, Kwara, Ekiti, Ogun and Adamawa States

Empowering Women and Youths in Lere, Kaduna State: NIHORT's Advanced Training in Tomato and Okra Cultivation

From November 1st – 4th, 2024, NIHORT successfully trained 331 women and youths in Lere Federal Constituency on advanced tomato and okra cultivation, value addition, and seed production techniques. The comprehensive program covered nursery management, transplanting, field establishment, and strategies to reduce postharvest losses along the value chain. Sponsored by the Federal Government of Nigeria, this initiative equipped participants with knowledge and practical skills to excel in small and medium agricultural enterprises, reinforcing NIHORT's commitment to community-driven agricultural transformation.



Training Banner Showing Information about the Training Programme



Registration desk



Empowering Communities, Cultivating Futures: Highlights From NIHORT's 2024 Empowerment Initiatives Cont'd.



[Left] Welcome Address by the Executive Director /Chief Executive Officer NIHORT, Prof. M. L. Attanda represented by Dr. J. A. Akinfasoye, Coordinator (Training & Services) Hort Consultancy Ventures Limited, Ibadan.
[Right] Opening remark by Honourable Ahmed Munir, Member of House of Representative representing Lere Federal Constituency



Workshop Overview by Dr J. A. Akinfasoye



Cross Section of Participants during Pre-Training Evaluation



Technical Paper Presentation on Tomato and Okra Production



Technical Paper Presentation on Tomato and Okra Production



Empowering Communities, Cultivating Futures: Highlights From NIHORT's 2024 Empowerment Initiatives Cont'd.



Participants' feedback



Group photograph of participants and officials at the end of the training with participants displaying their certificates



Distribution of certificates, training manual and starter kits to participants

Empowering Youth and Women in Kwara Central: Advancing Horticultural Value Chains

From November 11th–15th, 2024, NIHORT successfully conducted a capacity-building program focused on horticultural value chains for youth and women in Kwara Central Senatorial District, Ilorin, Kwara State. The training, held at the Lower Niger Basin Development Authority, emphasised

the cultivation and commercialisation of *Telfairia* (Ugu) and *Abelmoschus esculentus* (Okra).

In his welcome address, Prof. Muhammed Lawal Attanda, ED/CEO of NIHORT, expressed gratitude to the Federal Government of Nigeria, the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, and the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria (ARCN) for their financial support and

Empowering Communities, Cultivating Futures: Highlights From NIHORT's 2024 Empowerment Initiatives Cont'd.

commitment to horticultural empowerment. He also acknowledged Senator Saliu Mustapha (Turaki of Ilorin) for selecting NIHORT mandate crops for his constituency project, underscoring the strategic partnership driving this initiative.

The comprehensive five-day training, equipped 200 participants with knowledge and practical skills to enhance productivity and value addition in horticultural enterprises.



Training of women and youths on *Telfairia occidentalis* (Ugu) and *Abelmoschus esculentum* (Okra) production and value chain development at Ilorin, Kwara State.

NIHORT team with the women and youths trainees at Ilorin, Kwara State

Empowering Women in Post-Harvest Farming: Aiyede-Ekiti Initiative

From the 19th to 23rd November 2024, NIHORT successfully conducted a specialised training program on Plantain and Pineapple Post-Harvest Handling and Value Addition at Sir Adebola Ayoola Cooperative Hall, Aiyede-Ekiti, Oye Local Government Area, Ekiti State. The

initiative equipped 30 women participants with knowledge and essential skills to enhance post-harvest practices and boost value addition in horticulture. The program received wide coverage across print and electronic media, underscoring NIHORT's commitment to women's empowerment in agriculture.



Practical Session



Group photograph of trainees with community leaders at Aiyede Ekiti

Empowering Communities, Cultivating Futures: Highlights From NIHORT's 2024 Empowerment Initiatives Cont'd.

Empowering Ogun State Youths and Women: Vocational Training in Plantain Sucker Multiplication and Value Addition

As parts of efforts to boost employment and entrepreneurship, NIHORT successfully conducted a vocational training workshop from November 25th to 30th, 2024, at the Conference Hotel, Ijebu-Ode. Sponsored entirely by the Federal Government of Nigeria, this initiative equipped 200 unemployed

youths and women from Ogun State with essential skills in plantain sucker multiplication and value addition.

The comprehensive program covered best practices in production, value enhancement techniques, economic aspects of production, marketing strategies, and meticulous record-keeping. The aim of the hands-on training was to foster sustainable livelihoods and stimulate local agribusiness growth among participants, paving the way for economic empowerment and community development.



His Excellency, Distinguished Senator, Otunba Senator Gbenga Daniel, the Senator representing Ijebu East Senatorial District giving his speech at the opening ceremony



Group Photograph of Participants at the Opening ceremony



Practical Session on Plantain value addition handled by Dr A.O Oduntan, Chief Research Officer and Head of Programme, Product Development, NIHORT and Mr A. Olabanji Product Development Programme, NIHORT



Workshop Overview by Dr J. A. Akinfasoye, Training Coordinator, Hort Consultancy Limited, NIHORT



Vote of thanks by Dr M. V. David, Director of Administration, NIHORT

Empowering Communities, Cultivating Futures: Highlights From NIHORT's 2024 Empowerment Initiatives Cont'd.

Empowering the Future: Building Agribusiness Capacity for Youth and Women in Gombi, Adamawa

From December 17th to 18th, 2024, NIHORT successfully conducted a comprehensive training program on tomato and pepper production at the NUT Building in Gombi, Adamawa State. The initiative focused on equipping participants with practical skills in nursery establishment, planting and transplanting,

field maintenance, pest and disease management, harvesting techniques, and value addition. A total of 100 youth and women from the Gombi/Hong Federal Constituency benefitted from this capacity-development effort, which was facilitated by Hon. James Barka, the constituency's legislative representative. This program underscores the Institute's commitment to empowering local agripreneurs and fostering sustainable agribusiness development.



Welcome Address by Mr. Solomon Adamu representing Rt. Hon. James Barka, a member of Federal House of Representatives representing Gambi/Hong Constituency



Participant feedback



Hon. Clifford Boniface giving the Vote of Thanks

Demonstrating unwavering dedication to food security and economic empowerment, NIHORT advances its mission through comprehensive training and empowerment programs. These strategic initiatives not only boost horticultural productivity but also enhance livelihoods by promoting nutrition, self-reliance, and job creation.



Participant appreciating NIHORT



Cross Section of Participants

Beautification Of The Institute: Enhancing Productivity And Research Excellence



Lily



White ixora



Queens palm

Different ornamental plants

The Farm Management Unit plays a pivotal role in maintaining the aesthetic appeal of the institute's surroundings. The team worked diligently to ensure that the Institute remains beautifully maintained. This activity is integral to fostering an environment that supports the Institute's core mission of advancing horticultural research.

The importance of a well-designed and maintained environment cannot be overstated. Such an environment enhances the overall research experience, therapeutic and mental wellbeing and boosts staff morale. It also reduces stress and improves job satisfaction, leading to better research outcomes. By prioritising beautification, NIHORT creates a conducive setting that supports its researchers and technical staffs in their pursuit of excellence, ultimately contributing to the advancement of horticultural science and practice in Nigeria.

Hedges serve as an aesthetically pleasing and functional boundary, crafted from living plants to enhance the visual appeal of gardens or landscapes. Maintaining these green borders is essential for health, structure, and overall attractiveness. Hedge maintenance encompasses a range of practices, including pruning, watering, and fertilising, all of which contribute to their vitality and longevity. Proper hedge maintenance not only enhances the beauty of landscapes but also ensures that these natural boundaries remain healthy and resilient against pests, diseases, and environmental stressors. Regular care ensure hedges fulfil both their functional and aesthetic roles effectively.



Shrub

NIHORT's Technical Bid Opening: Transparency in Action

The Institute's headquarters recently conducted a technical bid opening for its procurement exercise as a clear indication of its commitment to transparency, accountability, and competitiveness. This pivotal event, held on 18th September 2024, marked a significant milestone in the institute's procurement process. Conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Public Procurement Act 2007, the technical bid opening was a testament to NIHORT's dedication at ensuring that all procurement activities are fair, transparent, and compliant with regulatory standards.



Prof. M. L. Attanda
Executive Director/CEO, NIHORT

The event was attended by relevant stakeholders who were pleased with the outcome. The formal opening of bids in the presence of these stakeholders not only ensured that the process was conducted with integrity but also provided an opportunity for all parties involved to witness first-hand the transparency and fairness that NIHORT upholds in its procurement practices. As the institute moves forward with the procurement process, it remains committed to completing the evaluation and awarding of contracts to successful bidders in a timely and efficient manner. This approach will undoubtedly foster a competitive environment that benefits both NIHORT and the participating vendors, ultimately contributing to the success of the institute's projects.



Mr. Babatunde Adewoye
Head, Procurement Unit, NIHORT



Bid opening



Group photograph

NIHORT's Technical Bid Opening: **Transparency in Action**

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The Institute marked a significant milestone in her procurement process with the financial bid opening held on November 11, 2024. This event was part of the ongoing procurement exercise aimed at advancing transparency, accountability, and competitiveness in line with the provisions of the Public Procurement Act, 2007.

The bid opening underscores NIHORT's commitment to adhering to best practices in public procurement. By ensuring openness and fairness in the bidding process, the institute continues to maintain trust among stakeholders and encourage participation from eligible contractors and service providers.



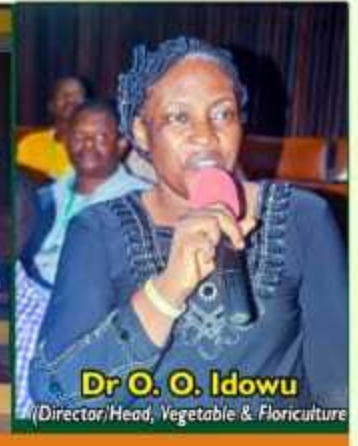
**Director of Administration,
Dr M. V. David**



NIHORT Hosts Successful Three-Day Intensive Mushroom Cultivation and Production Training



Prof. Muhammed Lawal Attanda
Executive Director/CEO, NIHORT



Dr O. O. Idowu
(Director/Head, Vegetable & Floriculture)

The Mushroom Unit of the institute organised a three-day transformative training programme on mushroom cultivation and production from August 13th to 15th, 2024. This initiative aimed to equip participants with both theoretical knowledge and practical skills essential for mushroom farming.

Highlights of the Training

The training attracted a diverse group of 25 participants which include lecturers, youth corps members, students, and researchers from various geopolitical zones across Nigeria. The programme featured a balanced mix of theoretical and hands-on practical sessions led by seasoned experts in the field.

Key Activities

Theoretical sessions: Participants were introduced to spawn multiplication, substrate preparation, fruiting body production, and nutritional and economic benefits of mushrooms. Pre- and post-evaluation assessment revealed significant improvement in participants' understanding of mushroom cultivation concepts.

Practical sessions: Participants engaged in critical activities like sorghum soaking for seed multiplication, substrate composition and sterilisation, inoculation, and transferring inoculated substrates to vegetative rooms. These hands-on practical exercises provided them with the confidence to establish their own mushroom farms.

Impact and Feedback

The initiative was followed by enthusiastic feedback from participants, many of whom demonstrated readiness to apply their new-found knowledge and skills by purchasing starter kits. As a gesture of encouragement, the Executive Director/CEO, Prof. M. L. Attanda promised starter kits to two participants who showed exceptional commitment during the programme. This initiative is expected



Participants and NIHORT Team

to significantly enhance mushroom production in Nigeria, contributing to income generation, improved nutritional status, and reduced protein malnutrition. Additionally, it strengthens economic empowerment by enabling participants to explore entrepreneurial opportunities in mushroom farming.

The three-day intensive training was a success, reinforcing NIHORT's commitment to advancing horticultural practices in Nigeria. By equipping individuals with technical knowledge and practical skills in mushroom cultivation, the programme has laid a solid foundation for sustainable agricultural development and economic growth.

Championing Equity And Inclusivity With Gender Mainstreaming Initiative



Mrs. Folusho Olumaiyegun
(NIHORT)



Prof. Stella O. Odebode
(University of Ibadan)



Prof. Francesca Ukpokolo
(University of Ibadan)

Towards fostering equity, inclusivity, and institutional growth, the Institute organised a dynamic two-day event on October 8th - 9th, 2024, at its auditorium. Spearheaded by the NIHORT Gender Mainstreaming Office, the programme focused on awareness creation, sensitisation, and capacity building to embed gender mainstreaming into the Institute's core operations.

Day One: Spotlight on Awareness and Sensitisation

The opening day featured an impactful seminar aimed at enlightening staff on the critical role of gender mainstreaming for institutional success. The session was inaugurated with welcome remarks by the Executive Director, Prof. M. L. Attanda, alongside Dr M. A. Badmus, NIHORT's gender focal person, who played a central role throughout the event.

Participants were treated to three thought-provoking presentations titled:

Overview of Gender Mainstreaming:

1. Understanding the Place of a Gender Mainstreaming Office in a Workplace' by Prof. Francesca Ukpokolo (University of Ibadan).
2. Importance of Gender Mainstreaming in Horticultural Research by Prof. S. O. Odebode (University of Ibadan).
3. Gender Mainstreaming Office: Purpose, Objectives and Activities by Dr M. A. Badmus (NIHORT).

The seminar concluded with an engaging question and answer session and group discussions on practical strategies for staff to champion gender mainstreaming initiatives. Closing remarks by Research Review and Planning Committee (RRPC) Chairman, Dr O. A. Adetula, underscored the collective responsibility to advance gender equality as a cornerstone of institutional development.

Championing Equity And Inclusivity With Gender Mainstreaming Initiative

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Empowering Horticulture through Inclusivity: NIHORT's Capacity-Building Workshop on Gender Mainstreaming

On the second day of the pivotal event, the Institute hosted a capacity-building workshop titled "Gender Mainstreaming in Horticultural Research: Enhancing Inclusivity and Equity in Agricultural Innovation." Dr M. A. Badmus inaugurated the workshop, outlining its objectives and expected outcomes.

The workshop was structured into four engaging sessions:

Session 1: Introduction to Gender Mainstreaming in Agricultural Research

Dr Abigail Iyilade from Agricultural and Rural Management Training Institute (ARMTI), Ilorin, presented on the concepts and definitions of gender mainstreaming, emphasizing its importance in agricultural research. Dr M. A. Badmus provided an overview of mainstreaming gender in horticultural research.

Session 2: Institutionalising Gender Mainstreaming in Research Institutes

Dr. Iyilade discussed developing gender-responsive research institutions, while Dr F. B. Olajide-Taiwo highlighted gender-responsive approaches to agricultural innovation. Mr. A. A. Layade focused on creating effective monitoring and evaluation systems for tracking gender mainstreaming efforts.



Cross sections of participants and presenters during the sessions

Session 3: Gender Mainstreaming in Policy and Decision-Making

Dr Iyilade presented a key paper on gender-sensitive policy formulation, using case studies of successful gender-responsive policies.

Session 4: Group Activity and Action Planning

Participants formed groups to develop action plans for integrating gender considerations into their programs, which was facilitated by Dr. R. B. Ibe. The workshop concluded with closing remarks, certificate presentations, and discussions on advancing gender mainstreaming at NIHORT.

This event marked a significant step in NIHORT's journey toward creating a more inclusive and equitable research environment, ensuring that future agricultural innovation is both impactful and community focused.

Community Home Gardening: A Panacea for Food Security

By: Dr Olutola O. Oyedele, Director of Research/Coordinator



In response to the global rise in living costs and food prices, the Institute has launched an innovative community home gardening initiative to address food insecurity and improve nutrition in urban households. This programme as part of NIHORT's corporate social responsibility, aims to empower families by helping them establish small-scale home gardens to support their daily food needs.

The first phase of this quarterly programme commenced on December 11th, 2024, with Executive Director, Prof. M. L. Attanda officiating the launch. Also, 42 participants from various residential communities surrounding the institute received both theoretical and practical training in leafy vegetable production. To ensure continued support, participants were put in a WhatsApp group for follow-up, while NIHORT staff will conduct

physical visits to the established home gardens as needed.

The initiative targeted 11 residential communities around the Institute, including Idi-Ishin, Ile-tuntun, Alpha Grace Estate, Oladele Phases One and Two, Akilapa Estate, Elenusonso, Adejumo, Lasokun, Irewole and Alafara. By encouraging horticultural crops production, which offers nutritional, health, and economic benefits, the Institute aims to create a safety net for families facing financial constraints.

This project not only addressed immediate food security concerns but also promised long-term benefits for NIHORT. These include enhanced relationships with residents, generation of social capital, increased institutional visibility, and promotion of NIHORT's horticultural technologies. Team members include Dr O.

Community Home Gardening: A Panacea for Food Security *Contd.*



Group Photograph of Participants and NIHORT Internal Management Committee at the Event

O. Oyedele, Dr F. B. Olajide-Taiwo, Dr J. A. Akinfasoye, Mrs. Bukola Adesina, Mr. Yakubu and Mrs. Bukola Bejide.

Food inflation in Nigeria reached 39.93% in November 2024, intensifying concerns over food insecurity. In response, NIHORT's community home gardening programme provides a practical solution

by equipping urban households with technical skills to grow their own vegetables, reducing reliance on costly market produce. This initiative reflects a broader national trend, as more Nigerians adopt home gardening to enhance food security and promote self-sufficiency.



Empowering Horticultural Excellence Through Information Access



In the dynamic landscape of horticultural research, timely and precise information is the catalyst for innovation. The Information and Documentation Department at NIHORT serves as the cornerstone of this mission, integrating the Library, ICT Centre, and Public Relations Unit to bridge the gap between researchers, technicians and essential resources. By facilitating seamless access to vital knowledge, enhancing digital capabilities, and fostering connectivity, this department propels the advancement of horticultural knowledge and innovation.

Its pivotal contributions elevate agricultural research, fortifies collaboration, and solidifies NIHORT's position as a pioneer in Nigeria's horticultural development and broader agricultural transformation. This synergy not only fuels innovation but also underscores the department's role as the backbone of NIHORT's success, empowering researchers and to drive sustainable production and utilisation of horticultural crops, and ultimately, to develop horticultural produce and products for both local and export markets.

Community Service and Resource Enhancement

In a remarkable display of collaboration and generosity, NIHORT's Information and Documentation Department has significantly enriched its library with 136 valuable resources donated by esteemed individuals and organisations. This influx of materials, categorised into General Agriculture (59), Horticulture (65), and other fields (12), reiterates the community's commitment to knowledge sharing and fostering a collaborative environment that thrives on diverse perspectives and expertise.

Key contributors include Prof. M. L. Attanda, Dr O. O. Oyedele, Mr. A. A. Oladigbolu, the Institute of Agricultural Research/ARC, Federal College of Agriculture, Kagoshima University International Centre for Island Studies, JIRCAS, LEOSCHE Group, Cocoa Research Institute (CRIN), Nigerian Library Association (NLA), Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA), Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research, Dr Ademola Idowu, African Journal of Library Archives and Information Science, Nigerian Rural Sociology Association, and the Food and Agricultural Organisation,

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Nigeria. These contributions highlight NIHORT's dedication to creating a vibrant hub for academic and professional growth.

Unlocking Knowledge: Bridging the Gap with Electronic Libraries Resources and Institutional Repositories

In today's fast-paced digital landscape, the Institute is at the forefront of innovation with its library electronic resources and institutional repository. The Library Unit has made significant strides by digitising 201 reprints, ensuring that critical research materials are easily accessible. Additionally, downloadable versions of the Nigerian Journal of Horticultural Science (NJHS) are now available, further enhancing access to vital research findings. Complementing these efforts, NIHORT's institutional repository stands as a robust database, primarily featuring about 860 entries of publications by NIHORT scientists on mandate crops.

This repository serves as a pivotal resource for research seeking the latest insights in horticulture, fostering collaboration and advancing the field globally. By integrating these digital platforms, NIHORT is not only expanding its reach but also contributing significantly to the global horticultural community.

ICT Enhancement and Training

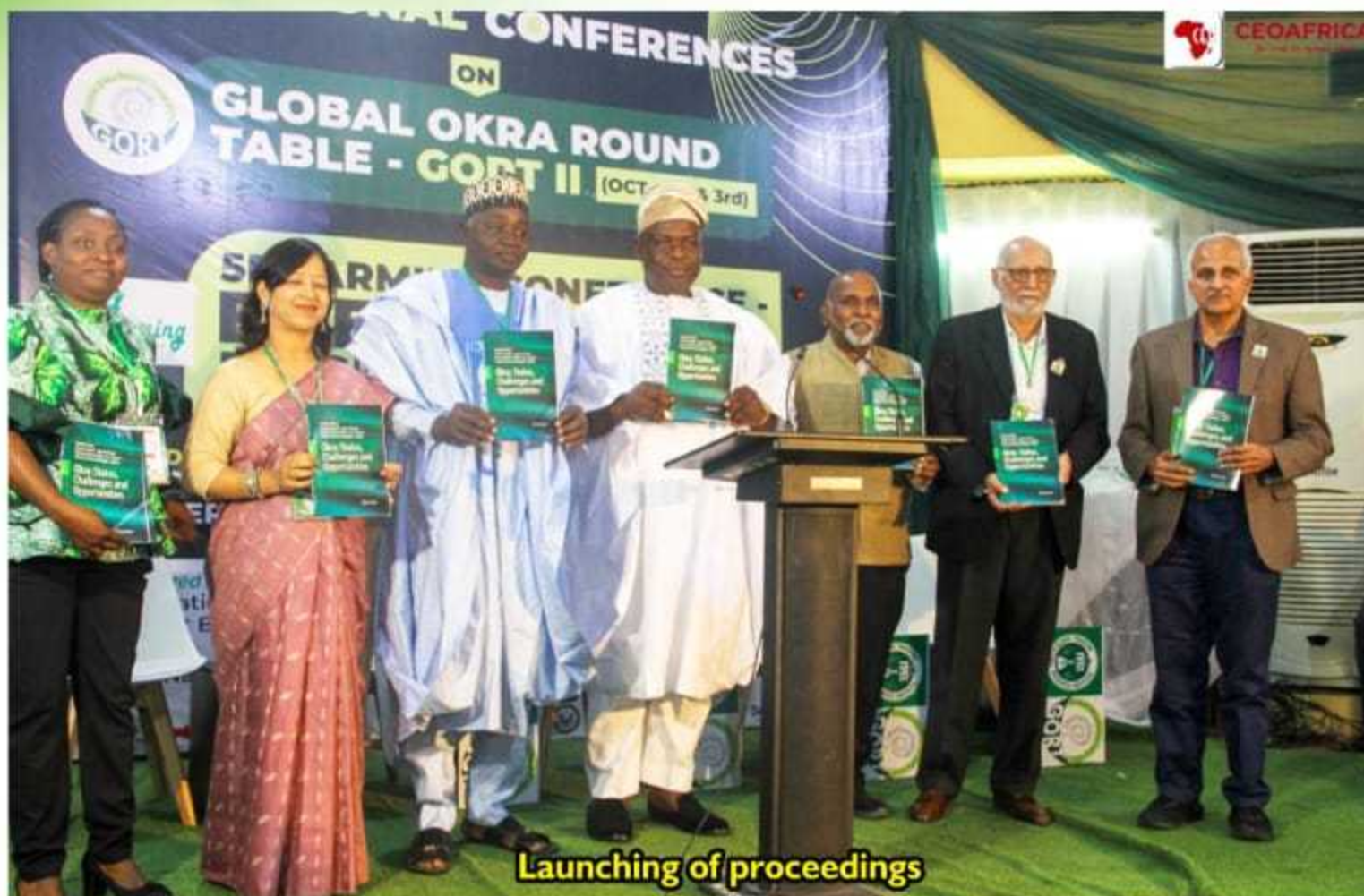
NIHORT has also prioritised upgrading its ICT infrastructure to ensure seamless connectivity across key areas, including the Biopesticides and Biotechnology Units. By December 2024, the Institute had recorded 242 active users, with substantial data transfer volumes. This enhanced connectivity supports the Institute's mission to facilitate cutting-edge research and collaboration. In addition to the Department's technical development and achievements, training sessions were conducted for IT students, equipping them with essential ICT skills.

Connecting the Dots: NIHORT's Digital Leap and Horticultural Innovation

The Department has leveraged on platforms like WhatsApp, YouTube, and Instagram to engage a wider audience. This initiative included live-streaming of 14 events, including seminars, workshops, and training sessions, which not only expanded our reach but also fostered meaningful interactions. Additionally, exclusive Zoom sessions and specialised training further amplified the institute online presence. These advancements underscore NIHORT's commitment to enhancing horticultural productivity and contributing to national food security.

Global Okra Round Table (GORT II)

Unlocking the Potentials of Okra: A Global Gathering of Experts



Launching of proceedings

The National Horticultural Research Institute (NIHORT), in collaboration with the Foundation for Advanced Training in Plant Breeding (ATPBR), recently hosted the Global Okra Round Table (GORT II) and the 5F Farming Conference on Breeding for Resilience from October 2nd to 4th, 2024. This significant event brought together a diverse group of experts and stakeholders dedicated to advancing research in okra production, breeding programs, and sustainable agricultural practices. The conference was marked by insightful addresses from prominent personalities, including the Executive Director/CEO of NIHORT, Prof. M. L. Attanda, and the Honourable Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, ably represented by Prof. Garba Hamidu Sharubutu, the Executive Secretary of the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria

(ARCN) who highlighted Nigeria's progress in okra production.

The conference aimed to foster international collaborations in vegetable production, particularly okra, to benefit the public. Key discussions centred on the collection, characterization, and documentation of genetic materials adapted to local environments, as emphasized by Prof. O. J. Ariyo in the keynote address. The event attracted a broad audience from various institutions, both physically and virtually, and featured a total of 10 keynote addresses and 28 research papers. Notably, the conference recognized and honoured individuals who have made significant contributions to the advancement of okra production. The closing remarks were delivered by Dr O. A. Adetula, representing the ED/CEO of NIHORT.

Global Okra Round Table (GORT II)

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Group photograph at the GORT II Event







A cross-section of participants




NIHORT IN-HOUSE SEMINARS

S/N	DATE	PRESENTER	SEMINAR TITLE/TOPIC	KEY MESSAGE
1.	02/2/2024	Prof. Charles Oluwaseun Adetunji , Edo University, Uzairue. AAS Affiliate; FRSB (UK), FYNA; FBSN; FNSM; MNBGN 	Next Generation Scientists: Their Roles in Revitalisation of Nigeria's Economy	As the global population surge towards 9 billion by 2050, food production must rise by 60% to meet demand. Innovative research, sustainable technologies, and strategic partnerships among universities, industries, and institutes like NIHORT are vital. Harnessing microbial applications and modern advancements can combat food insecurity, environmental degradation, and climate change. Effective communication of these innovation will shape policies to secure safe and nutritious food for generations to come.
2.	14/3/2024	Mrs V.A. Adedipe , Asst. Director, Finance & Accounts. 	An Overview of Bottom-up Cash Planning on Government Integrated Financial Management Information System (GIFMIS) Re: Cash Management Policy	The Federal Government's Bottom-up cash planning policy revolutionizes cash management by empowering Ministries, Departments, and Agencies to forecast needs and allocate resources efficiently. Integrated with GIFMIS, this decentralised approach enhances transparency, accountability, and fiscal discipline. By minimizing risks and optimizing cash flow, it fosters budget certainty and strategic resource allocation, driving sustainable development and financial stability across government operations.
3.	16/5/2024	Dr Olusimbo Kenneth-Obosi 	Horticultural Waste Utilisation: An Advancement to Food and Nutrition Security in Improved Livestock Production	Horticultural waste from farm to market, holds immense potential in a circular economy. Research highlights its transformation into silage for ruminants and nutrient supplements for poultry, enhancing animal protein production while mitigating environmental impacts. With promising results in silage quality and egg productivity, this approach exemplifies sustainable innovation, addressing food insecurity and reducing waste. Circular practices in agriculture pave the way for healthier ecosystems and resilient food systems.
4.	20/6/2024	Dr Olawale Arogundade 	Molecular Biology: A Viable Tool in Crop Protection Improvement for Enhanced Food Security	Global food insecurity affect millions, with severe hunger rising from 135 to 345 million in five years, especially in Africa and Asia. Crop pests and diseases exacerbate this crisis, causing up to 100% yield losses without control measures. Advances in molecular biology, including DNA markers, gene editing, and recombinant DNA techniques offer transformative solutions—enhancing crop resilience, combating biotic stress, and improving yields. These innovation hold promises for sustainable food sufficiency globally.

NIHORT IN-HOUSE SEMINARS

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5.	18/7/2024	Dr R. K Egberongbe 	Biology of <i>Sesbania pachycarpa</i> Dc. and its Green Manure Effects on the Growth of <i>Amaranthus cruentus</i> L. in Ibadan, Nigeria	Green manuring with <i>Sesbania pachycarpa</i> enhances soil fertility, reduces nitrogen runoff, and mitigates greenhouse gas emissions. Research reveals that acid-scarified seeds maintain viability for weeks, while 45-day-old plants incorporated into soil significantly boost <i>Amaranthus cruentus</i> growth. This eco-friendly approach curbs inorganic fertilizer use, promoting sustainable agriculture and combating environmental degradation. <i>Sesbania</i> 's fast-growing nature and nitrogen-fixing capacity makes it a game-changer for conservation agriculture in Nigeria.
6.	15/7/2024	Dr H.A. Akintoye 	Work Ethics and Corruption Issues: the Role of the Anti-Corruption and Transparent Unit (Actu), Nihort.	Ethics are essential for fostering integrity, accountability, and professionalism in public service. This paper highlights the role of the Anti-Corruption and Transparency Unit (ACTU), established by the ICPC, in combating corruption and promoting ethical standards. NIHORT ACTU, inaugurated on May 14, 2024 advises on financial and procurement matters, educates staff on ethics, review systems, investigates corruption cases, and develops institutional policies. To ensure transparency and productivity, NIHORT must adopt robust ethical measures while supporting anti-corruption campaigns. Collaboration with agencies like ICPC is vital for building capacity and entrenching ethical governance across public institutions.
7.	19/9/2024	Dr Ifeoluwapo O. Amao 	Reporting in Monitoring and Evaluation Processes	Reporting in project monitoring is crucial for stakeholders to assess performance against plans, identifying potential issues. This paper highlights the benefits of reporting in monitoring and evaluation, including report frequencies, formats, and characteristics. It also outlines criteria for effective reporting, and steps to develop a monitoring and evaluation report. Emphasizing key concepts, the paper underscores the importance of reporting in enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of research activities at institutions like NIHORT. Regular reporting is essential for measuring institutional performance and achieving organisational goals.
8.	23/9/2024	Prof. Valentine Otang Ntui , African Genome Centre, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (UM6P), Ben Guerir, Morocco. 	Harnessing Biotechnology Tools for Agricultural Improvement in Africa	The guest lecturer demystified the apparent complexity in the application of Genetic Engineering and Genome Editing for increased agricultural productivity

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9.	17/10/2024	Dr Bolanle Oluyemisi, Fagbola 	Bibliotherapy: Exploring the Therapeutic Use of Literature	Bibliotherapy, derived from the Greek terms "biblion" (book) and "therapeia" (healing), uses literature to support emotional development and mental health. This approach offers a versatile tool for addressing mental health challenges by providing insight, comfort, and coping strategies. In Nigeria, where economic hardship and social inequality prevail, bibliotherapy can play a significant role in promoting psychological support and well-being. Through case studies, this therapeutic use of reading has shown promise in fostering self-discovery and emotional healing, offering a unique solution for navigating life's challenges with resilience.
10.	21/11/2024	Dr. Modupe Victoria, David 	Career Progression Requirements of Staff	Career progression, encompassing promotion, upgrading, advancement, or conversion, is crucial in the civil service as it prevents stagnation. Stagnation erodes morale and productivity, hindering career growth. Employees can advance within or across cadres by meeting prescribed conditions. Preparing for opportunities is key to success. Staff need to be updated about career progression requirements, enabling them to achieve a fulfilling career in the civil service. By equipping employees with the necessary knowledge, a more productive and motivated workforce is created.
11.	19/12/2024	Mr Ebenezer Idowu Babatunde 	Internal Audit as a Tool for Management Control: Enhancing Public Organisational Governance and Performance	Internal audit is crucial for effective public organisational governance, ensuring resource management, risk mitigation, and performance optimisation. The paper highlighted the internal audit's role in enhancing governance and performance, examining current practices and identifying best practices. It discussed benefits like improved governance, risk management, and operational efficiency, while addressing challenges such as independence and resource constraints. Recommendations for establishing an effective internal audit function, including clear charters and risk-based plans were provided.

Celebrating Academic Excellence:

Doctoral Theses of 2024

S/N	Date	Names	Department/ University	Title
1.	May 2024	Dr Kehinde Oke	Department of Crop Protection, University of Ilorin	Incidence and Severity of Viral Diseases of Tomato (<i>Solanum lycopersicum</i>) and Characterisation of Associated Viruses in Southwest, Nigeria
2	October 2024	Dr Adejumo A. Layade	Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management, Federal University of Agriculture Abeokuta	Efficiency and Competitiveness of Tomato Production in Nigeria
3	December 2024	Dr Mobolaji T. Oladunjoye	Department of Data and Information Science, University of Ibadan	Knowledge Management Resources, Processes and Factors as Predictors of Decision -Making by Staff in Agricultural Research Institutes in the Southwest, Nigeria



NIHORT News Highlights Staff Transitions: Workforce Updates and Human Resources Report

The Institute witnessed dynamic workforce movements in 2024, highlighting key appointments and departures. The Institute welcomed 32 new staff members, however, three of these recruits subsequently resigned, resulting in a current staff retention of 29. Over the same period, NIHORT experienced a total of 35 employee exits, comprising 17 statutory retirements, 11 voluntary retirements and five resignations, and, with deep regret, two untimely deaths.

These transitions reflect the evolving dynamics within our workforce. We take this opportunity to honour the dedicated service of our retirees and acknowledge those who have chosen to pursue new opportunities. At the same time, we solemnly remember and pay tribute to our colleagues who sadly passed away. Their commitment and contributions remain an enduring part of NIHORT's legacy.

In accordance with statutory mandates, 17 employees retired from NIHORT in 2024.

Statutory Exits: Retirements in 2024

S/N	Title	Full Names	Last Designation	Date of Exit	Length of Service (Years)
1	Dr	NWANGUMA Ephraim Ifeanyi	Director of Research	29/03/2024	35
2	Dr	OLANIYAN Abayomi Akeem	Director of Research	28/08/2024	35
3	Mr	POPOOLA, Olaoluwa Joseph	Chief Agric. Technologist	18/08/2024	31
4	Mr	SALISU, Sikiru Afolabi	Chief Agric. Technologist	20/07/2024	31
5	Mr	EGBUGBA, Adindu Joseph	Senior Accountant	19/09/2024	30
6	Mr	LAWAN, Wudil Mohammed	Senior Agric. Technologist	13/11/2024	27
7	Mr	AHUAMA, Enyinnaya Azubuike	Senior Works Superintendent	11/07/2024	27
8	Mr	ISARINADE, Sunday Edward	Senior Works Superintendent	15/06/2024	23
9	Mr	THOMAS, Olufunsho (Ojugbele) John	Technical Officer	07/11/2024	23
10	Mr	OGUNDELE, Omotayo Lasisi	Agric. Field Attendant	17/03/2024	23
11	Mr	SULE, Adeola Samuel	Technical Officer	23/04/2024	21
12	Mrs	OGUNREMI, Abidemi Funmilayo	Assistant Chief Agric. Field Overseer	13/05/2024	19
13	Mr	POPOOLA, Oluwafemi Samuel	Senior Technical Superintendent	24/07/2024	19
14	Mr	OYELEKE, Segun Ademola	Principal Agric. Technologist	24/10/2024	15
15	Mr	AKANDE, Olugbemiga Matthew	Senior Human Resource Officer	24/10/2024	15
16	Mr	OLADIMEJI, Elijah Olasunbo	Chief Motor Driver Mechanic	24/07/2024	15
17	Mrs	JUNAID, Aina	Assistant Chief Field Overseer	08/08/2024	15

Voluntary Exits: Retirements and Resignations in 2024

Equally notable were the 16 voluntary exits consisting of 11 retirements and five resignations, as valued employees pursued new opportunities, marking important transitions for both the employees and the Institute.

Voluntary Retirements

S/N	Title	Full Names	Last Designation	Date of Exit	Length of Service (Years)
1	Dr	OLAJIDE-TAIWO Lawrence Omotayo	Director of Research	02/10/2024	30
2	Mrs	OKAFOR Grace	Senior Accountant	02/12/2024	33
3	Mr	ONYEMAOBI Donatus	Agric. Technologist	24/09/2024	23
4	Mrs	OBIAGERI Deborah	Agric. Technologist	24/09/2024	23
5	Mr	ADEWALE T. Bayo	Assistant Agric. Tech	15/04/2024	23
6	Dr	IDOWU-AGIDA Oladayo	Chief Research Officer	17/05/2024	19
7	Dr	AMOSU Semeton Akinduro	Chief Research Officer	31/05/2024	17
8	Mrs	AGBOOLA Titilayo	Accountant I	19/01/2024	16
9	Mr	AWODERU Olusola S	Principal Technical Officer	28/03/2024	17
10	Mrs	ALO Olubunmi	Assistant Chief Admin. Officer	30/06/2024	14
11	Mr	AKINYELE Bayode	Principal Lab Tech. I	15/01/2024	13

Resignations

S/N	Title	Full Names	Last Designation	Date of Exit	Length of Service (Years)
1	Dr	EMMANUEL Obianuju	Chief Research Officer	22/08/2024	9 years
2	Miss	DENTON Abolade	Admin. Officer I	01/05/2024	9 years
3	Mr	FADE-ALUKO Akintola	Principal Research Officer	07/02/2024	9 years
4	Mrs	IDOWU Oluwasayo Olabisi	Research Officer I	01/01/2024	2 years
5	Mr	OGUNDIRAN Abiodun	Admin Officer II	01/04/2024	2 years

In Memoriam: Remembering Our Departed Colleagues of 2024

The Institute mourns the loss of esteemed staff members in 2024. Their dedication and contributions to the Institute's mission will be long remembered and honoured.

S/N	Title	Full Names	Last Designation	Date of Death	Length of Service (Years)
1	Dr	OKAFOR Benard Ndubuisi	Assistant Director of Research	03/03/2024	19
2	Mrs	POPOOLA Folake Olabimpe	Principal Research Officer	22/05/2024	19



HONOURING ESTEEMED RETIREES

Dr E. I. Nwanguma: A Distinguished Career Comes to a Graceful Close

Dr. Ephraim Ifeanyi Nwanguma, the pioneering Technical Editor of NIHORT News, retired from the Institute on March 28, 2024, concluding a remarkable tenure of dedication and excellence. As a Director of Research and Chairman of the Research Review and Planning Committee (RRPC), Dr. Nwanguma contributed significantly in various leadership roles, including serving as Acting Executive Director/CEO from September 2021 to March 2022.

A celebrated nematologist, he led the Mbato station for many years and played

key roles in numerous committees and projects that advanced NIHORT's research and production goals. His meticulous attention to detail as technical editor ensured the highest standards for every publication, a commitment that led to his recognition as the Otunba Tobase of Akaka-Remo, Ogun State.

As NIHORT News honours his legacy and statutory retirement, we extend our heartfelt wishes for a fulfilling and joyful life in his new chapter. Your unwavering insistence on precision will be deeply missed.

Congratulations on your well-deserved retirement, sir.



Dr E. I. Nwanguma: A Distinguished Career Comes to a Graceful Close

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Dr Akeem Abayomi Olaniyan's Distinguished Farewell: A Legacy of Excellence at NIHORT

With the timeless adage of "Come, you may; Go, you must," Dr. Akeem Abayomi Olaniyan's journey at NIHORT gracefully concluded on August 28, 2024, fulfilling the inevitable call to move forward. Drawing inspiration from Ecclesiastes 3:1-2, his valedictory lecture poignantly marked the end of an era.

Dr. Olaniyan's journey in the Institute is a testament to dedication and professional growth. Serving as the 7th Executive Director/CEO from September 1st, 2016, to August 31st, 2021, he rose steadily from Research Officer I in 1988 to Director of Research in 2010, exemplifying commitment and expertise.

A celebrated authority in Citrus Research and Production, Dr. Olaniyan earned his Ph.D. in Agriculture (Horticulture – Pomology) from the University of Ibadan in 2001. His academic and research prowess extended to his role as Principal Research Fellow (Associate Professor) at Hallmark University, Omu-Aran. As a Fellow of the Horticultural Society of Nigeria (HORTSON), he contributed extensively to scholarly journals, conferences, technical papers, and co-authored numerous books.

The entire NIHORT community proudly celebrates Dr. Olaniyan's remarkable contributions and bids him a well-deserved farewell as he embarks on new horizons. Many congratulations, sir, on a legacy well crafted.



Dr Akeem Abayomi Olaniyan's Distinguished Farewell: A Legacy of Excellence at NIHORT



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A Legacy of Excellence: NIHORT Bids Farewell to Dr Lawrence O. Olajide-Taiwo

As the curtains closed on a distinguished career, Dr Lawrence Omotayo Olajide-Taiwo, the visionary leader of NIHORT's Public Relations Unit and esteemed researcher, embarked on a new chapter with his voluntary retirement on October 2nd, 2024. The career period spanned a little above three decades. Beyond editing the NIHORT Newsletter, he led numerous units, programs, and projects, leaving an enduring impact in the research landscape. The NIHORT News Team extends warm wishes to our editor on the occasion of his retirement. We celebrate his remarkable career and wish him a joyful and fulfilling retirement ahead.



A Legacy of Excellence: NIHORT Bids Farewell to Dr Lawrence O. Olajide-Taiwo

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NIHORT Partakes In 2024 Research Institutes Games

The 2024 RIGAN Games, aptly tagged CRIN 2024, held at Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria (CRIN) marked a significant milestone in the realm of sports and research excellence. Held from December 6th to December 15th, 2024, this event celebrated unity and sportsmanship among Nigerian research institutes. NIHORT made a notable appearance with 68 representatives being the largest delegation in its history of sporting activities. The Institute actively participated in an array of games, including football, table tennis, darts, volleyball, chess, scrabble, long jump, triple jump, athletics, draught, and "Ayo". This participation not only

showcased NIHORT's commitment to sports but also highlighted its dedication to fostering a culture of teamwork and camaraderie.



Cross section of NIHORT sport team at the event



NIHORT Partakes In 2024 Research Institutes Games

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NIHORT Shines at the Games: A Medal-Winning Performance

In a remarkable display of skill and determination, NIHORT's team emerged victorious, securing an impressive haul of medals at the recent games. The Institute's athletes brought home three gold medals, one silver medal, and six bronze medals, showcasing their prowess across various sport activities.

delegates in the likes of Messrs Dapo Sotola, Felix Osewa and Adenike Akinleye who earned the prestigious gold medal. Additionally, other individuals awarded bronze honours for their outstanding contributions include Akinleye Idowu, Fatogun Sunday, Ebenezer Babatunde Omolara, Akina Blessing, Olanrewaju Shittu, Olarinade Funmi, Adeolu Adejinmi, and Oladimeji Adegbelemi. Furthermore, the Football Veteran Team was recognized with a

Medal Highlights

Gold Medals: NIHORT excelled in table tennis, winning gold in both the single and double veteran categories, as well as in the long jump event for female athletes.

Silver Medal: The football veteran team secured a silver medal, demonstrating their strength and teamwork.

Bronze Medals: NIHORT's athletes also claimed bronze medals in table tennis (double women), draught (male), Ayo (male and female), table tennis (active men), and darts.

Special Recognition

The Executive Director/CEO and Internal Management Committee extended special commendations to outstanding



silver award, highlighting their remarkable teamwork and dedication. These recognitions underscore the value the Institute places on hard work and collaboration within our community.

Chess Performance

NIHORT's chess team also performed commendably, finishing 6th and 10th out of 26 participants, further highlighting the institute's diverse talent pool.

END-OF-YEAR PARTY AND AWARD CEREMONY

Celebrating Excellence: NIHORT's End-of-Year Party and Award Ceremony Shines Bright

On Tuesday, December 17th, 2024, the NIHORT community was abuzz with excitement and joy as management and staff gathered to celebrate the end of the year in style. The event was a vibrant blend of prayers, lively dance party, delectable cuisine, and the highlight of the day was the prestigious award presentation.

Words of Encouragement and Vision

Goodwill messages poured in from the esteemed Executive Director/CEO, Prof. M. L. Attanda and members of the Internal Management Committee. Prof. Attanda, known for his optimistic outlook, reaffirmed his commitment to elevating NIHORT beyond national standards, aiming at international recognition.

Honoring Achievements

Heartfelt congratulations went out to the deserving awardees, whose dedication and hard work have been recognised and was celebrated. This event not only marked the end of the year, but also served as a testament to the organisation's commitment to excellence and teamwork.



END-OF-YEAR PARTY AND AWARD CEREMONY

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Social Diary

July Celebrants

NAMES

Odusanya, Taiwo Grace	July 1
Okpara, Kachidoronye Ginikanwa	July 2
Ayinde, Fatimoh Iyabode	July 2
Shuaibu, Zulkiflu	July 2
Igborein, Oshuare Constance	July 2
Odetoyinbo, Oluwatosin Folorunso	July 2
Fabiyi, Abidemi Solomon	July 3
Adedoyin, Olatokunbo R	July 3
Olatunji, Tosin Mosunmola	July 5
Olatunde, Joseph O.	July 5
Okeke, Agatha	July 5
Oni, Oluwayemisi Martha	July 5
Okereke, Fabian	July 5
Mfon, Okon Adolf	July 6
Madunagwu Iheanacho	July 6
Nwakwe, Paulins Ikechukwu	July 6
Ojelabi, Mercy Oreofe	July 7
Agunbiade, Anew Kolawole	July 7
Paul, Temileye Patience	July 7
Aliyu, Abdullahi	July 7
Ojo, Kayode Yekini	July 7
Aluko, Micheal	July 7
Akinyemi, Oluseyi Sunday	July 8
Adebusoye, Gabriel Adedayo	July 8
Nwosu, Paul Uchenna	July 8
Umeh, Vivian Chinenye	July 8
Musa, Abubakar Abubakar	July 9
Okunade, Moyomade F.	July 9
Adeyemo, Joseph Olukayode	July 10
Katibi, Sofiat Oluwatobi	July 10
Adegoke, Janet Omotayo	July 11
Egwuonwu, Scholastica Ifeyinwa	July 12
Awe, Monisola Florence	July 13
Adewoye, Babatunde Sunday	July 14
Odulana, Olutayo Olumide	July 14

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Kayode, Adedeji Benedict	July 14
Olusoji, Christopher Oludayo	July 14
Ndagi, Abubakar	July 14
Osunbanwo, Ronke Damilola	July 14
Otunla, Adewale Caleb	July 15
Ogungbemi, Michael Idowu	July 15
Adamu, Salisu	July 15
Chukwu, Adanna Jane	July 17
Adeniran, Adebayo Peter	July 17
Ayetan, Femi	July 17
Aliyu, Musa	July 17
Folorunso, Joseph Idowu	July 18
Oloruntoba, Oluwatosin Titilayo	July 18
Emoihe (Sunday), Roseline Oghenetega	July 18
Onyiaocha, Micheal Chukwuem	July 19
Dagold, Samuel Oluyemi	July 19
Adediran, Isaac Kehinde	July 19
Atanda, Mubo Iyabo	July 20
Fabiyi, Moses Adeku	July 20
Esan, Abosede. O	July 20
Aina, Rebecca Adebusola	July 20
Raji, Oyewale Munirudeen	July 21
Adejinmi, Busuyi Opeyemi	July 22
Oyetunde, Enitan Sunday	July 23
Olufunmi, Olawale Oluwayombo	July 24
Aneke, Chiamaka	July 24
Atim, Uzoma Julianah	July 24
Akinbola, Michael Akintoye	July 25
Adebayo, Olalekan Oluwale	July 25
Alabi, Oladipo Olakunle	July 26
Ahmed, Hussani	July 26
Raji, Oluwatoyin T.	July 27
Odoh, Joseph J	July 27
Yau, Gwammaja Muazu	July 30



August Celebrants

NAMES	DATES	NAMES	DATES
Muhammad Muhammad .O.	August 1	Aderibigbe, Abiola Adetoyese	August 13
Adeyi Olugbenga Ezekiel	August 2	Adeeko, Iyabo Adenike	August 14
Olaoye, Oluyemisi Florence	August 2	Oyewumi, Olayonu Ruth	August 14
Anjorin, Sarah Oluwadara	August 2	Famakinwa, Stephen	August 14
Nnadi, Amandi Fidelis	August 2	Yakubu, Ya`U	August 15
Eluwa, Nwaobiara Victoria	August 2	Otun, John Kayode	August 15
Lasisi, Ololade Taofeek	August 2	Adepoju Abdulahi Adekola	August 16
Bala, Abdullahi Iis	August 3	Gbadamosi, John Adebayo	August 16
Sule, Yakubu James	August 3	Owolade, Samuel	August 17
Uche, Funmilayo Agnes	August 4	Ezekiel, Oreoluwa Nkem	August 17
Akinnese, Racheal Oluwatoyin	August 4	Otinu, Usman Nuhu	August 18
Lawal, Oluwatoyin Christiana	August 5	Suliamon, Taiwo Wasiu	August 18
Oyebade, Emmanuel Sunday	August 5	Lawal, Alade Akeem	August 18
Ekechi, Ifeanyi Barry	August 6	Akinleye, Akinbusuyi Olutoba	August 19
Owolabi, Sulaimon	August 6	Oladigbolu, Abiola Adeyinka	August 19
Ikpe, Temidayo Adefunke	August 6	Ayegba, Veronica Oluwabunmi	August 19
Ladapo, Omotoso	August 7	Shittu, Olushola Adefunke	August 20
Sule, Akofe Sikiru	August 7	Abubakar, Saidu Saidu	August 20
Abdullahi, Adamu Kofa	August 8	Adeyemo, Adio Muritala	August 20
Kolawole, Emmanuel Olaoluwa	August 8	Adebisi Mercy Oluwayomade	August 21
Adedokun, Bolaji Jumoke	August 9	Oladele Usman Dolapo	August 21
Timothy, Bulus Hajara	August 9	Bala, Daniel Marcus	August 22
Olomide, Oluwatosin A.K	August 9	Oigebe Edo Isaac	August 22
Ademoyegun, Temitope Olufemi	August 11	Adesegun, Esther Aderonke	August 23
Adewale, Oluyemisi Motolani	August 11	Ajibola Oluwatoyin	August 23
Akinrinola, Oludele John	August 11	Adesanya, Aderonke Folasade	August 23
Okpara, Stanley Chukwujekwu	August 11	Adebisi-Adelani, Oluyemisi	August 24
Oladunjoye, Mobolaji Tolulope	August 11	(Nnaji) Igwe, Franca Odinkenma	August 24
Ayanyemi, Sunday	August 11	Ayodele, Aderonke Adeyemi	August 24
Ojo, Samuel Adebayo	August 12	Awoderu, Ayodeji Olatunbosun	August 24
Adejuwon, Olufemi Moses	August 12	Oladele, Tiri Gboyega	August 25
Saiha, Abdullahi	August 12	Nwokpor Sunday S.	August 25
Ajayi, Emmanuel Oluwakayode	August 13	Mayo Kudirat Titilayo	August 25
Ojeleye, Isaac Olusegun	August 13	Nwokpor Sunday Solomon	August 25



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Gbadamosi, John Adebayo	August 16	Adebisi-Adelani, Oluyemisi	August 24
Owolade, Samuel	August 17	(Nnaji) Igwe, Franca Odinkenma	August 24
Ezekiel, Oreoluwa Nkem	August 17	Ayodele, Aderonke Adeyemi	August 24
Otinu, Usman Nuhu	August 18	Awoderu, Ayodeji Olatunbosun	August 24
Suliamon, Taiwo Wasiu	August 18	Oladele, Tiri Gboyega	August 25
Lawal, Alade Akeem	August 18	Nwokpor Sunday S	August 25
Akinleye, Akinbusuyi Olutoba	August 19	Mayo Kudirat Titilayo	August 25
Oladigbolu, Abiola Adeyinka	August 19	Nwokpor Sunday Solomon	August 25
Ayegba, Veronica Oluwabunmi	August 19	Adisa, Ajani Morufu	August 25
Shittu, Olushola Adefunke	August 20	Bara`U, Mudi	August 26
Abubakar, Saidu Saidu	August 20	Opayemi, Samuel Bolaji	August 27
Adeyemo, Adio Muritala	August 20	Oyedele, Olayinka Olutola	August 28
Adebisi Mercy Oluwayomade	August 21	Nweke Uchenna Charles	August 28
Oladele Usman Dolapo	August 21	Ayelabola, Diran Augustine	August 28
Bala, Daniel Marcus	August 22	Saleh, Amana	August 28
Oigebe Edo Isaac	August 22	Bobagunwa, Kehinde Esther	August 29
Adesegun, Esther Aderonke	August 23	Egbewale, Adeoye James	August 30
Ajibola Oluwatoyin	August 23		
Adesanya, Aderonke Folasade	August 23		

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NAMES	DATES	NAMES	DATES
Oladipupo, Omolola Jelilat	September 1	Lukman, Bisola Fatimat	September 5
Ahmed, Mahmud	September 1	Omiyale, Olawale Oluwafemi	September 5
Elum, Chinyere Gift	September 2	Adedeji, Michael Olusola	September 6
Ajose, Titilayo Esther	September 2	Olawolu, Emmanuel Owolabi	September 6
Ayeni, Temidayo Emmanuel	September 2	Mfon, Olamide Bosede	September 6
Nweke, Onyebuchi Peter	September 3	Adeyemi, Christianah Dupe	September 6
Taiwo, Emmanuel Seun	September 3	Akinyede, Mopelola Abosede	September 6
Owolabi, Olatunde Sulaiman	September 4	Wudil, Muhammad Sani	September 6
Anthony, Bamigbose Dare	September 4	Luke, Uzoamaka Linda	September 6
Jiribe, Udoka Chioma	September 4	Yekini, Nurudeen Tunde	September 7
Adeyemi, Solomon Ademayowa	September 4	Orimogunje, Jacob Tosin	September 8
Okocha, Joseph Ilobaa	September 5	Akerele, Yetunde Mary	September 8



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Ilokhoria, Regina Oluwafunmilayo	September 9
Yau, Amadu	September 9
Ojo Ebenezer Oluwatosin	September 9
Adul-Rafiu, Monsur Ayoola	September 10
Adamu, Iis Umar	September 10
Aliyu, Fatimah Tope	September 10
Muhammad, Abdulrahman	September 10
Archibong, Ini Vincent	September 11
Adepoju, Tope Kabiru	September 11
Ummunakwe, Ebere Innocent	September 11
Adeyemo, Temitayo Olusola	September 12
Abubakar, Abdulahi Musa	September 12
Umar, Yusuf	September 12
Awodire, Adebayo Moses	September 13
Kudi, Dimas	September 14
Bolodeoku, Peter Oluwafemi	September 15
Ismail, Muhammad Junaidu	September 15
Omowumi, Iyabode Deborah	September 15
Nwaocha, Onyekachi Christian	September 15
Adebayo, Asani Oluranti	September 15
Adeboye, Sunday Olusegun	September 17
Alesinloye, Olumuyiwa Akinola	September 18
Alagba, Ndidiamaka Josephine	September 19
Akanji, Olakemi Christiana	September 19
Bankole, Afolake Oluwaseun	September 19
Babalola, Oyenike Sadiat	September 20
Falana, Omobola	September 20
Dabrinze, Chinwe Juliet	September 20
Adebo, Imona Samson	September 20
Musa, Samaila	September 20

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Bitrus, Boyi	September 20
Awosika Oladipupo Gabriel	September 21
Abdulkai Sarafadeen Abdulkai	September 21
Babatunde Solomon Alaba	September 22
Lawal, Sanni Babangona	September 22
Oroile, Abiye Grace	September 22
Olaseeni Funso Ayodeji	September 22
Shokalu, Olubukola Adekemi	September 23
Ibe, Bolatito Rebecca	September 23
Jibrin, Aminu	September 23
Odebiyi Tobi Samuel	September 23
Edeh Ujunwa Favour	September 23
Aaron, Feyisayo Bolanle	September 24
Akinrinola, Omolola Adebisi	September 24
Bello, Adeniyi Maruff	September 24
Ajakaiye, Victoria Tayo	September 24
Bisong, Ekebe Oti Catherine	September 25
Ibrahim, Mohammed Danladi	September 25
Okereke, Ifeanyi Emmanuel	September 26
Oke, Kehinde Ezekiel	September 27
Dixon, Henry Gbenga	September 27
Fasehun, Eunice Idowu	September 27
Amoran, Ayoyemi Samuel	September 28
Ezulike, Zacheous	September 28
Onyia, Blessing Chinenye	September 28
Adedoyin, Kunmi Akinpelu	September 28
Agwaza, Stephen Andoakula	September 29
Mustapha Oluwakemi Balikis	September 29
Olaleye, Ibrahim Abioye	September 29
Adetula Olagorite Arinola	September 30



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Abubakar, Nasiru Asema
 Shittu, Adeoye Olanrewaju
 Ishaya, Tsudawi
 Musa, Bako
 Ogunnaike, Olaniyi Olukunle
 Omole, Adesanya Babatunde
 Okafor, Emeka Fabian
 Agbontale, Hephzibah Osas
 Ofoegbu, Alexander Uchechukwu
 Akinloye, Sewa Victoria
 Nwagbara, Udodirim Chisom
 Adekunle, Olubunmi Deborah
 Eyeke, Adaeze Ann
 Ilokhoria, Ofeimu Isaac
 Bello, Idowu Nurudeen
 Olaleye, Bolatito
 Ojekemi, Faith Olajumoke
 Amoran, Olufunmilayo Diwura
 Mayo, Onaolapo Kamaldeen
 Akinyeye, Obaniyi Adebambo
 Agaku Tardo David
 Ezulike, G.Ezinne
 Babalola, Adisa Abdulazeez
 Uzoigwe, Chikaodinaka Mary
 James, Olamide Rachel
 Shehu, Muntari
 Ayodele, Tosin Samuel
 Oladimeji, Adegbelemi Adetoye
 Akinyoola Omolara I.
 Nwosu Chiazom Geraldine
 Raji, Aderemi Tajudeen
 Bala Halima Umar
 Majekodunmi, Olubunmi Temilade
 Kolawole, Ebenezer Adesoji
 Asaju, Samson Oluwafemi
 Nworie, Azubike
 Abiodun, Solape Folakemi

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Adeniyi, Aderibigbe Helen
 Omisakin, Adebayo
 Rabo, Abdu
 Sunday, Job Friday
 Alabi, Chinedu
 Owolabi, Olatunde Solomon
 Olatoye Julius Owwoye
 Danjuma, Enoch
 Amaechi, Innocent Chidi
 Usman, Mohammed Nasiru
 Aikoye, Claire Aisha
 Makanjuola, Deborah Bolanle
 Akintewe, Olayinka Olanike
 Bello, Adenike Risikat
 Alao, Ashisat Abidemi
 Abdullahi Usman
 Onuh, Christian Bernard
 Agu Chukwuma Geoffrey
 Apael, Luwen John
 Odetoyinbo, Adefunke Deborah
 Eneh, Pascal Amaechi
 Ojehonmon, Paul Emmanuel
 Clement-Ibhahe, Nivea
 Olabamiji, Abidemi Akeem
 Olatomirin, Stephen Olawole
 Oyebamiji, Latifat Adeola
 Cramstone, Yakubu
 Ameh Godday
 Lawson, Ajibade Leonard
 Fatokun, Simon Dare
 Ibrahim, Bilyaminu
 Onyegiri, Ngozi Laetitia
 Olajide-Taiwo, Bosede Funmilayo
 Olajire Musiliu Adekunle
 Joseph, Daniel Sunday
 Arowolo Ishola Haruna

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Adesanya, Tunde
 Olemeforo, Grace Uchenna
 Karaki, Henri Olatunji
 Okoroafor, Ezinna Beatrice
 Amao, Oyebola Abidemi
 Adegboyega, Gabriel Abiodun
 Ayeni, Amoke Eunice
 Okoro, Nkechi Flora
 Oyelade, Ajara Eleojo
 Showole Adewale Monsoor
 Abesin Aderonke Opeyemi
 Adejinmi, Micheal Adeolu
 Akande, Oluwaseyi Elizabeth
 Ugoji Beatrice Ebere
 Hamuzat, Williams Moniloye
 Jibrin, Haliru Jibrin
 Ogedengbe, Oluwasegun Kayode
 Agu, Chidinma Benice
 Utobo Oliver
 Amos, Omekaramadu Blessing
 Ganiyu, Jelili
 Adeyemo, Philips Olusanjo
 Adedimeji Adnan Adekunmi
 Ayinde, Ayooluwa Joanah
 Ajidahun, Charles Ayoyinka
 Ogunlana, Aderemi Kazeem

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Oladoyin Musibau A.
 Omotayo Oluwaseun Olorunleke
 Osuchukwu, Ngozi
 Usman, Kabiru
 Odanike, Samuel Oghenemiga
 Abdulraheem, Ibrahim Abdulrasaq
 Badejo, Mercy Adenike
 Nwafor, Ann Odinakachi
 Olajide, Bose Rachael
 Kassim, Shehu Lukman
 Awoderu, Segun Olusola
 Ojo, Bukola Clara
 Amadi, Blessing Chinoyerem
 Abdullahi, Nasirudeen Opeyemi
 Joshua, Oluwamodupe
 Olatunbosun, Ojuolape Omoyemi
 Olaoti, Oladiran Simeon
 Ibekwe, Ndubuisi Hyginus
 Fasuan, Titilope Modupe
 Fadahunsi, Olaniran Segun
 Adesida, Victoria Oluwatoyin
 Ojiere, Eugene Chidiebere
 Okpara, Nkeiruka Justina
 Olabode, Abioye Isaac
 Peter, Paschaline Ifeoma

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Faremi, Rotimi Stephen
 Awe Yemisi Omolara
 Isiaka, Ademola Ibrahim
 Awe, Olugbenga Israel

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Adara, Joseph Olumide
 Solomon, Matthew Kekinde
 Iliasu, Kamaldeen Biodun
 Iwuchukwu, Chika

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Oguntolu, Olusesan Olawale
 Auwal, Muhammad Sueiman
 Tifase, Olanike Eunice
 Awodele, Samson Mayowa
 Ayodele, Oluwakemi Alaba
 Famiyesin, Oluwafemi Joseph
 Musa, Usman
 Magaji, Dallami
 Iisu Yahabu Mohammed
 Akintoye, Akinwumi Henry
 Stephen, Olumide Temitope
 Muraina, Idowu Sheriff
 Awosunle, Isaiah Abiola
 Ngwueche, Chinyere Anthonia
 Adebayo, Kazeem
 Yusuf Umar Manir
 Usman, Hassan
 Akujobi, Confidence
 Madubuko, Faithwin Chidiebere
 Bamidele, Victor Adeolu
 Ojo, Adedayo Jacob
 Lateef, Ridwan O.
 Fatogun, Oladipo Sunday
 Alkali Umaru
 Kiyesi, Emmanuel Oladele
 Oyekan, Bidemi Rasaki
 Akinpelu, Oladunni Ayoola
 Ogunjinmi, Olubunmi Temitayo
 Fijabi, David Oluwajoba
 Adeniyi, Abiye Deborah
 Ifeanyichukwu Adaora
 Olaosebikan, Kehinde Comfort
 Adedeji, Ayobami Adebukola
 Ogunbosoye Tolulope Akinbola
 Ibitoye, Olubunmi Dorcas
 Jimoh, Olaide Nimotalahi

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Ogbonna, Nwodo Friday
 Adelowo, Elizabeth Oluwafunmilayo
 Eneh, Cynthia Adaora
 Adetunji, Abiodun James
 Oduntan, Oluwakemi Abosede
 Oloyede, Alaba Bayo
 Famosipe, Grace Adebimpe
 Sulyman, Wasiu Kehinde
 Ogundele, Ruth Bukola
 Denton Abolade Abiodun
 Awodiran, Babawale Abiodun
 Akinosun, Olajide Opeyemi
 Ogundiran Abiodun Jeremiah
 Uwazuruike, Chinwe Stella
 Adawa Abiodun Amos
 Nwankwo Ezekiel Ndubuisi
 Garba, Umar
 Oyesanya, Adekunle Abiodun
 Oguntoye, Gbenga Moses
 Abubakar, Bolanle Mutiat
 Amoo, Abiodun Lawrence
 Adegahi, Daniel
 Odesilo, Oluwakemi Odunayo
 Tachio, Juliana
 Oladoja, Suleiman Ayinla
 Ige, Morenikeji Raimot
 Taiwo, Halimat Opeyemi
 Sadiq Olawumi F.
 Uwazuruike, Alaetoo Christian
 Elum, Maduabuchi E.
 Dada, Moses Adeniyi
 Oyesomi, Adenike Janet
 Bala, Abdulazeez
 Bazazzagi, Abdulsalam
 Usulor, Emmanuel Chika
 Ayebo, Deborah Monisola

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