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## Agro Impact Newsletter

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### Vision

To positively impact the society and eradicate poverty through empowerment and transformation of the lives of women and youth through sustainable agricultural projects in accordance with the overall vision of the University of Ibadan.



Dr. Eyiwumi Olayinka

### Mission

Empowering women and youth through the use of simple cutting edge technologies by working with experts with relevant expertise and skills nationally and internationally by creating sustainable employment through environmentally friendly crop-based agricultural activities.

Exploring value addition chain by keying in into best practices that have been proven to have the capacity to eradicate crop glut in the production and processing of agricultural crops.

Creating and applying simple technologies that can bring about improvement in economic activities of women farmers and unemployed youth through the design of simple and innovative agricultural sustainability techniques and skills.

Keying in into capacity development possibilities that will enhance simple and innovative skills of women and youth to bring about improved crop production and processing to enhance the ability of women and youth to leverage on income generation efforts.

Developing proposals that will attract funding by national and international donors to adequately take care of the resources required to start off the projects.

### **Strategic/Inception Working Committee Meeting of Agro Impact Projects (group photo)**

The meeting was held on January 06, 2016, at 3:00pm in Department of Animal Science Boardroom, University of Ibadan. The keynote address of Prof. A.I. Olayinka and a goodwill message were presented by Prof. Iyayi who suggested the need for AgImpact Projects to use the University of Ibadan community for its pilot projects. He also pledged his unflinching support for the initiative.

In his goodwill message, Prof. J. A. Fagbayide of the Teaching and Research Farm, University of Ibadan encouraged the introduction of simple technologies to rural women who represent the higher percentage of agricultural labour in Nigeria, at every stage of the agricultural value chain. He pledged the support of the Teaching and Research Farm, University of Ibadan, for planting of crops and capacity building. Dr. Wumi Olayinka thereafter presented the vision and the mission of the initiative. Dr. Balogun later introduced all the members of the working committees and their respective chairpersons. The committees then went into a Break-out-session for about 45minutes.

At the end of the Break-out-session, a representative from each of the groups presented the reports for their respective groups. The maize group decided to go into ogi and solid pap production as well as corn oil; the tomato/pepper group into bottling of pasteurized of tomato and pepper; Plantain into chips and flour; cassava group into gari ; and the tree group would plant the neem seedlings on the campus. Prof. Raji enjoined all the groups to incorporate the environmental component to all the projects especially utilization of waste products. Prof. Babayemi informed all the groups that the sum of N70,000 has been earmarked for the production of a blueprint for each of the groups. He further encouraged all the committee members to put in their best into the work and reiterated the need for the groups to meet twice or thrice to brainstorm and pull ideas together.

BOT Members

Think Tank members

Working committee members

**Flash on Sub-Initiatives**

## **AgroImpact Cassava**

Cassava is an important food security and main caloric food to nearly millions of people particularly in the regions of the world where agriculture faces multiple difficulties. It is one of the commonly grown crops in Africa and Nigeria in particular, for this reason its products are available at the nook and crannies of the country at all seasons. Farmers, consumers and elite consumed different products of cassava based on their desires, community food culture and diets. The most commonly consumed cassava products in Nigeria are garri (cassava flakes), fufu, and lafun. As a result of diversity and more research into cassava, high quality cassava flour (HQCF) has been developed to serve as substitute for wheat flour. This will reduce over-dependence on importation of wheat thereby reduce cost of production of flour which is main ingredient for making confectionaries.

High quality cassava flour (HQCF) can be used for making confectionaries, thereby creating diverse and rich food based products from cassava for feeding children, adolescent and adult at their convenience. This will also serve as source of income for adult and young women in our society. HQCF can be used for making products such as cassava tidbits, cassava pies, cassava strips, cassava chin-chin, cassava meat pie, cassava queen cake, cassava meat balls and host of others.

Cassava Ag-Impact projects has embarked on training of male and female youth and women without limitation to rural or urban areas. This is to empower and make them more productive in order to contribute meaningfully to society transformation and development. The project initiative is to make these products available at the door step of consumers at affordable prices thereby creating employment opportunities for young and adult women and as well fill-in the gap between production and processing. As farmers produce more cassava roots, it can be processed and converted into diverse products through value addition. This will enhance livelihood and create sustainable economic development in our society. Ag-Impact projects will embark on distribution of these products in small forms (packs) through major markets, supermarkets, primary schools, colleges and universities within the reach of the projects.

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### **AgroImpact Cassava: Capacity Building Workshop**

The workshop which was held on 21 October, 2017, was on “Diversifying Livelihood from Cassava” held a session which taught women on how to make a living through cassava farming and business. During the One-Day Workshop, participants were taken through extensive theoretical and practical sessions on how to grow cassava, the use of technology to grow better species of cassava that could be cultivated within 8 months. During the workshop, people were encouraged to go into different aspects of cassava production and business.

According to the Project initiator and President of the University of Ibadan Women's Society, Dr. Eyiunmi Layinka, the health benefits of the local cassava flour in cannot be overlooked as the imported flour commonly used as it contains gluten to which some individuals are sensitive in terms of health reactions. While she exposed the economic and health advantages of cassava, she disclosed the various products of cassava. She listed snacks like combo bits, cassava flakes, sausage rolls, meat pies, which leverages on outscaling and adding value to IITA' technologies

Dr. Peter Kulakow, IITA's Head of Cassava Breeding, was represented by a team of three members of staff: Bello Abdulrazaq Abolore (Senior Research Supervisor) who handled presentation on economic approaches and current technologies and agronomic practices that can be adopted in cassava production and value addition, Mrs Okoh (Unit consultant) who handled preparation of different food products from cassava (Tidbits, cassava meat pie and starch) and assisted by Mrs Mary also cassava Breeding Consultant staff.

Others present were Dr. Morufat Balogun, Chairperson of the Think Tank Committee, AgrolImpact Empowerment Initiative, Prof. O. J. Babayemi (HOD, Animal Science), Prof. A. Raji (Professor of Food Science and Engineering and Head, AgrolImpact-cassava group), Alhaja Ganiyat O. Ishola (Deputy Director, Raw Materials Research and Development Council, Oyo state), other members of AgrolImpact Think tank committee and 57 participants (young and adult male and female) from different socio-economic backgrounds.

Prof. O. J. Babayemi gave a short speech on the importance of AgrolImpact Initiatives and the readiness of the group to support youth and adult who are ready to implement knowledge acquired for the betterment of the society. He mentioned further that the group is ready to partner with any participants in marketing any products or produce made from the knowledge acquired during any of the training organized by AgrolImpact based crop once such product is of high standard and sustainable. He mentioned that the vision of the group is to create wealth and employment opportunities through Agriculture.

His speech was followed by Prof. A. Raji short talk on the purpose of organizing the seminar and titled it "Diversifying Livelihoods from Cassava.". The Professor of Science and Engineering went on a memory line that cassava was once a neglected crop that nobody cares or think about years ago but the story changes when different technologies and value addition techniques were developed by International Institutes of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) in partnership with national research Institutes and Universities to improve cassava in term of production, processing, value addition as well

as fabrication of machines that can handle different tasks in cassava value chains. This turns cassava a neglected crop into industrial crop that can revolutionise economy of any country as a result of its multi-usage in an economy from consumption to making of different products of high economic values. Professor Raji mentioned that he is currently carrying out a research to convert peels from cassava into biodegradable bottles which can be used for packing any liquids. This research is at the peak of its completion and very soon biodegradable bottles will replace non-biodegradable plastic bottles that contribute menace to the society. Prof Raji short talk was followed by the presentation of Mr. Bello Abolore who spoke on uses and Importance of cassava, production Techniques and Agronomic practices, value Addition. The practical sessions, facilitated by Mrs. Okoh came out with three products: Cassava Meat pie, tidbits and sausage rolls (Fig a-c).

Other value-added products were Pro-vitamin A gari and High Quality Cassava Flour. Participants were allowed to taste from the products prepared and they were highly eager to buy cassava tidbits, package high quality cassava flour (HCF) and vitamin A garri





Mrs Okoh and her assistance in the practical session class on preparation of cassava food products at a Seminar on Diversifying Livelihoods from Cassava held at Home Economic Laboratory of department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, University of Ibadan on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2017



Participants during the seminar titled Diversifying Livelihoods from Cassava delivered by Mr. Bello at Animal Science Board Room, University of Ibadan on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2017



(a) Sausage roll



(b) Cocktail-Tidbits



(c) Meat-balls



(d) Strips





(e) Cassava meat-pie

### **AgroImpact Tomato and Pepper production and preservation**

The availability of tomato fruits in Nigeria experiences period of glut and scarcity. The period of glut is characterised by massive wastage and period of scarcity is characterised by complaints from all kitchens, irrespective of status of the manager of the kitchen. Considering the culinary and health values of tomato, it should be available in adequate quantity at all times. Tomato is the pure food for the heart and blood because of its lycopene content. Lycopene is a highly rated antioxidant that scavenges the free radicals in the body that result in many degenerative diseases.

Processing and preservation will reduce wastage and stabilize price of tomato, but there is nearly no local processing facilities, hence most of the grown tomato fruits are consumed fresh and the remaining are wasted.

### **AgroImpact Tomato and Pepper workshop**

As the Agro Impact Projects and Empowerment Initiative (AIPEI) of the University of Ibadan Women Society is planning to have a processing outfit, the Tomato Group of the Initiative embarked on capacity building for women and youths on cottage level processing as an immediate intervention to reduce wastage and make tomato available for consumption all year round. The intervention also aims at assisting the kitchen managers to save some monies that the family can use to acquire other valuable materials.

The Tomato Group held the first workshop on 29 April 2017 with 24 females, drawn within the University of Ibadan community, in attendance. The training was anchored by The AgroImpact Tomato Working Committee chaired by Prof. R. O. Awodoyin with Dr. Ngozi F. Anurudu, a Lecturer in the Department of Animal Science as arrowhead and Mrs. Oreofeoluwatomi Lawal (Nee Ajayi), a M.Sc. Student from the Department of Food Technology, University of Ibadan as Resource Person. Other members of the committee are Prof. V. O.

Okoruwa, Dr. A. A. Olapade, Dr Abiodun Claudius-Cole and Dr. Adefoye O. Aduramigba-Modupe, all of the University of Ibadan. The workshop was declared open by Dr. Wumi Olayinka, the Initiator, AIPEI and the President, University of Ibadan Women Society. Feedback from the training reveals that the tomato so processed retains its qualities for more than six months, a duration that is long enough to bridge scarcity gap in tomato fruit supply.

			
Tomato Fruits	Processing	Trainees	Liquid Paste



AgroImpact capacity building workshop on Tomato Processing/Preservation 29/4/2017

### AgroImpact Fish

Aquaculture provides a good opportunity to produce a variety of fish products in an environmentally sustainable manner. This provides a more varied diet for the family and additional income in the sale of produce and products.

### AgroImpact Fish processing workshop

**Different forms of value addition was explained.** Traditional drum, mud types and improved smoking kilns were highlighted as being used for smoking fish. Some kilns are adapted to use cooking gas. Tools/equipment/consumables needed for catfish smoking were itemized.

The advantages of modern smoking kilns over traditional smoking kilns explained were:

1. Minimal heat loss
2. Elimination of smoke



3. Neater product and so on

**The procedure involving** the steps in catfish smoking which must be strictly followed to ensure quality finished product that was mentioned were:

- (1) **Procurement of fish:** Fish to be smoked (if catfish) must be got from reputable farm that does not feed their fish rubbish as this can result in off flavour in the finished product. Too fatty fish must also be avoided as they don't keep well and weigh far less than usual after smoking.
- (2) **Weighing:** It is ideal to know the live weight of the fish to be smoked. This may be used in checks and balances.
- (3) **Washing:** Catfish to be smoked should be thoroughly washed in clean water to remove every grain of sand and mud.
- (4) **Stunning:** This can be done with ice or electricity as employed in poultry industry. In the absence of the above it may involve hitting the catfish on the neck (region just after the skull) to make it unconscious. This is done to prevent the fish from struggling. Apart from making gutting difficult, the struggle reduces the nutritional quality of the finished product significantly. Many people also wrongfully use salt to do this.
- (5) **Gutting:** This is the removal of the gills, alimentary canal and so on from the fish.
- (6) **Washing:** This second washing is done with sponge. It is done to clean every trace of blood and slime from the fish.
- (7) **Sticking:** At this stage the fish is folded and a stick is used to hold it in place.
- (8) **Brining:** At this stage the fish is put in 10% salt solution and allowed to stay for about ten minutes.
- (9) **Smoking:-** The fish is then put into a kiln with embers. The dorsal side faces the source of heat.
- (10) **Packaging:** Smoke-dried fish that has been allowed to cool to room temperature is put into transparent nylon (preferably).

Five precautions were explained and should be followed in the whole procedure.

Typical budget for smoking 100kg live weight of catfish was made and the participants were given samples of the smoked fish to take home.



Lecturing participants on fish processing before practical



At Fisheries and Acquaculture department, University of Ibadan 29/4/2017

Donation of smoking Kiln to AgrolImpact Empowerment Initiative by the department of Fisheries and Acquaculture 25/6/17

### **AgrolImpact Maize**

AgrolImpact Maize workshop



29/07/17



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At department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development Home Economic Laboratory

### **AgroImpact Tree planting**

#### **Tree planting workshop**

The tree planting workshop took place on 5 October 2017 with 25 registered participants, 5 facilitators and 5 volunteers.

Dr Oluwatoyin Olugbire coordinated registration of participants which started around 8.30am. Dr S.O. Olajuyigbe coordinated the programme while welcome address and information about AgroImpact projects was given by Dr Olufunmilola Ajani. Participants introduced themselves and stated their expectations from the

programme. Professor A. O. Oluwadare outlined the purpose of the workshop while Dr Adejoke O. Akinyele gave a brief lecture on tree planting.

The group was conveyed to the field around 11.30am where 2 tree species, *Gmelina arborea*(50) and *Tectona grandis*(50) were planted by all participants. During the planting session, participants were trained on rope alignments to get plants on a straight line and the use of wooden pegs to locate point of placement of seedlings before planting. Participants were also taught Pre-germination treatment of seeds, appropriate sowing techniques, germination of tree seeds, preparation of growth media, as well as filling of polypots and transplanting of the seedlings into the polypots.

At the end of the workshop, participants were given 5 seedlings which they could transplant to a location of their choice. The workshop ended around 2pm.



Department of Forestry 5/10/17



Field practical along Shasha road

Comfortable    career    cloud    workshop    26/9/2018    picture    on    whatsapp



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### **Courtesy Visit to the Raw Material Research and Development Council Federal Secretariat Ibadan**

The members of the U.I women society paid a visit to the raw material research and development council department at the federal secretariat Ibadan on 31st January 2017. Present were: Dr. Olayinka, Prof. Babayemi, Dr. Balogun, Dr. Anurudu, Dr. Lydia Babatola and Dr. Tijani. Mrs Ishola of the council and some of her members of staff were also in attendance. The objective of the meeting was to introduce the society-Agro Impact to the council and also seeks for financial and moral support and also support in terms of raw materials from the council.

The meeting started with an introduction by Prof. Babayemi after which Mrs. Ishola addressed the members of Agro Impact. In her speech she mentioned how the council has been helping so many organizations and societies in sourcing for raw materials such as moringa and cotton for their productions. She also mentioned the Anchor Borrower Scheme a CBN policy that helps farmers market their products and also give loan to help finance agricultural projects. Mrs. Ishola advised that since cotton is abundance in Oyo State and it is also recorded that Oyo cotton is the best Agro Impact should look into what they can produce with cotton. With this Dr Olayinka gave a brief speech about the Agro Impact and its objective which is to empower women and youth. Since Nigeria is a country with abundance but with this abundance we see poverty and suffering amidst waste in other to reduce poverty and suffering, the group decided to use those things to empower women and youth therefore the group have come to seek support from the council to carry out its objective. In response to this request Mrs. Ishola said looking at the financial situation of the country the council cannot promise to help financially but with raw materials and machineries the council would be more than willing to support the group, but before any help could be rendered the group has to come up with a proposal using the guideline she gave the group. She was of the opinion that the association should go into textile, sheabutter or cashew nut production since this products are given special consideration by the council. Talking about the tomatoes production she advised that the association should go into drying and packaging. In conclusion, she advised that the association should organize orientation programs for women and youth. She also promised to see that the council assists the group as regards raw materials, machineries and housing for its equipments.

#### **Picture**

AgroImpact TT visited Shasa market to see Tomato wastages June 20, 2017 **(Please provide date and pictures)**

**THE LAUNCHING OF UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN WOMEN'S SOCIETY AGRO IMPACT PROJECTS EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE HELD AT TRENCHARD HALL, UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN ON 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2017**

#### Preamble:

The official launching of the University Of Ibadan Women's Society Agro Impact Projects Empowerment Initiative was held at the Trenchard Hall of the University Of Ibadan on 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 under the distinguished Chairmanship of former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Rtd. General Olusegun Obasanjo GCFR. Dignitaries in attendance were the Chief Host, Vice Chancellor of University of Ibadan, Prof. Abel Idowu Olayinka, his co-host, the Chairperson of Agro Impact Board of Trustees, Prof. Janice Olawoye. Others include: The DVC (Academics) Prof. Aderinto, the Registrar, Mr. Olukoya, The Governor of Oyo state ably represented by Prof. Olusegun Adekunle, Engr. Seyi Makinde represented by Hon. Kehinde Ayoola, the former Speaker, Oyo state House of Assembly, Mr. Olakojo, former Secretary to Oyo State Government and Prof. E. A. Iyayi, Registrar, NIAS ably represented by Prof. A.O.K. Adesehinwa. Others include Prof. Kuta Mohammed Yahaya, Dean Faculty of Education, Prof. Ademokoya, IAR&T representative, Mr. Ogunjimo, Dr Ojo of Genetics Resources, and Dr. Adeyinka Onabule, Senior Advisor on Food Security and Nutrition to the Honorable Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development. Representatives of MDA, Civil Organizations, NGOs, IART, Army officers' wives, famers association, Students farm and Research were well represented.

#### Presentations and discussions:

The President of UIWS Dr Eyiwumi Olayinka, a lecturer in the Faculty of Arts and wife of the UI Vice Chancellor, Professor Abel Idowu Olayinka gave the welcome address where she thanked the former President Rtd. Olusegun Obasano for attending the ceremony despite his tight schedule and commended him for having passion for women, youth and survival of the entire nation as demonstrated by his numerous agricultural projects throughout the nook and cranny of the society. Similarly, she expressed her gratitude to the Shea butter (*Ori*) production team from Saki who she said has been collaborating with UIWS by training volunteers for tree planting. She averred that the UIWS Agro Impact was borne out of the need to emancipate women from poverty and make them to be gainfully employed. According to her, solving any identified societal problem should be seen as a shared responsibility and not the sole responsibility of the leaders or government as erroneously believed by majority of Nigerians. She thereafter, remarked that Agro Impact intends to leverage on the abundant intellectual resources in the University to impact the society particularly the women and the youths. The president concluded her speech by wishing the participants a fruitful deliberation.

Her presentation was immediately followed by welcome address by the Chief Host, the Vice Chancellor of University of Ibadan, Prof. A. I. Olayinka, In his speech, he described the Chairman of the occasion as the longest serving visitor to the University having being the Head of State twice. He observed that women constituted about 50% of the world's population as such empowering them will impact positively on the children, the family and the entire society. The VC explicated the significance of agro based activities. He asserted that the problem has always not being the message but the messenger. The VC concluded his speech by wishing the members of UIWS a fruitful launching.

#### First Technical Paper by Dr. Morufat Balogun

The first technical paper was presented by the Chairperson of the Agro Impact Think Tank Committee Dr Morufat Balogun who gave a brief history of Agro Impact initiatives which she

said is the pet project of UIWS. She observed that Nigeria is blessed with natural resources and it is the highest producer of cassava, maize, pepper, and banana yet not among the exporting nations and produces only for consumption. She cited the unemployment rate in the country to be 19.7% while national poverty level is 54.4%. Dr Balogun opined that with a population of about 180 million people Nigeria has the largest market for farm products in Africa. She intimated the audience that the purpose of Agro Impact Initiatives is to use agric to impact women which will culminate to increasing the GDP and transformation of the Nigerian Society. She thereafter, discussed the six components of the Agro Impact Initiative. Other issues she raised were the strategies, collaborators, achievements and bottlenecks of the initiative. She applauded the various teams that made up the six components of Agro Impact. She concluded her presentation by pleading with the invited guests to donate generously in the launching which is targeting 500million naira.

#### Former Nigeria President, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo Remarks (Chairman of the launching)

Former Nigeria President, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo appreciated the President of Agro Impact for the worthy initiative to eradicate poverty in Nigeria by empowering women and youths. Obasanjo noted with dissatisfaction that Nigeria's social economic problems began with the unwillingness of many Nigerians to engage in agriculture because they felt that farming is not glamorous. He commended the efforts of University of Ibadan Women's Society to make farming glamorous through Agro Impact project. He added that when Agriculture becomes a Business venture the more people would like to identify with it. The former President assured the participants of certification centre for farm products such as yam which would qualify it for exportation to other countries as was done by Ghanaians whose yams can be transported anywhere in the globe. He expressed his concerns that fish production which he considered easy to produce and market was not part of the initiatives of Agro Impact. He informed the house that Tilapia produce profusely and only three things required for fish farming are fingerlings, feeds and markets. He volunteered that Agro Impact can partner with Obasanjo farm to achieve zero poverty by 2025 (5 years before the vision 2030 date). The former President said he is currently on a team which intends to monitor issues related to Agriculture in the 36 states and FCT. At present, he said that they have visited only two states namely; Benue and Ebonyi. The essence of the visitation is to monitor and improve all agricultural policies and possibly remove bottlenecks as well as provide assistance to make Nigerians self sufficient in food and nutrition. He concluded his speech by pledging his unalloyed supports for Agro Impact projects.

#### Presentation by Students Farm Research Foundation by Samuel Olugbemiga

Mr. Samuel Olugbemiga who spoke on behalf of the Association said that Students' Farm Research Foundation is interested in farm and research. He asserted that they have partnered with UIWS on fertilizer project. At present he said that they have empowered 32 farmers and 20 youths. In conclusion, he requested for partnership with stakeholders to enable them scale up the activities of the Association.

#### Keynote Address Presentation by Dr Adeyinka Onabulu

Dr Adeyinka Onabulu, the Senior Adviser on Food Security and Nutrition to the Honorable Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development presented her presentation titled "Best Practices for Nutrients Retention in processed foods". She commended UIWS for starting the value chain

with food processing. She expressed her surprise that the initiative do not have nutrition objectives. She explained the key facts about food processing and justified the reason for food processing. Dr Onabulu also distinguished between household level food processing and industrial food processing. She advised that whatever method of cooking or preservation that will be adopted, it is essential to select the right cooking/preservation method that will maximize the nutritional quality of the meal.

Presentation by Prof. A.O.K. Adesehinwa, representing Prof. E. A. Iyayi (Registrar, NIAS)

In his presentation Prof. Adesehinwa said that he was surprised that nothing on livestock was included in the Agro Impact project. He promised that Nigerian Institute of Animal Science (NIAS) will support in the area of livestock production. On behalf of the Institute, he specifically promised the start-off stock and training of intended beneficiaries.

Presentation by Mr. Kingsley (NISER)

Mr. Kingsley from NISER noted that about 50% of Nigerians are women yet majority of them are not empowered economically. He noted that NISER was created because banks are hesitant to award loans to farmers. He stated that NISER does not grant loans rather it absorbs about 75% of the risk involved in giving loans to farmers to enable them qualify to obtain loan from Commercial Banks and other related institutions.

Presentation by Rukayat Adeniyi (NAOWA)

Mrs Adeniyi Rukayat NAOWA PRO who represented the Chairperson said that the launching has opened their eyes to possible areas they could explore since every army wife is a farmer. She described the Agro Impact project as a laudable one. She pleaded for collaborations with Agro Impact in order to scale up NAOWA agric related projects.

Showcasing of Agro Impact Projects by Dr. Funmilola Ajani

Dr. Funmiolola showcased the finished products of Agro Impact. She said that though the initiative started small but it has expanded to utilize the following agro based products; Cassava, Tomatoes, Maize and plantains to produce garri, snacks, starch, tapioca, starch, Cassava flour amongst others.

Other Speakers

Other speakers including Prof. Adesoye, Prof Adekunle and Shasha Women Association promised to collaborate with UIWS on their Agro Impact project.

Vote of Thanks by Prof. Janice Olawoye

Prof. Janice Olawoye, the Matron of UIWS appreciated the President of UIWS for not allowing the idea to die like others who nurse great ideas and allow it to filter away. She noted that academic life involves teaching, research and community services. She concluded that what UIWS is currently doing is part of Community Services. She thereafter appreciated the guests, members of the high table, presenters and participants and wished them well in all their endeavors. The launching ended at 1.20 pm with the singing of the National Anthem as well as the UI anthem.



## Launching Photos

**26/4/18**

MOU was sent to legal unit for corrections. UIWS and Deans of Agriculture and Renewable Natural Resources signed a letter requesting that the Vice Chancellor signs the MOU on behalf of the two faculties and UIWS

**20<sup>th</sup> July, 2018**

### **Tree planting second workshop on briquette production technology**

The briquette making workshop took place in the Department of Forest Production & Products, UI on 20 July 2018 with 13 registered participants, 2 resource persons- Prof. Olorunnisola of Wood Products Engineering, UI; and Dr Gloria T. Anguruwa from Forestry Research Institute of Nigeria, Ibadan and the members of the tree planting committee.

The workshop started around 8.30am with welcome address and information about AgroImpact projects being given by Dr Eyiwumi Olayinka. Participants introduced themselves and stated their expectations from the programme. Professor Olorunnisola and Dr Anguruwa gave the lectures which led to the practical session in the Department of Forest Production and Products wood workshop.

The group was conveyed to Department of Wood Products Engineering to see fabricated molds that could be used for briquette production. Tree planting training started on the second day around 8.00 am. Three hundred teak seedlings were donated to Agro Impact by the Department of Forest Production & Products. Dr Akinyele gave a brief lecture on tree planting and management. Mr Fatoba and Mr Kolapo coordinated the practical session, where participants were trained on rope alignments to get plants on a straight line and the use of wooden pegs to locate point of placement of seedlings before planting. They were also trained on holing and appropriate planting. Participants were encouraged to practice what had been demonstrated for about 1 hour and 2 rows of Teak biological fence were planted by the participants. At 11am, participants were conveyed to the Agro Impact Tree nursery where demonstrations were made on various techniques of pre-germination treatment for teak seeds, appropriate sowing techniques, germination of tree seeds, preparation of growth media, as well as filling of polypots. Participants were also taught how to prepare stumps which they potted.

The workshop ended around 1pm.



**Briquetting**

**Process**





**30/12/18**

Maize group second workshop







## Comfortable career Cloud Workshop



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