

SAAT ORGANISES 2ND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

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Dignitaries at the SAAT Workshop. VC, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta (2nd right); 1st left, Bursar, Mrs Hadiza Goje, fcnafcti, 2nd Left, Permanent Secretary Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Dr. Ibrahim Garba Musa; 3rd left, Prof. Kpotun M. Baba and 1st right, Prof. Job Nmadu during the SAAT International Conference. **Photo Credit: Elijah Yisa**

Several studies have revealed that climate change has negative effect on food security in Nigeria and these changes are altering our contemporary earth at an unprecedented rate.

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Faruk Adamu Kuta, stated this while declaring open the, 2nd International Conference of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology.

The programme with the theme: *Climate-Smart Agriculture in the Post COVID Era: A Gate Way to Food Security in Africa*, was organised by the School of Agriculture and Agricultural Technology (SAAT), on Monday, December 12 and Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at the Caverton Lecture Theatre, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

Prof. Kuta expressed optimism that the deliberations at the conference would be channelled towards food security in the

country and the world in general, saying the choice of the theme was apt and timely.

The Keynote Speaker, who is the Director, Risk and Vulnerability Science Centre, (RVSC), University of Limpopo, South Africa, Prof. Kingsley Kwabena Ayisi, joined the conference via Zoom. His presentation, titled: *Sustainable Crop Production Practices for Climate Resilience, Food and Nutrition Security*, dwelt on Sub-Saharan Africa agriculture, which he said, is largely subsistence and highly vulnerable to climate change and climate variability, which include; drought, floods, and heat waves.

"Africa's agriculture must undergo a substantial transformation to minimize and adapt to climate hazard for improved food security, reduced poverty, and enhanced livelihoods," Prof. Ayisi echoed, while revealing that climate smart

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agriculture technologies is pivotal to building resilience to climate change, for food security in the small-holder farming system.

The don called on the relevant stakeholders, including academic institutions, research institutions, government, business sectors, NGOs, farmers and civil societies to make deliberate and determined efforts to adapt to the threat while keeping mitigating concerns in mind.

Earlier, the Dean, SAAT, Prof. Job Nmadu maintained that the main target of the conference was to harness such technologies that would ensure farmers' smartness and to produce desirable result on bumper food production. This would ultimately be complemented with storage and processing technologies so as to minimise losses and wastages, he said.

He expressed hope that at the end of the conference, the participants would come up with recommendations of new technologies that would make farmers more successful in their businesses.

Speaking in his goodwill message, the Honourable Commissioner, Niger State Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Alh. Salihu Muhammad who was represented by the Permanent

Secretary in the Ministry, Dr. Ibrahim Garba Musa revealed the state's recent engagement with the New Partnership on African Development in Nigeria that bothers on climate change.

The Honourable Commissioner, while congratulating the organisers of the conference, pledged to partner with the University in order to harness all the opportunities within the institution so that the state can move forward.

Delivering the vote of thanks, the Chairman, Publicity and Protocol of the Local Organising Committee (LOC), Prof. Michael Ojo thanked, the Vice-Chancellor and the Management team for their presence and support. He expressed his gratitude to all the staff in the School and those who contributed towards the success of the conference, the participants who were physically present and those that joined online.

Highlights at the occasion were presentation of award to the keynote speaker by the Vice-Chancellor as well as cultural entertainment by the host community.

QUALITY ASSURANCE AND PRODUCTIVITY (QAP) CORNER

COMBATting CORRUPTION IN THE TEACHING ROLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

Some of the examples of associated corrupt practices are:

- Absent instructors who do not fulfil their scheduled obligations.
- Sexual or other harassment of staff and students.
- Altering student marks in return for sexual or other favours.
- Administrative pressure on academics to alter marks for institutional convenience.

Preventive Actions:

1. Assign responsibility for oversight of the Internal Quality Assurance framework to a senior figure in the department or unit.
2. Publish institutional policies on sexual and other harassment with implementation procedures.
3. Put appeals processes in place for academic and administrative decisions.

FUT STAFF SCHOOL – FIRST TERM VACATION AND RESUMPTION

This is to inform the University community and the general public that the FUT Staff School will be going on three (3) weeks' vacation on Friday, December 16, 2022 and will be resuming on Monday, January 9, 2023.

COUNSELLING TIPS

Avoid taking an undue advantage of someone's kindness. Cheating a good person is like throwing away a diamond and picking up a stone.

Guidance and Counselling Unit,
Students' Affairs Division.

MONEY MATTER

Weekly Financial Digest for Monday 3rd December- Sunday 11th December 2022		
N/S	RECEIPTS	₦
1	DETAIL	AMOUNT
2	ACCEPTANCE FEES	1,300,000.00
3	TRANSCRIPT	1,288,760.00
4	UNDERGRADUATE FEES	39,900.00
5	PURCHASE OF ACADEMIC GOWN	152,000.00
6	POST UTME	230,000.00
7	CERTIFICATE (UNDER GRADUATE)	509,000.00
8	CERTIFICATE (POST GRADUATE)	101,000.00
9	CLEARANCE FEES	12,000.00
10	SALES OF FORMS PRE-DEGREE	35,000.00
11	POST GRADUATE SCHOOL FEES	2,343,500.00
12	REGISTRATION FEES PRE-DEGREE	1,342,750.00
13	HOSTEL FEES	313,300.00
14	CODEL REGISTRATION	22,300.00
15	VERIFICATION OF RESULT	20,000.00
16	TURNITIN PG	44,000.00
17	INTER-UNIVERSITY TRANSFER	20,000.00
18	CAMPUS RADIO	200,400.00
19	ITS DIPLOMA CERTIFICATE	3,500.00
20	PREPAID METER	39,500.00
21	SUNDRY OTHER INCOME	8,000.00
	TOTAL	8,024,910.00
22	(i) Staff	
	(a) Refund	2,150,400.00
	(b) Advance	1,892,200.00
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) Niger State Development Comp. Ltd - Hotel Bill	80,625.00
	(b) Doko International Hotel Ltd. - Hotel Bill	89,090.00
	(c) Mcesta Ventures Ltd. - Construction	231,000.00
	(d) Jamub Construction Nig. Ltd. - Furnishing	7,142,625.00
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	11,585,940.00