



Voice of Women in the Development of Agriculture (VOWDA)

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International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)

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Women in Agriculture Symposium 2021

Theme: *“Capacity building for Women-in-Agriculture and smallholder farmers”*

Mode: Virtual

Date: 14-15 October 2021

PROGRAM

Day 1: 14 October 2021

Moderator: Sougrynoma Z. Sore, IITA

Rapporteur: Ronke Obafuaye, VOWDA

	Time/ Duration	Activity	Responsibility
1.	11:00am– 11:05 am	Welcome remarks	Yemisi Jeff-Agboola (Founder of VOWDA) & Prof. Babatunde Rabiou, Centre for Atmospheric Research, National Space Research and Development Agency (NASRDA), VOWDA BOT
2.	11:08am– 11:35 am	Goodwill messages	
(i)	11:09am– 11:15am	Goodwill message	His Royal Majesty, Ooni of Ife, Oba Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi
(ii)	11:16am– 11:21am	Goodwill message	Adesegun Fatusi, the Vice Chancellor, University of Medical Sciences, Ondo, Nigeria
(iii)	11:22am– 11:27am	Goodwill message	Dashiell Kenton, Deputy Director General, Partnerships for Delivery, IITA
(iv)	11:28am– 11:40am	Keynote talk	Vicki Wilde, Senior Program Officer, Agricultural Development and Women's Economic Empowerment - Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
3.	11:40– 11:45am	Group photograph	
4.	11:45am– 12:40pm	Presentations	(10 min presentation and 5 min response to questions from chat)

A.	11:45am- 12:00pm	Women's Role in Agricultural Development: Problems and Prospects for Enhanced Food Safety and Security	Janice Olawoye, University of Ibadan
B.	12:05pm- 12:20pm	Addressing the Challenges of Women Agricultural Scientists and Smallholder Farmers	Esther T. Akinlabi, Director, Pan African University for Life and Earth Sciences Institute
C.	12:25pm- 12:40pm	Creating Visibility in the Field of Agriculture	Ernest Aubee, Head of Division Agriculture, ECOWAS Commission, Abuja
5.	Panel Discussion		(2 min reaction to each question by panel members followed by response to questions on chat)
	12:45pm- 13:15pm	Panel discussion Questions:	<u>Panel Members:</u> Prof Olawoye Janice, University of Ibadan Prof Esther T. Akinlabi, Director, PAULESI Dr. Ernest Eubee, ECOWAS Mrs. Moji Aina, Pod Chocolates Dr. Yemisi Jeff-Agboola, VOWDA Founder Ms. Oluwaseun Ogidan, Agripreneur
6.	13:15pm- 13:30pm	Vote of Thanks	Prof Babatunde Rabi

Day 2: 15 October 2021

Moderator: Badmos Amina, VOWDA

Rapporteur: Umaru Khadijah, VOWDA

	Time/ Duration	Activity	Responsibility
1.	11:00am– 11:05am	Recap of Day 1	Badmos Amina Dolapo, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta
2.	11:06am– 11:09am	Video presentations (Abstracts)	Felicia N. Ejiah, University of Lagos, Lagos/VOWDA
(i)	11:10am– 11:15am	TED Talk Video -Diversions from Biochemistry to Agriculture	Mojisola Karigidi, Doctoral Fellow, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, AWARD Fellow
(ii)	11:17am– 11:22am	Success story about women in agriculture from a farmers’ perspective	Olori Anike, Cocoa Farmer Translation by Ms. Kemi Bada
3.	11:22am– 12:15pm	Presentations	(10 min presentation followed by 5 min response to questions from chat)
(i)	11:25am– 11:40am	Keynote talk: Women, Environment and Agriculture	Rhoda Peace Tumusiimer, Former African Union Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture and Chairperson, HOPE
(ii)	11:42am– 11:57am	MYTOX-SOUTH Capacity building for Young African Scientists	Sarah De Saeger, Director, Centre of Excellence in Mycotoxigenology and Public Health, Ghent University Represented by Dr. Celine Meerpoel FoodSafety4EU project
(iii)	11:59am– 12:14pm	Gender issues in agriculture and rural development: The untapped opportunity for transformation	Ranjana Bhattacharjee, Senior Scientist, IITA

3.	12:15pm- 12:20pm	Launching of VOWDA JOURNAL followed by a Group Photograph	Taofeek Adegboyega and Kehinde T. Kareem
4.	12:22pm- 01:00pm	Panel Discussion	(2 min reaction to each question by panel members followed by response to questions on chat)
	12:22pm- 12:29pm	Keynote talk: Propelling women in agriculture	Ayoade Folashade, Secretary to the Government, Kogi State
	12:30pm- 01:00pm	Panel discussion Questions: •	<u>Panel Members:</u> Ayoade Folashade, The Secretary to the Government, Kogi State Stella Williams, Founder, Nigerian, Women in Agricultural Research for Development (NiWARD) Ranjana Bhattacharjee, IITA Fehintola Bello, Belloue Foods Ngozi Okeke, Frotchery Farms Limited
5.	01:05pm- 01:30pm	Plenary session	Moderators: Taofeek Adegboyega and Kehinde T. Kareem (5 min presentation from each participant)

(i)	01:05pm- 01:10pm	Assessment of Fermentation Method on Nutritional, Anti-nutritional Composition and Microbial Properties of Mung bean (<i>Vigna radiata</i>) 'iru'	Lawal, R.T., Ishola, A.D. and Oyegoke, O.A.
(ii)	01:12pm- 01:17pm	Land Preparation Methods and Cropping Systems: Effect on Maize Viral Diseases	Kareem, K.T., Oyedele, A.O., Oduwaye, O.F. and Ugwu, J.A.
(iii)	01:19pm- 01:24pm	Roles of African Women Farmers in Mitigating Food Insecurity	Shoge, M.O.
(iv)	01:25pm- 01:30pm	The Role of Women in Food Safety Management in Africa	Jeff-Agboola Y. A., De Saeger Sarah, Marthe De Boevre, Jeff-Agboola L. O. and Obafaye A.A.
6.	1:30pm- 1:35pm	Vote of Thanks	Katherine Lopez, IITA
7.	1:35pm- 1:45pm	Closing Remarks and Next Actions	Yemisi Jeff-Agboola, VOWDA

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS

- **Interpretation** will be **provided in English only**.
- All events can be **recorded** on Zoom.
- Participants should make use of the chat and question functions during the session/s.
- The chat function can be found on the right-hand side of the screen.
- The question function can be found on the right-hand side of the screen. Click, *Ask a question, enter your name*. Here you can ask and view the questions.
- Turn off your microphone all the time unless you are speaking. The volume for the video can be found at the bottom right-hand side of the video screen. Adjust the volume by dragging your cursor along the bars.
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