



# FUTA NEWS

## **FUTA-WAPP BOOSTS AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY, DONATES MATERIALS TO SCHOOLS, COMMUNITIES**

The FUTA based West African Agricultural Productivity Programme (WAAPP) has stepped up its mandate of contributing to food security through training and capacity building for its target communities. Recently some Schools and rural communities in and around Ondo State were in FUTA for a workshop meant to enhance better agricultural practices and boost production. Addressing participants, Professor Taye Amos said the import of the programme was to bring communities and schools together and acquaint them with new trends in order to develop their capacity to do better in farming. Emphasizing the importance of farming, He said the overall objective was to make participants better farmers and teach them how to tackle emerging challenges and incorporate food preservation in their practices. .

In his address, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Development) Prof. Tolulope Akinbogun who represented the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Adebisi Daramola said Nigeria is blessed in terms of Agriculture especially its vast arable land. He said agriculture is very important because without agriculture there will be no other means to survive in the country. He encouraged students and all Nigerians to embrace agripreneurship, stating that this will make the nation to have abundant food supply for local consumption and revenue generation through export. Topic discussed at the workshop included poultry management handled by Dr. Muyiwa Adegbenro, fish pond management by Prof. Adebayo, and record keeping by Prof. Taye Amos. Earlier, Professor Yomi Alfred called on the Nigerian youths, especially students to engage in Agriculture instead of looking for white collar jobs.

At the end of the training programme, FUTA-WAAPP in exercise of its mandate to increase agricultural productivity so as to reduce hunger and poverty in the country gave some materials to the schools and communities where it is operating to enhance performance of rural dwellers in agric business. Giving the items to the school and communities, Professor Akinbogun urged them to ensure judicious use of the items while Professor Amos promised extension of the largesse to other communities. The items distributed include tape recorder, cabinets, LG DVD players, Flat screen televisions and plastic chairs.

Bamikemo, Ilara, Ipinsa, Ero, Ipogun and Ijare. Communities and students from FUTA secondary school, Fiwasaye Girls' Secondary school, Ekimogun secondary school, Ondo and Winners secondary school, Akure attended the workshop.