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Prof. Dixon Olutade Torimiro

Dixon Olutade Torimiro Professor of Agricultural Extension and Rural Sociology at the Obafemi Awolowo University, Nigeria from where he bagged his PhD and acted as the Head of Department. He was Nigeria's Federal Government Scholar, CODESRIA Laureate, Dakar; member of the College of Research Associates (CRA) United Nations University's Institute of Natural Resources in Africa (UNU/INRA), Accra; IDRC scientist, Canada; and ESRC grantee, UK. He was a visiting Professor at the Botswana College of Agriculture, University of Botswana, Gaborone. He was ECOWAS-AAU Fellow to Northwest University, Mafikeng Campus, South Africa. He serves as an Independent Agricultural Expert to Association of African Universities (AAU), Ghana and European Commission, Brussels, Belgium. Prof. Torimiro has consulted for some notable international organisations including: the World Bank and Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development for Southern Africa (CCARDESA), Gaborone. He co-initiated the International Research and Development Network of Children and Youth in Agriculture Programme (CYIAP-Network); and he founded the African Centre for Rural Youth Empowerment (ACRYE) in Nigeria. He is the current Chairman, Board of Trustees of CYIAP-Network and ACRYE in Nigeria. Prof. Torimiro has many articles published in the field of agricultural extension, rural sociology and rural youth studies.



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Prof. Oluwasegun Adetokunbo Adekunle

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Professor Oluwasegun Adetokunbo Adekunle is a world class talent in Agricultural Extension and Rural Development. His Primary and Secondary schools were in Lagos. He Scored 296 at the UTME/JAMB, in 1982/83 and had academic awards such as Zard Scholarships (Faculty of Agriculture, UI, 1986), Federal Government Scholarship for his M.Sc. (UI, 1987/88), and Ford Foundation Scholarship for his PhD, (1989/90-1991/92), among many other Prizes. He spent ten years throughout his University Education at the University of Ibadan (1982/83-1991/92), Ibadan, Nigeria. He was a Visiting Full

Professor at the University of Cape Coast, Cape Coast, Ghana (2013/2014). Prof. Adekunle had solely, supervised over 65 Ph.D theses, many of his students are Professors already, in many countries. While he had assessed many Readers and Professorial Publications for promotion, he was also External examiner to many Universities, within and outside Nigeria. He had done numerous Agricultural Consultancy works for UK/DFID, USAID, WORLD BANK, Shell Petroleum Development Company (SPDC), Sasakawa Africa Fund for Extension Education, (SAFE) (Japan), Canada International Development Research Centre (IDRC) /Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA); ActionAid International; International Foundation for Education and Self Help (IFESH) U.S.A., and United Nations UN/FAO/ESHE Andre Mayer Research. He was a Agricultural Consultant to the Kwara State Government in 2005, where he conducted the Farmers' Census, the first of its kind in Nigeria.

He was the only African, among the five foreign Scholars, involved in the U.K. DFID/British High Commission project on Promoting Pro-poor Opportunities Through Commodity and Service Markets Output to Purpose Review (PrOpCom OPR). Two Commodities (Rice and Soya) were evaluated in Nigeria in 2007. The project value was Twenty million British pounds sterling. Professor Adekunle was the immediate Special Adviser/Consultant on Agriculture to Oyo State Government (Nov. 1, 2016 to May 28, 2019). During his appointment, he facilitated replication of the reknowned Songhai Integrated Organic farms (Songhai model) in Oyo State. He coordinated the Oyo State Exports Promotion Council (2017-2019) and, was a member of the Federal Government Yam Exports programme, (The Presidency), that exported Yam, for the First time in 2018.

He is a member of the South African Society for Agricultural Extension (SASAE), Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria (AESON), Ibadan Socio-Economic Group (ISEG), Nigerian Rural Sociological Association, and Society for International Development (SID). He had attended many sponsored Conferences

on Agriculture, Value Addition, Extension Capacity Building, Youth Empowerment and Gender Development in many countries of the world. He is over Ten Years as a Professor, with more than ninety (90) published papers.



Prof. Joseph Tsuhyel Pur

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Professor Pur is from the Department of Agricultural Extension Services, University of Maiduguri. Had his PhD from the University of Ibadan in 1997, join the university in 1998 and became a professor in 2012. Served as Head of Dept as well in other academic committees. Lead the establishment of Postgraduate Programme in the Dept. Served as Exco member of a number of Professional bodies including AESON, Rural Sociology and CYIAP- Network. Had well over 30 articles in Journals of both local and International and 5 books either a chapter or two in the books as well as one sole. Had conducted a number of research works sponsored by former FORMECU, NEST/Ford Foundation, Ministry of Solid Minerals and University of Maiduguri. Also served as external examiner to some Universities and consultant to some organizations involved in

rural community development and youth mobilization

Prof. C. J. C. Akubulo

Professor Cletus Joseph Chukwuemeka Akubulo is an alumnus of the University of Nigeria Nsukka, from where he earned the B.Sc, M.Sc, and Ph.D. Degrees and the State University of New York at Buffalo from where he also earned a Masters Degree in Education (M.Ed). He has written a number of textbooks on general agriculture, agricultural economics, and agricultural extension. He has also been contributing to academic journals. He has produced many Ph.D holders, ten of who are now Professors. He has served as a Visiting Professor, External Examiner and External Assessor to a number of Universities. He is a Fellow of the Nigeria Academy of Education (FNAE) and also a Fellow of the Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria (FAESON). Professor Akubulo is a Professor of Agricultural Economics and Extension. In September 2017, from his base in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension of Enugu State University of Science and Technology, Enugu State, he was appointed Rector of Enugu State Polytechnic Iwollo where he is currently doing a good job to take the institution to a higher level. He is married to Professor Dorothy Uchenna Akubulo and the marriage is blessed with four children-two boys and two girls.



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Prof. Grace Modupe Adebo

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Grace Modupe Adebo is an Associate Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension Services, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences of the Ekiti State University, Ado – Ekiti, Nigeria. She obtained the following degrees: Bachelor of Science and Education in 1990, Ekpoma; M.Technology (Agricultural Extension) in 1997, Akure; and Doctor of Philosophy, (Agricultural Extension) in 2005, Akure. She is a Gender and Rural Development Expert and is involved in Teaching, Research and Training of students in the University. She is a grassroots developer and has participated in the trainings of Directors of Organizations, Local Government Executives, farmers, and Market Women in pertinent

developmental programs. She has served as consultant to World Bank, United Nations and some Agricultural Development projects in Nigeria. She has won several scholarships and fellowship awards among which are; the Australian Conference Scholarship, Netherlands NUFFIC Scholarship for International program Wageningen, Beahrs Environmental Leadership Program, UC Berkeley, California, Mashav Scholarship for International Training Programme, Israel, the Australia-Africa Fellowship Awards and Tertiary Education Trust Fund (Tetfund). She is a member of various Associations among which are; Society for International Development (SID) and Organization of Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD). She is the current Deputy President of the Nigeria Rural Sociological Association, and the Children and Youth in Agriculture programme in Nigeria respectively. She is an Associate Editor of a Multidisciplinary Journal of the National Research and Development Network of Children and Youth in Agricultural Programme, Nigeria and have published over 60 articles in both National and International journals.