



ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PROJECT IN TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS IN NIGERIA

In Conjunction With

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE, ABEOKUTA, NIGERIA,
WEST AFRICAN NETWORK ON ORGANIC AGRICULTURE RESEARCH AND TRAINING

Announces the

THE 2ND INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMME IN ORGANIC AGRICULTURE

DATE: Monday 2nd - Friday 13th July, 2012

VENUE: Senate Chamber, University of Agriculture,
Abeokuta, Nigeria

BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

The Organic Agriculture Project in Tertiary Institutions in Nigeria (OAPTIN) was founded in June 2004 in response to the global quest for the development of holistic and sustainable agricultural production system. Its focus is capacity building, skill and technology development in organic agriculture. In 2009 OAPTIN through the Work Earn and Learn Programme (WELP) trained 23 (out of the 70 applicants that applied) fresh Nigerian graduates in a 7-week intensive training. Later in 2010 an advanced programme was mounted for higher level personnel in Ministry of Agriculture and University Lecturers in a summer school programme. To sustain this the second in the series of summer school programme is designed to give further opportunity for sound training in organic agriculture for interested scientists, farmers, businessmen, policy makers etc., in basic organic agriculture with emphasis in composting, organic fruits, vegetable and arable crop production, organic livestock production, organic fish, snail & cane rat production, as well as business development and trade in organic agriculture including certification and packaging issues.

PROGRAMME

The training programme on Organic Agriculture will be split into:

- 3-day inception phase,
- 7-day extensive field work,
- 1-day reporting phase/ stakeholders' workshop

SUMMARY OF COURSE CONTENT

The course content will include:

- Module 1: Introduction to organic agriculture
- Module 2: Policy issues, certification and trade opportunities
- Module 3: Principles and practice of organic vegetable production
- Module 4: Principles and practice of organic arable crop production
- Module 5: Concept and practice of organic aquaculture and fisheries management
- Module 6: Management practices in the emerging organic agroforestry
- Module 7: Animal right and health in organic production system
- Module 8: Concept and practice of organic pest management approach
- Module 9: Organic apiculture and honey processing
- Module 10: Food processing, preservation and post harvest handling
- Module 11: Produce marketing management



TEACHING STAFF

Prof. I.O.O. Aiyelaagbe (Nigeria), Prof. P.J.C. Harris, (UK), Prof. B. Sinsin, (Republic of Bénin), Prof. L. O. Sanni (Nigeria), Prof. V.I.O. Olowe, (Nigeria), Prof (Mrs.) M. Dipeolu (Nigeria), Dr. B. Omilola (UK)

Expected course output

Participants will acquire:

- Basic knowledge on principle and practices of organic agriculture.
- Hands-on experience in organic crop, livestock and fish production
- Strategies and skills in marketing of organic produce
- Marketing of organic produce

TARGET GROUP

The Summer School on Organic Agriculture will admit scientists, jobless graduates and postgraduate students with background in Agriculture, Forestry, Food Science and Technology and Agricultural Engineering, Natural Sciences, and Socio-economics, who want to gain practical knowledge on organic agriculture in an international and interdisciplinary learning environment. Skills, willingness to work on the farm, and previous experience will be an added advantage in the selection process.

LANGUAGE

The official and working language during the Summer School on Organic Agriculture is English. Application form for the course is on as presented along with this announcement. Duly completed application form should be sent as an e-mail attachment to jojerat1@yahoo.com



INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

All participants are responsible for their travel arrangements. For any assistance on this, kindly email: atungwujj@yahoo.com

FEES AND PAYMENTS

The (non-subsidized) fee for attending the course is N25, 000.00 for Nigerians and US\$ 500 or its equivalent in Naira July 31, 2012. Payment will entitle as peculiar:

- Tuition fees, field trips and entrance fees for museums and other specified social Programme
- Transportation between Murtala Muhammed International Airport and University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (Arrival and departure)
- Welcome reception and farewell dinner as well as lunch Fees must be paid to the following bank accounts OAPTIN Account, GTB, UNAAB No. 421 – 436680 – 110 (₦ Account), 421 – 436680 – 210 (\$ Account) and 421 – 436680 – 4610 (€ Account). Fees are non-refundable except if the summer course on Organic Agriculture is cancelled unexpectedly, if there is an overpayment by participants, or if the participant took ill prior to departure.

For further enquiries: Please contact Course Coordinator, Dr. J. J. Atungwu via email: jojerat1@yahoo.com; atungwujj@unaab.edu.ng Mobile: +234 8037156261

