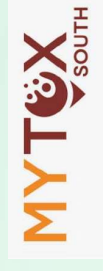


The Voice of Women in the Development of Agriculture

Welcome to a groundbreaking symposium bringing together leading voices in agricultural development, food safety, and mycotoxin research. The Voice of Women in the Development of Agriculture (VOWDA) proudly presents this collaborative event in partnership with the Poultry Association of Nigeria (PAN) Ondo State Chapter, Africa Food Safety Initiative (AFSI), Ghent University, and Mytox South. This gathering represents a powerful convergence of international expertise, research excellence, and grassroots agricultural innovation, united by a common mission to advance sustainable agricultural practices and ensure food safety across global supply chains.

Our symposium addresses critical challenges facing the agricultural sector today, from mycotoxin contamination in poultry feed to climate-resilient farming practices and women's leadership in agricultural science. Through knowledge exchange, capacity building, and strategic partnerships, we are creating pathways for transformative change in agricultural development across Africa and beyond.



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Keynote Speaker I

Mr. Christopher Belechi

Agricultural Counselor, USDA-FAS, U.S. Consulate General

Bringing insights on U.S.-Africa agricultural partnerships and trade opportunities



Keynote Speaker II

Dr. Bhattacharjee Ranjana

International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)

Leading research on sustainable agricultural systems and crop improvement

Founder & Convener



Prof. Yemisi A. Jeff-Agboola

Founder & Convener, VOWDA

Professor of Microbiology, Adekunle Ajasin University, Nigeria

Prof. Jeff-Agboola is a pioneering advocate for women in agricultural science and sustainable food systems. With extensive expertise in microbiology and food safety, she has dedicated her career to empowering women scientists and building collaborative networks that address critical challenges in agricultural development across Africa. As VOWDA's founder, she has created a platform for knowledge exchange, capacity building, and strategic partnerships that advance food security and sustainable agricultural practices throughout the continent.

Leading voice for Nigeria's poultry industry and sust

women's empowerment in agricultural science.

presented here—spanning government agencies, universities, research institutions, and grassroots organizations—demonstrate the power of collaborative approaches to solving complex challenges facing global food systems.

Areas

Management: Advancing research and practical applications to reduce mycotoxin contamination in agricultural products

Systems: Building robust food safety infrastructure across the agricultural value chain

Mentorship: Empowering women scientists and professionals through mentorship and networking

Digital Integration: Leveraging space technology, data science, and digital tools for agricultural development

Policy: Informing agricultural policies that support sustainable development and food security

Capacity Building: Creating educational programs and training opportunities for next-generation agricultural leaders



Join the Movement

VOWDA invites stakeholders, researchers, and professionals to join our growing network dedicated to advancing women's roles in agricultural development and ensuring food safety across Africa and beyond.

