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From The Editor



EOA-Nigeria Intensifies Awareness on Organic Agriculture on Fresh FM



Dear esteemed Organic Agriculture family, eat Organic, live healthy and stronger!

As I wish everyone in this family, compliments of the season, I present to you the 4th issue in the 16th volume of the Newsletter which is enriched with news on: NOAN showcased at the Soil Science Society of Nigeria (SSSN) conference; NOAN-KCOA validating the endogenous knowledge with farmers; NOAN project (EOA) supporting farmers with farm equipment; the plant Ylang Ylang; and most excitingly the news on NOAN AGM. I will be there, what about you? See you there!!

Read, learn, flourish and prosper.

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NOAN, Delta State Set To Host Next AGM

The Association's next Annual General Meeting was agreed to take place at Delta State through the auspice of the Delta State Chapter of the Association. The meeting is scheduled to hold on April 23 to 26, 2024 at the Old ASUP Secretariat, Delta State University of Technology, Ozoro, Delta State. The Delta State Chapter of the Association is more than happy to host the next General meeting. This was stated by the State Chapter Chairperson, Dr. Atoma Charity N. who added that the 2024 AGM will be a two day event with the theme: "Organic Agriculture: Prosperity, Wellness and Sustainability. The event promises to be exciting, as Technical Workshop will take place, issues relevant to organic farmers such as organic inputs in crop and animal production, food safety, medicinal plants, organic endogenous knowledge and many more will be discussed at the event.

The Delta State Chapter of the Association will also officially open the Chapter's full-fledged organic market, a landmark in the history of every State Chapter.

For more information on exhibition, participation, paper submission and more, kindly call 08038271107, 08078387602, we look forward to seeing our esteemed members physically and virtually as this will be a hybrid event.

The significance of provision of detailed and factual information towards the realization of any human driven enterprise and to achieve maximal and durable results outcome cannot be overemphasized. Timely and relevant information dissemination targeting relevant recipients is key to nailing a planned outcome. Though it is also important that such information not only be detailed, relevant and timely, it must also leave room for feedback from targeted audience. Achieving a relevant outcome therefore would also require the use of relevant and quality medium to channel such information. Also the size and purpose of such planned information dissemination would naturally determine the type of medium to be deployed. The larger the audience, the larger the medium of outreach and vice versa.

In order to facilitate access to information and knowledge with special focus on women, youth and marginalized groups, EOA expand organic message on Fresh F.M. (a popular radio station in Ibadan) with the sole objective of fostering awareness and promoting the gospel of organic agricultural principles and practice to a wider audience and to capture the data of listeners and or

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You are What You Eat!

Drink water from the spring where horses drink. The horse will never drink bad water.

Lay your bed where the cat sleeps.

Eat the fruit that has been touched by a worm.

Boldly pick the mushroom on which the insects sit.

Plant the tree where the mole digs.

Build your house where the snake sits to warm itself.

Dig your fountain where the birds hide from the heat.

Go to sleep and wake up at the same time with the birds – you will reap all of the days' golden grains.

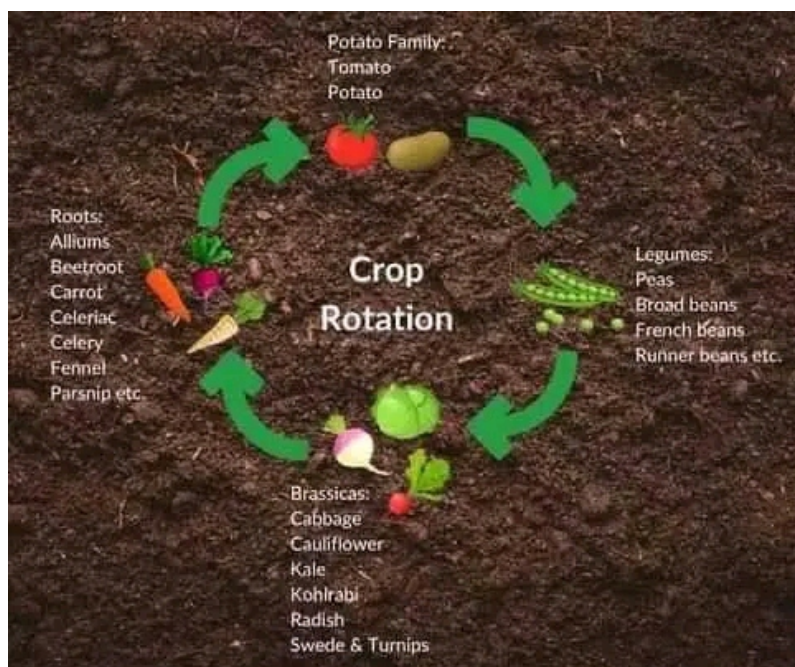
Eat more green – you will have strong legs and a resistant heart, like the beings of the forest. Swim often and you will feel on earth like the fish in the water.

Look at the sky as often as possible and your thoughts will become light and clear.

Be quiet a lot, speak little – and silence will come in your heart, and your spirit will be calm and full of peace.”

Nature is talking to you, are you listening?
Saint Seraphim of Sarov

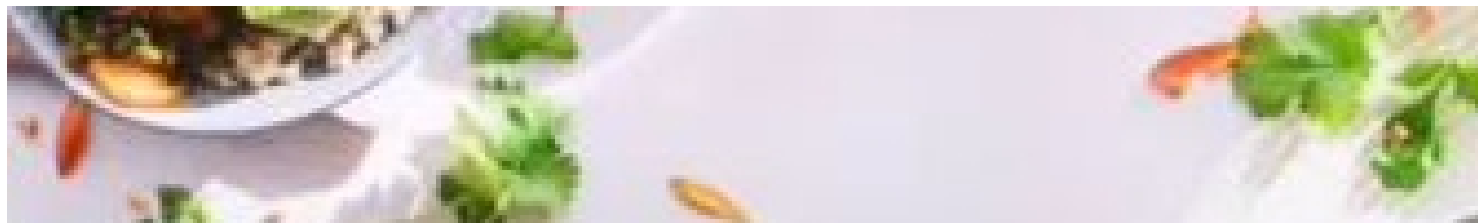

Source- Growing Organic, Eating Organic.



GLYPHOSATE ALTERS GUT MICROBIAL COMMUNITIES WHICH CAN CAUSE MAJOR HEALTH ISSUES.

The gut microbiome is a group of microorganisms, including bacteria, archaea, viruses, and fungi, that plays a crucial role in digestion, bodily function, detoxification, and immune and central nervous system regulation.







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COMMUNITY SOCIALIZATION /VALIDATION WORKSHOPS ON ENDOGENOUS KNOWLEDGE

The community Feedback / socialization workshop for the validation of endogenous knowledge previously collected took place in Abeokuta, Ogun State Nigeria on the 22nd and 23rd November, 2023.

The workshop was attended by 30 actors of value chain from the host community and environs including community leaders, policy makers, organic farmers, experts relevant to Organic agriculture, enumerators amongst others.

Noteworthy was the attendance of women agripreneurs, particularly those who pioneered large-scale Organic Agriculture businesses in Ogun State and its environs. Additionally, the Librarian of the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta was in attendance.

The aim of the community feedback workshop was to:

1. Verify with the communities the veracity and accuracy of the information collected;
2. Confirm the relevance, effectiveness, scale and rate of adoption, as well as the origin of the knowledge involved;
3. Deepen and consolidate certain knowledge;
4. Confirm Community endorsement by signing the document concerning intellectual property rights.

The workshop took the form of presentation of summary sheets for each knowledge, followed by deliberation by participants, elaborating on each knowledge as well as the collective acceptance of the knowledge as traditional or not.

Association of Organic Agriculture Practitioners of Nigeria is the only organization adopted as the umbrella body for organic agriculture organizations in Nigeria.

We advocate for sustainable agriculture void of hazards to humans, the environments, plants, soil and animal lives.

We operationalize our mission through six major thematic areas and have State Chapters in the six major geo-political zones of Nigeria.

For more information on the Association, partnership, collaboration or you would like to be a member of this great network, kindly call 07057457676 or visit our website @www.noanigeria.net. Thank you.
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NOAN-KCOA Webinar Series Promotes “Using Organic Inputs to Improve Soil Fertility and Structure”.

COMMUNITY SOCIALIZATION /VALIDATION WORKSHOPS ON ENDOGENOUS KNOWLEDGE..contn'd



NOAN-KCOA recently organized a comprehensive online training program, on "Preparation and Application of Inputs in Organic Farming," aimed at empowering its multipliers with essential knowledge and skills for organic agriculture. Facilitated by Mr. Adesoji Saka, a recognized expert in organic farming. The training covered crucial aspects such as understanding organic farming inputs, exploring various types of organic fertilizers, and role of biopesticides in organic pest control.

The webinar emphasized organic approaches to pesticides, herbicides, and fungicides, ensuring the safe use of these inputs in organic farming. Special attention was given to neem-based products, including neem oil, neem cake, and neem extracts, highlighting their benefits for pest control, soil improvement, and overall plant health.

NOAN-KCOA multipliers who participated at the training gained insights into utilizing farm-sourced inputs for soil fertility enhancement, exploring resources available on their farms, and practical techniques like cover cropping and green manure.

The webinar attracted 51 participants globally. Mr. Adesoji Saka made an enlightening presentation, exceeding expectations and garnering enthusiastic feedback. The success of this webinar highlights NOAN KCOA's commitment to empowering multipliers within the organic agriculture community and the growing global interest in advancing knowledge and practices in organic farming.

Knowledge deliberated on the first day were:

1. Bio Pest control using Eucalyptus leaves.
2. Biological Control of Disease in poultry birds by using *Petiveria alliacea*
3. Biological Control of Pest on vegetable plants using Neem Oil
4. Biological Control of Pest using Leaves of *Trichoderma*
5. Biological Control of Pest using leaves of *Dracaena kola*.
6. Biological Control of Pest using Castor oil.
7. Biological control of pests by planting some repellent or pest attractive plants.

Knowledge deliberation on the second day were:

8. Biological Control of Pests Using neem leaf, *Tithonia diversifolia* and siam weed
9. Biological pest control using Leaves of wild spikenard.
10. Compost making with plant materials.
11. Control of Pests and Diseases using Neem leaves.
12. Control of Pests and Diseases using Turmeric, Ginger, Garlic and Chilli Pepper.

13 Knowledges were deliberated on. The participants rejected the knowledge on “Biological Control of Pest using Leaves of *Trichoderma*” on the grounds that it is more scientific than endogenous. Making it 12 accepted traditional knowledge.

At the workshop's conclusion, participants confirmed the relevance of the knowledge collected, made a few inputs to strengthen the accuracy of the knowledge, and shared their experiences adopting the knowledge.

The workshop concluded with the signing of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) forms, allowing NOAN and Knowledge Hub West Africa (KHW) to disseminate the knowledge.



Unveiling The Economic Potential of Ylang Ylang Plant, A Fragrant Investment by Tope Lawal

Introduction

One cherished childhood memory from my upbringing in GRA Ikeja, Lagos, involves the delightful feeling of calm and the pleasant scent that wafted through the air while strolling along certain streets. For the longest time, I couldn't pinpoint the source of this soothing aroma until a serendipitous encounter with a vendor during a grocery shopping expedition. Curiosity got the better of me, and I inquired about the origin of the captivating scent. The response? "It's this plant!" That revelation sparked an early interest in unraveling the secrets of Ylang Ylang, also known as the "King of the Day or Queen of the night" (*Cananga odorata*). While renowned for its fragrant flowers, Ylang Ylang holds untapped economic potential that transcends its aromatic allure."

Unlocking Economic Potential

In the global market, the extract market, valued at 37.9 million dollars in 2021, is projected to reach 69.1 million dollars by 2032, marking a notable 5.6% increase (CARG rating). Surprisingly, Nigeria, a country with the ideal conditions to cultivate this plant successfully, is notably absent from this lucrative world trade. The primary contributors to this global trade are situated in East and South Asia, particularly in the perfume industry. However, the Ylang Ylang plant offers a plethora of economic benefits beyond this sector, and we will delve into its multifaceted contributions to industries ranging from perfumery to wellness.

Exploring Economic Frontiers

Perfumery Industry:

Celebrated as a key player in the perfume industry, Ylang Ylang boasts a sweet, floral, and exotic fragrance. Its essential oil, a prized ingredient in high-end perfumes, contributes to creating sophisticated and captivating scents. The increasing demand for natural and ethically sourced fragrances has elevated the economic significance of Ylang Ylang plantation.

Aromatherapy and Wellness:

Ylang Ylang essential oil finds a valuable place in the wellness and aromatherapy sectors. With reputed calming and stress-relieving properties, the oil is incorporated into massage oils, diffusers, and candles. As global interest in holistic wellness grows, Ylang Ylang becomes a valuable resource for those seeking natural and therapeutic solutions.

Cosmetic and Skincare Products:

The cosmetic industry recognizes the benefits of Ylang Ylang in skincare products, with its oil incorporated into various formulations for its skin-soothing and rejuvenating

Medicinal Applications:

Ylang Ylang has been embraced in traditional medicine for its potential medicinal properties. Its parts have been used in remedies for various ailments, including fevers and infections. Ongoing research presents new opportunities for incorporating Ylang Ylang into modern healthcare practices.

Agroforestry and Sustainable Farming:

Ylang Ylang cultivation contributes to agroforestry practices, promoting sustainable land use. The plant's adaptability makes it a suitable candidate for agroforestry systems, offering economic benefits while preserving ecosystems.

Tourism:

Ylang Ylang plantations contribute to the aesthetic appeal of the communities where they are grown, attracting visitors with their captivating scent and offering opportunities for additional value creation.

Community Livelihoods:

Ylang Ylang cultivation can become a source of income for local communities, fostering community development and creating a sustainable income source with proper training and support for farmers.

Biodiversity Conservation:

Ylang Ylang plantations play a crucial role in biodiversity conservation by providing a habitat for various species and supporting ecological balance, contributing to the preservation of the natural environment.

Conclusion:

As we unravel the economic potential of the Ylang Ylang plant, it becomes evident that its significance extends far beyond its aromatic blossoms. From perfumery and wellness to agroforestry and community livelihoods, Ylang Ylang emerges as a versatile economic plant, offering a fragrant and sustainable path for those willing to explore its diverse benefits. In the ever-evolving landscape of economic opportunities, the Ylang Ylang plant stands as a testament to the invaluable contributions of nature to our global markets.



NOAN SHOWCASES AT THE 47TH SOIL SCIENCE SOCIETY OF NIGERIA CONFERENCE

The Soil Science Society of Nigeria (SSSN) recently concluded its 47th annual conference at the University of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN) from September 19th to 23rd, 2023. With the theme "Tropical Soil and Water Resources Management: Climate Change Mitigations for Functional Ecosystem Services and Food Security,". The conference welcomed over 300 scientists, farmers, and stakeholders, both physically and virtually. The diverse gathering facilitated the presentation of more than 200 scientific and technical papers, fostering a comprehensive dialogue on crucial topics related to soil and water resources management in the face of climate change.

The Association of Organic Agriculture Practitioners of Nigeria (NOAN) actively participated in the conference, emphasizing its commitment to organic agriculture. NOAN's exhibition stand, manned by KCOA Project Manager, Mr. Fidelis C. Ezegbogu, showcased materials from the EOA and KCOA projects. Jude C. Obi, President of NOAN, delivered a goodwill message, highlighting the significance of promoting ecosystem services and human health through practices that prioritize soil health, especially using organic agriculture.

NOAN's exhibition success extended beyond raising awareness to resulting in new membership registrations and expanded influence to other states. The positive impact of NOAN's involvement was reflected in the resolutions released after the conference, with the SSSN resolving to dedicate a



ECOLOGICAL ORGANIC AGRICULTURE (EOA) INITIATIVE IN NIGERIA SUPPORTS FARMERS WITH FARM EQUIPMENT



Capacity building of Organic farmers are germane to organic agriculture development in Nigeria. The organic farmers would perform better if more attention is given to their capacity building. One of the areas identified where farmers need assistance is equipment to facilitate efficiency in their production as well as preservation to increase the shelf life of perishable produce. EOA therefore sought to improve on the capacity of the organic farmers by empowering them with some equipment such as spraying pump for application of organic pesticides and pumping machine to ease irrigation of crops during dry season and drought. Others are farm boot for security of farmers while working on the farm as well as deep freezer for preservation of livestock products and perishable produce.

A total of ten farmers' groups in Ekiti and Oyo State received a support of knapsack sprayer, farm boots and pumping machine for irrigation to facilitate all year round farming. A ware house was renovated to facilitate bulking of organic and natural produce and products.

The farmers group leader from Surulere Odeyemi Organic farmers group, Alhaji Isah Ajiboye appreciated the gift presented to the group and promised that they will be committed to Organic Agriculture production in Ekiti State and by extension Nigeria, as he wishes the Ecological organic agriculture team a safe trip to their destinations.



NOAN Joins Other Countries For 2023 KCOA Networking Meeting

The Knowledge Center for Organic Agriculture (KCOA) successfully conducted its annual networking meeting from October 23rd to 26th, 2023. The four-day virtual event saw active participation from over 150 partners. The agenda included numerous exchange sessions and insights sharing across all Knowledge Hubs, addressing key topics such as advocacy, gender, sustainability, and market development.

A significant highlight of the event was the launch of the KCOA Knowledge Platform and Multiplier Network website. This platform and website are accessible to everyone, particularly those who have undergone at least one KCOA training. Interested individuals can explore the resources and engagement with the community at <https://kcoa-africa.org/>

The event featured important keynotes from the African Union (AU) and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Additionally, each Knowledge Hub (KHEA, KHNA, KHSa, KHWA, KHCA) engaged in discussions focused on the sustainability of their respective hubs.

As the networking meeting concluded, participants were urged to actively promote the dissemination and utilization of knowledge and content uploaded to the Continental Digital Knowledge Platform. For ongoing access and engagement, visit the KCOA website at <https://kcoa-africa.org/>



Plants You Should Grow Side by Side.



MARIGOLD + MELONS

TOMATOES + CABBAGE

CORN + BEANS

ROSES + GARLIC



“ In addition to our accomplishments, we owe our existence to a six-inch layer of topsoil and the fact that it rains. ”



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Federal University of Agriculture Joins Forces With NOAN

In its support for the advocacy of organic agriculture, Nimbe Adedipe Library, Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta is set to partner with Association of Organic Agriculture Practitioners of Nigeria (NOAN) to establish an organic agriculture section within the main library. The over twenty five (25) years old library currently houses more than 214,162 volumes of books and monographs as well as 16,365 volumes of bound journals. It also subscribes to 185 foreign and local journals in both electronic and printed formats. The library is centrally located with the capacity to hold 600 users at a time. It also has a 24-hour reading room that can accommodate 100 users and it is open to users within and outside the university community and its environs.

The university librarian, Dr. Kehinde Owolabi, revealed this collaboration during the “KCOA Community Restitution workshop on endogenous knowledge”. According to him, a space will be allotted for resources for the advocacy of organic agriculture. This initiative aims to offer farmers and organic agriculture enthusiasts access to valuable resources, knowledge, and information on sustainable organic agriculture. Similarly, during a courtesy visit to the DVC Development, Prof. Kola Adebayo, expressed excitement about the library's proactive approach in collaborating with NOAN to raise awareness and provide resources for the advancement of organic agriculture.

The president of NOAN, Dr Jude Obi expressed gratitude and willingness to collaborate with the Nimbe Adedipe library especially as



UPDATE ON MEMBERSHIP DUES

Following the deliberation at the Association's Annual General Meeting held in Anambra on April 28, 2023, the increment in membership annual dues were said to take effect from January, 2024. Below are the membership annual dues for respective categories:

- (i) Individuals will now pay ten thousand naira [N10,000],
- (ii) Farmers' group shall pay two (2) thousand naira per member [N2,000],
- (iii) Corporate members shall pay thirty thousand naira [N30,000]
- (iv) NGO member shall pay ten thousand naira [N10,000]
- (v) Students will now pay two thousand naira [N2,000]



For Registration and payments of Annual Dues, kindly use the account details below:
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