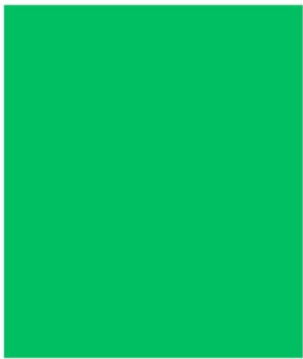
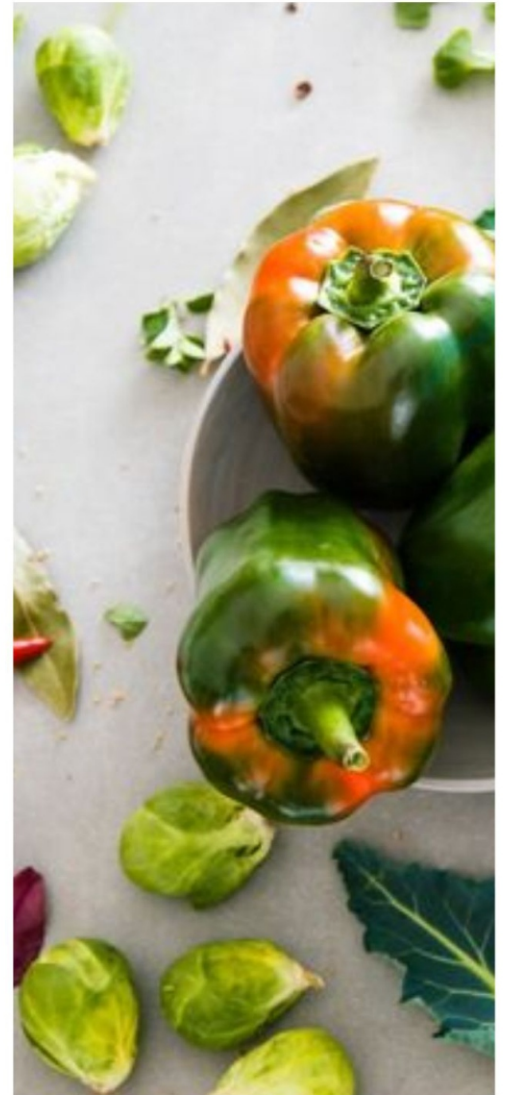




# ASSOCIATION OF ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PRACTITIONER OF NIGERIA (NOAN)

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# From The Editor

## Anambra Hosts 2022 Annual General Meeting



Dear Organic Agriculture family,  
I present to you this belated 16<sup>th</sup> Volume and issue 2 of the Newsletter which is enriched with news on 2022 annual General meeting hosted by Anambra State chapter and many more:  
Read, learn and be blessed.  
Onunwa, Akudo O.  
Editor, NOAN Newsletter



The Anambra State Chapter of Association of Organic Agriculture Practitioners of Nigeria hosted the 2022 Annual General Meeting on April 27-28, 2023. The two days event featured a technical workshop titled: Enhancing Organic and Regenerative Agricultural Business in Nigeria; exhibition of organic produce/product and award presentation. The Annual General Meeting was a hybrid event with both physical and virtual attendance from all states of the federation.

The meeting began with the presentation and breaking of Kola nut by the LOC as it is the tradition in the eastern part of Nigeria and also to honour the Vice Chancellor of Nnamdi Azikwe University, who was represented by Prof. Chris Okwudili Anyamene.

The meeting discussed the need to improve on advocacy programs and youths and women should be put into consideration. Several government agencies such as TETFUND, FARA, Nigerian Forum for Agricultural and Advisory Services (NIFAAS) should help to enhance the adoption of organic agriculture in Nigeria.

The flagging off of Nasarawa State Chapter was decided and Mr Reginald Anyatonwu was said to be the contact person for Nasarawa State. A delegate from the Association is to pay courtesy call to the Executive Director of NRCRI, Umudike to increase the awareness on organic agriculture and to borrow from their wealth of knowledge as a multinational cassava production/processing institute. It was agreed that membership annual dues be increased with effect from January, 2024. Below are the agreed membership annual dues for the respective categories per annum:

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



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A committee should be set up to ensure the recoveries of debts and restoration/reactivation of dormant members; they are to work out modalities on maintenance and retention of members; member who make payments should provide enough details of the payment in their narration eg dues, renewal, new registration, etc.

Different projects and arms of NOAN presented the report of their activities in the last one year. Comments and questions were entertained. It was however agreed that discussion on the matters arising from EOA reports shall continue during the Governing Board subsequent meeting.

It was also agreed that members who are seeking or applying for life membership should be considered.

A committee headed by the NOAN Editor shall be formed to deliberate more on floating a new Journal and report back to the Governing Board.

A hearty congratulation to the Governing Board, Board of Trustees, Local Organizing Committee members and members of Anambra State chapter, members of the Association, members of the thematic areas, members of staff of NOAN, the content creation and visibility committee members who have contributed to the success of the just concluded AGM 2022 held on April 28, 2023. The next AGM was agreed to be hosted by Delta State chapter. We look forward to having a successful AGM come 2024!



- iii. Ms. Afishetu Braimoh, Commissioner, Ministry of Business, Trade and Cooperative, Delta State
- iv. Grafil farms, Anambra State
- v. Adedamola Ladejobi (Askdamz Wellness Company)
- vi. Prof. Garba Sharubutu (Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria)

These awardees emerged winners of the award after nominations from stakeholders in organic agriculture value chain and members of the association followed by articulated scrutiny of the nominees by the 2022 AGM award committee headed by Dr. Onunwa, Akudo.

## NOAN, Anambra Organises Technical Workshop: Awards Organic Agriculture Ambassadors to Deserving Citizens



As part of the events marking the 2022 Annual General Meeting, Anambra State Chapter of the Association on April 27 and 28, 2023 organized a Technical Workshop on organic agriculture soon after the opening ceremony and the Association's general meeting respectively with the theme: Enhancing Organic and Regenerative Agricultural Business in Nigeria. The workshop discussed the essence of safe food production and processing, several paper presentations on planting techniques using organic agriculture best practices.

There was also the presentation of awards to outstanding organic agriculture practitioners across Nigeria, recipients of Organic agriculture Ambassador Awards were:

- i. Her excellency, Dr Nonye Frances Soludo (First lady, Anambra State)
- ii. Dr Patrick Ijewere (Carib Health Group of Companies)

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## NOAN Governing Council Pays Courtesy Visit to the Vice Chancellor, Nnamdi Azikwe University, Awka



Members of the Governing Board, Chairman, Board of Trustees, Ex-officio of Association of Organic Agriculture Practitioners of Nigeria in the persons of Prof. James Adediran . Prof Victor Olowe, Dr. Jude Obi, Prof. Nkiru Meludu, Dr Olufemi Ayanfeoluwa, Alhaji Oladapo Luqman, Mr Taiwo Oduola, Abimbola Majolagbe, Alhaji Mosudi Salimonu Dr.Onuuwa Akudo, Dr. Jubilant Ogechi Umeh, on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April, 2023 paid a courtesy call to the Vice Chancellor of Nnamdi Azikwe University, Prof. Charles Okechukwu Esimone

The former President of the Association, Prof. Victor Idowu Olowe was presented with a gift by the University deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Prof. Fredrick Odibo for his efforts towards the growth of the Association and organic agriculture. This visit was part of the efforts to create awareness on the existence of NOAN and the need to crave the support of the people of Anambra and the University to foster organic agriculture practices and safe food production in Anambra and Nigeria as a whole.



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# Organic Agriculture Hacks

The most important thing to remember about food labels is to avoid foods that have labels.

Dr. Fuhrman

## SO YOU WANT TO COMPOST?



Honey is the only food that will not rot. A jar of honey may remain edible for over 3000 years.



## DETOX DRINKS FOR WEIGHT LOSS

HEALTHY FOOD ROOM



1 Lemon, thinly sliced



1 Large Cucumber, thinly sliced



2 Inch Piece Ginger, thinly sliced



0.5 oz Fresh Mint (about 3 sprigs)



8 cups water (about 2 liters)



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## 4-DAY PLANNING AND WORKSHOP FOR NOAN-KCOA STAFF



The second planning and technical workshop for NOAN-KCOA staff took place from Monday 15th to Friday 19th May, 2023 in Abeokuta, Ogun state, Nigeria. The workshop provided the KCOA team with valuable insights, training and opportunities for personal and professional growth.

The workshop commenced with the evaluation and deliberations on the performance of all past activities. This evaluation was important to appraise the staff and ensure there is improvement in areas where there were shortcomings so as to improve on future activities and adequately prepare for 2023 activities.

This was followed by planning of activities to be carried out for the year, 2023.

Thereafter, the participants were taken through the Human Resource (HR) training sessions.

The HR consultant, Coach Bunmi Akingbade, focused the workshop on the following modules:

- “The power of mindset in achieving results and professional etiquette”
- “Emotional Intelligence and Achieving a Sustainable Attitude in the workplace”
- “Driving workplace productivity for Excellent results in the workplace”

All the sections were insightful, practical, engaging and exciting.

The chairperson of the National Steering committee Prof. Ipinmoroti and the immediate past NOAN president, Prof. Victor Olowe were in attendance during the HR sessions to charge and address the members of KCOA staff.

KCOA staff appreciated the impact from the workshop sessions as well as all the sessions planned and executed as it gave them more clarity on the project and enhanced their personal development (capacity building).

The positive energy and enthusiasm generated during the workshop set the stage for an exciting and productive experience in the year ahead.

## MULTIPLIERS VISIT TO FARMERS FIELD SCHOOL (FFS) FARM SITE



Upon the completion of the workshop where the FFS facilitators were equipped to carry out their FFS mandate, the FFS facilitators established their experimental sites in their different selected farms. Sixty (60) trained multipliers were selected as participants from four (4) locations across Nigeria, comprising 15 from each farm site to learn about using *Jatropha Curcas leaf* extract to control cucumber Mosaic Virus (CMV) in okra plants as well as other innovative and sustainable organic farming practices.

Activities during the farm visits included land clearing, seed bed preparation, poultry and manure curing, *Jatropha* leaf collection, drying and pulverization, planting of okra seeds, the process of multiplying the Cucumber Mosaic Virus (CMV) inoculant. The multipliers also witnessed first hand the efficacy of the extract used in reducing disease severity, demonstrated application methods and measurement.

There were multiple visits to the FFS farm site to enable the multipliers learn through interaction, observations and participation so as to grasp the idea and have a good understanding that will enable them transmit such information to the other



## State Chapter Activities

# NOAN Flags Off Ogun State Chapter

The inauguration of Ogun State Chapter of the Association stemmed from the passion of members domiciled in Ogun State to promote organic agriculture and its cause. The efforts of Prof. V. I Olowe, the past President of the Association is also a contributory factor to the inauguration of the chapter. The mission began in April 2022 and came into actualization on May 16, 2023 at Celia Hotel and Suites, Ibara Housing Estate, Abeokuta. The President of the Association, Dr Jude C. Obi stated that the inauguration of Ogun State Chapter marks an achievement in his tenure as the president of the Association. He added that there is need to create more State Chapters as the strength of the Association lies in the State Chapters. He expressed satisfaction and commended the efforts and commitment of members of the chapter towards the development of the association as a body. The Interim Coordinator of the State, Dr. Oluwakemi Irekhore in her remarks stated that it gladdens her heart to see the inauguration of the state chapter come to reality. She expressed appreciation to the President for his confidence in the chapter and Prof Olowe for being the father and the strong pillar of the chapter.

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1. Organization of enlightenment and awareness creation programmes like seminars, exhibitions, dance walks for the general public during occasions like the World Food Safety Day, World Organic Day and Month, World Food Day, etc.;
2. Setting up demonstrations on organic practice;
3. Floating of the Organic-in-Schools Project;
4. Featuring on radio programmes to give talks to promote organic agriculture; and
5. Organizing trainings for extension agents, practitioners and members to enhance dissemination of knowledge and information and facilitate practice of organic agriculture.

The Organic Pledge was thereafter signed by the Chairperson, Dr. Oluwakemi Irekhore and the Secretary, Dr. Deji Ekunseitan on behalf of the chapter. Other members of the executive committee for the state are: Mr Ayodele Farinde, Vice Chairman; Dr. Patience Odueme, Treasurer; Dr Oluwatosin Adeyeye, Financial Secretary and Dr Olayinka Ojo, Public relations Officer.

The President in his closing remark charged the executive members as well as all members of the State Chapter to continually uphold organic principles in their practice, continue to lend their support to the association activities and work to promote organic agriculture in the country for the benefit of all.





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

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Account Number: 3872021729.

Bank: ECOBANK.



*From Association of Organic Agriculture Practitioners of Nigeria, we say Merry Christmas and a prosperous happy new year.*

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- 1. Research.*
- 2. Standards and Certification.*
- 3. Marketing.*
- 4. Capacity Building.*
- 5. Production and Processing.*
- 6. Advocacy.*

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