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# From The Editor

Dear Organic Agriculture family, I present to you this 17<sup>th</sup> Volume and issue 1 of the Newsletter which is enriched with news on: restitution workshops, KCOA multipliers Webinar, PGS monitoring trip to Nigeria 2023 annual General meeting to be hosted by Delta State chapter and many more. Read, learn, practice and be safe and blessed.

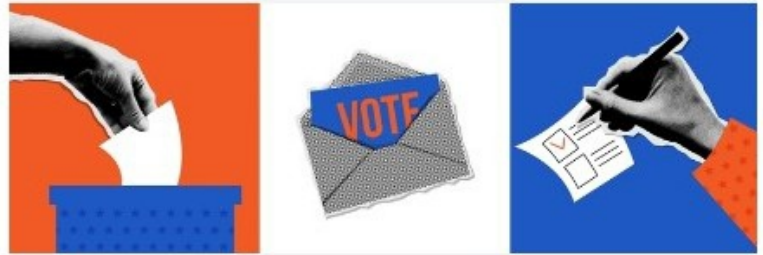
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## NOAN AGM 2024

This year's Annual General Meeting of the Association themed Organic Agriculture For Prosperity, Wellness and Sustainability, scheduled to hold on April 23-24, 2024 at Delta State University of Science and Technology, Ozoro, Delta State promises to be an exciting edition, members at all categories also are expected to participate both virtually and physically at the event and during the election. The event will feature Technical Workshop, Exhibition of organic produce, interaction with organic agriculture value chain actors, launching of the dedicated Organic Market for Delta State Chapter, press conferences and more. The much awaited, 2 yearly election of new Governing Board members, election and launching of the Association's pioneer life membership candidates, and the launching of the Journal of Organic Agriculture Research and Innovation and many more will also take place. Members interested in the hems of affair of the Association are to take note of the criteria below for eligibility for the election:

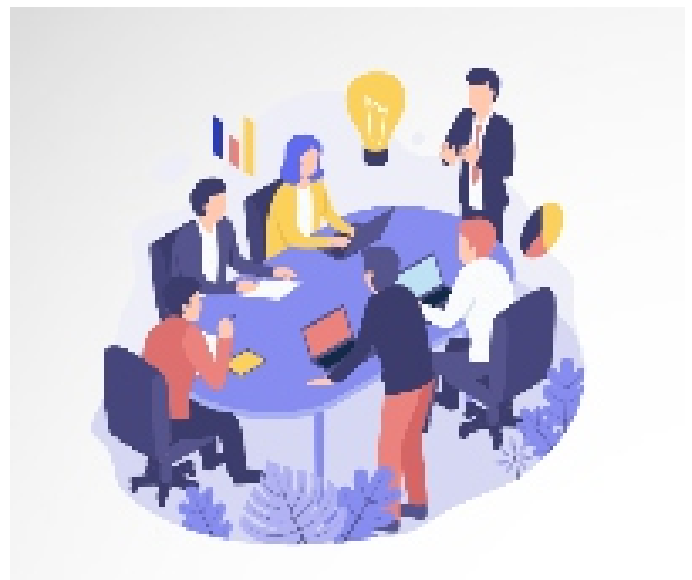
# Organic is Life



Eligible Positions Available are as follows i. President ii. Vice-President iii. General Secretary iv. Assistant Secretary v. PRO vi. Financial Secretary vii. Treasurer viii. Editor, The election Requirements:

- i. All Positions are to be allotted to financially up to date members.
- ii. Eligible contestant must have been a member of the Association for at least 3 years.
- iii. Must have attended three (3) AGMs (either physically or virtually).

Election is open to bonafied and financially up to date members of the Association only, members are to be on the look out for modalities and election schedules to be circulated by members of the Electoral Committee. As the Association decides on her choice of candidates for the incoming tenure, we wish them all fruitful deliberation and best of luck to the candidates.



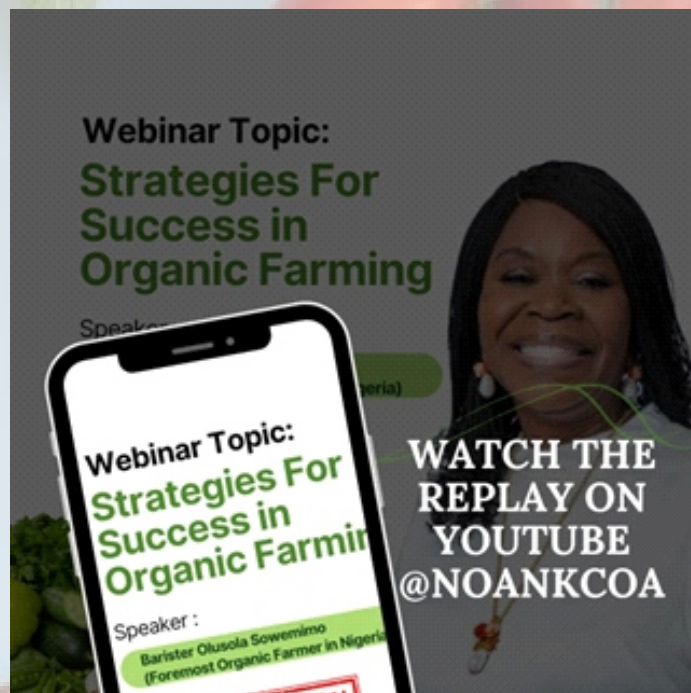
# KCOA MULTIPLIER WEBINAR

The Association of Organic Agriculture Practitioners - Knowledge Centre for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology (NOAN-KCOA) recently hosted a one-day webinar titled "Strategies for Success in Organic Farming" on Wednesday, January 17th. This webinar, organized by NOAN-KCOA, aimed to provide valuable insights and skills to empower multipliers within the association for success in organic agriculture. What initially targeted association members, now draws participants from across the globe.

The webinar commenced with a warm welcome from Dr. Jude Obi, the President of NOAN and Country Coordinator of the KCOA project in Nigeria. He extended his greetings to all attendees, including multipliers and participants from beyond Nigeria. He emphasized that the webinar's goal was knowledge sharing. The Country Coordinator further highlighted the importance of inviting high-quality facilitators to ensure that participants derive maximum benefits, underlining that success in organic agriculture is fundamentally knowledge-based.

Barrister Olusola Sowemimo, the facilitator of the January webinar, delved into several crucial aspects of building a successful organic business. Topics covered include: conducting a SWOT analysis to identifying the sector to focus on, distinguishing between production activities and business management. She stressed the importance of approaching production with a business mindset rather than being swayed by emotions. Furthermore, she provided valuable insights for succeeding in crop production, emphasizing that continuous learning, hard work, patience, and a profound understanding of ecosystems are paramount for success in organic agriculture.

The webinar concluded with participants expressing gratitude for the enriching learning experience. The replay of the webinar is available on the NOAN-KCOA YouTube channel for those who missed it.



## VISIT TO ABIA STATE FOR COMMUNITY RESTITUTION WORKSHOP

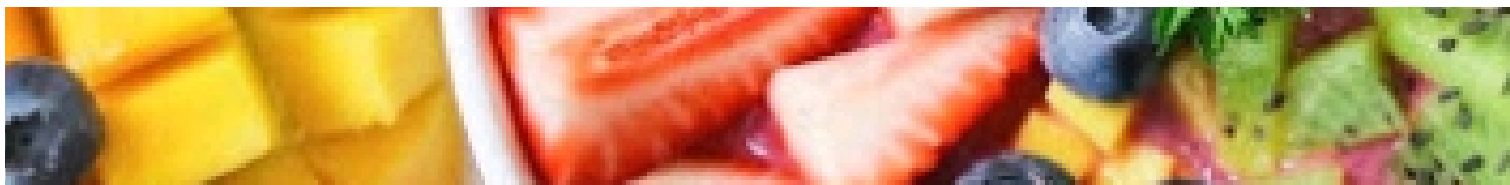
A Community Restitution workshop was held at the National Root Crop Research Institute (NRCRI) in Umudike, Abia State, Nigeria on January 25th and 26th, 2024. The workshop gathered about 30 stakeholders from the local value chain, including community leaders, policymakers, organic farmers, experts in organic agriculture, and enumerators. The purpose of the restitution workshop which was achieved 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 knowledge as traditional or not.

Knowledge deliberated on the first day were:

1. Biological deworming of broilers using Carica Papaya seed powder.



## VISIT TO ABIA STATE FOR COMMUNITY RESTITUTION WORKSHOP cont'nd

1. Biological treatment of Newcastle diseases/Gumboro by mixture of cayenne pepper, Aloe vera gel, wood ash and water.
2. Control of Diarrhea in poultry using Fresh Scent leaf and Bitter leaf.
3. Biological treatment of cough and growth promotion in poultry.
4. Biological treatment of Diarrhea in weaners.

While those deliberated on the second day were;

1. Biological treatment of Ascaris Suum in the pig by Use of Carica papaya Latex (white juice).
2. Biological means to stimulate contraction by use of milkweed or fire plant (Euphorbia Heterophylla).
3. Antibiotics for birds
4. Use of bio-pesticide to treat fungi diseases on pawpaws.
5. Use of lime to preserve fermented cassava.
6. Treatment of bacterial disease in fish.
7. Use of powdered neem leaves for pest control.
8. Use of neem and moringa leaves to store grain

In all, 13 Knowledges were deliberated on. The participants rejected the knowledge on “Use of Bio-pesticide to treat fungi diseases on pawpaw” on the grounds of insufficient knowledge. Making it 12 accepted traditional knowledge.

Notable at the Abia state restitution workshop was the participation of women's farmers group, showcasing their organic produce and employing indigenous language and dance to entertain the participants. The workshop concluded with participants affirming the relevance of the collected knowledge, offering input for accuracy enhancement, and sharing experiences in adopting the



knowledge. Additionally, Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) forms were signed, permitting dissemination of the knowledge by the Knowledge Hub for Organic Agriculture (KHWa).

A part of the highlights of the workshop was the tour of the different facilities at National Root Crop Research Institute (NRCRI) where the community restitution took place.



# ORGANIC AGRICULTURE HACKS



There are easy ways to prepare your soil organically for good crop yield. you simply need wood chips, water and nitrogen sources such as weeds, kitchen scraps, fish emulsion, horse manure, grass clippings etc. these combination breaks down into humus which also helps retain moisture, moderate the temperature of the soil and provide slow release of nutrients.

## Ingredients

1. Wood chips
2. Water
3. Nitrogen (e.g weeds, grass clippings, sea weed, sea food, fish emulsion, cured poultry waste, rabbit poo).



**15<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY/AGM AND TECHNICAL WORKSHOP OF ASSOCIATION OF ORGANIC AGRICULTURE PRACTITIONERS OF NIGERIA (NOAN)**

HOLDING AT THE DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, OZORO, DELTA STATE

DATE: 23RD - 26TH APRIL, 2024

THEME: **ORGANIC AGRICULTURE FOR PROSPERITY, WELLNESS AND SUSTAINABILITY**

**SUB - THEME:**  
 ORGANIC INPUTS IN CROP AND ANIMAL PRODUCTION AND HEALTH CREATION IN ORGANIC AGRICULTURE  
 MEDICAL PLANTS, CULTIVATION AND USAGE  
 ORGANIC LIVESTOCK AND FISHERY

**HIGHLIGHTS:**  
 TECHNICAL WORKSHOP - EXHIBITIONS - COCKTAIL  
 INTERACTION OF ORGANIC AGRICULTURE VALUE CHAIN  
 OPENING OF ORGANIC MARKET  
 PRESS SESSION: LET'S GO ORGANIC

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**  
 ENGR. OSARUMWENSE AIMENORO ROBERT  
 GOSHEN FARM VENTURES, BIKIN CITY, OYO STATE

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION**  
 All intended participant are expected to submit abstract of not more than 200 words. All abstracts must contain information on title of the paper, authors names, institutional or organizational affiliations, sub-theme of the technical session that the paper addresses and corresponding E-mail and Phone contacts. The abstract should summarize the study objectives, methodology, major findings, recommendation and keywords. Electronic copy of the abstract should be sent as attachment to [nomn@noanigeria.net](mailto:nomn@noanigeria.net)

**REGISTRATION FEES:**  
 ANNUAL DUES FOR MEMBERS - ₦10,000  
 WORKSHOP REGISTRATION FOR MEMBERS - ₦5,000  
 NON-MEMBERS REGISTRATION - ₦15,000  
 PAPER REGISTRATION - ₦8,000  
 CORPORATE ORGANIZATION - ₦30,000  
 STUDENT'S REGISTRATION - ₦3,000

All payment for workshop registration are to be paid into  
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 Annual dues must be paid into the Association's Account  
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 Account Number: 3872833289 Bank: ECOBANK

**Deadline for submission of Abstract is FEBRUARY 28 2024**

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Get ready for the Association's 2024 Annual General Meeting.

Our next AGM will be hosted by the Delta State Chapter of the Association come April 2024.

The event will be hybrid with both physical and virtual attendance

For paper submission, booking of exhibition stand, and all enquiries, kindly call the numbers on the flier.

For information on your membership status, kindly call 07057457676, thank you and please save the date.

## Empowering Sustainable Agriculture: PGS and Monitoring Trip to Nigeria

In a recent activity, a monitoring mission trip to Nigeria took place February 5th to 7th, with a primary focus on evaluating and providing guidance for Output C activities within the Knowledge Centre for Organic Agriculture and Agroecology in Africa (KCOA). This collaborative effort, led by Mr. Assane GUEYE, AGRECOL's coordinator, one of the implementing partners of the KCOA activity in West Africa, marks a pivotal advancement in the ongoing efforts to promote sustainable agricultural practices across Africa.

Throughout the monitoring mission, the primary objectives were to clarify project objectives, methodology, and budget with local partners, assess the progress and potential synergies of the Participatory Guarantee Systems (PGS) dynamics, propose a timeline for PGS activity implementation, and collaborate with local teams on networking, data collection, and advocacy efforts. Mr Tope Lawal, the Chairman, NOAN PGS Committee was also in attendance as deliberations and clarifications were made on PGS in Nigeria

Substantial achievements were made during the mission. Productive



discussions were held with the KCOA Nigeria team, ensuring a shared understanding of project activities, methodology and budget. Through comprehensive evaluations of the current state of PGS dynamics, fruitful dialogues on collaboration opportunities were initiated, aligning with project objectives. Additionally, an indicative schedule for implementing PGS activities was proposed, offering a clear roadmap for future endeavours. Working sessions on Output C activities empowered the KCOA team, enabling them to assume greater control over their activities and enhancing organizational effectiveness.

# REGULATORY LIMITS ON COMMODITIES, WHOSE CUP OF TEA? by Tope Iwal



## WEBINAR: BUILDING ORGANIC LIFESTYLE BRAND



Dr. Rasheedah Sadiq, an expert in holistic living, emphasized the importance of embracing an organic lifestyle beyond mere agricultural practices during the KCOA monthly webinar on February 14th, 2024. She highlighted the need to cultivate a harmonious relationship with the environment while promoting health and wellness in a toxin-laden world. Dr. Sadiq advocated for a tireless commitment to sustainability as the guiding principle in this endeavour.

Attendees gleaned practical steps from Dr. Sadiq's discourse to integrate organic living into their daily lives. Suggestions included consuming fermented foods, probiotic yogurts, and sprouted cereals, among other practices. Dr. Sadiq encouraged a gradual adoption of these practices, extending them to family and friends to amplify their impact.

Furthermore, Dr. Sadiq shared seven of her personal organic lifestyle practices, providing insights into her holistic approach to living. These practices ranged from wrapping foods in leaves to using earthen wares for meal preparation, emphasizing their contribution to personal health and environmental sustainability.

Attendees were urged to pursue personal effectiveness in their organic living journey, with emphasis on gradual progression and consistent effort. Dr. Sadiq envisioned a future where individuals not only prioritize personal well-being but also develop organic practices into successful businesses, thereby fostering a broader societal impact.

In conclusion, Dr. Rasheedah Sadiq's session inspired attendees to embark on their own path towards building an organic lifestyle brand. Her insights, coupled with practical advice, offered a roadmap for living in harmony with nature while promoting health and sustainability. Those interested can access the session's replay on the "NOANKCOA" YouTube channel.

Along every Chain of Custody (CoC), there should be regulatory limits in the use of control inputs (pesticides, antibiotics, herbicides, fertilizers etc). By CoC, it means... from farms to pre-harvest treatments, to harvest treatments, to pre-shipment storage, to transportation, to storage and post storage treatments. Along every chain, there are regulatory limits that if not followed would lead to exceedances. Unfortunately for us, until these crops are exported, do we even bother to check if there are excessive chemicals in them. Thus, we are mostly blind to what we consume locally and trust in the reality is scary. But let's just keep playing the ostrich. Since we don't see the danger... it probably isn't existing.

The reality of most farms is, through the life cycle of these crops, there are mostly overdose of spraying done to key pest and insects away from attacks. Many times, the exceedance has already been over done at this level long before harvest sometimes. So at the point of harvest, the dosage increases, then during transportation and then warehousing.

No, NAFDAC's mandate stands starts from processed or packaged foods so its not exactly their responsibility to regulate pre warehousing operations.... So whose responsibility is it? The bulk of the responsibility is well connected to why we are still struggling to export efficiently. We haven't really been investing in that part as a nation... Policy wise, financial wise, human resources wise... it has always been a case of difficult parastatals assuming they are responsible but not understanding the operational modalities to create efficiencies along the line of regulation in primary production.



# OYO STATE COMMUNITY RESTITUTION WORKSHOP



A Community Restitution workshop was held in Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria between February 8th to 9th, 2024, gathering 30 stakeholders from the local value chain, including community leaders, policymakers, organic farmers, experts in organic agriculture, and enumerators. The purpose of the restitution workshop which was achieved was

1. To engage the community in a process of validation, ensuring the integrity and accuracy of the amassed knowledge.
2. To affirm the relevance, efficacy, and origins of these cherished insights, exploring their scope of adoption and impact.
3. To delve deep into the reservoirs of traditional wisdom, enriching and fortifying their foundations for posterity.
4. To solidify community backing through the formal endorsement of intellectual property rights—a pledge to safeguard the legacy of ancient wisdom.

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 knowledge as traditional or not.

Knowledge deliberated on the first day were:

1. Biological Control of Termites on Cocoa Farm
2. Cocoa Black pod Disease control using biopesticides
3. Moss control on Cocoa Trees using Local Soap and Alum
4. Control of Fish Leeches Caused By Lies & Mites
5. Bio control of fish fin rot using bitter leaves extract
6. Biological Control of Endo Parasites in goats by use of Pawpaw leaves and Seeds.

7. Biological control of Diarrhea by use of Maize processed raw pap
8. Biological control of pest by use of Moringa leaf and Bitter leaf in Fish farm

While those for the second day was

1. Use of Wood ash as Pesticide
2. Use of Neem extract to control pest
3. Biological Control of Pest in Vegetables using palm oil and palm fruits
4. Soil Fertility Enhancement using leaves and soft stems of plants like Teutonia, Sea Weeds or Peels of plantain/banana
5. Control of pest in Cowpea using Neem seed and leaves

In all, 13 Knowledges were deliberated on and all were accepted as endogenous, making it 13 accepted endogenous 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 IPR forms, allowing KHWA to disseminate the knowledge. A highlight of the oyo restitution was a short visit to the Ajibode Organic Farm.



# STATE CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

## NOAN, ANAMBRA WHERE WE ARE

The Anambra State Chapter Chairperson, Mrs Uba Patricia has taken the Association to an enviable level of operation, exposing its members to wider audience and recognition, to foster the activities, she ensures quarterly general meeting and executive meeting once every month, where discussions are made on better ways to improve the organic practices in the state.

NOAN Anambra Chapter was inaugurated in 2017, armed with organic light to illuminate the whole state and beyond.

Against all odds, we have organised landmark events and still counting to ensure organic agriculture gain ground and remain in Anambra State.

### Sustainable Development Programs

NOAN was fully represented in the program that was anchored by the Nnamdi Azikiwe University, in attendance was prominent people in high places, both serving and past governors of different states, Vice Chancellor was the host. His Excellency, Mr Peter Obi, speaking in details on how to sustain our society and make it a productive nation among other speakers.

### Anambra State Flag-off Farming Season, July, 2023

NOAN Anambra State demonstrated authority by exhibiting numerous organic products from different villages, turmeric powder, orange flesh potato juice, green tea, processed fish, processed garri, to mention but a few. This exhibition attracted to us many members, the governor, commissioner and other stake holders recognized and recommended our contributions.

### Sensitization at Anambra State Radio

We sensitize the farmers on the need for Organic practices, it's economic and health advantages, we teach them the sustainable farming practices, as we listen to them while answering their questions and also learning from their indigenous practices.

### AGM at Anambra State, 2023

The state hosted the AGM of 2023, demonstrated its dominance in the state, with numerous stake holders in attendance, including representatives from all NOAN chapters across the country, discussing in details, how to promote Organic Agriculture.



### Research and Experiment

Many NOAN members are researchers who go in the field to test different organic approaches, and then select the best sustainable effective methods to recommend and teach the farmers through extension programs.

#### Apiculture

Anambra Chapter is not left out in honey production, we demonstrate, produce and preach on how to get honey in its pureness without adding other impurities

#### Manual Weeding and Mulching

The state Chapter, during its field work demonstrates the important factors and benefits of mulching and manual weeding, we try to advice farmers to stay away from chemicals, not only because it destroys the soil and human health, but it is also not economically advisable.

#### Orange Flesh Potato products and Green Tea

Prof. Nkiru Theresa Meludu has raised the bar by embarking on organic processed products, she displayed products from Orange Fleshed Sweet Potato, including Juice, Bread, Flakes, Flour, Chin-chin, just to mention but a few, including Green tea from different edible medicinal plants.

#### Challenges

Our only challenge is finance, we need more support to enable us run our activities smoothly, especially the scientific research and extension programs.





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