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DEAN'S STATEMENT



I am honoured and delighted to present the volume two (2), issue 1 of our Biannual Report (January to June, 2025) for the 2024/2025 **academic session**. This edition report key events that characterized the Faculty, and the Departments in the first six months of the year 2025, in alignment with the University goal and the faculty strategic focus of driving excellence in teaching and learning, research and community service.

This session and year have been remarkable, as the Faculty through the University of Port Harcourt (UNIPORT), remains committed to advancing agricultural education. This we do through teaching, research and innovation, and community engagement that directly supports sustainable agricultural development and food security; making progress towards our mission of promoting academic excellence, advancement of knowledge and community service through quality teaching of graduates in various areas of Agriculture, and its allied branches that is value-driven towards meeting societal needs, and national development. Our dedication to empowering our graduates as entrepreneurs has yielded good results. One of such significant achievement is our alumni success stories in their various fields of current engagements, and looking back with gratitude. Apart from being a Faculty that excels in teaching, learning and research, the Faculty of Agriculture is focused on making social impacts on society through our community engagements, collaborations and partnerships to drive the agricultural landscape that put food on our tables. We have become a leading Faculty of Agriculture in the South-south region of Nigeria in terms of quality learning and teaching and students success. Our students are encouraged to take advantage of every opportunity and to take part in student life activities. The Faculty is working hard to provide our students with experience filled with the opportunities to build a better tomorrow for themselves and the society. In terms of research we have been involved in areas that will address relevant local, national and global problems. Our researchers and academics are excelling in various fields and some have achieved national and international recognitions for their work, hence spotlighting the vital contributions of the University of Port Harcourt, under the leadership of Prof. Owunari Georgewill Abraham, through her Faculty of Agriculture in the development of Agriculture in Nigeria. One of the events that spotlighted the Faculty presence, in the period under review included the election of three of our Professors; O. M. Adesope U.D. Chima, and I. Etela as members of the University Governing Council.

Other activities that characterized the period under review included, community research engagement, experience sharing and lesson learning session; workshops and conferences; interactive sessions and mentorship; students' seminars; Faculty lecture series; and academic session lectures; invitations and participation in national events; academic decoration and celebrations of achievements; webinars; students' project completion and defence; students' enrolment; completion of first semester exam; new students' orientation by various Departments; Departmental and Faculty board meetings, as well as events led or coordinated by the faculty office. These events are choreographed in eight sections which represents the various Departments.

Looking forward, the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Port Harcourt is committed to continuously renew itself to ensure the retention of our vitality and relevance in the field of Agriculture. This will be through strengthening of our relationship with the University Management and structure, promoting interdisciplinary and interfaculty collaborations, and fostering inclusivity and diversity in research and development. While we look forward to better days ahead, we do not shy away from the challenges in enhancing our agricultural footprint in the agricultural landscape, which include those related to reduction in funding higher education and students' enrolment that negatively affect our spending on teaching, research, certain level of infrastructure and innovation drives. The Faculty of Agriculture, UNIPORT has come a long way since inception in 2005, and today we stand proud as a Faculty that is living up to the motto of UNIPORT for enlightenment and self-reliance.

In conclusion, I am proud to reflect on the achievements of the 2024/2025 session (January-June, 2025) and the impactful contributions made by both academic and non-academic staffers to advance teaching, research and community services in the agricultural space, especially in the Niger Delta. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the University Management, under the leadership of our amiable Vice Chancellor, Professor Owunari Abraham Georgewill, for their contributions to the growth of the Faculty. Together, we will continue to contribute to the prosperity and well-being of the Faculty through our steadfast commitment to teaching, research and community development.

Signed:

Professor Udensi Ekea Udensi

Activities and Events led by the Dean's Office January -June, 2025

GENDER EQUALITY POLICY PROJECT TEAM (GEPP)-2025

We participated in the Kick Off event of the British Council funded research on Gender Equality Policy Project, which took place on the 28th of January, 2025, at Ebitimi Banigo Hall, Unipark, UNIPORT. This project is coordinated by Prof. O. M. Adesope, a senior member of the Faculty. The objective of the GEPP Team is to : Faculty members who were nominated to participate at the GEPP are listed in table 1 below.

Table 1: GEPP Team Nominees and Participants from the faculty of Agriculture

S/N	Names of nominees	Department	Gender	Category
1	Dr. U. Chima	AEA	M	Lecturer
2	Dr Uzoamaka N. Akwiwu,	AED	F	Lecturer
3	Dr S.I. Oruene	ANS	M	Lecturer
4	Dr. Anita O. Benwari-Nengi	CSS	F	Lecturer
5	Mr O.G. Okwuosa	FSH	M	Technical
6	Dr. Ihuoma Amadi	FWL	F	Technical/Lecturer
7	Mrs Carolyn K. Uzorka	FNHS	F	Administrative
8	Mr Tochukwu C. Ekeocha	FWL	M	Administrative
9	Mrs B. Okogbaa	CSS	F	Administrative
10	Mr W.F. Amaefule	FSH	M	Administrative
11	Ikeorah Nkem Nene	CSS	F	Postgraduate Student
12	Oluchukwu Uba-Ikechukwu	AEE	M	Undergraduate
13	Utibe Blessing Francis	CSS	F	Undergraduate
14	Mr. T.Y. Hamber	Farm	M	Technical/Admin.
15	Mrs. Gloria Osaro	Dean's Office	F	Administrative

WORLD WILDLIFE DAY CELEBRATION 2025

On the invitation of the Faculty of Agriculture, by the Director Institute of Niger Delta Studies, Dr. Chukwu-Okeah, Gift O. to participate in the World Wildlife Day (WWD) Celebration held on the 29th of January, 2025 at the Institute's Directorate Office. Five staff members of the Faculty were nominated to participate, as shown in table 2 below.

Table 2: Faculty Participants at the 2025 World Wildlife Day

S/N	Faculty Participants	Department
1.	Prof. H. M. Ijeoma	EFWL
2.	Dr. S, S, Odulami	EFWL
3.	Mr. N. H. Benneth	ANS
4.	Dr. V.C. Okereke	CSS
5.	Prof. Nene Jamabo	FSH
6.	Dr. H. C. Unaeze	AEA

University of Port Harcourt Annual Innovation Week 2025

As a Faculty, we participated in the Innovation Week 2025 event, and emerged third in this year's exhibition and presentation which, was held from the 4th to 6th February, 2025 at the CBN Centre of Excellence, Unipark. We showcased innovative products, research work, ideas, highlighting the University's commitment to creativity and sustainable development. In addition to this, two of our Professors, I. Etela and A. Onoja, were among those who received award of excellence for their contributions to the growth of the University through their research outputs. Below is a cross section of pictures of exhibitions at the event



7th Faculty of Agriculture Lecture series

The 7th Faculty Lecture series titled: *Blue economy-based national development: cases, model, governance and key performance indicators for Nigeria*: was delivered by Prof Amiye Francis, a professor of Fisheries Management in the Department of Fisheries. The lecture which took place at the Faculty of Agriculture Board Room on the 20th February, 2025, had Lecturers and students in attendance.



THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH EXTENSION SUMMIT FEBRUARY, 2025



The Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, on invitation participated at the National Agricultural Research Extension Summit held at the Chelsea Hotel Central Business District, Abuja, on the 26th and 27th of February, 2025. The Summit had as its theme: “Sustainable Agricultural Extension Service Delivery in Nigeria: The Role of Digital Technology”

FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE RICE DEMONSTRATION TRIAL April 23, 2025 to September, 2025

Sequel to the visit of the Chairman Governing Council of UNIPORT, Senator Mao Ohuabunwa, on 7th of November, 2024, where he charged the Faculty of Agriculture to start producing assorted quality products for consumers, and embark on commercial level production of their commodity enterprises, with emphasis on rice. Following this, the Faculty embarked on large scale (1ha) rice production trial, to demonstrate expertise in that regard. Below are some of the clips of the rice trial.



ASSOCIATE DEAN'S ELECTION, APRIL 2025.



Dr. Victor C. Wabali of Food Nutrition and Home Science Department was elected, and installed on the 25th of April 2025, as the 7th Associate Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Port Harcourt (Picture above). He took over from Dr Zelda A. Omasanuwa of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Management, who served as the 6th Associate Dean of the Faculty from 3rd March 2021 to 25th April 2025.



Dr Zelda A. Omasanuwa handing over to Dr Victor C. Wabali as the new elected Associate Dean

AFRICAN BIOGENOME PROJECT WORKSHOP UNIPORT, 2025



We participated and gave a welcome speech at the African Biogenome Project (AFRIABP) open Institute for Genomics and Bioinformatics West African Workshop, which took place on the 5th - 6th of May, 2025, at the Faculty of Law Auditorium, UNIPORT. The theme of the workshop was **“Biodiversity Genomics and One Health”**.

ECOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NIGERIA (ECOSON) PORT HARCOURT CONFERENCE 2025



The Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Professor U.E. Udensi, was the second keynote Speaker, on the 19th of May, 2025 at the ECOSON Port Harcourt Conference, held at Ebitimi Banigo Hall, University of Port Harcourt, from Sunday 18th to Thursday 22nd May, 2025; with the theme: **Wetland Ecosystem, Climate Change and Socioeconomic Development**.

The Dean, in his keynote address titled: **“Wetland Resources, Sustainability and Conservation: A Panacea for Food Security and Economic Growth in Nigeria”**, highlighted how sustainable management and conservation of Nigerian Wetland Resources could engender Food security attainment, as well as enhance rural livelihood that may provoke economic growth.

FACULTY OFFICER’S OFFICE



Mrs Joy Bryson Obomanu

Mrs Joy Bryson Obomanu (picture above) resumed at the Faculty as the new Faculty Officer (FO), in February 3, 2025 following the exit of Mr. Okezie on retirement, from service. In her function, she is the link between the University Registry and the Faculty. She ensures that all academic records related to students' registration, matriculation and convocation in the faculty, are properly kept. In addition, her office coordinates the faculty board meeting, Appointments and Promotion Committee (A&PC) meetings, as at when due at the instance of the Dean of the Faculty.

APPOINTMENT AND PROMOTION COMMITTEE (A&PC) MEETING 2024/2025

The A&PC Committee Meeting was held on the 13th of May to consider submission for promotion exercise for academic staff in six of the Departments that were due for the exercise. A total of fifteen (15) candidates presented by six Departments, were distributed as follows: Professors, four (4); Readers, five (5); Senior Lecturers, four (4); Lecturer 1, two (2).

FACULTY BOARD MEETINGS

The Board convened four meetings from January to June, 2025. The meetings comprised two emergencies and two normal or regular board meetings. The Board meetings provide crucial platform for the Faculty to deliberate on matters bordering on faculty growth and development, and the decision from these meeting is what shapes the governance and strategic direction for the faculty. It is noteworthy that during the period under review, approvals were given for several documents boarding on students' issues, and other issues that addressed significant and important matters of the faculty.

FACULTY FINANCE OFFICE



Mr. Barikpoa N. Nwikiri

The Faculty Finance Officer (FFO) is the Bursar's representative in a faculty. He is the link between the University Bursary (Central Finance Office) and the faculty. He ensures that all financial activities and transactions in the faculty, are properly managed, monitored and reported in accordance with the University Financial Regulations. The FFO attended the Budget sensitization that was called by the Bursar on the 3rd of June, 2025.

THE FACULTY FARM UNIT



Mr. T. Lawson

The University Farm under the Faculty of Agriculture, often referred to as Teaching and Research Farm is headed by Mr. T. Lawson, Deputy Farm Manager. The farm consists of eleven farm units namely:

1. Crop/Soil Unit: Crop/Ornamental plants cultivation and husbandry
2. Forest Arboretum Unit: Establish and maintain forest plants
3. Livestock Unit: Ruminants and pigs' husbandry
4. Poultry Unit: Broilers and layers husbandry
5. Forest Nursery Unit: Raising/Nursing seedlings for timber, fruit and ornamental plants
6. Wildlife Unit: Manage and maintain wildlife namely; crocodile, turtle, tortoise, glasscutter and snails
7. Commercial and Research Unit: Coordinates in sales of farm produce of the respective farm units
8. Mushroom Unit: Cultivation/Growing of mushroom
9. Farm Power and Machinery Unit: Prepares land for cultivation and farm logistics
10. Fisheries Unit: Production and management of fish fingerlings up to table size
11. Extension Outreach Unit: Reach out to farmers and students within and outside the University community. Also coordinates excursion activities of third parties. Publish audio-visual articles and documentation of the faculty activities.

The farm unit report, during the period under review is as presented below.

Excursion Visits

On the 18th of February, the faculty farm unit received the pupils of Bloombeed High School totalling seventeen (17) in number, and accompanied by four (4) staff of the college; were taken on a tour of the farm sections and facilities, for education and learning purposes.

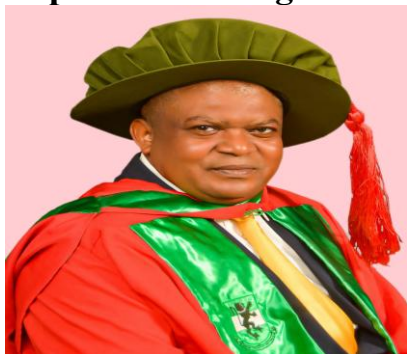


Also, on the 17th and 21st of March, 2025, Jesus Saves International School with twenty-seven (27) pupils accompanied by four (4) Teachers, and Basic Education Solution with twenty-fives (25) pupils and five (5) staff were respectively taken on a tour of the farm facilities and enterprise sections for learning purposes.



Similarly, on the 21st of May, 2025, the University Demonstration Primary School (UDPS) visit the faculty farm facilities with forty-six (46) pupils in company of three (3) of their Teachers for education and learning

Department of Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness Management



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The key events that shaped the Department's activities during the period under review are categorized below.

On 9th January, 2025, Unique Agribusiness Club, University of Port Harcourt in the company of Prof Mercy Ebere Ndubueze-Ogaraku, alongside Mr. Goodnews Joseph, an MSc Student at American University Beirut in Lebanon shared experiences on how members could leverage on digital tools application in enhancing personal and career growth. The pictures below show a cross section participants during the interactive event.



Between February and March, 2025, Prof Adanna Henri-Ukoha through her startup, Hanncef International, in partnership with *Hope In The Jungle*, organized an empowerment project for women farmers: Prof Henri-Ukoha as seen in the photo above, facilitated an outreach for women farmers in Emuoha LGA. Farmers were taught the importance of adoption of improved cassava farming techniques, climate adaptation strategies, and digital marketing skills using smartphones. Improved cassava cuttings were also distributed to encourage farming as a sustainable business.

Unique Agribusiness Club (UAC), University of Port Harcourt held its landmark event on February 21, 2025, which featured the election of new leaders to drive its vision of raising

future leaders in agribusiness sector. The club, known for its commitment to youth empowerment through agribusiness, continues to provide a platform for students to explore sustainable agriculture, entrepreneurship, and wealth creation.



Mr. Samuel U. Nwokugha mobilized the students of the department on SIWES for the establishment Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Farm in February, 2025.



Staff members (Prof Mercy E. Ndubueze-Ogaraku, Prof Adanna Henri-Ukoha and Dr V.C Ugwuja) of the Department of Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness Management participated in a 3-day workshop on the Gender Equality Policy Project held at the Africa Centre of Excellence in Public Health and Toxicological Research (ACE-PUTOR), University of Port Harcourt, on April 15th-, 16th, and 18th, 2025. The workshop which was part of the British Council funded research focused on developing and implementing the university's first Gender Equality Policy, anchored by the Project Manager, Professor O.M. Adesope of the Department of Agricultural Extension and Development Studies. Stakeholders (academic staff, non-teaching staff, post graduate students, and undergraduate students) from various faculties and departments across the University of Port Harcourt gathered to discuss strategies for promoting inclusivity, equity, and empowerment. The initiative aims to institutionalize gender-sensitive practices and policies in line with global standards for social inclusion and sustainability. This marks a significant milestone towards fostering a safer, more inclusive learning and working environment at Uniport.



The sensitization workshop on TAGDev 2.0 Programme at the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Port Harcourt (UniPort), Nigeria which held on Tuesday, 20th May 2025. The sensitization was aimed at further enlightening faculty members and staff on the scope of the Programme and available opportunities where staff with the requisite expertise can contribute to the success of the Programme. During the workshop, the TAGDev 2.0 Programme Leader, Prof. Ibisime Etela, enlightened participants on the TAGDev a 10-Year Programme (2023-2033). Phase 2.0 (TAGDev 2.0) Programme is an institutional grant implemented by 12 African Universities including the University of Port Harcourt, Nigeria and coordinated by the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture RUFORUM Network in partnership with Mastercard Foundation, and the Global Confederation of Higher Education Associations for Agricultural and Life Sciences (GCHERA).



The University of Port Harcourt Team participated at the Steering Committee Annual General Meeting of the EU CREATE-Green Africa Project from 3-4 June 2025 in Cape Town, South Africa. The Vice Chancellor, University of Port Harcourt, Prof. Owunari A. Georgewill, represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor, Research and Development, University of Port

Harcourt, Prof Iyeopu Minakiri Siminialayi and the Consortium Focal Person for the EU grant at UNIPORT, Prof. Anthony O. Onoja represented UNIPORT in the Meeting to select the 2nd Cohort of the Scholarship students for the African Consortium.



The second public lecture held at the University of South Africa (UNISA), with Prof. Onoja as a Guest Speaker during their Africa Scholar Day. The title of the lecture was “Exploring the US-induced Global Trade War: A blessing or Threat to the African Economy, its Food and Agriculture.



Prof Adanna Henri-Ukoha in closing the STEM Gap: She joined the INSPIRE Project, funded by ExxonMobil Foundation, reaching underserved schools in six states, including Abia. The INSPIRE Project provided STEM kits, robotics tools, and training for teachers and students. As the TechWomen Alumni, encouraged young women to pursue opportunities in STEM. June 2025.



Professor Mercy Ebere Ndubueze-Ogaraku was selected as a Mentor in the MentHer digital transformation mentorship programme. I participated in a workshop from June 4–5, 2025, at the Rivers State ICT Centre, Port Harcourt. The event was designed to train female digital experts that would empower female entrepreneurs in Rivers State by enhancing their digital capabilities and digitalization of their businesses. The impactful event brought together digital experts trained as mentors who will support aspiring women entrepreneurs in the digital space.



On 30th June 2025 – Dr Zelda A. Omasanuwa and her research team hosted a research uptake workshop on their NRF and IBR Tetfund-sponsored projects. The stakeholders' workshop which held at the Faculty of Agriculture Boardroom, University Park had in attendance, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Research & Development (Prof. I. M. Siminialayi), the Dean, Faculty of Agriculture (Prof U.E. Udensi), the Head of Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Management (Dr H.C. Unaeze), other academics, the Programme Manager of the ADP, other extension officers, staff of the Rivers State Ministry of Agriculture and farmers. The projects: Developing a framework for limiting inequities in agricultural productivity, food and nutrition security of smallholder farmers in Nigeria, and Gender and perceptions of the causes and effects of poverty on food security of urban households in Bayelsa State, were geared towards contributing to national efforts on improving households' livelihood and wellbeing, alleviating poverty, achieving zero hunger and reducing inequalities.



Photo gallery of attendees at the research uptake workshop held on 30th June 2025 at the Faculty of Agriculture Boardroom, University Park.

Department of Agricultural Extension and Development Studies



Dr. Ifeanyi-obi, C.C., is the Ag. HOD of Agricultural Extension and Development Studies.

On the 24th of January, 2025, the Department of Agricultural Extension and Development Studies celebrated the birthday of the Pioneer HOD of the now defunct Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension. Professor A. C. Agumagu now retired, at his home.



Dr. Ifeanyi-obi, C.C. was an invited Panelist at the Launch of Gender Equality Policy Project (GEPP) (The path to gender equality at UNIPORT which will be a focused discussion on key themes such as barriers to gender equality, institutional challenges, and implementation opportunities) held at Ebitimi Banigo Auditorium, University of Port Harcourt, 28th January, 2025.



February 20, 2025: the department organized Orientation for the year one students in the 2024/2025 academic session.

February 27, 2025: The students of the department did their pre-data seminar for the 500 level students.



April 25, 2025: The Media Outfit of the Department of Agric Extension and Development Studies (AgriEcho) led by the HoD, Dr. C. C. Ifeanyi-obi paid a courtesy visit to the Dean of Faculty of Agriculture Uniport, Prof. U.E. Udensi to officially register their presence as the Communication Unit of the Department, as well as provide communication services to the Faculty when the need arises.



The Media Outfit of the Department of Agric Extension and Development Studies (AgriEcho) led by the HoD, Dr. C. C. Ifeanyi-obi on a courtesy visit to the Dean of Faculty of Agriculture Uniport, Prof. U.E. Udensi



April 26, 2025: The AgriEcho Team led by the HoD, Dr. C. C. Ifeanyi-obi paid a courtesy visit to Dr Samuel Kpenu, Head of Information, Publications and Public Relations of the University of Port Harcourt.

Dr Ifeanyi-obi C.C successfully completed the INGSA-Africa Science Advice Skills Development Program (SASDP-3) Fellowship targeted to build the capacity of early and mid-career African scientists across the continent for the effective practice of science advice, in April 2025



Certificate of Participation

Presented To:

Dr Clara Chinwoke Ifeanyi-obi

for the successful completion of the Science Advice Skills Development
Program (SASDP)
Date: 03 April 2025.

Dr Shaheen Motala-Timol
(Chair, INGS - Africa)

Dr Richard L.K. Glover
(RPO, INGS - Africa)

Dr C.C. Ifeanyi-obi convened a Validation Meeting at the Minister's Conference Room, Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Abuja on the 5th of June 2025. To validate the G-SMART Monitor (A tool for assessing gender responsiveness of policies in agriculture)



Dr C.C. Ifeanyi-obi was selected a Mentor by the African Women In Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD) to Mrs Igboeli Chidima Frances of the University of Nigeria Nsukka, in the AWARD Leadership Program for Emerging African Women in Agricultural Sciences

Dr. Ifeanyi-obi, C.C. was an invited Stakeholder at the stakeholders' policy engagement forum: a review of the national gender policy in agriculture under the grassroots-driven climate action by rural women farmers in Nigeria, held at the Royalton Hotel, 16, Gongola Street, Area 2 Section 1, Garki, Abuja on 24th January, 2025



Dr. Ifeanyi-obi, C.C. was an invited expert at the building agricultural systems resilience in Nigeria project Curriculum Discussion on Climate Risk Management in Agricultural Extension, held on Wednesday, March 5th, 2025 at the NiMet Conference Room, NiMet HQ



Dr. Ifeanyi-obi, C.C. was an invited Guest Lecturer (The Power of Inclusive Policy Design), at the Training and Capacity Building for policy experts organised by the Gender Equality Project Team held

on Tuesday April 15, 2025 at the Africa Centre of Excellence Public Health and Toxicological Research Hall, along East West Road, University of Port Harcourt, Unipark campus



7. Dr Ifeanyi-obi, C.C. was celebrated by NTA Channel 10 Port Harcourt on her programme- Her Honour. A programme designed to celebrate women who are positively impacting the system with visible changes
Link to the programme: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/19nJpcCpQ1/>

May 5, 2025: The HOD, Dr C.C Ifeanyi-obi marked her first year in office as the HOD.

June 24, 2025: The department of Agricultural Extension and Development Studies successfully conducted the external examination of her first PhD student, Dr. Chigozie Abuta.




27th June, 2025: The department held her 5th edition of the quarterly Webinar series titled, ‘Budgeting and Financial Planning in Grant Applications.’




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MRS. C. I. NWOKO
Moderator

DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL SCIENCE BIENNIAL REPORT (JANUARY 2025-JUNE 2025)



Professor Otokoni Smile George

Prof. O.S. George is the HOD of the Department of Animal Science, he took over the mantle of leadership of the Department on February 6th, 2025, from Prof. A.I. Ukanwoko.

Tragic Loss of a Valued Colleague

It was with heavy hearts that we announced the tragic passing of our esteemed colleague Mrs. I. C. Adjé, following a devastating gas explosion incident. Despite receiving dedicated medical care during two weeks of hospitalization, our beloved faculty member succumbed to her injuries. The entire Faculty of Agriculture and Department of Animal Science staff and students mourned this tremendous loss as all were touched by her life and work. We paid condolence visit to her family, attended her burial ceremony and also offered financial support to her immediate family. Our colleague's contributions to the field of animal science and her dedication to our academic community will be remembered and cherished.



Late Mrs. I. C. Adjé



Hospital visitation to Mrs. I. C. Adjé



Students of the Faculty of Agriculture on a walk in honor of Late Mrs. I. C. Adje



Faculty of Agriculture Lecturers pay their respect to Late Mrs. I. C. Adje

Leadership Transition: New Head of Department

On February 6th, 2025, the Department of Animal Science witnessed a significant milestone with the formal handover ceremony from Prof. A. I. Ukanwoko to Prof. O. S. George as the new Head of Department. The ceremony, attended by the departmental board, marked the beginning of a new chapter in our departmental leadership. Prof. Ukanwoko's years of dedicated service and visionary leadership positioned our department for continued excellence. We welcome Prof. George and look forward to the fresh perspectives and innovative approaches he will bring to advance our academic and research programs as well as staff and student's welfare.



Prof. A.I. Ukanwoko hands over to Prof. O.S. George



The Departmental Board celebrated with the outgoing and incoming Heads of Department

NIAS Courtesy Visit

On March 16th, our Department had the honour of hosting a courtesy visit from distinguished representatives of the Nigerian Institute of Animal Science (NIAS). Prof. Albert, the NIAS Registrar, and the South-South Zonal Officer, who engaged in meaningful discussions with our staff about professional development, industry standards, and collaborative opportunities. This visit strengthened our Department's connections with professional bodies and highlighted our commitment to industry-relevant education.



NIAS Registrar and South-South Zonal Officer with the Departmental Board

First Semester Examinations

The Department successfully conducted first semester undergraduate examinations over a five-week period. Students demonstrated their knowledge and understanding across various agricultural science disciplines, marking another step in their academic journey. The examination process was conducted with strict adherence to university protocols and academic standards.

Result deliberations

The Departmental Board convened to thoroughly review and consider first semester undergraduate continuous assessment results on the 4th of March and examination results on the 29th of May. This critical meeting ensured fair evaluation standards and maintained our commitment to academic integrity across all undergraduate courses domiciled in the department.

Research and Academic Presentations

The School of Graduate Studies proudly hosted thesis defence presentations by four exceptional graduate students - three Masters Candidates and one doctoral student, on the 13th of March, 2025. These defense presentations showcased the high-quality research being conducted within our department and highlighted the academic excellence of our graduate students.

Our 500-level undergraduate students showcased their research capabilities through Pre-Data Seminar presentations on the 24th of June, 2025. These presentations demonstrated the strong foundation in research methodology and scientific inquiry that characterizes our undergraduate program.

Prospective doctoral candidates presented their research proposals for consideration of admission into our prestigious Departmental PhD program.

Our postgraduate students showcased their research progress through joint presentation sessions, demonstrating the breadth and depth of ongoing research projects within the department.

Our postgraduate students demonstrated their research progress through joint Pre-data and Post-data presentations. These presentations provided valuable opportunities for peer review, feedback, and collaborative learning among our research community.



Pre-data presentation



PhD and Master's Thesis Defence



Prof. B. O. Agaviezor 27th June, 2025



Mrs. A.A. Ere-Richard 29th June, 2025

DEPARTMENT OF CROP AND SOIL SCIENCE



Professor A. A. Tanimola, is the HOD of the Department of Crop and Soil Science

The Department of Crop and Soil Science (CSS) is headed by Prof. A.A. Tanimola. This report summarizes the overall activities that took place within the period under review (**January – June, 2025**) at the Department of Crop and Soil Science to ensure hitch-free academic and administrative activities therein.

The 39th Departmental Graduate Studies Committee meeting

The 39th Departmental Graduate Studies Committee meeting held on the 20th of January, 2025, and was Chaired by Prof A.O Asimiea

The Chairman enjoined every Lecturer handling graduate course/s to be timely on duties and advised that the programme should be done according to policy and guidelines of the university.

Staff Departmental Special Lecture Series

It was another mind-blowing session in the Staff Departmental Special Lecture Series where our erudite scholar, Professor Elsie I. Hamadina thrilled the audience comprising of students (all categories) and staff with an academic presentation on how to improve communication skills among us to facilitate innovations. The first presentation of the year held on Thursday 23rd January, 2025 with the apt title, ‘Communication Skills for Academics in Innovation Space’. The lecture was well attended by eminent Professors A. O. Asimiea, O.J. Kamalu, J.A. Orluchukwu and the Head of Department, Prof. A. A. Tanimola, among others. The Chairman of the occasion, Prof. O. J. Kamalu showered encomium on the presenter for an excellent delivery and pleaded that everyone should intentionally apply lessons from the lecture to our everyday engagements for profitable living, especially our academic profession. The session came to a close with words of appreciation from the Head of Department, Prof. A. A. Tanimola.



Photographs of participants and the presenter (Prof Elsie I. Hamadina) during and after the Staff Lecture Series.

Departmental Seminar Presentation Series

The second academic presentation of the year 2025 and also the first Departmental Seminar Presentation for students held on Thursday 30th January, 2025 at the Boardroom, Department of Crop and Soil Science with great impartation of knowledge to audience. The presenter was our Master of Science student in Crop Physiology, Miss Somina Braide, who made a post-field presentation on Physiological, Growth and Yield Responses of Okra to Vapour Pressure Deficit in Rivers State. It was another great session with presence of students and lecturers, especially her research supervisor, Prof. E. I. Hamadina. The session was chaired by Prof. O. M. Adedokun. A robust discussion on vapour pressure deficit and its impact on crops among academics followed after the discussion to admiration of the audience.



Poster of Departmental Seminar Presentation by Miss Somina Braide

Non-Thesis and Research-based Seminar Presentations

Other forms of seminar and post-field presentations by the graduate and undergraduate students took place in the Department on the 6th, 13th and 27th of February, 2025. The presentations were quite educative, enlightening and another time of training for both students and staff. The graduate students also had pre-field research presentations on the 13th March 2025 and meaningful contributions were made to bring out the best in their research. Other undergraduate pre-field research presentations by the 500 level students held on the 28th April, 2025 with contributions made by staff to improve the quality of research. The Departmental Graduate Studies Committee successfully conducted PhD Admission Interview on the 19th March, 2025. To enshrine academic culture among graduate students, non-thesis seminar presentation held on Thursday 22nd May, 2025. The occasion facilitated learning among graduate students from the wealth of experience of our erudite Professors.



Photographs showing presenters and the audience at the seminar presentations

Students-Staff Interaction Time

On Wednesday 26, February 2025 from 12 noon to 2 pm, students and staff of the Department of Crop and Soil Science gathered at the Faculty Board Room to observe the annual interaction time. The session put together by the Crop and Soil Science Welfare Committee was quite impactful with commendable attendance by both Teaching and Non-teaching Staff. The session was marked with talks on rules in the University, good conduct before, during and after examination, students' registration, games, know your lecturers and your course advisers, relationship issues, questions and answers session, among others. The Interaction Time afforded the Department opportunity to proffer solutions to some challenges confronting students, and also foster unity and harmonious working relationship between students and staff. The event was well attended by students and staff. The Head of Department, Prof. A. A. Tanimola expressed heartfelt appreciation to everyone who attended the session, especially the Crop and Soil Welfare Committee for a good execution of the programme.



Photographs showing participants at the Interaction Time

Screen House Tomato, Pepper and Cabbage Production Activated

It was a thing of joy in the Department when the GES 400 students (U2020 and U2021 sets) in the Department of Crop and Soil Science ably coordinated by Dr Anita Nengi-Benwari renovated the Departmental Screenhouse and commenced production of tomato, pepper and cabbage. Despite the little support received from the Department, the highly motivated students went ahead and changed the story in tomato and pepper production in the Department. Kudos to these students and their Coordinator for a good delivery in this wise. This singular act afforded them the opportunity to learn modern techniques in tomato and pepper production. In a routine visit to the screenhouse on May 23, 2025, the Head of Department, Prof. A. A. Tanimola admonished the students to keep the flag of excellence flying and be ready to contribute their quota to the development of Agriculture in Nigeria at large. The HOD pleaded with the University Management to consider investing in this project which in no doubt will bring good returns. The investment could be provision of 5 to 10 similar structures that will cater for tomato, pepper and cabbage need of the University at large. The availability of these structures will be a good platform for entrepreneurial training for students in the university, not restricted to students in the Faculty of Agriculture.

Other production of crops such as cassava, maize, sweet potato and Ugwu was also promising in the Department through CPS 402 (Crop Production Techniques) by students under the coordination of Prof. J.A. Orluchkwu, and AGF 201.2 (Farm Practice) students coordinated by Mr G. J. Arthur and the Departmental Farm Committee led by Dr. O. M. Azeez. Our vision is that very soon the Department will be poised to meet the need for major staple food in the University. We acknowledge the support received from the Vice Chancellor, Prof. O.A. Georgewill, the Dean, Prof. U. E. Udensi, the ever-dedicated staff of the Department of Crop and Soil Science and the Faculty Farm Management in the realisation of this great feat in crop production. We invite the University and general public to patronise the Department for ornamental plants and other beautification services of their environment. We offer excellent consultancy services for good crop production and do attend to other agriculture-related issues with a view to promoting profitable and eco-friendly agricultural practices.



Pix 5: Photographs showing the renovated screenhouse, students working, tomatoes, pepper and cabbage in cultivation and harvested.

University Innovation Week

It was another time to show forth our innovativeness as a Department when we rolled out innovations from the outcome of research and others as we actively participated as a stakeholder in the Faculty of Agriculture in the University Innovation Week that held from 4th to 6th February, 2025 at the CBN Centre of Excellence, Unipark. The Faculty of Agriculture took the third position among Faculties in the University and Department of Crop and Soil Science is proud to be a part of this success story. Some of the outstanding products exhibited were; Improved rice varieties (UPIA 1, UPIA 2 and UPIA 3), Composts, Educative posters, among others.



Organic composts produced at the Department of Crop and Soil science

Non-thesis Seminar presentation by for Post graduate students.

Mrs Okeke Ruby Nneoma (**G2024/PHD/CSS/FT/002**) a PhD student under the supervision of Prof. O.J Kamalu presented her non-thesis Seminar, on the 6th of March, 2025, titled “Soil Quality Models and Modelling”. Inputs, questions and corrections were taken to boost the quality of the presentation. Prof J.A Orluchukwu who chaired the occasion implored the presenter to reflect all the necessary corrections and observations made in the course of her presentation. The HoD, Prof A.A Tanimola expressed his gratitude to staffs who witnessed the presentation and advised other students in attendance to improve their work using the latest acquired knowledge.



Figure 1: Mrs Okeke Ruby presenting her non-thesis seminar

Non-thesis Seminar presentation by undergraduate students, 13th March, 2025

The U2019 sets of undergraduates took to stage and presented their non-thesis seminar. Inputs, questions and corrections were taken to improve their presentation skills under the Chairmanship of Prof, O.J Kamalu. The HoD, Prof A.A Tanimola, expressed his gratitude to all members of staff who graced the occasion and implore the students to improve their work using the lasted acquired knowledge.



Figure 2: U2019 set of Undergraduate Students after their non-thesis seminar presentation

Departmental Graduate Studies. PhD admission interview (19th March, 2025)

The Department held a meeting with sole aim of PhD interview under the Chairmanship of Prof. U. Zakka. The guidelines and criteria for admitting PhD students into the Department were highlighted.

20th March, 2025: First Semester exam commences

The undergraduate students commenced their first semester examinations starting with 100 level students and then other levels followed suit. There was proper invigilation to prevent cheating and maintain discipline in line with the guidelines stipulated by the University.



Figure 3: Cross-section of students writing their first semester examination

28th & 29th, April: pre-field data presentation by U2019 undergraduate students.

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Figure 4: U2019 set of undergraduate students after their pre-data presentation

30th April, 2025: 21st Departmental Appointment and Promotion Committee Meeting:

The Department held her Appointment and Promotion meeting under the Chairmanship of HoD, Prof A.A, Tanimola. The minutes of the previous meeting was considered and corrected. The Chairman, highlighted the guidelines for promotion and appointment exercise. Following the guideline, the Lecturers due for promotion were recommended.

The Department of Crop and soil demonstrated a strong commitment to academic excellence and administrative efficiency within the period under review.



Figure 5: The HoD, Prof A.A Tanimola; giving his opening remarks during the meeting

Department of Fisheries , Faculty Of Agriculture, Biannual Report (January-July 2025)



Dr S. N. Nwafili

Dr Sylvanus A. Nwafili is the Acting Head of Department of Fisheries is. The following are activities that took place in the department in the period under review

1. Promotion and Appointment

The 2024/2025 promotion exercise for academic staff was conducted and two members of staff were assessed for promotion to various ranks sought after in the department during the Departmental appointment and promotion committee meeting

2. Examination conducted and student registration: First Semester examination (17th March- 17th April, 2025)

The first semester examination of the 2023/2024 (year 5) and 2024/ 2025 (year 3) of the University of Port Harcourt. The Fisheries department had its exams held in various halls in the department and students in attendance conducted themselves in accordance to the rules and regulations of the university. were present . A combined total (year 3 and 5) of **102** students wrote the exams with their result awaiting senate approval.

3. Other activities and events that occurred in the department that boosted the image and pride of the Faculty of Agriculture

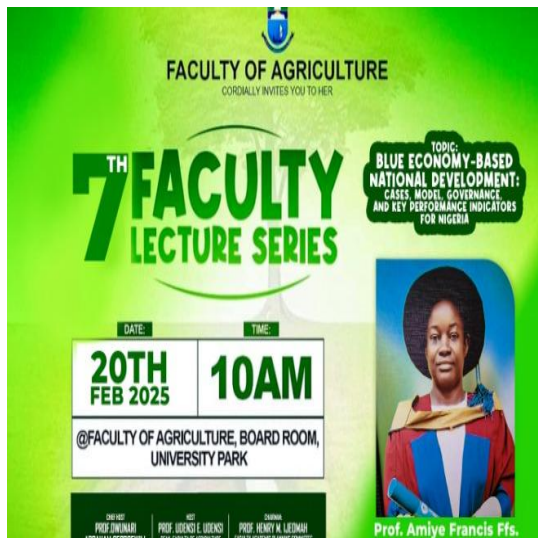
A) Final year project defense (20th January, 2025)

The final defense of students of the U2018 held at the Fisheries Department Board room witnessed a total of 59 students participating in the oral presentation of their individual project which they undertook during the second semester of the 2023/2024 session. The external supervisor, Prof. Tombarapagha Kingdom, was invited to assess the depth and overall quality of work they presented for evaluation. He graded their performance with many of the students demonstrating their competence and understanding of their work. All staff members of the department attended the one day event. The event marked another haul of students that will be part of the faculty contribution to expected graduating sets of the university of Port Harcourt for the 2022/ 2023 academic session.



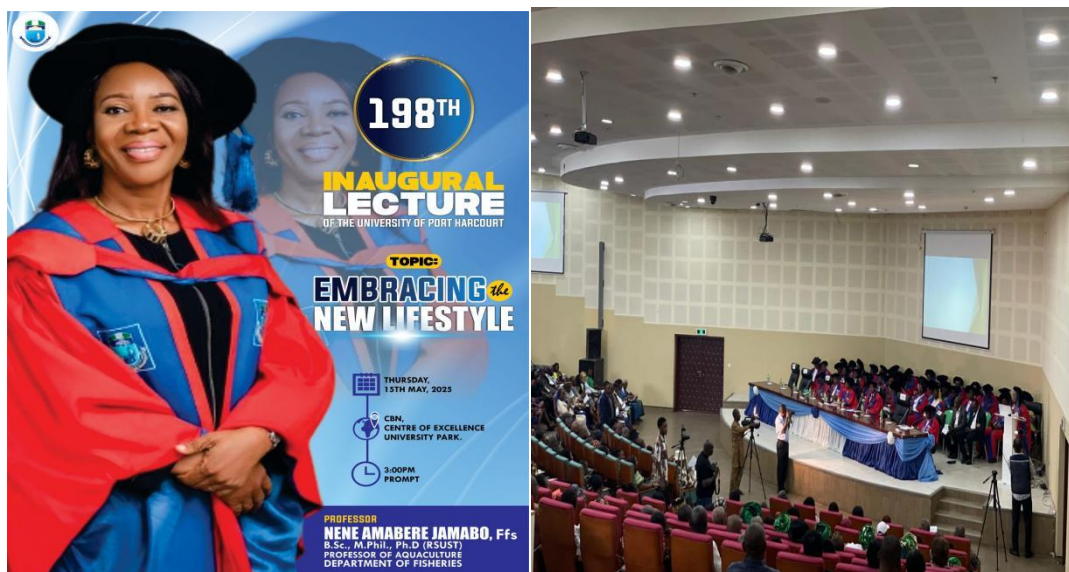
B) Faculty of Agriculture Lecture series

The 7th faculty lecture series titled: *Blue economy-based national development: cases, model, governance and key performance indicators for Nigeria*: was delivered by Prof Amiye Francis, a Professor of Fisheries Management in the Department of Fisheries. This took place at the Board room of the Faculty of Agriculture on 20th February, 2025, and had lecturers and students in attendance. The series lecturer, in her lecture drew attendees to the new concept of Blue economy (an economy based on sustainable use of ocean-related resources (renewable and non-renewable) for economic growth, emphasizing on its many related components (innovation and infrastructure, green economy, sustainable cities, circular economy) and their contribution to the national economy, including job creation, food security and poverty reduction, which succinctly touches on the sustainable development goals (1, 2, 6, 7, 13, 14). The lecturer specifically explained the concept of blue economy as a means to achieving sustainable development in Nigeria, its various pillars (economic, growth, social growth, social inclusiveness, and environmental sustainability) and their impact on development in several countries of the world, citing several cases. She harped on the need for partnerships among the various varied users and industry players of ocean users to ensure sustainable use of ocean resources. sectors of blue economy (fisheries and aquaculture). In attendance at the event were students and staff of various departments of the Faculty, representatives of management, as well as the husband of the presenter (pictured below).




C)The 198th inaugural lecture series of the University of Port Harcourt

Prof Nne Amabere Jamabo Ffs, presented the 198th inaugural lecture held at the CBN Centre of Excellence of the University of Port Harcourt on the 15th day of May, 2025. The well attended event which saw many lecturers from various departments of the university, invited guest and friends of the presenter, as well as students from the Department of Fisheries, witnessed brilliant presentation of the topic: *Embracing the new lifestyle*, where she took the attendees on a journey of the sustainable aquaculture practices, an emerging paradigm shift from the old practices of fish dependent, and highly polluting aquaculture to environmentally-friendly alternatives that relies less on scarce marine resources that promote economic viability and environmental sustainability of aquaculture production.



D) Fisheries Students Induction by FISON


A total of 69 students from various universities in Rivers State were inducted by the Rivers State Chapter of the Fisheries Society of Nigeria (FISON), with 43 students of the Fisheries Department, University of Port Harcourt participating in the event, which saw in attendance some principal officers of the Rivers State Chapter, of FISON, including its chairperson, Dr. Akinrotimi Ojo (African Regional Aquaculture Centre, Aluu, as well as the President of FISON, Dr. Ebimini Ansa (African Regional Aquaculture Centre, Aluu). Other lecturers/members of FISON present were Prof Ijeoma Vincent-Akpu (Department of Animal and Environmental Biology, Uniport), Prof. N.A. Jamabo, Ffs and Dr. I.C Davies both staff members of the Fisheries Department, Uniport. Certificates of membership were presented by FISON to the elated students who appreciated the organisers of the one-day event for making it a memorable occasion. The event which took place on the on 17th June, 2025, was hosted by the Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Department, Rivers State University, and held at the Amphitheatre of the University.



FISHERIES SOCIETY OF NIGERIA (FISON)




RIVERS STATE CHAPTER

FISHERIES STUDENTS INDUCTION 2025



ABEREGBOA, Azibator Substance	EGWU, Gloria Ekemma	NKANTAH, Mary Uwen
ADEGBOLA, Bunmi Blessing	EGWUONWU, Innocent Uko	NWANYANWU, Gift Ugochukwu
ADEWUYI, Elisha Opoluwa	EKANEM, Ukeme Okon	NWEKE, Ijeoma Philomena
ADIBABARI, Tiana Poromon	ENIGBOKAN, Esther	NWUJU, Franca
ANELE, Precious Chizindu -	ETIRE, Danlami Inemugha	NYENGIALA, Elizabeth Joel
ANTHONY, Confidence	EZEAFULUKWE, Cynthia Uchechukwu	OGHENEVOVO, Omaka Praise
ANYANWU, Melody Onyiechi	FELIX, Baridole	OGWU-CHINUWA, Ngozi Michelle
ANWURI, Prince Azivudu	GIBSON, Leeleeh	OKPAKO, Rokevwe favour
ARIMJEARI, Silas Bright	HEBRON, Graham Walter	OKPAKU, Ajuho Tamuno
ASOTIE, Sunita	IDAM, Esereghi Precious	OLAJIDE, Miriam Oluwatoyin
ATUA, Ann	IGIRIGBA, Princess Mmazule	OLOYEDE, Tobi Timothy
BARIDA, Tombari	IHUNWO, Chinwebudu	OJEL, Priscilla
BENSON, Moses	ISAAC, Lole Pyamene	ONU, Princess Grace
CHIBOKE, Esther Oluchi	JAKPOR, Favour Uirioghene	ORUBIMA, Edna
CHINEDU, Peter Favour	JEBBIN, Owaji-Mimin Nsan	OSAGIE, Eseosa Victoria
DAMIEYE, Isoboye Edwin	JOB, Bridget Nduhisi	OWUBOKIRI, Cordelia Tamunobuleye
DANJUMA, Tambawa Ocheni	LEBABARI, Mtamabari	UDE, Joy Kelechi
DENNIS Owajimeleka	LEELEE, Angela	UGWUJA, Promise Chidinma
DONIBO, Mercy Ibisio	LEWECHI, chukwuemeka Dike	UWANDI, Amaka Philipina
EDAFEMUNO, Oghenekome Jennifer	LUCKY, Justice Bariyramene	SAMSON, Dannybell Esosa
EEGBARA, Queen Letura	MONDAY, Letura Diana	SUNDAY, Charity
EDE, Lucy Chidiebere	MWARA, Barinemeka	SUNDAY, Pretty
EGBERI, Jecinta Kevwe	NDAAGE, Glory Monday	TAMUNO-OTOKINI, Pedro
	NNAMDI, Emmanuel Oluebube	TIGBARA, Eunice Barisua
		WOME, Rejoice

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E) Yea1 1 (U2024 set) Orientation exercise (12th March 2025)

The orientation exercise for year one Fisheries Students held at the lecture hall of the Department of Fisheries. Chaired by the HOD, Dr S.A Nwafili, who admonished to take their academic studies seriously, the event witnessed presentations from National Association of Fisheries Student exco, Prof. A.T. Ibim, Dr. BU Akpoilih and their adviser , Dr IC Davies. The orientation for the newly admitted students marked the beginning of their academic journey in the faculty and University as they pursue their studies with the hope of graduating in flyig colors as ambassadors of the Univeristy.



Birthday celebration for Prof E.S Erundu (10th March, 2025)

The birthday celebration of Prof Ebenezer S. Erundu was marked with pomp amidst outpouring of mix of emotions and happiness in the office of the celebrant. Prayer sessions and praises for him were held to wish him more fruitful years with gifts presented to him by Prof. N.A. Jamabo on behalf of the Department as appreciation for his many contributions to the growth and development of the Fisheries Department. In his response to the unexpected event, the emotionally-overwhelmed celebrant thanked and appreciated members of staff for their show of love and celebration of his birthday.



Final year pre-data project presentation (10-11th March 2025)

Presentation by final years (U2019) of their proposals to lecturers for assessment was held at the Fisheries Board room. Witnessed by members of academic staff who were their supervisor, the occasion showcased students' demonstration of their capacity to execute the proposals. Corrections were made during the presentations by the over 60 students.

Department of Environmental Forestry and Wildlife Management



Dr. Funmilayo S. Eguakun, Ag. HOD

INTRODUCTION

This report encapsulates the vibrant activities and achievements of the Department of Environmental Forestry and Wildlife Management for the first half of 2025. The department actively engaged in academic, research, and administrative pursuits, reinforcing its commitment to excellence in environmental forestry, wildlife management, and sustainable development. Through active participation in capacity-building workshops, accreditation success, and timely academic processes, the department demonstrated a proactive and dynamic culture, contributing significantly to the Faculty of Agriculture's academic and research stature.

1. Conferences Attended

- a) The Department of Environmental Forestry and Wildlife Management actively participated in the Ecological Society of Nigeria (ECOSON) Annual Conference held in the University of Port Harcourt (Uniport), in 20th May 2025, which included a focus on wetland ecosystems, climate change, and socioeconomic issues.
- b) Members of the Department also participated in the FFPS conference held in Akure Ondo State
- c) The Department also made preparation for the 6th WISON Conference which will be held in Ondo State and the 47th FAN Annual Conference which will be held in Lagos State.

3. Promotions & Appointments

- Dr. G. A. Adedeji Promotion to the rank of Reader was announce on March 24th, 2025, a significant milestone for the department.
- Prof. U.D. Chima was elected to represent Senate on the Governing Council on 23rd April, 2025.

4. Linkages - National/International

- **National:** Strengthened collaboration with the Cross River National Park (CRNP) for field research and student training, with the successful return of 400-level students from CRNP on February 21, 2025.



Plate 2: The Department of Environmental Forestry and Wildlife Management 400-Level Students after their trip from CRNP

- **International:**

5. Collaborations/Partnerships Forged or Contracted

The Department signed MOU with Clean Nigerian Associate LTD/GTE in wildlife management and rescue in oil spill response operation.

6. Webinars Conducted/Attendance or Participants Recorded

- Dr. O.D. Efenakpo took part in a three-day capacity-building workshop centered on advancing gender equity within the University of Port Harcourt. Hosted by the Africa Centre of Excellence in Public Health and Toxicological Research (ACE-PUTOR), the sessions were held on April 15th, 16th, and 18th, 2025. The program brought together representatives from multiple departments and faculties to collaboratively shape the institution's inaugural Gender Equality Policy.
- Academic staff from the department actively took part in a sensitization workshop on the Transforming African Agricultural Universities to Meaningfully Contribute to Africa's Development (TAGDev) Phase 2.0 Programme, held at the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Port Harcourt on Tuesday, May 20, 2025. The workshop was organized to raise awareness among faculty members about the objectives, structure, and strategic opportunities presented by the TAGDev 2.0 initiative. Participants were briefed by the TAGDev 2.0 Programme Leader, Prof. Ibisime Etela, who provided comprehensive insights into the ongoing 10-year Programme (2023–2033).

9. Donations

The Department acknowledged the generous donation from one of her alumni, Ms. Esther C. Uwaegbulam, for the following items received on Friday 13th June 2025:

- Two (2) Dell All-in-One Core i5 Systems, each equipped with 8GB RAM and a 256GB SSD
- Two (2) Bluegate 650VA UPS units, with serial numbers PCC2501007972 and PCC2501007971
- One (1) MTN Broadband 4G Router, model GL738

The department expressed her profound gratitude to Ms. Esther's thoughtful and benevolent contribution, which will significantly enhance academic and operational capabilities especially at the Departmental Library



9. Masters/PhDs Graduated

- **M.Sc. Graduates:** 5 students successfully graduated, with pending results submitted by Prof. Oyeade on February 9, 2025, and approved during the PG board meeting on April 3, 2025.
- **Ph.D. Graduates:** 2 students completed their Ph.D. programs, with interviews held on April 29, 2025.

10. Students Enrolment/Registration 2024/2025 Session

- **Undergraduate:** The new 100-level students enrolled, with an orientation held on June 27, 2025, in the Faculty Board Room.
- **Postgraduate:** 5 M.Sc. and 1 Ph.D. students registered for the 2024/2025 session.

11. Exams Conducted and Students Registration

- The first semester examinations for the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 sessions Time table was released on March 10th, 2025 by the departmental Timetable Officer, Dr C Fredrick.
- Postgraduate examinations, was held June 16th, 2025.
- Continuous Assessment (CA) results were submitted to the Dean by March 17, 2025, for executive approval.

12. Other Events that Shaped and Boosted the Department

- **Undergraduate Pre-Field Seminar Presentation** on February 3, 2025, in the 500L Lecture Room, accommodating two postgraduate students alongside undergraduates, with students emphasizing on the objectives and methodology.
- **NUC Accreditation Success:** The department successfully passed the accreditation process, with significant contributions from all staff, announced on May 19, 2025.

- **100-Level Orientation:** Held on June 27, 2025, to orient 100, 200, and 300-level students on departmental units and academic expectations.
- On January 20th 2025, the department commiserate with Prof G.E Omokhua over the death of his mother
- February 14th 2025, the postgraduate students lecture time table was released
- February 20th 2025, The Ag. HOD reported the submission from the departmental Fund-raising steering committee and encouraged members of the board to make observations
- April 5th 2025, the department felicitates with Prof A. A. Ayeiloja on his marriage anniversary
- March 3rd 2025 The Ag. HOD released the Post graduate course allocation
- March 28th 2025, the annual appraisal call was made to staff due for promotion
- May 16th 2025 The Ag. HOD released the 2023-2024 course allocation
- May 20th 2025 The second semester examinations for the 2023/2024 and 2024/2025 sessions Time table were released.
- Notice of the Undergraduate Seminar Course (FWL500.2) Presentations was released on June 26 2025 by the Seminar coordinator Dr. G. A. Adedeji

13. Staff Status Change

- **Teaching Staff:** Dr. G. A. Adedeji's promotion to Reader was announced March 24th 2025.
- **Non-Teaching Staff:** No recorded changes during this period.

Additional Notable Events

- **Departmental and Faculty Board Meetings:**
 - January 16th, 2025 the department held its board meeting to consider and approve the second semester results for the 2022/2023 Academic Session.
 - January 22nd 2025, the department joined other departments in the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Port Harcourt board meeting to present and approve the second semester results for the 2022/2023 Academic Session.
 - February 27th 2025, Emergency meeting to consider Staff need requirement by the Department of Environmental Forestry and Wildlife Management.
 - March 12, 2025: Emergency meeting to consider Departmental Welfare Guidelines (HOD's Office, 9:00 AM).
 - April 3rd Emergency board meeting to consider Post graduate results.
 - June 16, 2025: Considered first semester results (HOD's Office, 10:00 AM).
- **Emergency A&PC Meetings:**
 - February 27, 2025: Discussed staff need requirements (HOD's Office, 12:00 PM).
 - April 29, 2025: Reviewed promotion documents and Ph.D. interviews (HOD's Office, 10:00 AM).

- The Departmental A&PC meeting held on the 29th April, 2025 Time: 10am at the HoD's office.
- Emergency board meeting was held in April 29, 2025: Reviewed promotion documents and Ph.D. interviews (HOD's Office, 10:00 AM).

Conclusion

The Department of Environmental Forestry and Wildlife Management demonstrated a proactive academic and administrative culture in the first half of 2025. From successful student seminars, timely result submissions, accreditation success, and staff promotion, the department continues to contribute meaningfully to the visibility and academic stature of the Faculty of Agriculture.

Department of Food, Nutrition, and Home Science



Dr Helen-henry Unaeze, Ag. HOD

The Department of Food, Nutrition, and Home Science , Faculty of Agriculture, University of Port Harcourt is headed by Dr Helen-henry Unaeze, Our academic session commenced on January 6th ,2025 with a focus on effective teaching and learning. A notable milestone was achieved in January 22nd, 2025, when the Faculty of Agriculture held it's 78th Faculty board meeting. During this meeting, results from all departments in the Faculty were presented including degree results were approved. Also, committee reports were given accordingly.

On Tuesday, Feb 4th to Thursday February 6th 2025, the University of Port Harcourt hosted it's annual innovation week at Central Bank of Nigeria Centre of Excellence. The Future Now: creativity and innovation for sustainable development.

Faculty of Agriculture showcased many innovation products, Research work, ideas, highlighting the university commitment to creativity and sustainable development.

The department of FNHS used waste products to reproduce decorative items like baskets, throw pillows, bags. This approach will help to promote sustainability and resourcefulness.



On Thursday, February 20th, 2025, the 7th Faculty lecture series took place focusing on blue economy based National development cases, model governance and key performance indicators for Nigeria. Distinguished professor Amiye Francis (FFS) of the department of Fisheries delivered an impactful lecture shedding light on the blue economy's potential for Nigeria's development. The lecture resonated with lecturers and students alike, offering valuable insights into sustainable ocean based economic growth.

On February 28th 2025, the Department of FNHS welcomes it's year one students with an Orientation program. The HOD, along with some lecturers delivered inspiring talks on essential areas to help thrive in their academics. Key topics were moral ethics and values, career opportunities, time and energy management, add study skills, assessment methods (CGPA) and other valuable insights and advice that will help students to navigate their academic journey smoothly was given.



On March 4th 2025, the Department of Food, Nutrition and Home Science had their board meeting where they discussed Academic matters and also presented Continuous Assessments.

On 10th of March 2025, the Department of Food, Nutrition and Home science released their examination time table, courtesy of Dr. Nwakanma, the Departmental Time Table Officer. This timetable outlines the schedule for students to sit for their examination making them to be more confident and focused on their examinations.

On Thursday, March 13th 2025 at 12pm, the Faculty of Agriculture University of Port Harcourt convened it's 79th emergency Faculty board meeting. The primary agenda for this meeting was the consideration of Continuous Assessment which was a crucial part of academic evaluation and the meeting underscores the Faculty's commitment to maintain academic standards and supporting students' success.

The University of Port Harcourt commenced its first semester examinations successfully on March 17th 2025. The examinations halls were properly arranged with seats well-spaced out to ensure a conducive environment for students to focus on their examinations



On Friday March 21, 2025, the Home Economics Professional Association of Nigeria(HEPAN) celebrated World Home Economics day with the theme" Tracking Over Consumption for a Better world" To commemorate this great occasion, practical activities were organized by Dr. Salomi to educate students on effective waste management and sustainable consumption practices. These initiatives aimed to equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to address issues related to over consumption and promote a more sustainable future.



Production of liquid washing agents



Testing of fabrics



Turning waste into wealth

On March 31st and April 1st 2025, the Federal Government declared public holidays to celebrate Ei-d-el Fitri, allowing Nigerians to come together and pray for Nation's peace, stability and prosperity.

On April 25th 2025, Dr. Victor C. Wabali of Food Nutrition and Home Science Department was elected as the Associate Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Port Harcourt.



In a separate initiative the Department of Food, Nutrition and Home Science demonstrated its commitment to community service under the supervision of Dr. Salomi Onoriode and Mr. Edwin Anebo Ihua. Students participated in various activities including interior decorations, cutting of grasses, washing of offices and lecture classroom among others.



On Monday, May 19th 2025, the University of Port Harcourt resumed for the second semester of 2024/2025 academic session. The lecture time table for full time programme was released for the department to enable students prepare effectively, ensuring they attend lectures and participate actively in academic activities.

On 5th to 6th June 2025, the Nigerian Institute of Food Science and Technology (NIFST) South East Chapter held the 11th -South East regional food summit with the theme Innovative Food Technologies for Food Security and Wealth Creation. Some lecturers from Food, Nutrition and Home Science, Faculty of Agriculture attended and presented papers sharing insights on innovation, fortifications and development from local crops, sustainable food processing and packaging innovation.



On June 7th 2025, the world came together and celebrated World Food Safety Day, a global initiative aimed at raising awareness about the importance of food safety, hazard control and how to promote actions to prevent, detect and manage food borne diseases. The theme safe food for all emphasizes the need for collective efforts to ensure that safe and quality food is given to everyone from farm to fork initiative.



The Department of Food Nutrition and Home Science, Faculty of Agriculture on Friday June 13th 2025 held its 21st departmental board meeting. Key discussion was reviewed including presentation of first semester results, academic and welfare matters were taken care of.

On 19th June 2025, the Faculty of Agriculture held its 82nd board meeting for presentation and approval of semester results. Various academic matters were discussed and auctioned upon for successful development of the Faculty in particular and University of Port Harcourt at large.

On 19th June, 2025 Dr. Nwakanma Chidiebere Immaculeta, and Mrs Obichere Assumpta and Mr Oselea, Matthew Aaron Participated in Red cross emergency skills training featuring lifesaving skills on fire, wound, bleeding, fracture, unconsciousness, bandaging and recovery position. This training empowered students and lecturers to make a positive impact in the University during emergency cases.



The Department of Food, Nutrition and Home Science lecturers and students on 26th June 2025, participated in the career intervention center program, participants gained knowledge on how to excel in their chosen careers, Also, knowledge on how to write CV, prepare for interviews and job strategies were taught.



The Department of Food, Nutrition and Home Science has seen significant growth in students' enrollment under the leadership of Head of Department Dr. Helen-Henry Unaeze and Distinguished lecturers who has recorded successes, Attended conferences both national and international, with population of above 550 students.

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