

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION,
FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE,
UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, NSUKKA**

1. Philosophy

The founders of the University of Nigeria believed that there was need to train Nigerian Youths locally, and in sufficient numbers, for the formidable task of disseminating useful and practical information from the research base to the rural farm families' for sustainable food production. Agricultural Extension is based on the philosophy that rural people are intelligent, capable and desirous of receiving information and making use of it for their individual and community welfare. It is purely voluntary and democratic in its approach to people. It is truly anchored on the principle of working with the rural farm families where they are, build on what they have, add to what they know and enabling them to develop themselves. The underlying philosophy of the programme therefore, is to produce professionals who will be theoretically and practically knowledgeable in agricultural production and rural life.

2. Brief History of the Department

The programme in Agricultural Extension in the University of Nigeria was initiated at the instance of UNICEF in 1965, when the agency entered into an agreement with the University to support the programme for a period of five years. This was done because it was realised that the programmes of the Faculty of Agriculture were defective without a programme in Agricultural Extension. Agricultural development was conceptualised as a system held in place by three important links – agricultural education (which includes soil, crop and animal scientists as well as agricultural economists and extension experts), agricultural research and agricultural extension. The omission of agricultural extension in the Faculty programme was thought a serious one because research and other activities carried out in soil, crops and animals were useless unless their findings were made available to and accepted by farmers; hence, the need for a programme in agricultural extension.

At the inception of the programme in 1965, agricultural extension was organised as part of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension because of lack of teaching staff and other logistic support. In 1973/74, the curricular of agricultural economics and extension were restructured to permit two degree options – Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Extension. In 1981, as a result of greater national awareness of the importance of agricultural extension, the University Senate created a separate Department. The programme started in 1981; the trend in student enrolment at undergraduate and postgraduate levels as well as staff disposition has been in the upswing. The department had always had full accreditation from the Nigerian Universities Commission (NUC) since inception.

The Heads of Department from inception to date are:

S/No.	Name	Year
1	Prof. L. O. Obibuaku	1978-1983
2	Prof. C. T. Uwaka	1984-1989
3	Prof. A. A. Ajala	1989-1992
4	Prof. A. C. Anyanwu	1992-1994
5	Prof. M. C. Madukwe	1994-2000
6	Prof. E. M. Igbokwe	2000-2002
7	Prof. A. R. Ajayi	2002-2004
8	Prof. M. C. Madukwe	2004-2005
9	Prof. A. R. Ajayi	2005-2006
10	Prof. E. M. Igbokwe	2007-2009
11	Prof. E. A. Onwubuya	2009-2011
12	Prof. A. E. Agwu	2011-2014
13	Dr. (Mrs) M.U. Dimelu	2014 - 2015
14	Dr. (Mrs) J.C. Iwuchukwu	2015 - Date

4. Approved Postgraduate Programmes

The approved postgraduate programme comprises the Postgraduate Diploma (1993), Master (1976) and Doctorate (1981) degrees.

At the Master and Doctorate degree levels, students are expected to take agricultural extension courses and specialize in any one of the following areas:

- ✚ Agricultural administration
- ✚ Agricultural development communication
- ✚ Agricultural extension education
- ✚ Agricultural planning and evaluation and
- ✚ Rural sociology

5. Academic Staff of the Department

(a) Dr. (Mrs) J.C. Iwuchukwu (B.Agric, MSc, PhD (Nigeria); Member, Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria and Nigerian Rural Sociological Association)

(b) Professor M.C. Madukwe (B.Agric, MSc, PhD (Nigeria); Fellow, Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria; Member, Association of International Agricultural Extension Educators (AIAEE), African Technology Policy Studies (ATPS) Network, Nigeria Rural Sociological Association and Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria(AESON))

(c) Professor E.M. Igbokwe (B.Agric, MSc, PhD (Nigeria); Associate Fellow, African Heritage Institute (AfriHeritage); Member, Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria and Nigeria Rural Sociological Association)

(d) Professor E.A. Onwubuya (B.Agric, MSc (Nigeria), PhD (ESUTH); Member, Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria, Nigerian Rural Sociological Association, Science Teacher's Association of Agricultural Educators, Nigeria Association of Agricultural Educators, Third World Organization for Women in Science, African Technology Policy Studies, African Institute for Applied Economics and Nigerian Maize Association)

(e) Professor A.E. Agwu (B.Agric, MSc, PhD (Nigeria); Associate Fellow, African Heritage Institute (AfriHeritage); Member, Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services (GFRAS), African Technology Policy Studies (ATPS) Network, International Association of Agricultural Information Specialists (IAALD), Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria and International Society of Extension Education (INSEE), India)

(f) Dr. (Mrs) M.U. Dimelu (B.Agric, MSc, PhD (Nigeria); Member, African Technology Policy Studies (ATPS) Network, Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services (GFRAS) and Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria)

(g) Dr. N. Ozor (B.Agric, MSc, PhD (Nigeria); Fellow, African Climate Change Fellowship Programme; Associate Fellow; African Institute for Applied Economics (AIAE), Member, Development Studies Association (DSA), United Kingdom, African Technology Policy Studies Network (ATPS), Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria (AESON), Animal Science Association of Nigeria (ASAN), International Society for Ecological Economics (ISEE), African Society for Ecological Economics (ASEE) and West African Research and Innovation Management Association (WARIMA))

(h) Dr. (Mrs) J.M. Chah (B.Agric, MSc, PhD (Nigeria); Member, African Technology Policy Studies Network (ATPS), Asian-Pacific Chemical, Biological and Environmental Engineering Society (APCBEEES) and Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria (AESON))

(i) Rev'd Dr. I.A. Enwelu (B.Agric, MSc, PhD (Nigeria); Member, Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria (AESON) and Rural Sociology Association of Nigeria)

(j) Dr. (Mrs) A.N. Asadu (B.Agric, MSc, PhD (Nigeria); Member, Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria (AESON))

(k) Mrs C.J. Ayogu (B.Agric, MSc (Nigeria); Member, African Technology Policy Studies Network (ATPS) and Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria (AESON))

(l) Mrs C.E. Nwobodo (B.Agric, MSc (Nigeria); Fellow, AfricaRice; Scholar, Commonwealth Fellowship; Member, African Technology Policy Studies Network (ATPS) and Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria (AESON))

(m) Mrs I.Q. Anugwa (B.Agric, MSc (Nigeria); Fellow, Norman Borlaug Leadership Enhancement in Agriculture Programme (LEAP), USA; Member, African Technology Policy Studies Network (ATPS), Food Security International Network (FSIN), Third World Organization for Women in Science (TWOS), Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria (AESON), International Association of Agricultural Information Specialists (IAALD), USA, Association of International Agricultural Extension Educators (AIAEE),

USA, International Society of Extension Education, Nagpur, India (INSEE), Maharashtra Society of Extension Education, Maharashtra, India (MSEE) and Asian-Pacific Chemical, Biological and Environmental Engineering Society (APCBEEES)).

(n) Mrs O.I. Ogbonna (B.Agric, MSc (Nigeria); Member, Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria (AESON), International Society of Extension Education, India (INSEE), African Evaluation Association, Nigeria Evaluation Association, African Gender and Development Evaluation Network and Maharashtra Society of Extension Education (MSEE), India).

(o) Mr. C. Attamah (B.Agric (Nigeria); Member, Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria (AESON))

6. Postgraduate Experience

(a) Number of graduants

- (i) Postgraduate Diploma – 26
- (ii) Masters – 110
- (iii) PhD – 30

(b) List of approved postgraduate supervisors and affiliations

- (i) Dr. (Mrs) J.C. Iwuchukwu (B.Agric, MSc, PhD (Nigeria)
- (ii) Professor M.C. Madukwe (B.Agric, MSc, PhD (Nigeria)
- (iii) Professor E.M. Igbokwe (B.Agric, MSc, PhD (Nigeria);
- (iv) Professor E.A. Onwubuya (B.Agric, MSc (Nigeria), PhD (ESUTH)
- (v) Professor A.E. Agwu (B.Agric, MSc, PhD (Nigeria)
- (vi) Dr. (Mrs) M.U. Dimelu (B.Agric, MSc, PhD (Nigeria)
- (vii) Dr. N. Ozor (B.Agric, MSc, PhD (Nigeria)
- (viii) Dr. (Mrs) J.M. Chah (B.Agric, MSc, PhD (Nigeria)

7. Competencies/Skills

Participants in the programme will:

- i) Develop their understanding of:
 - the nature of rural extension within agricultural programmes.
 - the processes of social and technical change in rural communities.
- ii) Identify constraints to effective agricultural extension work in their own community or project, and explore ways of overcoming them.
- iii) Improve their skills in:
 - analyzing the social and economic context within which agricultural programmes takes place.
 - setting objectives for, and the planning and monitoring of extension programmes
 - the management, supervision and monitoring of extension staff.
 - selecting and using appropriate extension communication methods for the various stages of an extension programme, including the design of extension aids.
 - working collaboratively with various client groups to enable them to participate in agricultural programmes.

8. Distinguished Grand Alumnus

1. Professor A.C. Anyanwu
Department of Agricultural Extension,
University of Nigeria, Nsukka
Enugu State.
2. Professor C.J.C. Akubuilu
Department of Agricultural Extension and Economics,
Enugu State University of Science and Technology,
Agbani, Enugu State.
3. Professor C.P.O. Obinne
Department of Agricultural Extension and Communication
University of Agriculture,
Makurdi, Benue State.
4. Professor A.O. Ani
Department of Agricultural Extension,
Federal University of Technology, Owerri
Imo State.
5. Dr. N. Ozor
Executive Director,
Africa Technology and Policy Network,
Nairobi, Kenya.
6. Chukwu Patience Chika
Zenith Bank Plc,
Abuja.
7. Ajieh Patrick Chuks
Delta State University,
Asaba Campus, Delta State
8. Mr Hyacienth Nwalieji
Anambra State University
Igbariam Campus, Anambra State
9. Nnana Uzofia Egwonwu
United Bank for Africa
10. Dr. Caleb Ezeano
Department of Agricultural Extension and Economics,
Nnamdi Azikiwe University,
Awka, Anambra State
11. Chika Polycarp Umunakwe
Department of Agricultural Extension,

Federal University of Technology,
Owerri, Imo State.

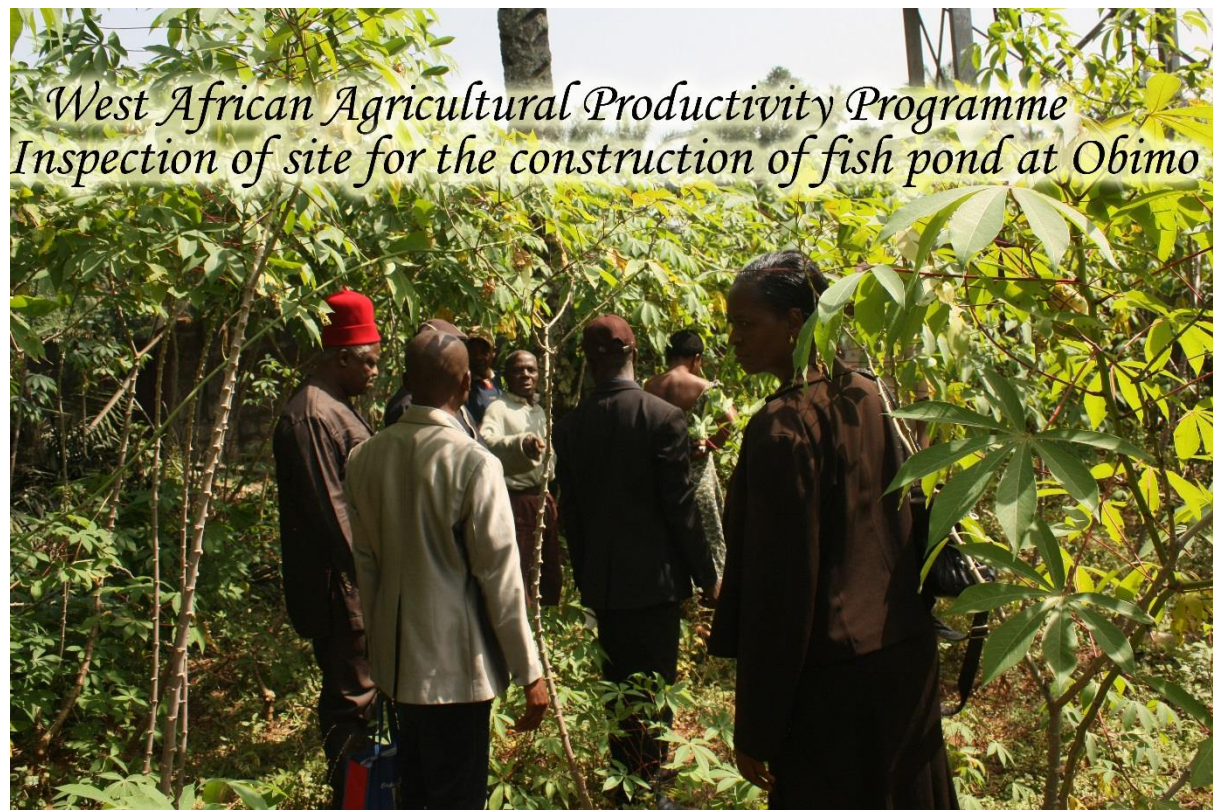
12. Amala Okoye
Ebonyi State University,
Abakiliki, Ebonyi State
13. Agber Tsokura
College of Agriculture,
Makurdi, Benue State
14. Mr. I. Ofoka
Ministry of Agriculture,
Anambra State.
15. Dr. Mary Agada
Benue State University,
Makurdi, Benue State.
16. Mr. A.A. Ngene
Commercial Agricultural Development Programme,
Ministry of Agriculture,
Enugu State.
17. Umar Issah
Kano State University of Science and Technology,
Kano State
18. Joy Ellah
Benue State Agricultural Development Programme,
Benue State.
19. Matthew Edoaka
Kogi State University
Anyingba, Kogi State
20. Anucha Innocent
National Root Crop Research Institute,
Umudike, Abia State
21. John Oshiedu
Stanbic IBTC,
Kogi State
22. Mr. C. Chime
Agricultural Development Programme,
Abuja.
23. Uche Obi
Shell Development Company,

Portharcourt, Rivers State

24. Dr. Emordi Joy
University of Portharcourt,
Rivers State.
25. Mr. G.O. Orji
Ministry of Agriculture,
Anambra State
26. Mr. M.C. Umehai
Post Primary School Management Board,
Delta State.
27. Mr. E.O. Mbanaso
National Root Crop Research Institute,
Umudike, Abia State.
28. Mrs M.L. Nor
College of Education,
Benue State.
29. Mrs F.U. Nwadike
Micheal Okpara University of Agriculture,
Umudike, Abia State.
30. Amos Victor
Micheal Okpara University of Agriculture,
Umudike, Abia State.
31. Angela Aniegbunam
Shell Development Company
Rivers State
32. Mrs E.N. Imbur
College of Education,
Benue State.

9. Pictures of Activities Undertaken by the Department





*West African Agricultural Productivity Programme
Inspection of site for the construction of fish pond at Obimo*



*West African Agricultural Productivity Programme
Prof. M.C. Madukwe addresses the participants at Ovoko*

*West African Agricultural Productivity Programme
Profs Agwu and Madukwe inspect the site (insert) at Opi-Agu*







