

YOUTHS THROUGH AGRICULTURE (UYOTA)

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(PROFILE)



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The History

UPLIFTING YOUTHS THROUGH AGRICULTURE (UYOTA) is an affiliation of Uplifting Women Through Farming (UWTF), Established in year 2000, an organisation committed to promoting and improving the lives of womenfolk. The role of agriculture in alleviating hunger, poverty, and unemployment, with all its associated social crises, cannot be overemphasized. It is against this backdrop that UPLIFTING YOUTHS THROUGH AGRICULTURE (UYOTA) was initiated in September 2016.

Aim:

The organisation is aimed at tackling these challenges by means of encouraging and empowering youths to engage in modern Agriculture, food processing, packaging and other agro-businesses.

Mission:

Indeed, the need for an organization to address the challenges of youth's restiness in the country, a problem that has inevitably resulted in widespread youth unemployment, as a threat of social insecurity.

Objectives:

To encourage and empower youths to embrace and practice agriculture as a means of livelihood

To impress on the youths the noble quest for farming by highlighting the modern technology, soil management, crop and animal hybrid, and other scientific inputs, all of which make up mechanized farming.

To promote the processing of agricultural products by rural people and the development of Agro-based enterprises by youth.

To mobilize and empower youths to play active role in tackling the threat of food insecurity and other ecological crises.

To organize training and capacity building programs for youths on modern agricultural practices, food processing, preservation and packaging as well as other Agro-based enterprises

To carry out advocacy that will boost government investment, policy thrust and reforms in the agricultural sector for the benefit youths and other marginalized groups. To attract funding support and partnership with local and international agencies and multi-national organizations for the development of agricultural sector and rural communities.

To improve the accessibility of the youths to credit facilities for purposes of agricultural development and business expansion and also improve on the flow of funds to rural areas for development of micro credit schemes.

To spearhead scientific innovations for the enhancement of agriculture in rural areas by providing veritable links between Royal Fathers, enterprising young farmers, Government Agencies, Organizations and Research Institutes both within and outside Nigeria.

Strategy and Action

The strategy for attaining the aforestated objectives will include the following:

- 1. Skills development and empowerment
- 2. Financial support and direct provision of capital tools
- 3. Organized open forums and workshops
- 4. Embark on field excursions with community youths
- 5. Launch micro credit schemes
- 6. Procurement and distribution of improved farm inputs to young farmers

The Progress So Far:

UYOTA organised a Royal Agric Investment Tour to Thailand in 2017. UYOTA has so far succeeded in an online awareness of modern agricultural practice among the youths. UYOTA is in forefront of promotion /propagation of Rice / Cassava initiative, organizing workshops on how to grow, multiply, process and an online marketing of agricultural products locally and internationally. We have also developed a mechanism to encourage youths to specialize in each of these processes: fishery, sail rearing, oil palm, poultry production, rabbit and other profitable-farming enterprises.

Potential Partners and Sponsors

While attempting to actualize our objectives, UYOTA will be collaborating with national and international agencies, especially in the areas of training on modern food processing and provision of market information.



- Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN)
- Bank of Agriculture (BOA)
- Bank of Industry (BOI)
- Federal and States Ministries of Agriculture
- Federal and States Ministries of Youths
- National Youths Service Corp (NYSC)
- Food and Agriculture organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)
- United State Agency for International Development (USAID)
- National Root Crop Research Institute (NRCRI)
- The Small and Medium Scale Enterprises Development Agency of Nigeria (SMEDA)
- Financial institutions etc.

UYOTA is advocating for the reduction in the interest rate on loan provisions by government and financial institutions as to encourage farming among the youths. It is also asking government to double its efforts on the progress achieved so far in the provision of basic infrastructure for the youths in farming.

We proposed to embark on micro-credit sourcing and credit management for our young farmers. We now have a management structure that is distinguished by four operational frameworks.

The Various Programs are:

- Micro-credit sourcing /Capacity Building / Training Unit Information / Data Collection
- National Executive Committee
- National Coordinator
- State Coordinator
- International Coordinators
- State working Committee/Members
- Local Government Area Working Committee.



Princess (Amb) Afoma Ojei-Adigwe Founder/President

Grand Patron



Arole Oduduwa, Olofin Adimula Ooni Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi Ojaja II, CFR.

Co-Chairman, National Council of Traditional Rulers of Nigeria

Grand Patron



HRH Alh. (Dr) Yahaya Abubakar, CFR ETSU NUPE

Chairman, Coordinating Committee. National Council Of Traditional Rulers Of Nigeria

Royal Patron



HRH Muhammadu IBN Abali Muhammadu Idrissa, CFR Emir of Fika

Chairman, Yobe State Council of Chiefs, Yobe



HRM. Obi Godwin Nzemeke Opun Adayere.
Amb. JP.
Obi of Ejeme Unor Kingdom Delta



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HRM. Oba RAsheed Ayotunde Olabomi, Odundun IV, Aragbiji of Iragbijiland, Iragbiji Osun State.

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HRH. Alh, (Dr) Shehu Chindo Yamusa III, Ph.D. CON Emir of Keffi.



His Royal Majesty, Alhaji (Dr.) Adamu Baba Yunusa, CON The Ona Of Abaji And Chairman FCT Traditional Council Of Chiefs, Abuja



HRH Bukar Bashir Albishir, OON Emir of Machina, Yobe State



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HRM. Alayeluwa Oba Kehinde Gbadewole Olugbenle MFR, FNIM. Olu of Ilaro & Paramount Ruler of Yewa land. President of Yewa Council of Obas, Ogun.



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HRM.lgwe (Dr) Emmanuel Oluchukwu Ugwu Eze Okwel of Okwe Kingdom, Ibagwa Nike Enugu



HRM Agbogidi Obi Nduka, MNSE. Obi of Issele-Uku Kingdom,Delta.

Afoma being interviewed by NTA during the former President Obasanjo's Inauguration at the Eagle Square, 2003



The European Market Research Center, EMRC Award Recipient in Brussels-Belgium which took place in April 2004.



Sen. Bukola Saraki

Chief Audu Ogbeh

Afoma Clara Adigwe(Mrs)
The President/Founder
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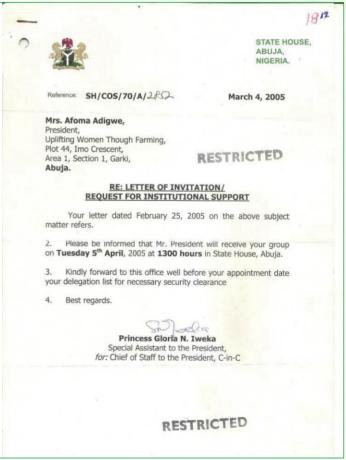
Afoma with Chief Olusegun Obasanjo (GCFR)

Former President Of Nigeria at the Villa 2005







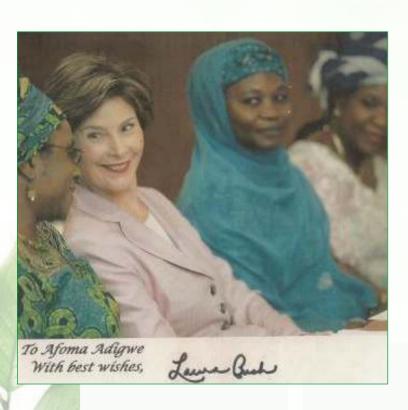


Afoma with Laura Bush

Former First Lady of America in Nigeria 2006







Ms. Afoma Clara Adigwe
President and CEO
Uplifting Women Through Farming
Nigeria

Dear Mrs. Adigwe,

Thank you for your participation in the Women Empowerment
Roundtable. The discussion was fascinating and informative, and I appreciate your contributions.

Thank you also for the handsome Uplifting Women Through
Farming shirts. They are nice reminders of my visit to Nigeria and of the remarkable women I met.

With best wishes,

Laura Audit

Afoma with Dr. Akinwumi Adesina,

President of ADB at High Level Conference on Feeding Africa In Senegal 2015







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Date: November 6, 2015

Mrs. Clara AFOMA ADIGWE

President Upliffing numers through Samura (UWT)

Dear Mrs. AFOMA ADIGWE,

<u>Subject:</u> Letter of Appreciation and Outcomes of the High Level Conference on Feeding Africa – an Action Plan for African Agricultural Transformation

I wish to express my deep appreciation to you, for making time to attend the High Leve

Indeed your contributions and keen interest ensured the event was a recounding success. I am pleased to sleave the summary report of the interestes of the meeting, hereto attached for your referenties.

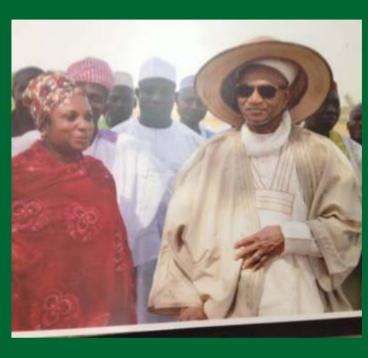
The African Development Bash is keen to take the Agenda forward and will roll out a series of dislogue missions to interested countries and togional institutions, to begin to elaborate assessment and poolsy referen actions that can be supposed by the Bash and other assume.

While renewing my appreciation for your continued support, please accept the assutances of it highest consideration.

Akinwami A. ADESINA

Afoma with Etsu Nupe and some UYOTA Members in his farm at Blda









Ali, UYOTA Member

Warri Delta State





Afoma with some UYOTA executive members after a meeting in Abuja



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Afoma and UYOTA Members

at her Farm in Delta State



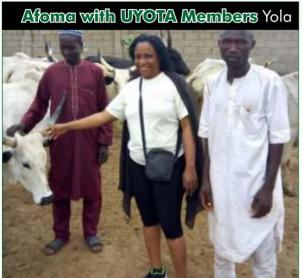


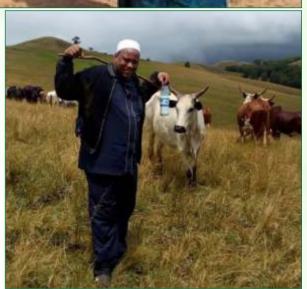




Salihu, UYOTA Member Yola







Kehinde, UYOTA Member Ogun State





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UYOTA Global Investment Limited established in 2009 which focused on consultancy, agribusiness, training and conference services.

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UWTF was established in 2000 as an NGO by Mrs Afoma Clara Adigwe with the primary aim of empowering women and youths through capacity development, exposure to modern mechanized farming practices, seminars, workshops, sourcing for Grants Loan and micro-credit funding.

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