



Next Gen Leaders for Aquaculture Innovation Dialogue & Graduation Ceremony for ASA/WISHH & Sej farms' Training Program for Young Professionals

Tuesday, August 19, 2025, Badagry, Nigeria

11:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.	Luncheon Featuring Nigerian Fish
12:30-12:35 p.m.	<p>Welcome and introduction of WISHH's three pillars: trade, development and global food security</p> <p>WISHH Executive Director Gena Perry and WISHH In-Country Representative Sofolabi Sofela</p>
12:36-12:37	<p>Introduction of</p> <p>Christopher Bielecki</p>
12:38-12:46	<p>Remarks</p> <p>USDA Counselor for Agricultural Affairs Christopher Bielecki</p>
12:47-12:50 p.m.	<p>Overview</p> <p>WISHH Partnership with Sej farms</p>

12:51- 12:53	<p style="text-align: center;">Introduction of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Honourable Abisola Olusanya</p>
12:54- 1:10	<p style="text-align: center;">Remarks</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Commissioner for Agriculture & Food Systems - Lagos State Abisola Olusanya</p>
1:11 p.m.- 1:13 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Introduction of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Honourable Mobolaji Abubakre Ogunlende</p>
1:14- 1:16 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Remarks</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Commissioner for Youth and Social Development Mobolaji Abubakre Ogunlende</p>
1:17- 1:19 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Introduction of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hussein Gadain, Ph.D.</p>
1:20- 1:40 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Keynote Address</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Importance of Youth in Global Aquaculture</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nigeria Representative to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Hussein Gadain, Ph.D.</p>
1:41- 1:42	<p style="text-align: center;">Introduction of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panel Discussion: Opportunities and Challenges in the Nigerian Aquaculture Industry</p>
1:43- 2:10 p.m.	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel Discussion: Opportunities and Challenges in the Nigerian Aquaculture Industry</p>

	<p>Moderator: David Opeyemi Oke Head of Trade Services, World Trade Center Abuja</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Seyi Adeleke-Ige General Manager, Skretting Nigeria</p> <p>Benedette Ngozi Okonkwo, President, Nigerian Trawler Owners Association (NITOA), and Vice President, Quality Control and Export, Atlantic Shrimpers Limited</p> <p>Martins Anetekhai, Ph.D. Professor Emeritus, Lagos State University</p>
<p>2:11 p.m.- 2:13 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Introduction of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panel Discussion with U.S. Soybean Farmer Leaders</p>
<p>2:14- 2:25</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Panel Discussion with U.S. Soybean Farmer Leaders</p> <p>Moderator: Abigail Amankwah, intern through the WISHH Training Program for Young Professionals</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>American Soybean Association Director Jamie Beyer, a Minnesota Soybean Farmer</p> <p>United Soybean Board Director Nancy Kavazanjian, a Wisconsin soybean farmer</p>
<p>2:26- 2:28</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Introduction: Insights from Young Professionals in Aquaculture</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panel Discussion with interns in the WISHH Training Program for Young Professionals</p>

<p>2:29- 2:40 p.m.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Insights from Young Professionals in Aquaculture</p> <p>Moderator: United Soybean Board Director Nancy Kavazanjian</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Gbolahan Mary Toluwani</p> <p>Shittu Adedoyin Abisola</p> <p>Olatunji Oluwatobi Stephen</p> <p>Oke Ojo Pelumi</p>
<p>2:41- 2:43</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Introduction: Look Where They are Today!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Panel Discussion with Graduates of the WISHH Training Program for Young Professionals</p>
<p>2:44 - 2:55 pm</p>	<p>Look Where They are Today!</p> <p>Moderator: WISHH Director Africa Division Chris Slemp</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Adi Mujidat Oyindamola</p> <p>Abigael Medeyonmi Jonathan</p> <p>Adeyemi Oluwadamilola Praise</p> <p>Bello Muhammed Olawale</p>

2:56- 2:57	Introduction of Graduates
2:58- 3:05 p.m.	Celebration of Graduates with Presentation of Certificates
3:06- 3:40 p.m.	<p>How Global Organizations Offer Opportunities for Youth and Aquaculture</p> <p>Moderator: WISHH Executive Director Gena Perry</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <p>Ogunniyi Adebayo, Ph.D. International Fund for Agricultural Development Country Programme Analyst</p> <p>Oludare Afolabi Odusanya, BATN Foundation, General Manager</p> <p>Theophilus Raymond, AGRA Program Officer</p> <p>Tokunboh Adeoye-Laniyan, Lagos State Coordinator of the Innovative Youth in Agriculture (I-Youth) Project of the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture</p>
3:41- 3:43	<p>Introduction of</p> <p>Honorable Sesi Oluwaseun Whingan</p>
3:44 p.m.- 3:50 p.m.	<p>Remarks</p> <p>Honorable Sesi Oluwaseun Whingan</p>

	Legislator, National Assembly, Abuja Deputy Chairman, House Committee on Petroleum Resources
3:51 - 3:58 p.m.	Closing Remarks WISHH Executive Director Gena Perry
3:59 p.m.- 4:08 p.m.	Group Photo
4:10-5 p.m.	Networking with Tea and Refreshments
5 p.m.	Program Ends

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

(IN ORDER OF PRESENTATION)

Gena Perry

ASA/WISHH Executive Director



Gena Perry is the Executive Director of WISHH, where she drives strategic efforts to expand U.S. soy's role in global market development, food security, and long-term trade opportunities in emerging markets. She joined WISHH in 2019, managing USDA's AMPLIFIES poultry Food for Progress project in Ghana before transitioning into a strategic leadership role. Prior to WISHH, Gena spent nearly four years with AgriCorps, a nonprofit dedicated to agricultural education in Ghana and Liberia. During her time as an AgriCorps Fellow in Koforidua, Ghana, she worked with 4-H Ghana to enhance staff capacity and train educators in experiential learning methods. Gena holds both bachelor's and master's degrees in Agribusiness from the University of Georgia, USA.

Sofela Sofolabi Olaniyi

ASA/WISHH In-Country Representative



Sofela Sofolabi Olaniyi is a highly experienced aquaculture and agri-business professional with a robust educational background, holding a Master's in Sustainable Aquaculture from the University of Stirling, UK, and Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Aquaculture and Fisheries Management from the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Nigeria, complemented by numerous specialized certifications. His professional journey spans over fifteen years in the Nigerian aquaculture industry, showcasing a blend of hands-on management and strategic consultancy. As an Aquaculture Consultant for ASA/WISHH since 2019, he excels in technical knowledge transfer, conducting farm trainings, and managing feed trials. Earlier roles include Assistant Hatchery Manager at Chi Farms Nigeria, Head of Aquaculture at Fish Shoal, and various teaching and farm assistant positions, all contributing to his comprehensive expertise and strong network within the sector.

Sejiro Michael Oke-Tojinu & Mosunmola Oke-Tojinu

Leaders of Sejfarms Consult



Sejiro Michael Oke-Tojinu is the founder of Sejfarms Consult and the current state president of the Lagos State Catfish and Allied Farmers Association, a 5,000-member organization. Along with wife/business partner, Mosunmola Gladdys Oke-Tojinu, they operate their own farm and host WISHH's United Soybean Board-supported aquaculture

internship program. Mosunmola launched Mosneri Foods, a value-added food manufacturing enterprise that markets fish products, such as smoked catfish fillets, dehydrated fish crackers and catfish oil. Mosneri Foods is designed to meet the daily food needs of residents with freshly cooked meals and a focus on local delicacies. The company also sells foods online and seeks to market beyond the local community, including selling premium products like boneless filets, to the hotel and hospitality industry.

Sejiro and Mosunmola have trained or mentored at least 5,000 young people in aquaculture, at least 70% of which are women. Sejfarms is also supported by the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), through its Youth in Agribusiness office. IITA is partnering with the Mastercard Foundation in Nigeria to implement the Young Africa Works strategy.

Sejiro is a facilitator and technical partner with Aller Aqua Nigeria and the U.S. Soybean Export Council.

Christopher Bielecki

U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service Foreign Service Officer



Chris Bielecki is a U.S. Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS), Foreign Service Officer assigned to the U.S. Consulate in Lagos, Nigeria with regional coverage for Benin Republic and Cameroon. He has completed domestic assignments on U.S.-China agricultural trade and agricultural biotechnology policy, and overseas assignments as the Deputy Director of the Agricultural Trade Office, U.S. Embassy Beijing, China and as the Agricultural Attaché in the Office of Agricultural Affairs, U.S. Embassy Astana, Kazakhstan. He has a master's and PhD in Agricultural

Leadership, Education, and Communications from Texas A&M University. He is a native of New York and is married with two children.

Abisola Olusanya

Honourable Commissioner for Agriculture & Food Systems - Lagos State



Abisola Olusanya has spearheaded the development of the State's agricultural and food systems strategy which identified investment opportunities for private sector participants and aimed to increase food availability, stimulate job creation, and enhance agriculture's contribution to the state's GDP. Abisola also spearheaded various initiatives and projects, a pivotal one being the transformation of the market systems and the introduction of the 3-tiered food aggregation and distribution infrastructure - Africa's largest food park. She also championed the transformation of the Red Meat value chain with the ongoing Feedlot project, the Butcher's Academy and the Last-mile meat outlets. She also created the ministry's dedicated website to increase public access to information, revamped the youth-centric training programme – the Lagos Agripreneurship Programme, and rejigged the annual agricultural empowerment program to support aspiring entrepreneurs and existing farmers.

To cater to a more diverse demography of food actors and bridge the gap between the older and younger generation, she created the Lagos Agrinnovation club, a platform for budding entrepreneurs in the food space with the objective of facilitating collaboration, partnerships and networking predicated on sustainability. To further close the loop, she created the Lagos Agric Scholars' program – a secondary school SMART Farms establishment showcasing aquaponics (a food production system that couples hydroponics with aquaculture) as well as poultry utilizing technology as a tool to attract students into the food systems space as a career pathway.

Abisola also rebranded the Ministry to the current name – the Ministry of Agriculture and food systems and facilitated the creation of three new departments (Livestock Services, Agricultural Engineering and Produce Safety and Quality control). She played a key role in bridging financial institution partnerships with farmer cooperative groups and associations helping to foster a bankable community of agro-actors. She also established the State's first app-based agro mechanization scheme which gives farmers access to affordable land-clearing and preparation services. She organizes the annual year-end agro-tourism celebration - the Lagos Food Festival, which harmonizes the arts – food, music, games, and fashion – that makes Lagos a special tourism destination on the African continent.

Abisola, an Ikorodu native, attended Queens College, Yaba for her secondary education and pursued a degree in Architecture at the University of Lagos. She afterwards obtained an MBA in General Management from the Lagos Business School, Pan Atlantic University.

She joined Olam Agri International, a leading global agro-supply chain management conglomerate in 2011 under the company's West African Management training program, where her exceptional performance and management skills earned her a senior management role within two years. As General manager, she successfully led sales, marketing, and supply chain operations in the company's Ghana subsidiary, achieving high sales volumes, profit, and distribution expansion. During her tenure at

the firm, Abisola worked with stakeholders across four continents leading to global trade and markets' exposure. Prior to her stint in Ghana, Abisola worked in the Nigerian real estate sector, managing construction projects.

In August 2019, Abisola was appointed as the Special Adviser to the Lagos State Governor on Agriculture due to her extensive knowledge of the agricultural ecosystem and food security strategies. She later became the Commissioner of Agriculture in November 2020, making her the first female to hold this position in the ministry's 57-year history.

Mobolaji Abubakre Ogunlende

Honourable Commissioner for Youth and Social Development in Lagos State, Nigeria



Mobolaji Ogunlende was appointed on Wednesday 13th of September, 2023 as Honourable Commissioner, Ministry of Youth and Social Development. His career spans over a decade in the oil and gas sector in various capacities in the United Kingdom, United States, Dubai and Nigeria.

Mobolaji was Head of Operations for Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) for Oando Trading a subsidiary of the Oando PLC. Prior to joining the Oando Group, he worked with Haliburton Inc. under various capacities across the USA and UK offices in the Government and Infrastructure unit as well as the Energy and Chemicals sector of the organization. He also has extensive Banking experience gained from working in business development, strategy, asset finance and financial advisory with the Lloyds TSB bank UK and Zenith International Bank respectively.

He secured his B.A. HONS in Business Economics from the University of Leicester, United Kingdom and an MSc. in Hydro-Carbon Enterprise from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland. He is also an alumnus of the Lagos Business School, Nigeria where he is the current president of the SMP 53

After many years of several personal humanitarian services, he officially launched the R.A.K (Real Acts of Kindness) Development Foundation in 2016 and since then they have initiated and partnered projects that have covered 15 of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

His humanitarian service has continued to result in awards, both nationally and internationally, such as;

- The African Young Luther King Heroes Summit who awarded him the African Courage Prize for Investment in Youth and Enterprise Development;
- West African Union Students Parliament (WASUP) who awarded him the Pan-African Exemplary Leadership Award of Excellence as "Vanguard of Societal Development in Nigeria";
- Grand Patron of the Badagry Women's Development Forum for his staunch support in Women's development and empowerment.
- Yoruba Youth Assembly Award for Selfless service to the less privileged and humanity at large;

--Two Years winner Southwest Legendary Award for Humanitarian Service.
Congress of Nigerian Youth Award for National Outstanding Performance and many others;

Mobolaji Ogunlende continuously makes huge personal expenses to see his dream for a better society come to reality. Some of his notable works include:

--Partnered with VSF – Victim Support Fund’s 1 billion Naira Covid-19 Emergency Intervention Fund which saw his foundation reach 3000 households in Lagos state.

--Established a partnership with Lagos Food Bank to distribute palliatives at regular intervals to various communities. Established the first recycling plant in Badagry, Lagos State amongst many others.

Mobolaji Ogunlende was called to serve the good people of Lagos State as a cabinet member during the first administration of His Excellency, Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwoolu where he was appointed as the Special Adviser on Special Duties and Intergovernmental Relations to the Lagos State Governor between October 2022 to May 2023 where he was saddled with steering the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, The Lagos State Fire and Rescue Service and the Lagos State Safety Commission. He was also the board chairman NYSC Lagos State.

Mobolaji’s contribution during the short period surprised a lot of Lagosians and Nigerians and his name has continued to ring the bell amongst the corridors of Notable young leaders. His commitment and activities gave him a score card for his re-appointment into the second term administration of His Excellency, Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwoolu. He is an example worth emulating as he creatively manages his time and resources to make the world a better place, every single day.

Hussein Gadain, Ph.D.

FAO Nigeria Representative



Hussein a national of Sudan, holds a Doctor of Philosophy and a Master of Science in Water Resources Engineering from the University of Dar-es-Salaam in Tanzania, and a Bachelor of Science in Civil and Hydraulic Engineering from the University of Science and Technology of Khartoum in Sudan.

Hussein joined FAO in 2006 as Water Coordinator for the Somalia Water and Land Information Management project (SWALIM) based in Nairobi, Kenya. From 2013 to 2016, he served as Chief Technical Advisor of the FAO SWALIM project. From 2016 to June 2019, he was FAO Representative in Egypt. From July 2019, he has been serving as FAO Representative in Yemen until July 2025 when is appointed by FAO Director General as FAO Representative in Nigeria.

He started his career in 1990 as Civil Engineer for the AGIB Group & Howard Humphreys Joint Venture in Khartoum, Sudan. In 1991, he joined the Ministry of Irrigation and Water Resources in Wad Medani, Sudan, as Research Irrigation Engineer. From 1994 to 1998, he worked for the Water Resource Engineering Program (WREP) at the University of Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, as Research Assistant and as Researcher from 1998 to 2001. From 2001 to 2006, he served as Water Resources Specialist/Regional Hydrologist/Senior Scientist supporting agrometeorological hazards in the Greater Horn of Africa (10 countries) and their impacts on the region’s

food security, under the United States Geological Survey/Earth Resources Observations & Science supporting the USAID FEWS NET Project.

David Opeyemi Oke

Head of Trade Services, World Trade Center Abuja



David Opeyemi Oke is the Head of Trade Services at the World Trade Center Abuja. With a rich background spanning close to two decades, Opeyemi is a forward-thinking team leader and accomplished development expert. His extensive experience encompasses policy development, community engagement, issue advocacy, grassroots organizing, and program development. His work spans both corporate and governmental collaborations, involving him in the design and execution of policies aimed at fostering sustainable development. He has been particularly active in areas such as trade and economic governance, youth engagement and development, migration and development, internet governance, contributing his expertise to various African nations, including Uganda, Benin Republic, Sierra Leone, Liberia, DRC, and Madagascar.

Prior to joining WTC Abuja, He founded Equip Africa Integrated Development Initiative, a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the socio-economic well-being of African youth and served as the Director General (Nigeria), Global Council for Promotion of International Trade (GCPIT).

Opeyemi's leadership extends into the Nigerian Organized Private Sector, where he held a pivotal role as the Director General of a prominent chamber of commerce in Lagos, Nigeria. He played a significant part in the domestication of the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreements, demonstrating his commitment to advancing regional economic integration. Moreover, DOOKE as fondly called, is a trusted policy and development consultant, providing valuable insights to numerous ministries and government departments in Nigeria. His dedication to fostering positive change is further evidenced by his role as the convener of the Emerging African Leaders Summit, the founder of the Club of Emerging Leaders for Africa (CELA), and as a policy analyst frequently featured in various Nigerian media outlets.

He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree by the Myles University for his contributions in trade governance and youth development across the continent of Africa. He is also an alum of the prestigious School of Politics, Policy and Governance Africa, where he bagged Certification in Public Leadership and Policy (CPLP). A chartered manager and a member of numerous international professional bodies. He has also graduated from prestigious programs such as the ALINOV Fellowship and the Acumen Leadership Course.

As the Global President of the Club of Emerging Leaders for Africa (CELA), he plays a central role in nurturing the next generation of visionary leaders dedicated to driving Africa's progress. Opeyemi's multifaceted career showcases his unwavering commitment to advancing policy development, empowering youth, and catalyzing positive change across the African continent.

Seyi Adeleke-Ige

General Manager, Skretting Nigeria



Seyi Adeleke-Ige is an Agribusiness and Aquaculture expert with over 18 years of experience.

She holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Ibadan and an MBA from Business School Netherlands. She served as General Manager at Durante Fish Farm for 10 years before joining Skretting Nigeria, a Nutreco Company where she currently leads the Nigeria operations.

Under her leadership, Skretting Nigeria has become known for producing premium fish and poultry feeds. Seyi has spoken at several local and international conferences. She also leads the Hendrix4U Bill and Melinda Gates project in Nigeria and oversees the Catfish Sustainability Project that now supports over 1,500 small-scale Fish farmers in Nigeria.

Okonkwo Ngozi Benedette

Vice President, Quality Control & Export, Atlantic Shrimpers Limited



Okonkwo Ngozi Benedette is Vice President, Quality Control and Export for Atlantic Shrimpers Limited. She has more than 25 years of experience in the field of production and sales of seafood, also with extensive experience in laboratory (microbiology and organoleptic) analysis of seafood. Ms. Okonkwo is also President of the Nigerian Trawler Owners Association and a Fellow Fisheries Society of Nigeria. She is a member of the African Continental Association for food Protection Nigeria and the AW Fish Net (African women in fisheries Network) member as well as serves on the NEPAD, or

the New Partnership for Africa's Development, Fisheries Committee. She works closely with national regulators as well as the European Union for African aquaculture exports and the Nigerian National Quarantine services.

Martins Anetekhai, Ph.D.

Professor Emeritus, Lagos State University



Professor Martins Anetekhai, Ph.D. is a distinguished academic, researcher, and policy influencer in the field of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences. He holds a B.Sc., M.Sc., and Ph.D. in Zoology (Fisheries) from the University of Ibadan, with additional certification in Aquaculture from USDA/Lincoln University, USA. Academic and Professional Trajectory Prof. Anetekhai has dedicated over four decades to teaching, research, and administration. His illustrious career began as a Fisheries Officer and transitioned through academia from Assistant Lecturer at the University of Ibadan to full Professor at Lagos State University (LASU), where he held multiple leadership roles. He served as: Dean, Faculty of Science (1999-2004), Acting Vice Chancellor (2003), Director of several Centres, including the Centre for Environment and Science Education, the Foundation Programme, and the Directorate of Skill Development and

Acquisition. Notably, he is the Pioneer Leader of the Centre of Excellence for Sargassum Research (2022-2023) and Marine and Blue Economy (2023-present) at LASU. Research Innovation, and Publications A prolific researcher, Prof. Anetekhai has published extensively in peer reviewed journals on fish biology, aquatic ecology, environmental toxicology, and aquaculture systems His innovations include: SARGA-series feed products (e.g. SARGACHICKEN, SARGAPIG), registered for commercial use and tailored for sustainable coastal livelihoods. Leading research on sargassum-based value chains, climate impact on aquatic biodiversity, and ecological risk assessments in aquatic systems as well as consultancy and development work.

Jamie Beyer

American Soybean Association Director & Minnesota USA Soybean Farmer



Jamie Beyer and her husband, Rodd, farm near Wheaton, Minnesota, where they grow soybeans, corn, sugarbeets, and alfalfa. Jamie volunteers with the Traverse County 4-H and has served on the Traverse County extension board. Beyer was appointed to the Minnesota Soybean Growers' Association in 2015 and has served in varying leadership positions since, including two years as state president. She was appointed to the American Soybean Association Board of Directors in 2021.

Jamie does work part-time as an administrator for a watershed district, helping farmers solve water issues in parts of six counties in the Red River Valley. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy and graduate coursework in public administration. She and Rodd have three daughters.

Nancy Kavazanjian

United Soybean Board Director & Minnesota USA Soybean Farmer



Nancy Kavazanjian is a crop farmer in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. She grows soybeans, corn and small grains with her husband and partner, Charles Hammer.

Her farm's motto is "Our soil is our strength." She and Charles focus on continuous improvement by using innovation to manage all resources in an efficient and sustainable manner. Nancy also serves as county supervisor for the town of Beaver Dam. Nancy also served as chairwoman for the U.S. Farmers and Ranchers Alliance from 2015-16.

This is Nancy's third year* as a farmer-leader with USB. She serves on the Communication and Education Committee and is a member of the Supply Action Team in the Innovation and Technology Priority Area.

After completing the remaining term of a Wisconsin director in 2022, Nancy was appointed to the board for her first term in December 2022. Nancy previously served on the board for nine years from 2011 to 2019.

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Chris Slemp

ASA/WISHH Africa Division Director



Chris Slemp is the Africa Division Director at the American Soybean Association's WISHH Program (ASA/WISHH). Chris started with WISHH in 2014 as the Project Officer for the Africa Division. Prior to ASA/WISHH, Chris worked as an agriculture extension agent with the U.S. Peace Corps in Ghana. While working with the Peace Corps, Chris provided extension services to cashew farmers in the Brong Ahafo region of Ghana. Chris earned his master's degree in International Business from St. Louis University in 2019.

Abigael Medeyonmi Jonathan

Alumna of ASA/WISHH Training Program for Young Professionals & Sejfarm Consults Team Member



Abigael Medeyonmi Jonathan is a Fisheries graduate from Lagos State University. After completing a year in the Nigerian National Youth Service Corps, she launched her own catfish processing business, specializing in smoking and selling catfish. She describes selection for participation in WISHH Aquaculture program in Ghana as a turning point to expanding her technical expertise and professional network. She later joined SejFarm Consult Ltd to further hone her practical skills in aquaculture production and management. Abigael is committed to advancing sustainable fish farming and contributing to Africa's food security.

Adi Mujidat Oyindamola

Alumna of ASA/WISHH Training Program for Young Professionals & Hybrid Feed Mills Team Member



Adi Mujidat Oyindamola, is a graduate of the University of Ilorin with a degree in Aquaculture and Fisheries. She is passionate about fish farming, sustainable food production, and finding innovative ways to improve aquatic resources which led her to the WISHH-sponsored internship in 2024. Today, she has the privilege of working with Hybrid Feeds Mill, a leading livestock business provider in Nigeria. In this role, she advances her aquaculture expertise and runs a business processing oven-dried catfish and supplying live catfish to end users. She enjoys learning, taking on new challenges, and building skills that help her grow both personally and professionally. Her goal is to make a positive impact in the aquaculture field and contribute to solutions that benefit communities and the environment.

Adeyemi Oluwadamilola Praise

Alumna of ASA/WISHH Training Program for Young Professionals & Aquaculture Enterprise Founder



Adeyemi Oluwadamilola Praise is a graduate of Olabisi Onabanjo University Ago-Iwoye Ogun State with a degree in Aquaculture and Fisheries Management. Her passion for the aquaculture industry is matched by my commitment to food quality, preservation and customer satisfaction. Her goal is to promote food security, encourage youth participation in agribusiness, and uphold the highest quality standards. She believes in hard work, continuous learning and innovation as keys to building a legacy in the fisheries industry. She is self employed in the thriving aquaculture sector. After her WISHH internship at Sej Farms, she founded a growing enterprise that focuses on the rearing, and processing of catfish, with a specialty in oven-dried fish that meets both local and international standards.

Bello Muhammed Olawale

Alumni of ASA/WISHH Training Program for Young Professionals & Aquaculture Enterprise Founder



Bello Muhammed Olawale is an aquaculture entrepreneur and the Founder of Fish Republik & Farm Ventures. He holds a B.Sc. in Fisheries from Lagos State University, Lagos, Nigeria. After completing a transformative training with WISHH at Sejfarms, Bello launched Fish Republik & Farm Ventures a small-scale business focused on sustainable fish farming and the production of premium dried catfish and value-added fish products. An active member of the Catfish and Allied Fish Farmers Association of Nigeria (CAFFAN), Oyo State chapter, he collaborates with fellow farmers to share insights, innovations, and improve processing techniques. Bello is passionate about improving fish processing, promoting nutritional awareness, and empowering youth. Through Fish Republik, he aims to enhance food security, create jobs, and contribute to a sustainable and vibrant aquaculture sector in Nigeria.

Ogunniyi Adebayo, Ph.D.

Country Programme Analyst at International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)



Ogunniyi Adebayo is a development economist working as a Country Programme Analyst at the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). With expertise in agricultural and rural development, Adebayo plays a crucial role in supporting IFAD's country-level programs and initiatives. As a Country Programme Analyst, Adebayo brings valuable knowledge and skills to the design, implementation, and evaluation of IFAD-supported projects. With a keen understanding of the challenges and opportunities in agricultural and rural development, Adebayo contributes to the effective delivery of IFAD's programs, ensuring alignment with the organization's strategic objectives. Adebayo holds Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics. He has a good publication record in peer-reviewed journals and his work has appeared in several applied economics journals such as World Development, Social Indicator Research, PLOS One, and Climate and Development. Prior to joining the IFAD team, Adebayo worked as a Research Analyst and Research Associate for the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and CGIAR Humid-tropics Program (West Africa Flagship) at the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Nigeria, respectively. He was a Research Analyst at IFPRI (Nigeria) during data collection and writing of the manuscript.

Oludare Afolabi Odusanya

General Manager, BATN Foundation



Oludare Afolabi Odusanya is the General Manager of BATN Foundation, where he leads impactful initiatives that drive sustainable agribusiness ventures and empower youth across Nigeria. He's an advocate for rural development and human capacity building; Mr. Odusanya has dedicated his career to transforming agricultural systems and creating inclusive opportunities for smallholder farmers and young agripreneurs.

He holds a Bachelor's degree in Plant Physiology and Crop Production, as well as an MBA in Agribusiness, both from the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta (FUNAAB). His professional journey spans over a decade of strategic leadership in agribusiness incubation, program development, and enterprise support.

Prior to joining BATN Foundation, Oludare served as Programme Manager and Consulting Coordinator at the Business Incubation Platform of the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), where he led production teams, supported new business start-ups, and developed tailored business models and strategies for youth-led enterprises., which lead to the award of a Professional Certification in Youth Development Practice from the C4YDS, in Lusaka, Zambia.

With hands-on expertise across several agricultural value chains, he has played key roles in facilitating national and international symposia hosted by prominent institutions such as the African Development Bank (AfDB), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), among others.

A Fellow of the Institute of Agribusiness Managers of Nigeria (IAMN), and an Executive Agribusiness Certificate holder from Harvard Business School. Oludare has also served as a volunteer and community facilitator with REJEUFEA (Youth and Women in Agriculture Entrepreneurship Network) Africa, where he held the position of Nigeria Country Ambassador for four years.

A proud native of Southwest Nigeria, Oludare brings a deep understanding of national and a pan-African vision to his work in agribusiness development. He an industry thought leader, deeply committed to advancing the future of agriculture through innovation, collaboration, and empowerment.

Theophilus Raymond

AGRA Program Officer



Theophilus Raymond is an accomplished development specialist with over 13 years of experience in strategic program management, market systems development, and sustainable agricultural practices. Well versed in designing and leading innovative agribusiness programs that enhance small and medium-sized enterprises and smallholder farmers' entrepreneurial capabilities. Proven track record in securing and managing multi-stakeholder partnerships, optimizing program impact through strategic funding, and leading cross-functional teams towards achieving a thriving household and transformed food systems.

Tokunboh Adeoye-Laniyan

Lagos State Coordinator of the Innovative Youth in Agriculture (I-Youth) Project of the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, a partnership between IITA and Mastercard Foundation



Tokunboh Adeoye-Laniyan is the Lagos State Coordinator of the Innovative Youth in Agriculture (I-Youth) Project of the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, a partnership between IITA and Mastercard Foundation. He is passionate about agribusiness entrepreneurship and value chain and youth development. He is a multilingual C-suite professional with more than two decades of work experience in FinTech and agribusiness and work with multinationals in Nigeria, Egypt and across sub-Saharan Africa. Extensively educated in foreign language and communication, he holds an MBA in international business management.

Honourable Sesi Oluwaseun Whingan

Legislator, National Assembly, Abuja Deputy Chairman, House Committee on Petroleum Resources



Hon. Sesi Oluwaseun Whingan Legislator, National Assembly, Abuja Deputy Chairman, House Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream)

Hon. Sesi Oluwaseun Whingan is a Nigerian legislator serving in the National Assembly, where he holds the position of Deputy Chairman of the House Committee on Petroleum Resources (Upstream). He plays a strategic role in shaping oil and gas policy, with a focus on combating oil theft and enhancing transparency and accountability in the sector.

Before his legislative career, Hon. Whingan worked across real estate, journalism, and pharmaceutical management, holding the position of regional manager and later partner in a leading pharmaceutical firm. He holds a B.Sc. in Mass Communication, an MBA from Anglia Ruskin University, U.K., and is a Senior Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Financial and Investment Analysts.

Driven by a strong commitment to public service and humanitarian impact, he continues to advocate for legislative reforms that promote economic development and national progress.

Congratulations to the Graduates

2025 Training Program for Young Professionals



ABDULQUADRI
MUBARAK ENIOLA

WISHH/TPYP
2025
GRADUATE

My name is Abdulquadri Mubarak Eniola, a graduate of Lagos State University where I studied Fisheries and Aquatic biology, I've gained a lot of hands on Knowledge and experience through the WISHH sponsored program on Hatchery management by ensuring the best and optimum water quality for the production of best fish seeds, I've also gained expertise in the usage of Soybean as an alternative protein source for fishmeal to improve fish growth. I'm passionate about improving sustainable Aquaculture by solving the problem of food insecurity in the Country, whereby closing the demand gap of the need of Fish protein in the country and reduce the reliance on Fish importation, also diversifying into various fish species to meet local demand.



OLANIPEKUN
DASOLA GIFT

WISHH/TPYP
2025
GRADUATE

I'm Dasola Olanipekun, a young lady from Oyo State, Nigeria, with a passion for sustainable agriculture that's only grown stronger since graduating from Olabisi Onabanjo University from the department of Fisheries Management. My time at university laid a solid foundation, but it was my experience in the Training Program for young professionals (TPYP) sponsored by the World Initiative for Soy in Human Health (WISHH) at Sejfarms Consult Limited that really opened my eyes to the potential of aquaculture. Through this program, I gained hands-on experience in aquaculture, value addition, and industry practices that have fueled my desire to make a meaningful impact in this field.

I'm excited to apply my knowledge and skills to drive growth and innovation in the aquaculture sector. I'm passionate about exploring new ways to make aquaculture more sustainable, efficient, and impactful. I'm committed to contributing to a more food-secure future.



OLADEINDE
JESSE ENIOLA

WISHH/TPYP
2025
GRADUATE

Oladeinde Jesse Eniola is a passionate Nigerian aquaculturist with a Bachelor of Science degree in Fisheries and Aquaculture Management from Osun State University, Nigeria. From a young age, Jesse was exposed to agricultural activities through his father's agricultural organization, where his interest in aquaculture was born and nurtured.

Driven by this early passion, Jesse has pursued both academic and practical knowledge in the aquaculture sector.

He has gained valuable experience through programs such as the IITA Youth Agripreneur Training (2022) and other agricultural development initiatives. His focus on continuous improvement and innovation led him to join the WISHH Internship Program, where he expanded his expertise in fish health management and value addition in aquaculture.

Jesse is committed to building a sustainable aquaculture business and contributing to food security and youth empowerment in Nigeria. He continues to grow both professionally and entrepreneurially in the field, combining scientific knowledge with practical experience to make a meaningful impact in the industry.



OKE OJO
PELUMI
WISHH/TPYP
2025
GRADUATE

I am Oke Ojo Pelumi, a young aquaculture professional with a background in Fisheries and Aquaculture from the Federal University of Technology Akure (FUTA), Nigeria. I am driven by a strong interest in both aquaculture research and business. My professional experiences sparked my commitment to solving food and nutrition insecurity through sustainable aquaculture. I am presently completing a Training Program for Young Professionals (TPYP) sponsored by World Initiative for Soy in Human Health (WISHH) at Sejfarms Consult Ltd where I have gained more technical skills and best practices of international standard in different areas in aquaculture. Looking ahead, I am committed to advancing aquaculture through research innovation and capacity building while promoting increase in fish production, protein availability, job creation and improving livelihoods in Nigeria and beyond.



OGUNTADE
QUDUS OPEYEMI

WISHH/TPYP
2025
GRADUATE

Oguntade Qudus Opeyemi is a graduate of Agricultural Extension and Management from Lagos State Polytechnic. He is an intern of the Training Program for Young Professionals (Cohort 2) sponsored by the World Initiative for Soy in Human Health WISHH where he specialized in Feed Management. He has mastered formulating cost-effective fish feed and has gained hands-on expertise in nursery and hatchery management. In addition, he gained expertise water quality management and production of Black Soldier Fly (BSF). Qudus aims to integrate aquaculture with crop farming, thereby promoting a circular economy and sustainable agricultural practices. With his practical skills and forward-thinking vision, he is well-positioned to transform Nigeria's aquaculture sector



SHITTU ADEDOYIN
ABISOLA

WISHH/TPYP
2025
GRADUATE

Shittu Adedoyin Abisola is an aquaculture professional and a member of WISHH-TPYP Cohort 2. A graduate of Fisheries and Aquaculture Technology from the Federal University of Technology, Akure. she is committed to advancing food security through sustainable practices. With a specialization in fish value addition, Adedoyin has conducted impactful trials focused on developing nutritious, edible products from soy and catfish. Her work reflects a strong dedication to innovation, reducing post-harvest losses, and addressing hunger through aquaculture-driven solutions.



ABIGAIL
AMANKWAH
WISHH/TPYP
2025
GRADUATE

Abigail Amankwah is an emerging aquaculture professional with a strong passion for continuous learning and innovation in the Aquaculture sector. She holds a Master of Philosophy in Aquaculture, specializing in Fish Health, sponsored by Norad in collaboration with WorldFish, the Norwegian Veterinary Institute (NVI), and the University of Ghana. She also holds a Bachelor of Science in Aquaculture and Water Resources Management from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Kumasi, Ghana. Her early career experience includes national service at CSIR-Water Research Institute's Aquaculture Research and Development Centre (CSIR-WRI-ARDEC), where she gained hands-on expertise in tilapia production.

Currently, Abigail is an intern in the WISHH sponsored Training Program for Young Professionals (TPYP) at Sej Farms Consult Limited in Badagry, Nigeria. Through this program, she has deepened her skills in catfish farming, broodstock and hatchery management, fish processing and utilization, as well as integrated vegetable farming.

Abigail is committed to advancing sustainable aquaculture practices and aspires to contribute to the growth of the aquaculture industry in Ghana and beyond.



OLATUNJI
OLUWATOBI
STEPHEN

WISHH/TPYP
2025
GRADUATE

Olatunji Oluwatobi Stephen is a young professional who is passionate about solving the global problem of malnutrition and food insecurity through sustainable aquaculture. He graduated from the Federal University of Technology, Akure, (Futa) where he studied Fisheries and Aquaculture Technology.

As an intern of the Training Program for Young Professionals (Cohort 2) sponsored by the World Initiative for Soy in Human Health (WISHH), he developed expertise in water quality management in fish seed and grow-out production.

Also, he gained technical skills in value addition and feed optimisation to improve fish production.

He is especially committed to promoting the popularity of aquaculture among young people.

His career goal is to become an exceptional researcher who bridges the gap between research and the industry. Also, he aims to build a thriving aquaculture business that inspires others to join the fight against food insecurity.



GBOLAHAN M
TOLU MARY

WISHH/TPYP
2025
GRADUATE

Gbolahan Tolu Mary, an enthusiast in Aquaculture and Fisheries Management from the prestigious Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, has taken strides in excellence as a participant of the esteemed WISHH-TPYP cohort 2. With a passion for producing quality fish seed, adding value in aquaculture, and bridging transformative collaborations between farmers, students and the business world, She is a force in shaping the future of aquaculture and fisheries.



LYDIA TAIWO

WISHH/TPYP
2025
GRADUATE

Arinola Lydia Taiwo is a graduate of Fisheries Biology and Management from the University of Lagos.

My experience as one of the participants of the Training Program for Young Professionals (TPYP) Program sponsored by World Initiative for Soy in Human Health (WISHH) at Sejfarms Consults Limited has been phenomenal, enriching, transformative and educative.

Through this program, I have acquired Hands-on training on different areas of agriculture.

The knowledge imparted during this program in area of value addition unit has enhanced my smoking skills meeting stringent international standards. Water quality parameters and Fish health management knowledge acquired will further enhance productivity in the hatchery and grow out section because I am passionate about solving the problem of scarcity of quality fish seeds as well as contributing to fulfilling the population's nutrition requirement through direct production of fish as food.

This program has also improved my leadership and capacity building ability giving birth to a project tagged NOT TOO YOUNG TO FARM