



AGMCP MEMORABILIA

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## INTRODUCTION

I am pursuing a master's degree in Food Science and Technology at Jomo Kenyatta University Of Agriculture and Technology, Kenya. I obtained a bachelor's degree in Dairy Technology and Management at Egerton University, Kenya back in 2019.

I'm a budding scholar whose current research work is on the cactus species and aims at seeking treasure under the spines through intensive and extensive experimentation and data analysis.

Not to mention, I am a farmer whose main focus is Organic farming and an advocate of environmental protection and eco-friendly agricultural techniques.



My journey as an AGMCP mentee began back in Dec 2022. My fellowship award category was master and the research area was Technologies for Transforming African Food Systems.

I got to have Prof Oluwole Fatunbi as a mentor. We met in Kenya in February 2023 and had a very eye-opening and vitalizing conversation. From academics to family and work and also my future prospects. I remember leaving our meeting area feeling like I could take on the world and overcome any challenges that would present themselves.



Meeting with Prof Fatunbi at The Radisson Blu Hotel, Nairobi

I consider myself blessed to have him as my life mentor

The main deliverables of the program were;

- Submitting an abstract relating to the research theme. My research topic was on High- Pressure Processing of African Indigenous Vegetables.

- Participation in a conference. I got to participate in the 1st East African Agroecology conference at Safari Park Hotel and took up the role as a rapporteur. I learned about the principles of Agroecology and organic farming, being one of its elements. The key message during the conference was the need to practice sustainable agriculture that contributes to the preservation of our ecosystem.
- The best part of the mentorship program was the short online courses that we took.

They include; RIMA shiny training, writing a research grant document, how to write a good research proposal, using Black Soldier Fly in recycling Organic wastes for Feed and Fertilizer, Training on Data collection using ODK and data analysis, Data visualization, Aligning the Africa Agenda 2063 with SDG 2030, Green growth and green economy just to mention a few.

### **Vote of thanks**

I thank God for this amazing journey. It's been a whole year of God's grace and love.

I would like to thank Prof. Wale Olayide for offering a platform for young scholars to network and gain knowledge that will steer our careers. For being a great team leader, consistently organizing webinars and making follow ups on our progress.

To my mentor Prof. Fatunbi for guiding me and acknowledging my successes regardless of how small they are.

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