



## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the inaugural edition of the IMAGES Initiative Newsletter! We are excited to bring you the latest updates on our programmes, events, and stakeholder engagements between the month of January to March 2024.

IMAGES Initiative aims to catalyse and help create transformative partnerships to encourage actions that reflect an integrated approach to the three pillars of sustainable development (social, economic, environmental).

### EDITORIAL TEAM

Olawale Olayide, Oluwafemi Oyekunle, Ololade Adeigbe, Oluwafemi Aderemi, Isaac Oritogun, Pamela Olayide.

In this newsletter you will find latest updates on:

- Board meeting highlights
- AGMCP
- Publications
- Honours and Distinctions
- Socials
- Upcoming Events

### BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

- The IMAGES Initiative Board met on March 27, 2024.
- The Board approved new appointments, including Mr. Rabeal Tadesse as the Country Director for Ethiopia-RAIN. New volunteer roles were confirmed for the HELPS and COP-Africa programmes.
- IMAGES Initiative officially became a registered member of the Nigeria Network of Non-Governmental Organizations (NNGO).
- Financially, the organization received generous donations to support the 5th Circularity Africa Conference.
- The Board approved a shift to biannual meetings, with the next gathering scheduled for September 2024.



## AGMCP UPDATE

The Africa Graduate Mentorship and Coaching Programme (AGMCP) officially launched its 5th cohort, welcoming 46 mentees—25 males and 21 females—into its fellowship programme. Selected from 195 eligible applications, these mentees represent 15 African countries across three fellowship categories: master's, doctoral, and postdoctoral levels.

[For a complete list of our 46 fellows and their research focuses, please visit our website.](#)

The fellowship theme for 2024 focuses on Developing Capacity for Assessing Sustainable African Food Systems.

Participants hail from five regional economic communities:

- Northern Africa: Algeria
- Central Africa: Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo
- Western Africa: Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Niger, Nigeria
- Eastern Africa: Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, Uganda
- Southern Africa: Malawi, Mozambique

## 2024 AGMCP COHORT



**Pearl Boamah Agyekum** is a citizen of Ghana. She is a Doctoral Fellow of the Africa Graduate Mentorship and Coaching Programme, and a doctoral student of Food Science and Technology at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Ghana. Her current research is focused on enhancing the functional properties of high protein powders derived from underutilized legumes for possible utilization in food and pharmaceutical products. Pearl aspires to contribute to sustainable food solutions and address nutritional challenges through her research. Her vision is to advance knowledge and address global food security challenges using underutilized food commodities. Pearl is being mentored by [Dr Olawale Olayide](#).



**Fabiola Niyonshuti** is a citizen of Rwanda. She is a Master Fellow of the Africa Graduate Mentorship and Coaching Programme. She graduated from Department of Dairy and Food Science and Technology with Bachelor of Science in Food Science and Technology at Egerton University, Kenya. She is currently pursuing Masters of Science in Food Process and Engineering from Department of Agriculture Engineering at Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Malawi. Her area of interest are Food and Nutrition security with aim of solving problem of food insecurity and hunger based on sustainable development goal 2 (ending hunger, and all forms of malnutrition, achieve food security and improved nutrition). Her expectation from the programme is to build network and improve her scientific writing skills. Fabiola is being mentored by [Professor Ayodeji Oluleye](#).

# WEBINAR SERIES

AGMCP continued its impactful webinar series in early 2024. In February, Dr. Augustin Wambo Yamdjeu, Dr. John M. Ulimwengu, and Dr. Olawale Olayide led a discussion on 'CAADP, Post Malabo Processes, and Food Systems in Africa.'

This was followed in March by a session on 'Effective Mentor-Mentee Communication,' featuring Professor Ayo Ojebode as the guest speaker, with Dr. Olawale Olayide moderating.


# PUBLICATIONS

- Olayide, Olawale & Gichure, Mary. (2024). Selected Intervention Strategies to Improve Health and Welfare of Working Donkeys in Kenya: A Narrative Review. Asian Journal of Research in Animal and Veterinary Sciences. 7. 69-82. 10.9734/ajravs/2024/v7i1287.


Africa Graduate Mentorship and Coaching Programme (AGMCP)  
Webinar Series February 2024

Date: Tuesday, 27 February 2024 Time: 2:00 pm WAT (Lagos time)  
Zoom Meeting ID: 813 1146 1233 Passcode: 013779


Topic:  
CAADP, Post Malabo Processes, and Food Systems in Africa



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Dr John M. Ulimwengu  
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International Food Policy  
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Africa Graduate Mentorship and Coaching Programme  
Presents a Webinar on

## EFFECTIVE MENTOR - MENTEE COMMUNICATION




Professor Ayo Ojebode  
Guest Speaker



Dr Olawale Olayide  
Moderator

Tuesday, 26 March 2024 4:00PM WAT (Lagos Time)

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## Selected Intervention Strategies to Improve Health and Welfare of Working Donkeys in Kenya: A Narrative Review

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### ABSTRACT

**Aim:** To comprehensively review the interventions made to address health and welfare challenges faced by working donkeys; to systematically analyze the reasons for failure; and triangulate them with donkey health and welfare.  
**Study Design:** A comprehensive desktop narrative review.  
**Methodology:** A systematic review of selected intervention strategies which included: (i) Knowledge change; through training donkey owners on donkey welfare, handling, feeding, working conditions, routine health checks and basic first aid skills for their donkeys. (ii) Refresher trainings to animal health service providers to enhance their capacity in handling equine diseases and conditions; (iii) Donkey health services provision (iv) Improvement of husbandry practices (v) advocacy and (vi) legislation.

# HONOURS AND DISTINCTIONS



Dr Greenwell Matchaya (Vice President, Southern Africa, IMAGES Initiative) has been appointed as Deputy Country Representative of International Water Management Institute (IWMI) for southern Africa, effective January 2024.

## SOCIALS

We extend our warmest wishes to all fellows who celebrated their birthdays between January and March 2024 listed below. Your contributions to IMAGES Initiative community are invaluable.



January 7  
Oluwafemi Oyekunle



January 28  
Mrs. Kikelomo Adegoke



January 13  
Prof. Daniel Sakyi



January 25  
Emmanuel Olowoyo



January 18  
Souhir Bellaid



March 31  
Ololade Adeigbe



### UPCOMING EVENTS:

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