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Introduction

- AGMCP has emerged as a powerful platform for African students providing mentorship and space for interaction between students and their mentors.
- Students are carefully chosen through a meticulous process of selection and are matched to a mentor based on their respective research interests.
- Since 2020, the program has played a significant role in empowering students in various domains by connecting them to experienced mentors thus building strong and sustainable leadership in Africa.
- I applied, and was selected for the AGMCP cohort 2024, and here is my experience.

Experience, Activities and Output

- The experience first started when I got the mail stating that I was selected for the mentoring program. I was very excited to know and to connect with all the nominees but most importantly with my mentor
- A WhatsApp group was created, and every mentee was matched to a mentor, this was very important as it displayed the uniqueness of this program
- I enjoyed the interaction in WhatsApp because it didn't go out of the mission of the program, most of the posts were linked to a seminar, webinar, Internship, or any other important opportunity for career development.

Experience, Activities and Output

- In the WhatsApp group, many opportunities were shared, I got to participate in an event organized by the African Union, where in I shared my knowledge and learnt so many valuable things.
- Connecting with people from across the continent enabled me to believe in a united Africa and strengthened the spirit of Pan-Africanism in me. Yes, we can build a powerful Africa through the establishment of strong leadership.



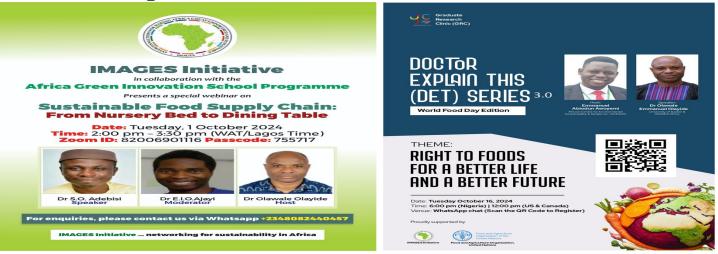
Background, Experience, Activities, and Output

- My connection with my mentor Pr. Babatunde Raphael was straightforward, we had our first interaction, and this was exciting to receive back his e-mail. I even had the privilege of meeting him in a meeting in Abuja.
- AGMCP has organized a webinar each month with specific questions to be discussed. After the inaugural webinar, the first webinar empowered us with strategies for writing a powerful abstract.
- The webinar was such an amazing experience to attend, it highlighted key components of a powerful abstract.



Background, Experience, Activities, and Output

- Various webinars were organized providing a wealth of knowledge in various domains.
- Among the webinar sessions, I was more impacted by the relationship and Worklife balance webinar, the short course on Data analysis and visualization, and the webinar on reference management and plagiarism.
- Nonetheless, all the webinar sessions were important either for career development or skills empowerment.



Outputs

- The program facilitated mentor-mentee and mentee-mentee interactions.
- The program taught me how to create a balance between academic/ career pursuits and marital life.
- Different topics in the field of my career including principles of referencing, literature review, and writing manuscripts were addressed, participation in conferences and certificates were awarded.



Suggestions

- I would recommend that AGMCP should facilitate a physical meeting between mentor-mentee for building more interaction
- Data analysis training with software programs such as R should be done in person to improve understanding of the greater number thus improving student's technical knowhow. This can enable them to be able to fit in the professional world
- It would be nice if the graduation could be physical.

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