

## QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Welcome to another edition of the IMAGES Initiative Newsletter! We are excited to bring you the latest updates on our programmes, events, and stakeholder engagements from the month of October to December 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:

- AGMCP Activities
- Webinar Series
- ACERPiN
- AGISP
- HELPS
- COP-AFRICA
- Publications
- Honours and Distinctions
- Annual Thanksgiving
- Socials
- Upcoming Events

# AGMCP ACTIVITIES

- AGMCP Alumni Association held an election choosing new set of executives.

- AGMCP Webinar on research leadership and work-life balance by Professor Olubukola Babalola. [You can watch here.](#)

**AGMCPAA New Executives**

 <b>Prosper Tonderai Mataruse</b> President	 <b>Pearl Agyekum</b> Vice President
 <b>Achiri Herman Fombu</b> Secretary	 <b>Alinaitwe Ochan Herber</b> Treasurer/Financial Secretary
 <b>Oluwatosin Owolabi Lajuwomi</b> Director of Communication	

**Research leadership: *Research leadership* & Work-life balance**

**Prof Olubukola Oluranti BABALOLA**  
*Research leadership*  
 Vice President, OWSD (Africa region)  
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**WORK-LIFE BALANCE**

Workplace, Friends, Business, Vacation

**How can I tell if I have an unhealthy work-life balance?**

- Pause
- Pay attention to your feelings: fulfilled and happy versus angry and resentful?
- Reprioritise: working weekends versus social life
- Consider your alternatives: new priorities?
- Make changes: flexible hours, use all your annual leave, not checking your emails at the weekend

- AGMCP Webinar on Data Visualization

To import your shape file and then your csv right

- On the 17th of December 2024, the AGMCP graduated 20 Mentees.

**INTERCONNECTIONS FOR MAKING AFRICA GREAT EMPOWERED AND SUSTAINABLE (IMAGES) INITIATIVE**

**GRATITUDE IS OUR ATTITUDE**

PLEASE MEET THE ESTEEMED MENTORS OF THE AFRICA GRADUATE MENTORSHIP AND COACHING PROGRAMME (AGMCP) 2024 COHORT. THE MANAGEMENT OF AGMCP AND THE MENTEE APPRECIATE THE BENEVOLENCE AND SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE MENTORS TO BUILDING THE CAPACITY OF THE NEXT GENERATION OF AGRI-FOOD SYSTEMS SCHOLARS AND MANAGERS IN AFRICA.

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**INTERCONNECTIONS FOR MAKING AFRICA GREAT EMPOWERED AND SUSTAINABLE (IMAGES) INITIATIVE**

JOIN US TO CONGRATULATE THE GRADUATING FELLOWS OF THE AFRICA GRADUATE MENTORSHIP AND COACHING PROGRAMME (AGMCP) (COHORT 5)

**LIST OF GRADUATING MENTEES**

 [Kenya]	 [Somalia]	 [Cameroon]	 [Nigeria]	 [Kenya]
 [Ghana]	 [Ghana]	 [Mozambique]	 [Uganda]	 [Kenya]
 [Nigeria]	 [Kenya]	 [Rwanda]	 [Ghana]	 [Niger Republic]
 [Uganda]	 [Nigeria]	 [Rwanda]	 [Malawi]	 [Kenya]

**Heartly Congratulations!**

**COURTESY - AGMCP MANAGEMENT TEAM**  
 17TH DECEMBER, 2024  
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The lady, Juma was fantastic all through. She did whatever she had to do promptly so I didn't have to sweat much. I thank you for the opportunity to be part of the programme and to learn from it as well. **Dr Oluwatosin Adeniyi**

Thank you my Mentor Dr. Joseph Dzakpa. Also I appreciate Dr. Olayide and the team for opportunity to be part of AGMCP.

**Oluwatosin Lajuwomi**

Dear Dr. Olawale Olayide, I am deeply appreciative of the opportunity to have been part of this program under your leadership. Thank so much Dr Olawale.

**Omar Abdullah Askalan**

Hearty Congratulations to my beautiful mentees, Mary and Pilirani. I congratulate the graduates. I commend the AGMCP facilitated by the IMAGES initiative.

**Prof. Adebisi Agboola**

Thank you very much Dr. Olayide 🙌🙌🙌 You have been very good for us as mentees and mentors, we learnt a lot from this mentorship programme and once again we are very grateful. 🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌🙌

**Anonymous**

Thanks to Dr. Olayide the visioneer of the program, thanks to Dr. Obisesan Omobolaji through whom I got to hear about the mentorship at the Humboldt Kolleg conference at Bowen, thanks to every mentor especially my mentor Dr. Aminou Arouna for his engagements, and to fellow mentees that I have in one way or the other connected with and learnt from, and will still get to connect with. Looking forward to our respective impacts in global research.

**Damilola Itadare**

My esteemed Meticulous Mary and Pragmatic Pilirani, my dearest super Mentees. Kenya-Malawi-Nigeria connectivity: a bond of love for academic prowess, mutual relationship, and research collaboration. I appreciate AGMCP for the opportunity to connect with these intelligent, conscientious, and hard working upcoming researchers with a great mind for excellence. It was a beautiful journey of research engagements. I wish you the very best in your future endeavours. Hope to see you soon. Please keep in touch. Love you!

**Prof. Adebisi F. Agboola**

I believe we were all well mentored now let's commit to mentoring others, congratulations all.

**Prosper Mataruse**

Thanks to Dr. Olayide and the AGMCP Team!!

**Damilola Olanipon**

## Echoes from AGMCP Graduation 2024

This is to say a hearty congratulations to you all (AGMCP Cohort 5) it was wonderful working with you all. Wishing you all the very best as you move on in your different careers and in life. Hope to see you all at the top. To my very gentle mentee Jackline Jeruiyot, congratulations and wishing you the very best and I know we will still continue to connect.

**Dr. Obisesan Omobolaji**

Thanks so much for the great opportunity to be part of this program, my mentor Dr Obisesan and the team. Thanks so much for the mentorship and the training.

**Jackline Jeruiyot**

To the AGMCP team lead by our very own President Dr. Olawale, thank you, for this transformative journey. I believe AGMCP alumni will light the path forward for a thriving, united Africa, where innovation meets purpose, and success uplifts all. Prof. Adebisi, your mentorship has been invaluable. Pilirani, working with you taught me the power of collaboration across borders. Together, we have proven the strength of collective growth, bridging gaps between Kenya, Nigeria, and Malawi.

**Mary Wambui Muroki**

Thank you so so much Dr. you are so selfless and accommodative you have a great team too may God bless you 🙏

**Anonymous**

Dear Dr. Olayide,

I would want to express my heartfelt gratitude for the certificate of appreciation you have granted me. It truly means a lot to me and serves as a wonderful recognition of my efforts.

Your support and leadership have been incredibly motivating, and I am grateful for the opportunities I have had to contribute to your team. I look forward to continuing to grow and excel in my role.

Thank you once again for your recognition.

**Clare Kyomuhendo**

Thank you sir, it was great learning under your mentorship this year. I appreciate the growth process.

**Anonymous**

Thank you so much sir, it is so great being part of this mentorship cohort sir.

**Anonymous**

I have also recommended to my colleagues, thanks so much Dr.

**Anonymous**

## Echoes from AGMCP Graduation 2024

Thank you once again Dr. Olawale Olayide for your efforts, encouragement, and for creating an environment that fosters learning and excellence.

Have a good evening sir.

In the near future, there should be a reunion. May be when AGMCP is 10 years old or more. Let there be a colloquium where several mentors and mentees over the years can meet.

**Anonymous**

Thank you so Much Dr. Olawale for the certificate. 🙏. Your leadership and commitment to the mentorship program are greatly acknowledged.

Your guidance, foresight, and inspiration have greatly influenced my career trajectory, and I am incredibly honored to have shared in this experience.

I appreciate you offering me an opportunity for growth, advancement, and success.

With deepest gratitude 🙏

**Zibila Sayibu**

I deeply appreciate the privilege you offered to participate in the mentorship programme. It was a great experience. May the programme continue to make positive impacts across the globe.

**Dr Olubode**

Thank you sir, for the opportunity to be among the beneficiaries of AGMCP, I really appreciate.

God bless you sir.

**Anonymous**

Thank you So much Dear Prof... I promise to live up to the expectations of IMAGES Initiative and spread wide and abroad what I've learned from the AGMCP ....

Long live Prof Wale

Long live AGMCP

Long live IMAGES Initiative ..

**Anonymous**

I value the program a lot and want to be part of it a lot more, possibly it will contribute to our effort to clean off the Bad label the " Africa NARS do not have capacity"

**Professor Fatunbi**

It was a beautiful journey with my mentees. Hope to look out for them when I travel to Kenya and Malawi by God's grace.

**Anonymous**

# Best AGMCP Mentee-Mentor Award

## Doctoral Category Mr Omar Askalan & Dr Paul Guthiga



- Omar Abdullahi Askalan is a citizen of Somalia. He is a Doctoral Fellow of the Africa Graduate Mentorship and Coaching Programme. His Ph.D programme is in the field of Agricultural Structures and Irrigation (Specialized in Irrigation) at Ataturk University in Erzurum, Turkey. Omar was mentored by Dr Paul Guthiga.

## Masters Category Ms Mary Muroki & Professor Adebisi Agboola



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24 December 2024

Professor Adebisi Favour Agboola  
Mentor  
Africa Graduate Mentorship and Coaching Programme (AGMCP)  
Cohort 5

Dear Professor Agboola,

**Ambassador Ademola Oluseyi Onafowokan Joint Award for Best AGMCP Mentee-Mentor 2024**

Greetings.


Following the recommendation of the Ambassador Ademola Oluseyi Onafowokan Joint Award for Best AGMCP Mentee-Mentor Committee, I am pleased to inform you on the conferment of the joint award on you and your mentee, Ms Mary Wambui Muroki. Congratulations.

The award comprises a plaque, and a certificate.

The award will be presented to you at the 6th Annual Circularity Africa Conference scheduled to hold during 13 - 16 May 2025 at the Faculty of Agronomic Sciences, University of Abomey-Calavi, Cotonou, Benin. You are hereby invited to the conference.

Kindly let me know if you require more information about the award.

Once again, hearty congratulations on this well-deserved award.

Sincerely,  


**Olawale E. Olayide, Ph.D**  
President, IMAGES Initiative

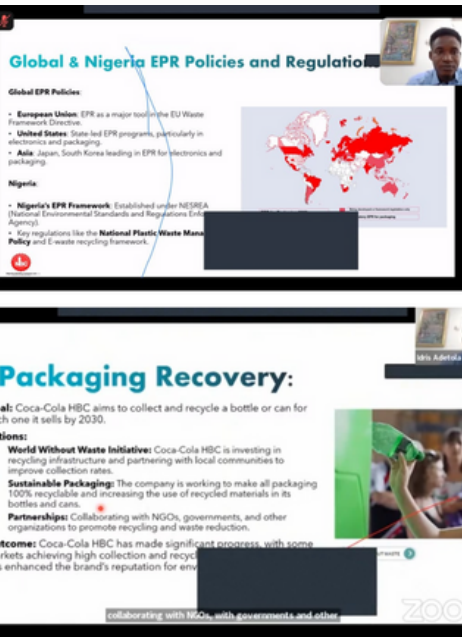
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Dr Davidson Auni (East Africa) Dr Gwamambel Mabinwa (South Africa) Kesteven Oluwalanbi Adufenbami, Co-ordinator (Local Activities)

**IMAGES Initiative ... networking for sustainability in Africa**

- Mary Wambui Muroki is a citizen of Kenya. She is a Master Fellow of the Africa Graduate Mentorship and Coaching Programme. She is currently enrolled as a Master student in Food Science and Technology in the Faculty of Agriculture, Department of Dairy, Food Science and Technology, and studied Foods, Nutrition and Dietetics in the Faculty of Health Sciences, Department of Human Nutrition, both at Egerton University, Njoro Campus, Kenya. Mary was mentored by Professor Adebisi Agboola.

# WEBINAR SERIES OF OTHER PROGRAMMES

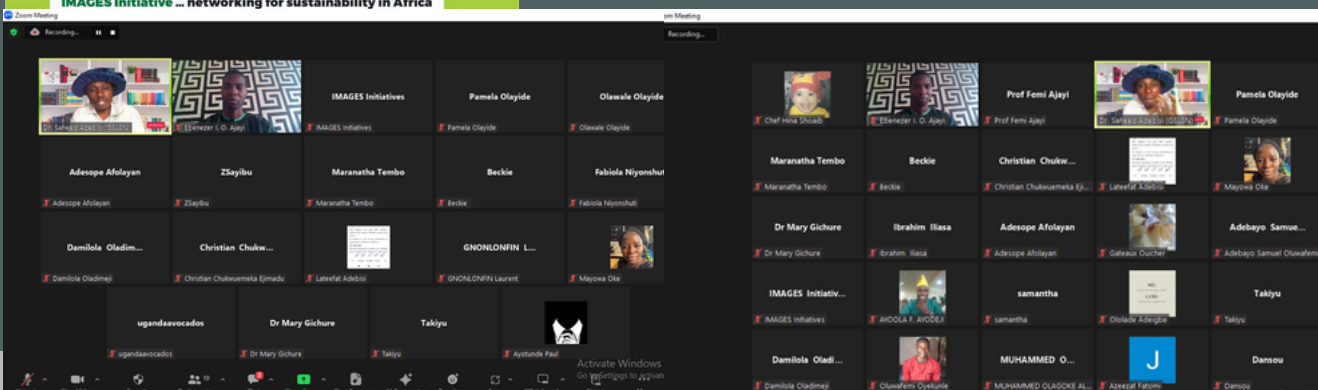
## ACERPIN



IMAGES and ACERPIN hosted a webinar on October 22, 2024, titled Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR): Producer's Perspective. Keynote speaker Mr. Idris Adetola, Packaging Recovery Lead at Coca-Cola HBC, addressed 41 participants, highlighting EPR's role in shifting post-consumer product management to producers to promote eco-friendly designs and reduce waste. The session featured Coca-Cola HBC's efforts under their "World Without Waste" initiative, aiming to recover all products by 2030 through recycling infrastructure, bio-based packaging, and partnerships with stakeholders. You can watch here.

## AGISP

- The Africa Green Innovation School Programme (AGISP), under the IMAGES Initiative, hosted a one-hour webinar titled Sustainable Food Supply Chain: From Nursery Bed to Dining Table on October 1, 2024. Moderated by Dr. Ebenezer Idowu O. Ajayi and hosted by Dr. Olawale Olayide, the event featured 36 participants, including students, professionals, and stakeholders. Dr. Saheed O. Adebisi, a culinary and sustainability expert, shared insights on sustainable practices across the food supply chain, from seed selection to dining, emphasizing food safety, waste reduction, and environmental impact mitigation.



# HELPS

IMAGES Initiative  
in collaboration with the  
HOUSEHOLD EMPOWERMENT AND LIVELIHOOD PRODUCTIVITY  
SYSTEMS (HELPS)

PRESENTS A SPECIAL WEBINAR ON

## Leveraging Kitchen Waste: THE 'GOLD MINE' IN EVERY HOUSEHOLD

**OPEYEMI ODUNOLA**  
Moderator

**KAYODE OGUNTOYE**  
Co-founder, IDO-TI  
Guest Speaker

**DR OLAWALE OLAYIDE**  
Host

TUESDAY 8TH OCTOBER, 2024 | 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (WAT/LAGOS TIME)  
zoom ID: 820 0690 1116 | PASSCODE: 755717

Simple Steps to Implement Today

- Start composting with a small bin
- Separate plastics, cans, and paper for recycling.
- DIY projects to repurpose materials like cans and jars.
- Encourage community compost programs.
- Organize recycling drives to reduce neighborhood waste.

LEVERAGING KITCHEN WASTE

- The HELPS webinar, "Leveraging Kitchen Waste: The 'Gold Mine' in Every Household," took place on October 8, 2024, via Zoom, attracting 54 participants. Hosted by Dr. Olawale Olayide of IMAGES Initiative and moderated by Miss Opeyemi Odunola, the session featured Mr. Kayode Oguntoye, Co-founder of IDÒ-TÍ, as the keynote speaker. The webinar focused on transforming kitchen waste into valuable resources, promoting environmental sustainability, and reducing household expenses. [You can watch here.](#)

# COP-AFRICA

IMAGES Initiative  
in collaboration with the  
Carbon Offset Programme - Africa (COP-Africa)

Presenta a special webinar on

## Indigenous Trees as Sources of Economic Opportunity & Climate Resilience

**Olukunle Olasupo**  
IITA, Forest & Vegetable Centre  
Guest Speaker

**Sope Afolayan**  
Moderator

**Dr Olawale Olayide**  
Host

TUE, OCT 15, 2024 | 2:00PM - 3:30PM | ZOOM ID: 820 0690 1116 | PASSCODE: 755717

For enquiries, please contact us via WhatsApp +234 806 244 0457

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- On October 15, 2024, the IMAGES Initiative, in partnership with the Carbon Offset Programme - Africa (COP-Africa), hosted a webinar titled "Indigenous Trees as Sources of Economic Opportunity & Climate Resilience." The event, moderated by Sope Afolayan featured Olukunle Olasupo from the IITA Forest & Vegetable Centre as the guest speaker. The discussion centered on the economic, environmental, and medicinal benefits of indigenous trees. Participants learned about the potential of native trees to support carbon credit generation, improve soil fertility, control erosion, and provide non-timber products such as honey, vegetables, and medicinal plants. The webinar also explored sustainable forestry practices, the role of indigenous trees in urban greening, and their contribution to climate resilience. Attendees were encouraged to develop local and international markets for indigenous products, start home gardens, and partner with organizations like the IITA Forest Center for urban tree planting initiatives. [You can rewatch here.](#)

# PUBLICATIONS

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## Rethinking the measurement of resilience for food and nutrition security



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Abstract/Description  
This paper presents a novel framework for assessing resilience in food systems, focusing on three dynamic metrics: return time, magnitude of deviation, and recovery rate. Traditional resilience measures have often relied on static and composite indicators, creating gaps in understanding the complex responses of food systems to shocks. This framework addresses these gaps, providing a more nuanced assessment of resilience in agrifood sectors. It highlights how integrating dynamic metrics enables policymakers to design tailored, sector-specific interventions that enhance resilience. Recognizing the data intensity required for these metrics, the paper indicates how emerging satellite imagery and advancements in artificial intelligence (AI) can make data collection both high-frequency and location-specific, at a fraction of the cost of traditional methods. These technologies facilitate a scalable approach to resilience measurement, enhancing the accuracy, timeliness, and accessibility of resilience data. The paper concludes

Files  
Discussion Paper (630.77 KB, pdf)

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- [Rethinking the measurements of resilience for food and nutrition security](#), By Dr Ulimwengu.

- [IMAGES Initiative 2023 Sustainability Report](#) by Dr Olawale Olayide.



- The 5th Annual Circularity Africa Conference, held in May 2024 at Lead City University, Ibadan, marked a pivotal moment in Africa's journey towards sustainability. Organized by the Africa Circular Economy Research and Policy Network (ACERPiN) and the IMAGES Initiative, the conference brought together over 350 participants to explore innovative strategies for managing chemicals and wastes sustainably. The first edition of Circularity: Proceedings of the 5th Annual Circularity Africa Conference 2024 is now available, offering a comprehensive look at the groundbreaking research, ideas, and solutions presented during the event. [You can access here.](#)



# HONOURS AND DISTINCTIONS



- Congratulations to AGMCP 2024 mentee, Dr Pearl Agyekum on her successful graduation of her Doctorate degree from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana.



## ACE4ES CONSORTIUM

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Our Ref: NG/SENS/01 ..... Your Ref: ..... Date: 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2024 .....

Dr Olawale Olayide  
 Department of Sustainability Studies  
 University of Ibadan, Ibadan,  
 Oyo State, Nigeria

**Dear Sir,**  
**Invitation to Sensitization Meeting on Agroecology and Circular Economy for Climate Action and Ecosystem Services**

We are pleased to invite you to the Sensitization Meeting on the above subject. This meeting, a collaborative effort between the Agroecology and Circular Economy for Ecosystem Services (ACE4ES) project consortium, with Head Office in Ghana and Hilltrust Top Foundation (HTF) of Nigeria, aims to introduce key stakeholders to the ACE4ES initiative and engage in discussions around the draft regional policy guide and the future of sustainable agriculture and climate resilience in Nigeria. Our focus will be on empowering communities through agroecological practices, promoting the circular economy, and fostering sustainable development aligned with Nigeria's climate commitments and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

**Event Details:**

- **Date:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024
- **Time:** 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- **Venue:** Bluespinq Hotel, Central Business District, FCT, Abuja

We are delighted to welcome your expertise and perspective in our discussions. Your participation will provide invaluable insights into our work, particularly as we shape strategies and policies towards implementing agroecological practices, enhancing food security, and promoting climate resilience within Nigeria's agricultural framework.

You are therefore invited as an agroecology and circular economy expert participant and to also present a paper with focus on **"Successful Agroecology and Circular Economy Practices with examples on local examples of successful Agroecology and Circular Economy Practices on Rice and Maize production systems in Nigeria and how these practices can be adopted and scaled up in Nigerian farming communities"**

The meeting will feature presentations, interactive discussions, and collaborative sessions where stakeholders will exchange ideas on climate-smart agriculture, health, and community-based



**AGROECOLOGY AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES IN SSA**



- Dr Greenwell Matchaya and Dr Olawale Olayide were speakers at the ReSAKSS Conference in Rabat, Morocco.

# ANNUAL THANKSGIVING



• The Annual Thanksgiving Get-Together organised by IMAGES Initiative was a heartwarming occasion filled with LAUGHTER and meaningful reflections. Held as a time to wine and dine, the event brought together team members, collaborators, and their families to celebrate the accomplishments of 2024 and to envision the possibilities for 2025.



# SOCIALS

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



October 2  
Denis Quadraogo



November 13  
Deborah Obé



December 10  
Sope Afolayan



## ANNOUNCEMENT

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION AND REGISTRATION PORTAL NOW OPEN:  
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