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A PURPOSE-DRIVEN, CHEERFUL AND POSITIVE LEADER

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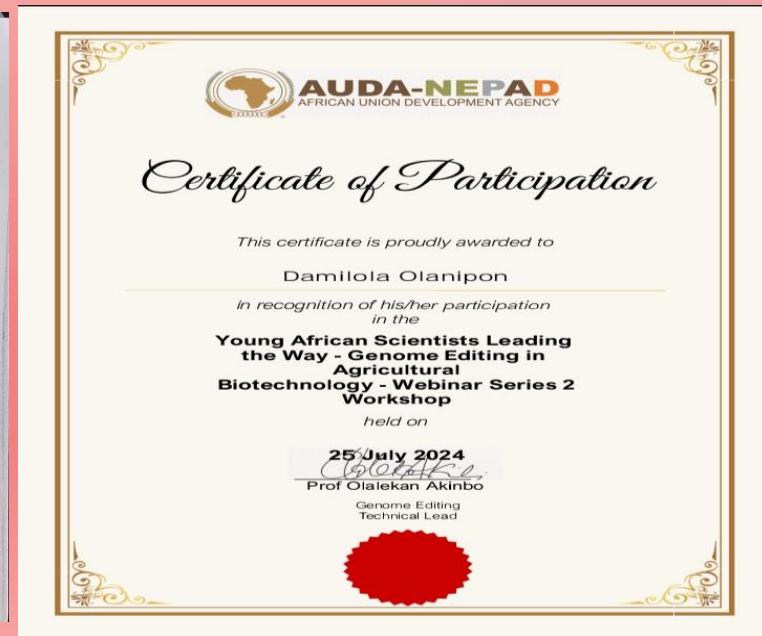
EXPERIENCES

▶ *Participation in:*

- Monthly webinars and training sessions by established scholars on data collection and analysis, effective mentee-mentor relationship, research leadership and work-life balance among others during the fellowship period.
- SHINY RIMA Course organized by Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)
- Local and international conferences
- Summer school by Ife Institute of Advanced Studies
- Circularity Africa 2024 and publication of conference proceeding
- Networking with fellow researchers and AGMCP Mentees

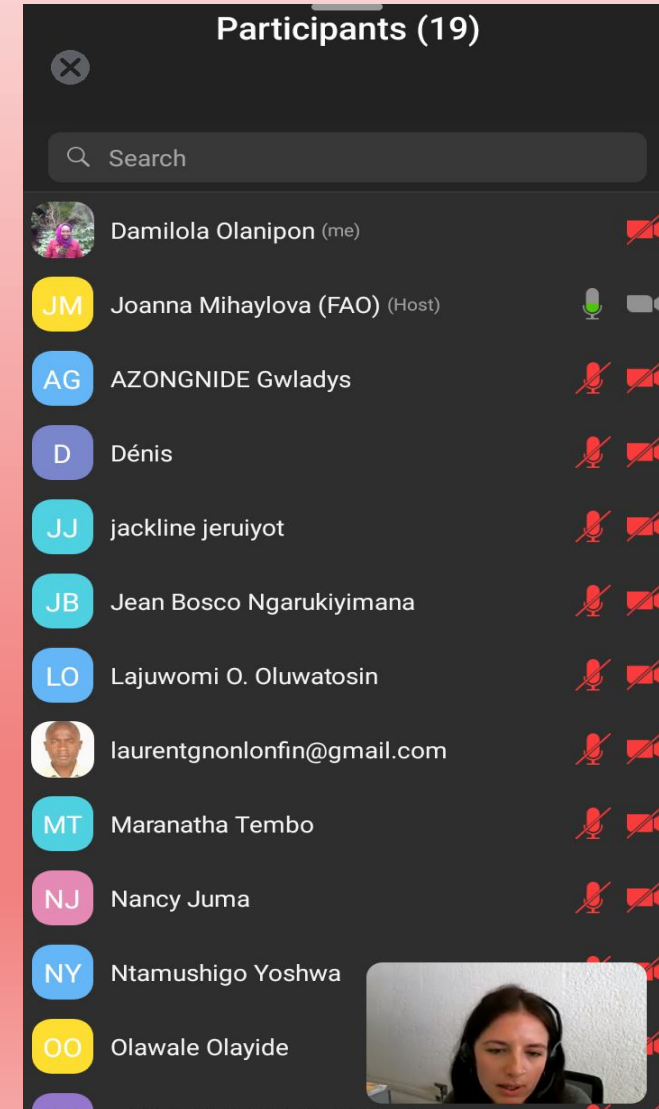
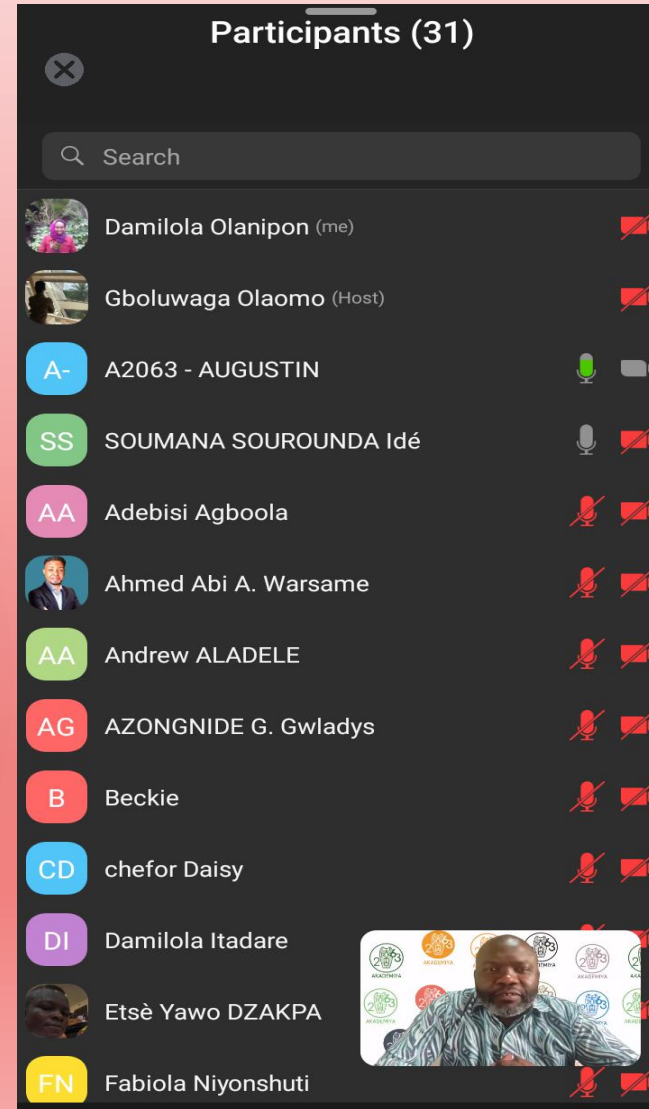
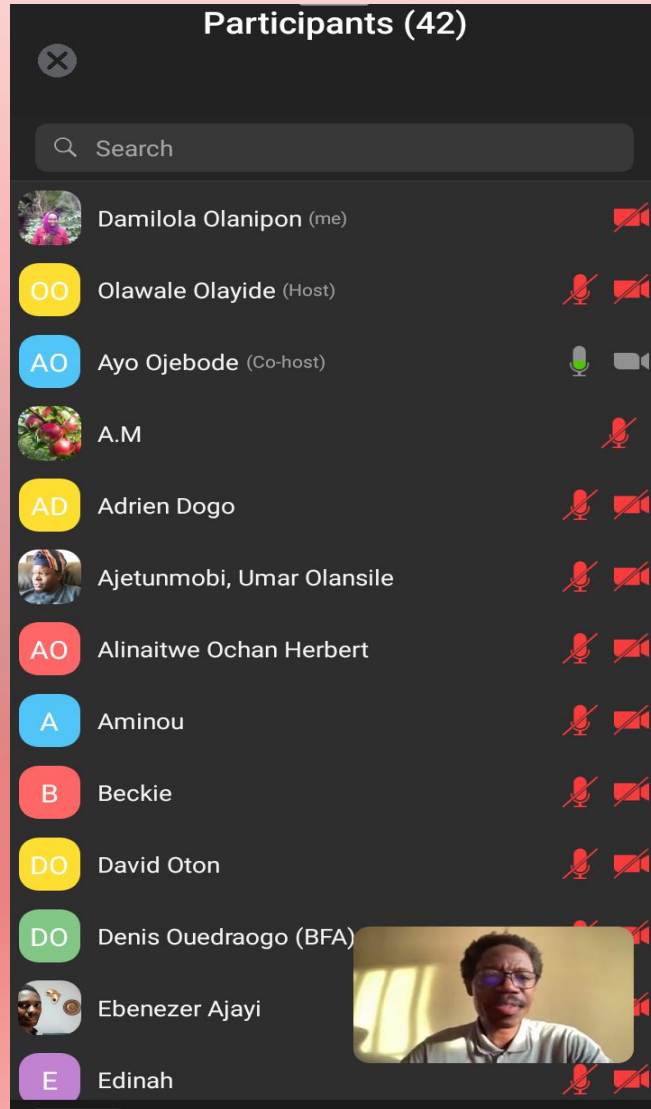
KEY OUTPUTS: Conference, workshop and summer school certificates

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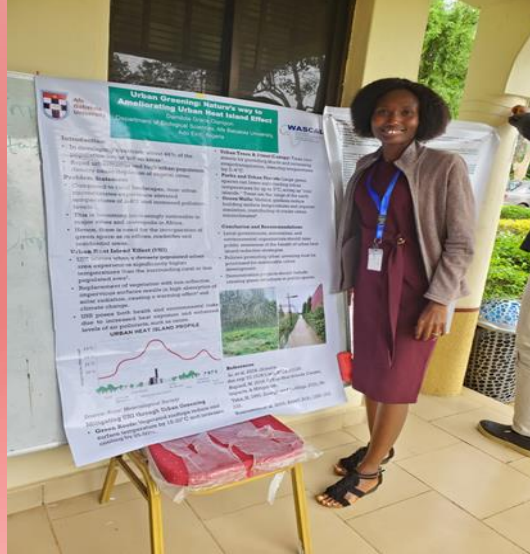
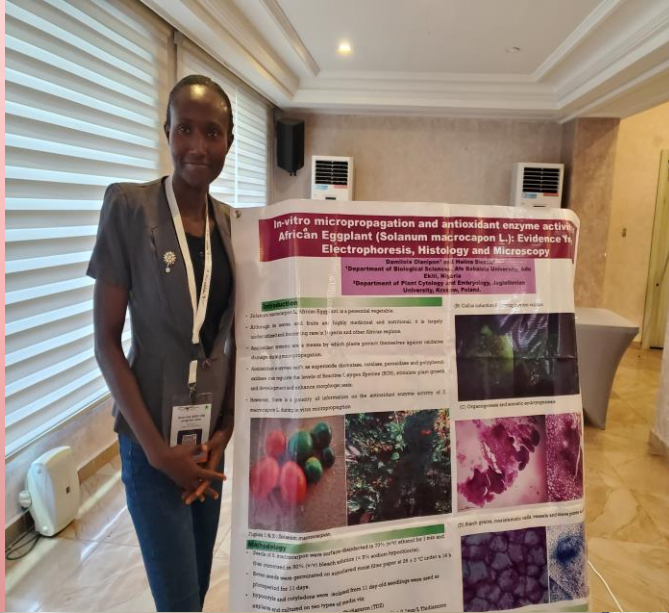


KEY OUTPUTS: Pictures from webinars during the fellowship period

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KEY OUTPUTS: Pictures from conferences and summer school



CONTRIBUTION TO PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- ▶ My research sub-theme during the fellowship year was **Agro-ecological and Environmental Sustainability of African Food Systems** and I gained relevant insights and experiences which would be pivotal to my career progress.
- ▶ I have become a better person and leader by the virtue of the responsibilities and assignments that I carried out during the fellowship period.
- ▶ I now have an improved understanding of managing intercultural work relationships, cultural and emotional intelligence.
- ▶ My time management skills have been greatly enhanced, I have a good grasp of the modalities of proper prioritization in the face of busy schedules.
- ▶ I have come to understand people better especially with respect to effective mentee-mentor relationship
- ▶ Together with my mentor, Dr. Olayide, we have published a proceeding following my presentation during the Circularity Africa Conference, 2024.
- ▶ My mentor also facilitated a research linkage with the International Institute of Agriculture (IITA)

CHALLENGES

- ▶ My major challenge was not knowing about meetings/other fellowship events until the due date.
- ▶ Combining fellowship activities with my role and responsibilities as a University lecturer and researcher.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE AGMCP TEAM

- ▶ Emails will be a better means of communication with regards to meetings and webinars, WhatsApp communication may not be sufficient as not everyone will have sufficient time to sort through so many chats, and this cause some information to be lost in between.
- ▶ A better structured scheme of activities or events will also help the mentorship to be more effective.
- ▶ Calendar invites are encouraged to improve attendance of mentees to meetings.
- ▶ Zoom video calls between mentors and mentees may be useful in instances of long distance mentorship

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