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Introduction

The Africa Graduate Mentorship and Coaching Programme (AGMCP) is a mentor-mentee network facilitated by the Interconnections for Making Africa Great Empowered and Sustainable (IMAGES) Initiative. The program is designed for graduate-level students (Master's and Ph.D.) between 20 and 30 years of age, as well as post-doctoral candidates under 40 years old.

1. Our Aims and Objectives the Interconnections for Making Africa Great Empowered and Sustainable (IMAGES)

- 1) to embark on advocacy, research and public education on varied issues relating empowerment and sustainable development in Africa;
- 2) to advance the course of the Sustainable Development Goals and Africa Agenda 2063 through Research, Advocacy, Field Trips, Conferences, Seminars, Policy Roundtables, Workshops, Symposia, Summits, Exhibitions, and Communications through Policy Briefs, Communiqués, Quarterly Newsletters and Social Media Platforms;
- 3) to provide a network of experts, practitioners and businesses in the in the field of sustainable development as it affects and relates to communities in Africa;
- 4) to facilitate, empower and strengthen the capacity and capability of members and other similar institutions in Africa, by offering technical support in order to enhance the effectiveness of engagement in sustainable development issues; and
- 5) to liaise with similar bodies, local, regional and international, with a view to coordinating efforts in pursuit of similar objectives.

2. Presentation of the institution the Interconnections for Making Africa Great Empowered and Sustainable (IMAGES) and AGMCP

The Interconnections for Making Africa Great Empowered and Sustainable (IMAGES) Initiative is a non-governmental and not-for-profit organisation, thinktank, and registered as an incorporated trustee. It aims to catalyse and help create transformational partnerships to encourage actions that reflect integrated approaches of the three pillars of Sustainable Development - Social, Economic, and Environment - through circularity.



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- Africa Green Innovation School Programme (AGISP) ;
- Carbon Offset Programme – Africa (COP-Africa) ;
- Household Empowerment and Livelihood Productivity Systems (HELP) ;
- Africa Circular Economy Research and Policy Network (ACERPiN) ;
- Africa Robotics and Artificial Intelligence Network (Africa-RAIN).
- Africa Graduate Mentorship and Coaching Programme (AGMCP)

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➤ RESEARCH THEME

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➤ RESEARCH SUB-THEMES

- Social Sustainability of African Agri-Food Systems;
- Economic Sustainability of African Agri-Food Systems;
- Agro-ecological and Environmental Sustainability of African Agri-Food Systems;
- Technologies for Transforming African Agri-Food Systems;
- Politics and Governance for Sustainable African Agri-Food System.

3.Activity and Results

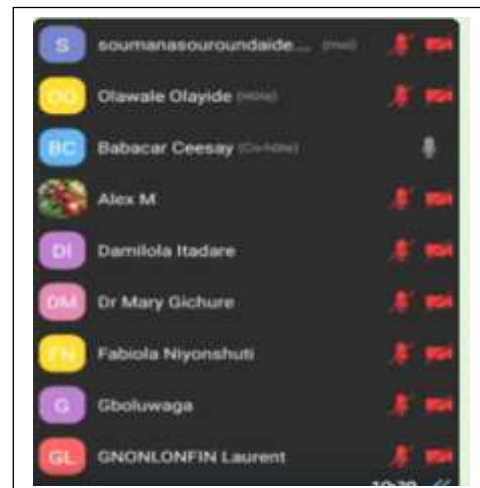
3.1. Conferences

I participated in some conferences such as the 5th annual Circularity Africa Conference.



3.2. Webinars

I participated in several webinars including software training and experience sharing



3.3. Article published

My Mentor corrected all my articles several times until the last publication version. I learned a lot about Scientific writing from her.



3.4. Article currently being published

Title: Mineral potential in the products of 15 local species and their contributions to the prevention and management of mineral deficiencies in children aged 6 to 59 months in Niger

4. Contributions of The Fellowship to My Career

- A better experience in scientific writing;
- Mastery of data collection, analysis and processing tools;
- Excellent professional skills;
- Good guidance on professional integration

5. Suggestions for AGMCP Management Team

Integration of English language learning and creation of a group specifically for mentees so that French speakers can better benefit from the program.

6. Acknowledgements

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