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Landmark University Visits CRIN



The trio of Prof. Stephen Abolusoro (Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences), Dr. Olumoyewa Atoyebi and Dr. Reuben Okocha from Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Kwara State paid familiarisation visit to the Institute on January 14, 2025. The Programme Leaders of

the Institute took turns to present to the admiration of the visitors on the various activities and achievements of the Institute's mandate crops: cocoa, cashew, coffee, kola and tea. The visitors were ushered to the Institute's Nursery, Flavour Laboratory, and Value Addition Research (VAR) Department.

The Landmark University Team Leader, Prof. Stephen Abolusoro was very impressed and appreciated the Institute for the excellent performance of our duties. He informed CRIN representatives of their University's intention to collaborate with the Institute in order to boost agriculture. Their areas of intended collaborations for consideration by the Institute included: Research Support, Periodic Joint Workshop, International Linkages, Student Industrial Attachment and Joint Research Proposal. Responding, the Executive Director (ED) of the Institute, Dr. Patrick Adebola assured the visitors of CRIN readiness to collaborate with Landmark University in identified areas as well as investing in CRIN end use products, making use of CRIN Scientists for training, sabbatical leave placement, mass production of CRIN mandate crops, sharing of data and establishment of nurseries by CRIN.

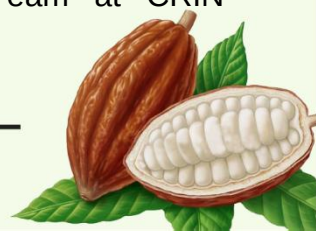
The ED informed the visiting team to send a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) as soon as possible which will be worked upon. He appreciated the team for the visit.



The ED with the Team from Landmark University



The Landmark University Team at CRIN Flavour Laboratory





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The Team at CRIN Exhibition Shelf



Group photo with the Landmark University Team

ED CRIN Recognised at OWSD 1ST Biennial Conference and Maiden Edition of Early Career Workshop

The Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD) is a voluntary international organization of female researchers aimed at fostering collaboration among women in universities, research institutes and allied institutions to ensure research activities focused on societal growth and development. The maiden edition of the OWSD Southwest Conference was hosted by the OWSD Ibadan branch and was a hybrid conference with both physical and virtual attendees. It was held at the University of Ibadan, Faculty of Science Lakeside Lecture Theatre from September 3-6, 2024. Over 400 researchers from all over Nigeria and outside submitted abstracts for the conference tagged: **“Women in Science: Sustaining the Future through Education, Innovation and Technology.”** The scientific programme composed of carefully crafted plenary lectures as well as oral and poster presentations. Undergraduate and secondary school students were in attendance. In addition, eminent female Vice Chancellors, Professors, Executive Directors, CEOs and Honourable Commissioners who are at the forefront of research and are administrators of note were proffered with the Life Member and Friends of OWSD Southwest Award for their outstanding contributions to research and support for equity at the workplace. The Executive Director of CRIN,



Dr. Patrick Adebola, who was ably represented by Dr. A.O. Famaye (Director; Budget, Monitoring, and Evaluation), was given a certificate of recognition at the event with CRIN researchers in attendance.



Dr. A.O. Famaye with OWSD members



Presentation by CRIN scientist



Poster presentation at the conference

CRIN ED and Accountant Bags Award of Excellence from ANAN



The ED CRIN, Dr. Patrick Adebola, and the Institute's Head of Finance and Accounts, Mr. Oluwatoyin Sorinolu were recently given the prestigious Award of Excellence by the Association of National Accountants of Nigeria (ANAN), Oyo State 1 Branch. The ED was

awarded in recognition of his exemplary leadership, unwavering dedication, and remarkable contributions to the upliftment of the Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria. His impactful efforts have not only advanced the Institute, but also significantly supported the field of accounting and its practices. Mrs. Olusola Somusu of Finance and Accounts Department received the award on behalf of the ED.



In the same vein, Mr. Sorinolu was given the award in recognition of his invaluable contributions as a financial advisor to the Executive Director and his instrumental role in the upliftment of the Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria. His exceptional expertise in accounting, unwavering commitment to excellence, and admirable guidance



to his team—morally, financially, and personally—have left a lasting impact. Hearty congratulations to the duo. The Institute is proud of them.



Mr. Sorinolu receiving the award

CRIN Audit Excursion to IITA



Staff of the Institute's Internal Audit carried out an excursion to the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Ibadan on Thursday 9th January, 2025. The Head, Mr.

E.O. Kuforiji stated that it is a way of marking the Division's annual end-of-year get-together for 2024. "The exposure is expected to enhance our work ethics and increase productivity, hence the choice of IITA", he added. A guest per staff was allowed on the trip. Units visited included, the Cassava Processing Unit, Genetic Resource Centre (GRC), Yam Improvement Programme and the Dam. The Audit Division Staff expressed their appreciations to the Executive Director, Dr. Patrick Adebola for his contact support to the Division.



Cross section of audit staff at IITA

CRIN Holds 1st Cashew Webinar



OUR SPEAKERS

Dr. Patrick O. Adebola Executive Director Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria (CRIN) Host	Ohinoyi Christopher Adava Principal Agriculture Officer Federal Ministry of Agriculture and food security, Abuja Nigeria Topic: Overview of Activities of the Cashew Desk Office in Nigeria
Dr. Olufermi Ibiremo Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria (CRIN) Topic: Harvest and post-harvest practices	Chukwunonso O. Igboekwe Senior Industrial Officer, Abuja Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade & Investment, Abuja Nigeria Topic: Quality standards and requirements for local and international trade of cashew

The Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria present the: NIGERIA CASHEW RESEARCHERS & EXTENSIONIST WEBINAR SERIES

Webinar Facilitator: Dr. Dele Adeniyi
Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria

05th February 2025
10:00am
WAIT
Nigeria Time

Virtual meeting
 Scan to join

The Institute is thrilled to announce the first-ever Nigeria Cashew





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Researchers and Extensionists Webinar Series proudly organized by the Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria (CRIN) in collaboration with the GIZ/MOVE-ComCashew. This groundbreaking webinar promises to be engaging and impactful, featuring expert guest speakers who will provide invaluable insights into the cashew industry. They will address key challenges in the sector and share strategies for overcoming them. The webinar also aims to foster collaboration between researchers and extension agents, strengthening the cashew sector in Nigeria. By addressing existing gaps, this initiative will help boost cashew production, create employment opportunities, and expand the industry's impact across the nation. Our guest speakers will delve deeply into critical topics and work together to propose actionable solutions to the challenges facing the sector. This is an event you don't want to miss! Join us on the 5th of February at 10 AM WAT (Nigeria time) on MS Teams link: <https://rb.gy/kqt6im>

ARCN News



The Executive Secretary, Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria (ARC), Prof. Garba Hamidu Sharubutu anchored a lecture session titled: **"The Spirit of Post Retirement Survival"** at the Council's auditorium on 18 December, 2024, which was well attended by all staff as well as the Provost FCV&ML VOM and ace NTA Newscaster, Kerian Umeayo.



Cross section of the participants at the lecture

(ARC report by Kayode I. Aiyedogbon, Acting Director, Administration)

Health News

Tonsillitis – Mrs. Bosede Famaye



Tonsillitis is an inflammation of the tonsils, which are two small, oval-shaped masses of lymphoid tissue located on either side of the back of the throat. Tonsillitis can be caused by a viral or bacterial infection and can be acute or chronic. When the tonsils become infected, they get swollen and sore which can make swallowing hurtful. Tonsillitis is most common in children and adolescents, but it can affect people of all ages. Viral tonsillitis is caused by viruses. They are highly contagious and can be spread through the air when an infected person talks, coughs, or sneeze. It can also be spread through close contact with an infected person. The bacterial





tonsillitis is caused by bacteria such as Streptococcus (Group A strep). It can be spread through close contact with an infected person or through contaminated food and water.

The symptoms of tonsillitis include sore throat, fever, chills, headache, fatigue, swollen and tender lymph nodes in the neck, white or yellow patches on the tonsils, difficulty in swallowing, bad breath and stomach ache or vomiting (more common in younger children). The preventive measures include practice of good hygiene, washing of hands frequently with soap and water, avoidance of touching the eyes, nose and mouth, avoidance of close contact with people who are sick, staying away from people who have a weakened immune system, getting plenty of rest, staying hydrated by drinking plenty of fluids, avoidance of sharing food, drinks, or utensils with others and refraining from smoking and second hand smoke.

Viral tonsillitis treatment focuses on relieving symptoms in ways like rest and hydration, pain relief medications such as acetaminophen or Ibuprofen, throat lozenges or sprays to soothe the throat, gargling with salt water to reduce swelling. Antiviral medications may be prescribed in some cases

Bacterial tonsillitis treatment typically involves use of antibiotics; penicillin or amoxicillin are commonly prescribed. Antibiotics should be taken for the full course of treatment, even if symptoms improve; pain relief medications and throat lozenges may also be prescribed.

In some cases, a tonsillectomy (surgical removal of the tonsils) may be recommended for recurring episodes of tonsillitis, chronic tonsillitis and for tonsillitis that does not respond to antibiotic treatment.

Market Survey

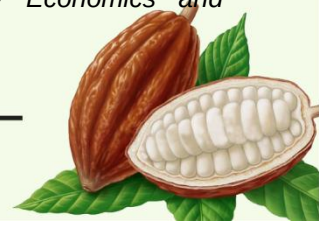
Price Report for January 2025

This report provides a detailed analysis of cocoa prices across selected states in January, 2025. Data were collected from various cocoa producing regions within these states and average prices were calculated accordingly. In January, cocoa prices demonstrated an upward trend across all surveyed states, with the exception of Cross River and Kogi. Abia State recorded the most significant price increase, with an approximate rise of 12.6% compared to the previous month. In contrast, Cross River experienced a slight decline of 0.7%, while prices in Kogi remained unchanged. The highest average cocoa price during the period was observed in Osun State, where it reached ₦13,750. Meanwhile, Abia State reported the lowest average price at ₦12,500, the actors complained bitterly of cash crunch. It is also noteworthy that cashew is currently in its off-season and just dropping in some locations hence no price data are available for this commodity in January.

Cocoa Cost Per Kg (local price), January 2025

State	Minimum Price (₦)	Maximum Price (₦)	Average Price (₦)
Abia	12000	13000	12500
Cross River	13000	13000	13000
Kogi	13000	13500	13250
Kwara	12500	13000	12750
Ondo	13000	14000	13500
Osun	13500	14000	13750
Oyo	13000	14000	13500

Source: CRIN Survey, 2025 by Economics and Statistics Sections



Staff of the Month



Mrs. Oyefi Agnes Jolade was born on October 17, 1966 in Ekan Meje in Eko Ero Local Government, Kwara State. She attended St. Michael's Catholic School Ekan Meje for her Primary Education and Obbo Aiyegunle Teacher's Training College, Obbo in

Kwara State. She later proceeded to Akwa Ibom Polytechnic for her National Diploma in Business Studies and subsequently to the Polytechnic Ibadan for Higher National Diploma in purchasing and supply. She was employed by the Institute in October 1, 1997 as store keeper. Currently she is an Assistant Chief Store Officer. She has enjoyed CRIN sponsored training to the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife. She is happily married with 3 children.

February Birthday Galore

Hearty birthday celebrations to the members of staff that will be celebrating their birthdays this month. Wishing you all the very best in your life endeavours. Congratulations!



Adewumi Ngozi	1-Feb
Alim Muhammed	1-Feb
Omitade Seyi	1-Feb
Adepoju Oluranti Kubura	2-Feb
Agulanna Foluso Temitope	2-Feb
Asein Fredrick Aimioje	2-Feb
Azzan Olawale	2-Feb
Mohammed Modinat	2-Feb
Oguntona Kunle Williams	2-Feb
Okere Monday John	2-Feb
Ojo Idowu Olufunke	2-Feb
Ojo Omolabake Esther	2-Feb
Owoyele Yinka	2-Feb
Udoh James Samuel	2-Feb
Awoyemi Taiwo	3-Feb
Okoh Chuks	3-Feb
Olatunji Ganiyu	3-Feb
Alade Bolajoko Folasade	4-Feb
Bakare Adeyemi	4-Feb
Ipinmoroti Rotimi Rufus	4-Feb
Abubakar Yahaya	5-Feb
Esan Babatunde	5-Feb
Magaji Precious	5-Feb
Ojo Agboola	5-Feb
Ojo Olufemi Martins	6-Feb
Oniyide Josephine O.	6-Feb
Adeolu Idowu	7-Feb
Agbola Amos	7-Feb
Asowata Frank Efe	7-Feb
Jamgbadi Imoudu	8-Feb
Oladipo Oluwafemi Bayode	8-Feb
Olugbesan Adebola Rebecca	8-Feb
Adewumiju Funke	9-Feb
Ogunkua Olumide Olabanji	9-Feb
Akintoye Damilola Sandra	10-Feb
Eze Cordelia	10-Feb
Adepoju Sola Muslim	11-Feb
Igbinadolor Richard Osaretin	11-Feb
Okere Florence Funmilayo	11-Feb
Olasupo Festus Olakunle	11-Feb
Alaba Olubukola Olayinka	12-Feb
Sanni Ibrahim	12-Feb
Makinde Gbolagade	13-Feb
Popoola Olalekan	14-Feb





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Ganiyu Bolanle	15-Feb
Oha Francis Kosidi	15-Feb
Olubajo Bowale S.	15-Feb
Azeez Taofeek	16-Feb
Ojo Oluwatoyin Josephine	16-Feb
Okonche John	17-Feb
Jimeshio Joseph G.	17-Feb
Nwankwo Oscar	17-Feb
Ajayeoba Oludare Babatunde	18-Feb
Lawal Anister Jonathan	18-Feb
Fagbami Oluwale Samuel	18-Feb
Adeyemi Eunice Abosede	20-Feb
Emaku Jacob	21-Feb
Folorunsho Funmi A.	21-Feb
Adeboye Kehinde	22-Feb
Ogundeji Babatunde Ayodeji	22-Feb
Oladimeji Taofeek	22-Feb
Adebola Patrick Olusanmi	23-Feb
Suleiman Atinuke Sarat	24-Feb
Adebowale Victoria	25-Feb



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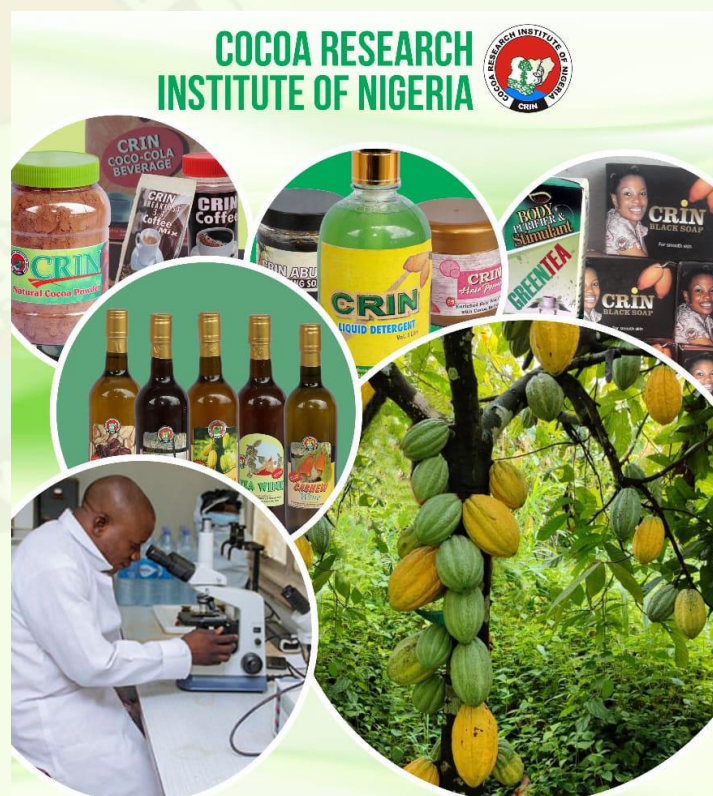
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