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ED CRIN Commissions Projects



The maxim “better is the end of things than the beginning thereof” played out on August 19, 2025 when the Executive Director (ED) of the Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria (CRIN), Dr. Patrick Adebola, commissioned both the projects he spearheaded and the ones he followed through to completion. During his impactful five-year tenure as the ED CRIN, Dr. Adebola led a transformative agenda that repositioned the Institute as a modern, efficient, and forward-looking agricultural research centre. Under his leadership, CRIN witnessed unprecedented infrastructural development, institutional renewal, and increased stakeholder engagement—solidifying its status as a key player in Nigeria’s agricultural innovation ecosystem.

Dr. Adebola’s administration was marked by the commissioning of several legacy projects, strategically targeted at strengthening the core operations of the Institute, improving staff welfare, and enhancing research capacity. These projects were conceived and executed in line with CRIN’s mandate to

provide cutting-edge research and practical solutions for cocoa and other mandate crops including kola, coffee, cashew, and tea.

Major projects commissioned by Dr. Patrick Adebola Include:

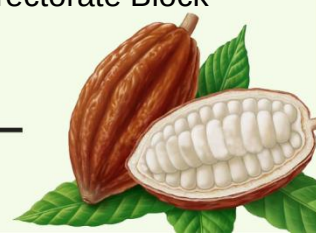
Renovation of Administrative Building To improve the coordination and management efficiency of the Institute, the Administrative Building was renovated and commissioned. This structure now serves as the central hub for leadership, governance, and policy implementation within CRIN.



Renovated ED's Office



Walkway of the Renovated Directorate Block





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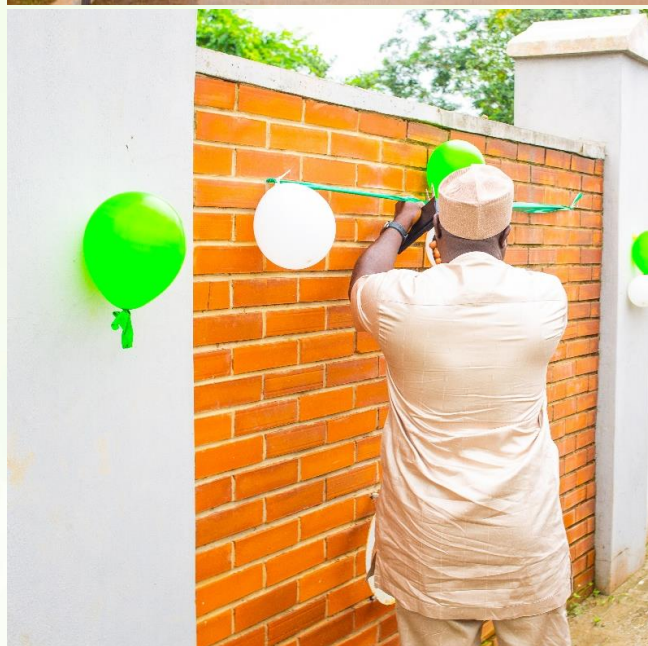
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Remodelling Gate and Perimeter Fence



The Institute has been without a befitting gate and perimeter fence for years. Thanks to the ED for modernising the Institute's gate, constructing the perimeter fence and installing other security and access

control systems. These noble achievements will not only enhance the security of the Institute, but also reflects the new digital-forward approach embraced by the administration.



Renovation of the Library Building



The CRIN Library was fully renovated under Dr. Adebola's leadership, thereby transforming it into a modern knowledge resource Centre for researchers, staff, and students. This will improve the reading culture.



Fermentary: Fermentation Building

In support of post-harvest processing and value addition, a dedicated Fermentation Building was constructed. This facility is used to demonstrate improved cocoa fermentation techniques, which are vital to enhancing the quality of Nigerian cocoa and making it more competitive on the global market.





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Renovation of Corper's Lodge



Corper's Lodge was renovated by the ED and well-furnished to accommodate National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) members posted to CRIN. This initiative improves corps members' welfare and creates a more conducive environment for corps members to contribute meaningfully during their service year at the Institute.



Front View of the Central Laboratory

Construction of Block of Shops



The construction of the shops by the ED is to bring about the organisation of the sales outlets in the Institute's facility.



Central Laboratory Building

A new Laboratory Building was commissioned by the ED to boost the Institute's research capacity. This facility provides scientists and researchers with the tools and environment necessary for high-quality work in plant science, breeding, pathology, entomology, and related fields.



Block of shops commissioned by the ED



Group photograph after the commissioning by the ED CRIN, Dr. Patrick Adebola



CRIN Holds Monthly Seminar

The 7th in the series of the 2025 monthly seminar was held on August 11, 2025 at the Lawrence Opeke Conference Hall of the Institute. The program featured presentation from Mr. Oloyede Amos and Aboderin Ayokunnu, while Dr. (Mrs) Anna Muiywa, Director and Head Crop Improvement Division anchored the programme.

Participatory inventory and prioritization of forest trees in *Theobroma cacao* L. plantations in selected locations in Oyo and Osun States - Amos A. Oloyede



Presence of forest trees is desirable in view of global climate change and its implication on sustainable cacao production in Nigeria. Expansion of production has led to encroachment into the remaining forest cover in Nigeria

leading to reduced biodiversity and ecological imbalance within production areas. Recent European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) which ensures that a set of key products traded and consumed in Europe and globally no longer contribute to deforestation and forest degradation. The above has necessitated urgent action to develop cacao agroforestry systems to ensure cacao farmers are EUDR compliant.

The study was carried out at Onigambari, Oluyole Local Government Area (LGA) and Alaropo- Nla, Oriire LGA of Oyo State, while in Osun State at Orisumbare, Obokun LGA; Okuku, Odo-Otin LGA) and Koola, Ife North East Local Council Authority (LCDA). Inventory of forest trees that farmers retained or integrated in their cacao plantations were participatory prioritized through pairwise-ranking to select the best three among the

listed. The results of dominant, forest timber trees based on selected locations are presented as follows: Onigambari: *Milicia excelsa*; *Newbouldia laevis* while *Funtumia elastica* (Ire), *Pycnanthus angolensis* (Akomu), *Cedrella odorata* ranked third, while at Alaropo Nla, Oriire LG prioritised forest trees were: *Milicia excelsa* (Iroko); *Khaya ivorensis* (Mahogany) and *Gmelina arborea*.

At Orisumbare, *Cordia millini* (Omo); *Milicia excelsa*, *Khaya ivorensis*, while *Terminalia ivorensis* (Idigbo)/*Triplochiton scleroxylon* (Obeche) ranked third. At Okuku, three prioritised forest trees were: *Terminalia superba* (Afara); *Triplochiton scleroxylon*; *Milicia excelsa* while at Koola Community, Ife North LCDA the prioritised were: *Masonia altissima* (Mansonia); *Newbouldia laevis* (Akoko) and *Khaya ivorensis*. Farmers value the presence of forest trees in their plantations especially the prioritised three and convinced that trees in their cacao plantations ensure sustainable production if right species are retained at right densities. Propagation of the prioritized forest tree species for distribution is imperative.

Job Motivation as Correlates of Quality Service Delivery by Library Personnel in Agricultural Research Institutes, Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria - Ayokunnu Aboderin



Service delivery is a fundamental agricultural research library activity and as such, the quality of services offered determine the perception of library users. However, scholars have reported low quality service delivery in some agricultural research

libraries. This could be as a result



of low motivation of library personnel. The study, therefore, investigated job motivation as correlates of quality service delivery by library personnel in Agricultural Research Institutes, Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria.

The study adopted a survey design of the correlational type with the population comprising 78 library personnel and 218 library users in 6 agricultural research institute in Ibadan, Oyo State, Nigeria. Total enumeration technique was used for inclusion of library personnel. Also, random sampling technique was adopted to select 3% for library users. A structured questionnaire was used for data collection which was analysed using descriptive statistics, and Pearson's Moment Correlation at 0.05 level of significance.

Findings revealed that the level of job motivation of library staff was moderate ($\bar{x} = 79.21$), and that most people are intrinsically hardworking, but others need to be pushed into completing work ($\bar{x}=2.99$). Quality services rendered where appearance of the physical facilities is consistent with the type of service rendered in the library ($\bar{x}=2.95$) for tangibility; responses promised are delivered within specified time ($\bar{x}=2.97$) for reliability; situations in the library are treated with care and seriousness ($\bar{x}=2.97$) for responsiveness; it is safe to use the library and its equipment ($\bar{x}=2.96$) for assurance, and librarians are knowledgeable and skilful to talk with ($\bar{x}=2.97$) for empathy. There was a significant positive relationship between job motivation and quality service delivery ($r = 0.719; p = 0.00,; p < 0.05$). The study concluded that job motivation is a significant predictor of quality service delivery of library personnel. It was recommended that management of the agricultural research institutes in Ibadan should put more efforts in place to ensure that motivation level of the

library staff improves from moderate to high. Perhaps, there should be increase in salary and other incentives to serve as an encouragement and improve their level of motivation.

Launch of National Cashew Research Strategy Book

The idea of the National Cashew Research Strategy plan was conceptualized late 2024 by CRIN, the development process was supported and published by the GIZ-MOVE project in Nigeria. Official launch of the book was held on July 15, 2025 at the Reiz Continental Hotel, Abuja. The cashew research strategy document launch was organized by the GIZ-MOVE, CRIN team was led by Executive Director (ED), Dr Patrick Adebola ably represented by Dr. A.O. Famaye and other CRIN cashew scientists present were Dr. O.S. Ibiremo, Dr. C.O. Jayeola, Dr. D.O. Adeniyi and Dr. O.O. Adeigbe.



Cashew Research Strategy Book

The team lead of GIZ-MOVE in Nigeria Florian Winckler was represented by Narcisse Kindohounde. Dr. A.O. Famaye gave the opening address and





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carried out the unveiling of the strategy book on behalf of the ED CRIN.

The roadmap to be championed through the National Cashew Research Strategy is the first of its kind in Nigeria and a step to give direction in the cashew research and development. The book is also the first commodity strategy document to be developed in Nigeria.

Overview of the Cashew Research Strategy document was presented at the event by Dr. Dele Adeniyi on behalf of ED CRIN and the keynote speaker was Prof. O.M. Aliyu of the Kwara State University, Malete.

The event was attended by experts and stakeholders in the agricultural value chains which include Farmers, Cooperative Groups & Society, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security (FMAFS), Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment (FMITI), Academia, Processors, Nigeria Agricultural Quarantine Services (NAQS) and other Development partners.



Panelist (R-L): Dr. C.O. Jayeola, Mr. Chuckwunonso Igbokwe, Prof. O.M. Aliyu, Dr. O.O. Adeigbe, and Dr. D.O. Adeniyi



Stakeholders at the Launch of National Cashew Research Strategy book

Cashew High-Level Roundtable Meeting

The cashew roundtable discussion was organized to bring together high-power stakeholders in cashew value chain in Nigeria and sub-region, and also for GIZ Director, Beate Weiskopf on her first visit to Nigeria in this capacity. The event was held at the Abuja Continental Hotel, FCT, Abuja. One of the major activities at the event was the unveiling and public presentation of the National Cashew Strategy Book developed by the Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria (CRIN).

The ED CRIN, Dr. Patrick Adebola in his speech on the content and unveiling of the cashew research strategy book highlighted the efforts of CRIN in cashew research and emphasized the importance of collaboration and funding of research to achieve



Unveiling of Cashew Research Strategy Book by the stakeholders at the event



the desired development, innovation and technology in the value chain. He mentioned the need for development partners, Federal and State governments to prioritize funding of research for the development of the industry in Nigeria.

As part of the efforts of Dr Patrick Adebola to draw the development partners to fund cashew research studies as championed by CRIN in the strategy document, a business meeting was held with the GIZ Director, Beate Weiskopf to discuss possibilities and opportunities that CRIN can explore through the collaboration with GIZ-MOVE project. At the meeting was the GIZ team lead in Nigeria, Florian Winckler, GIZ team lead in Ivory Coast, Mary Adzanyo, GIZ project lead in Nigeria Narcisse Kindohounde and Dr. Dele Adeniyi. The event was attended dignitaries from the Nigerian Export Promotion Council (NEPC), Commissioners for Agriculture from Enugu, Osun, Kwara, Oyo and Kogi States, Bank of Agriculture, Federal Department of Agriculture, Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, among other stakeholders in the cashew value chain.



Roundtable side meeting at the event



Business meeting (R-L): Narcisse Kindohounde, Beate Weiskopf, Dr. Patrick Adebola, Mary Adzanyo, Florian Winckler, Dr. Dele Adeniyi

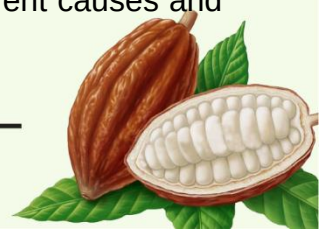
Health News

Headache – Mrs. Bosede Famaye



Headache is a pain or discomfort in the head or face area. Headache can be classified as primary (not caused by another condition) or secondary (caused by another condition). Common causes include stress, dehydration, and certain foods, while more serious

condition like brain tumors or aneurysms can also be responsible. There are various types of headaches, each with different causes and symptoms.



Stakeholders at the Cashew High-Level Roundtable Meeting



Presentation by Dr. Patrick Adebola and public presentation of Research Strategy by dignitaries

Causes

- Tension: muscle tension, stress, or poor posture.
- Migraine: Genetic predisposition, hormonal changes or certain triggers.
- Sinus: Sinus infection, allergies or inflammation.
- Other medical conditions: High blood pressure, eye problems, or neurological disorders.
- Lifestyle factors: Stress, lack of sleep, poor posture, skipped meals, and certain foods or drinks (like alcohol or processed meats).

Treatment

- Over-the-counter and prescription medications by health care providers: Pain relievers, such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen.
- Lifestyle changes: Stress management, regular exercise, and healthy sleep habits.
- Alternative therapies: Acupuncture, massage or relaxation techniques.
- Apply heat or cold packs to your head.
- Rest in a dark and quiet room.

Prevention strategies

- Maintain a headache diary
- Identify and avoid triggers
- Stay hydrated
- Practice stress- reducing techniques
- Get regular exercise
- Relaxation techniques help manage stress. You use deep breathing, muscle relaxation, mental images and music to ease your tension.

Headache can significantly impact daily life, but understanding the causes,

symptoms, and treatment options can help manage and alleviate discomfort. By adopting healthy lifestyle habits and seeking medical attention when necessary, individuals can reduce the frequency and severity of headaches.

Dr. A. O. Famaye Bows Out Of CRIN Service



Dr. Amos Olatunde Famaye was born on 22 July, 1960 and bowed out of CRIN service in July, 2025 having attained the mandatory retirement age in service. The erudite scholar and a man of impeccable credentials obtained his Bachelor of Science (BSc Hons)

in Agriculture (Crop Science) from the University of Ibadan, Ibadan in 1987, Master of Science (MSc) in Agronomy and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Crop Production /Physiology from same University in 1992 and 2000, respectively. He joined the service of the Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria in November 1993 as Research Officer 1 and rose to the position of Director in October 1, 2014. He has served as Director of Production and Substation, Farming Systems Research and subsequently, Budgeting, Monitoring and Evaluation.

With over three decades of consistent commitment and dedication to research, Dr. Famaye has worked on all five national mandate crops of CRIN (Cocoa, Kola, Coffee, Cashew and Tea). Apart from Nigeria, he has travelled across the globe to present papers at conferences and





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workshops. He has held leadership positions in CRIN till date. These include: Head of Agronomy Section, Head of Agronomy and Soil Division, Coordinator CRIN Ajassor Substation, Head of Station CRIN Udonmora, Edo State, Head of Department, Production and Substations, Programme Leader, Coffee, Programme Leader Farming System Research, Chairman Board of Survey, Chairman Anti-Corruption and Transparency Monitoring Unit (ACTU) of ICPC, Member of CRIN Internal Management Committee and lastly the Head of Department Budget, Monitoring and Evaluation Directorate.

Dr. Famaye is a member and Fellow of the Institute of Management Consultants (IMC-Nigeria), Horticultural Society of Nigeria (HORTSON) and International Association of Research Scholars and Administrators (IARSA). He is also a member of Institute of Soil Science Nigeria (ISSN), Weed Science Society of Nigeria (WSSN), Science Association of Nigeria (SAN),

International Society of Horticultural Sciences (ISHS) and International Society of Conservation Biology. He enjoyed the Institute training for his PhD programme from 1994 to 2000 at the University of Ibadan. He has several local and International high impact scientific journals, book publications and conference proceedings.

Dr. Famaye is a very articulate, industrious, seasoned scientist with good leadership attributes whose work ethics is characterized by integrity and excellence. He is a revered

Pastor with the Gospel Faith Mission International. He is happily married with children.

In his honour, the Institute organized befitting retirement ceremony. The program, which was attended by mammoth crowd held at the Lawrence Opeke Conference Hall of the Institute. In his remark, the Executive Director, Dr. Patrick Adebola, the Internal Management Committee, Agronomy and Farming Systems Sections, and other members of staff paid glowing tribute to him for impacting lives, deep seated humility and bequeathing monumental legacy. His church also organized service in his honour.



Pose with members of the Internal Management Committee



Mammoth crowd at the occasion





Prayers for the celebrant and family



Cutting of birthday cake and flanked by clergyman with spouse

Market Survey

Price Report for August 2025

This report presents an overview of cocoa prices across selected Nigerian states for August, 2025. Data were obtained from key cocoa-producing areas within the surveyed states, and state-level averages were computed accordingly.

Overall, cocoa prices remained relatively stable across most producing states during the month. However, Oyo State recorded a notable price increase of about 11%, while declines were observed in Kogi and Kwara where prices fell by 2% and 5%, respectively. In terms of price levels, Abia State reported the lowest average price at ₦7,750 per kilogram, whereas Oyo State recorded the highest at ₦10,250 per kilogram in August. These price variations reflect underlying supply and demand dynamics in the market during the reporting period.

It is also noteworthy that cashew is currently in its off-season, and no price data were available for this commodity in the current month.

Cocoa cost per kg (Local price) August 2025

State	Minimum price(₦)	Maximum price (₦)	Average price (₦)
Abia	7500	8000	7750
Cross River	9000	9000	9000
Kogi	10000	10000	10000
Kwara	9000	9500	9250
Ondo	10000	10000	10000
Osun	9000	9500	9250
Oyo	10000	10500	10250

Source: CRIN Survey, 2025
Economics and Statistics Sections



Staff of the Month



Mr Oyedotun Oyelola Olugbenga was born on the 19th of June, 1970, in the vibrant city of Ibadan. He began his journey with the humblest of steps. His formative years were shaped at CRIN Staff School, Ibadan, where he earned his Primary School Leaving Certificate in

1982. The early discipline and curiosity cultivated there laid a strong foundation for what was to come. Driven by a desire for technical mastery and academic excellence, he proceeded to Abe Technical College, also in Ibadan. There, in 1987, he successfully completed the West African Senior School Certificate Examination, a credential that not only marked the end of his secondary education but also the beginning of a purposeful career path. On the 1st of October, 1997, Oyedotun joined the public service workforce. With a passion for precision and a deep understanding of processes, he assumed the role of Chief Printer in the information and Documentation Department. His unique technical abilities were not overlooked; hence he was transferred to join the workforce of ICT Division. Till date he has been a useful resource person to Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Division; also possessing leadership characteristics; especially when carrying out onsite tasks/projects and in-house ICT training within the Institute. His commitment and consistency in this role have earned him recognition among colleagues and within his professional circle. Outside of his professional life, he embraces the joys and responsibilities of family, living a fulfilling life

as a married man. Steadfast and focused, Oyedotun's life is a quiet testament to dedication, service, and the richness of a path well-followed.

September 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!



Asein Uwaifo	02-September
Oderinde Sunday	02-September
Makinde Seye	03-September
Umai hon Alaba	04-September
Ezeh Nicolas	05-September
Oduntan Kunmi Samson	05-September
Mustapha Kazeem	06-September
Ajala Jonathan	07-September
Arutu Ademola Nurudeen	07-September
Adeleke Kazeem	09-September
Eno Innocent Eno	09-September
Kunnuola Seun	09-September
Lawal John Kayode	09-September
Ugioro Osasogie	09-September





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Okeh John Ekechi	10-September	Muyiwa Annah Abimbola	26-September
Adebowale Lateef A.	11-September	Oladunmoye Akinola A.	26-September
Morufu Salawa	12-September	Olasoji Hannah Olufemi	26-September
Akande Kunle	13-September	Ujunwa Ephraim I.	26-September
Akhidime Sunday Itua	13-September	Adeogun Gbenga	27-September
Babafemi Ibitope Babajide	13-September	Adedokun Israel A.	27-September
Nwagala Charles	13-September	Akeem Akinola	28-September
Ogunbosoye Bolanle B.	13-September	Akinyomide Oriola A.	28-September
Adeleye Kehinde	14-September	Nwaifo Andrew I.	28-September
Alalade Olukemi Latifat	14-September	Ibiyemi Adewale O.	28-September
Komolafe Kolade David	14-September	Bello Saka Adedayo	28-September
Onifade Wasiu	14-September	Adejobi Kayode B.	29-September
Akosile Isaac Gbenga	15-September	Babalola Eunice Adenike	29-September
Adekanbi Bolajoko	16-September	Olawore Abosede E.	29-September
Adebayo Kayode A.	17-September	Oghenegueke Gift	29-September
Kayode Bukola Olayinka	18-September	Ademola Saheed Ishola	29-September
Tajudeen Toyin	20-September	Awe Jacob Ajayi	30-September
Oluyemi Oluwadamilola I.	20-September	Chila Njwe Fredrick	30-September
Ayoade Olufemi	20-September		
Arowolo Sodiq	21-September		
Adebiyi-Shittu Semiat	23-September		
Emeng Ele Eleng	23-September		
Imasogie Michael Osagie	23-September		
Joda Eniola Mary	23-September		
Ogunsuyi Busuyi A.	23-September		
Enosegbe Kelly Anthony	24-September		
Lawal Justina Oluyemisi	24-September		
Oyedokun Adegoke Victor	24-September		
Akhidime Mary Ozohu	25-September		
Akinrinola Akeem Kehinde	25-September		
Samuel Olusola	25-September		
Egbuta Daniel Chima	26-September		





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