

INSTITUTE FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, ABU ZARIA, AND KADUNA STATE UNIVERSITY STRENGTHEN COLLABORATION TO ADVANCE NIGERIA'S FOOD SECURITY INITIATIVES



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The management of the Institute for Agricultural Research (IAR) has underscored the importance of academic excursions in strengthening collaboration between universities and research institutes, noting that exposure to real-world research environments is essential to producing competent graduates who can contribute meaningfully to agricultural development.

This was highlighted when the Faculty of Agriculture, Kaduna State University (KASU), Kafanchan Campus, embarked on an enriching educational visit to the Institute as part of academic training designed to bridge theoretical classroom knowledge with practical field and research experience.

The students, who were warmly received by staff and researchers of the Institute, were taken on a comprehensive tour of various departments, experimental fields, and research facilities.

During the visit, they were exposed to ongoing research activities in key agricultural areas, including crop improvement, soil fertility management, pest and disease control, climate-smart agriculture, and sustainable farming technologies.

The practical exposure gave the students a clearer understanding of how agricultural research directly contributes to food security, improved productivity, and the transformation of Nigeria's agricultural sector.

The students demonstrated remarkable enthusiasm by engaging researchers with thoughtful questions, participating actively in discussions, and showing strong interest in agricultural innovation and research-driven solutions to farming challenges.

The Institute also commended the leadership of the Faculty of Agriculture, KASU Kafanchan Campus, for consistently creating opportunities that promote practical learning and capacity building for students.

The Institute for Agricultural Research (IAR), Samaru, Zaria, established in 1922, remains Nigeria's premier agricultural research centre affiliated with Ahmadu Bello University. It was originally founded as a research division of the Northern Nigeria Ministry of Agriculture.



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