

## **ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL PROFILE OF LEVITIKOS DEMBURE: PHD SCHOLAR IN PLANT BREEDING AND GENETICS**

### **Biography:**

I am a PhD student in Plant Breeding and Genetics in the Department of Crop Production and Landscape Management, Faculty of Agriculture and Natural Resources Management, Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki, Nigeria. Presently, I have completed the first year of study and just started year two.

### **Area of study:**

My research focuses on genetic diversity existing among a diverse panel of Bambara groundnut germplasm, genotype-by-environment interaction on morphological and agronomic performance and proximate analysis among the test genotypes. The work is being supervised by a team of four scientists comprising Professor Happiness Oselebe (Main Supervisor/EBSU), Prof. Benjamin Ubi (Core Supervisor/EBSU), Dr. Hapson Mushoriwa (Core Supervisor/International Institute of Tropical Agriculture [IITA]) and Dr. Olaniyi Oyatomi/IITA.

### **Nationality and Education:**

I am a Zimbabwean by birth and currently hold a Master of Science Degree in Plant Breeding and Biotechnology/2022/ from the University of Zimbabwe.

### **Research Sites:**

- This multi-environmental study was established in three locations in different states of Nigeria namely; IITA Ibadan [Oyo State-Southwestern Nigeria],
- IITA Ikenne Sub-Research Station [Ogun State-Southwestern Nigeria], and
- Ebonyi State University, CAS Campus [Ebonyi State-Southeast Nigeria]. The experiment will be repeated again in the 2026/27 farming season.

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**Proposal defence: 10 October 2025**



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**First trip to the IITA for trial establishment: 30 August 2025**



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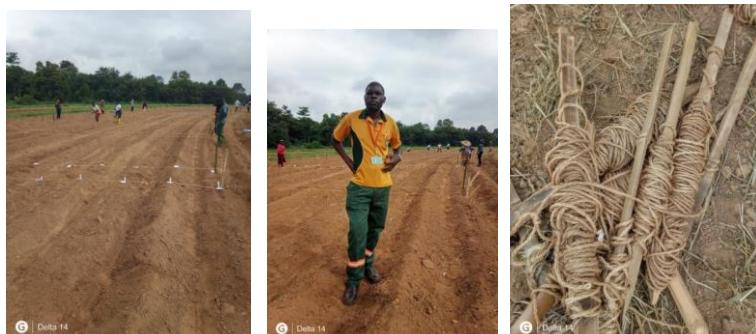
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**Trial establishment: IITA Ikenne Sub-Research Station, Ogun State: 05/09/25**



**Ikenne field 04/11/25 – 17/12/25**



**IITA Ibadan field establishment: 10/09/2025**



**Ibadan experiment: 28/11/25**

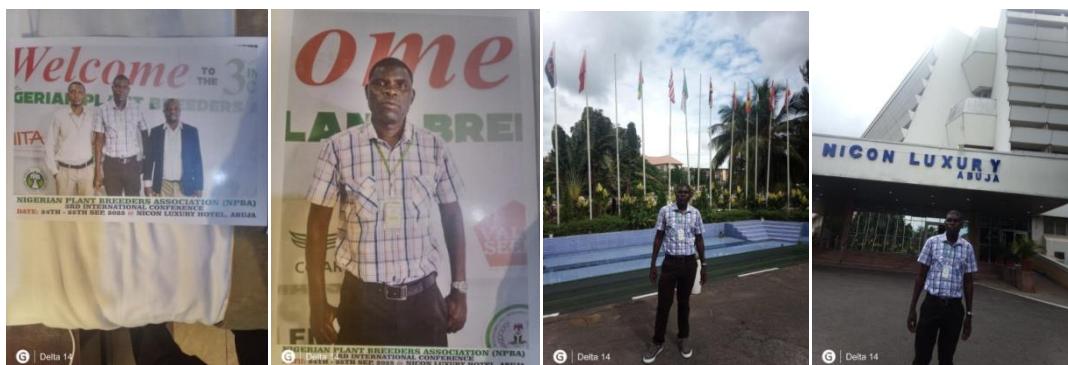


### Ebonyi State University land prep and planting: 20/10/25

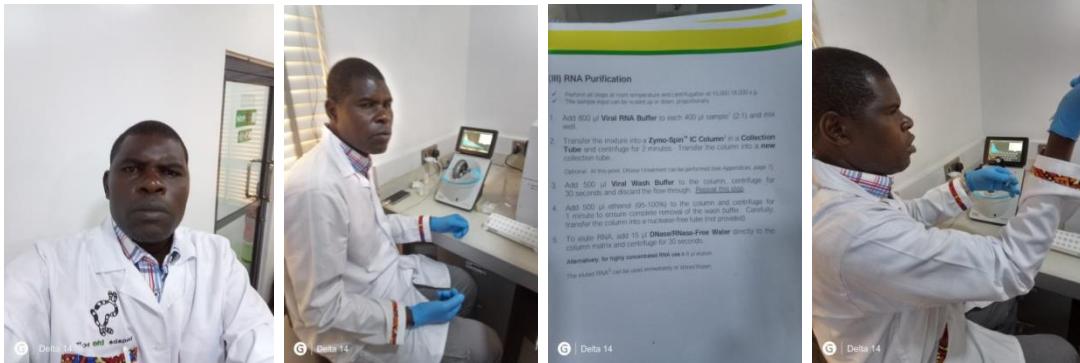


### Ebonyi field

**Remarks:** Poor germination, moisture stress, squirrel damage, viral infection



**Abuja: Nigerian Plant Breeders Association 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference – 24-25 September 2025**



**Inqaba Biotech, Ibadan: Basic Molecular Biology Techniques Workshop – 27 to 31 October 2025.**