

Soy bean

Deficiency in the feeding system of man has led to greater advocacy of a balanced diet. The IYA team sees this as an opportunity and hence actively involves itself in the production of soybean that serves as a very high source of protein for human consumption as well as helps in the improvement of the soil through its nitrogen fixing ability.

Soy milk

Soy milk is plant milk that has about the same amount of protein as cow milk. It can replace animal protein and other source of dietary fiber vitamins and minerals. For this reason, IYA has diversified into production of soy milk to enhance the health of consumers.



Postharvest and processing

This arm of the IYA group seizes the opportunity in the entire value chain of cassava and soybean. Great strides have been recorded in the production of garri (both white and yellow). In addition, collaboration with the Hotel & Catering unit and the Crop Utilization units of IITA has seen the IYA group move to greater height with technical and staff support in the production of 20%



Tidbit

cassava bread, tidbits snack and soymilk which is readily consumed within the IITA campus.

More so efforts are also on top gear

into getting certifications and endorsement from the Nutrition Society of Nigeria (NSN) and the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC), to enable its marketability to the whole nation.

Sneh Balls and Croquant

Sneh Balls is a very rich and nutritious snack made from Soybean and Vitamin A Cassava flour, while croquant is made from Soybean, Pro-vitamin A maize and High Quality Cassava Flour.

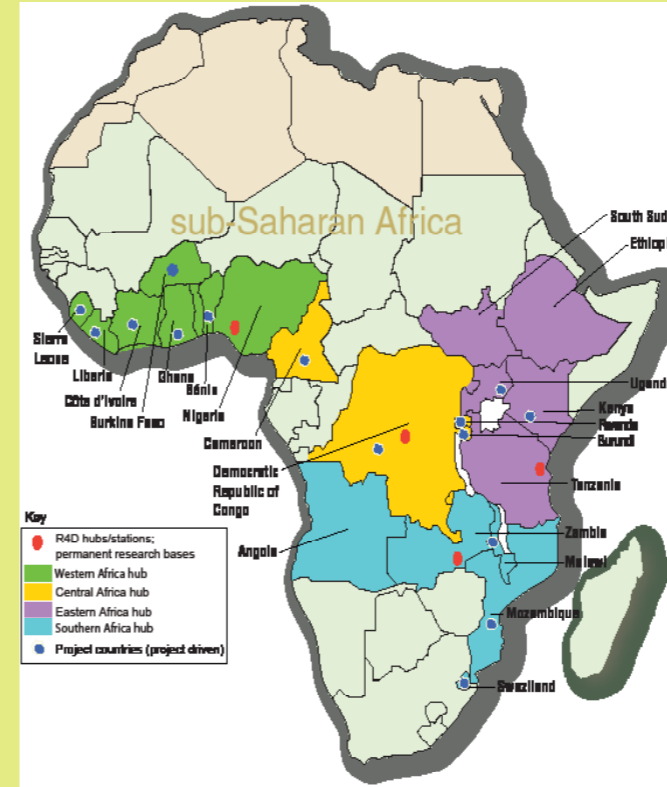


Sneh Balls



Croquant

Where we are



The Youth Agripreneurs are already being replicated using the IITA hubs as a platform to ensure that the dream to reach out to all African Youths becomes a reality.

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Who we are

The IITA Youth Agripreneurs (IYA) was established in August 2012, as an independent agribusiness enterprise to support the Agricultural Transformation Agenda (ATA) of the Ministry of Agriculture in Nigeria.



We exploit the various opportunities that exist in the production and marketing that cuts across value chains of cassava, banana/plantain, soybean, maize, vegetables and fish production.

We partner with public and private sectors to create wealth, achieve enhance income and self-dependence for African youths.

What we do

IYA focuses on five strategic objectives:

- Provide improved seed technology and processing options that will make a difference in people's lives.
- Facilitate access to seed distribution and marketing.
- Post-harvest processing and utilization
- Empowering and capacity building of youth for agriculture and
- Forge strategic alliances and partnerships at Local, State and Federal government levels:



Cassava production

The IYA cassava production team works on multiplication of new thriving stems for farmers as well as the cultivation of large hectares for the production of high quality roots. Specific preference is giving to the newly developed cassava varieties of IITA, that vary from very low cyanide content to that of a very high dry matter as well as high starch content in addition to its bigger rooting property.

Plantain/Banana

Plantain and Banana are important food crops cultivated in nearly all tropical regions of the world. In other to provide improved and more plantain/banana suckers for farmers, IYA is actively engaged in the multiplication of high yielding varieties of plantain/banana.



Maize

The IYA production team avails themselves of the avenue to produce good quality and viable seeds readily available for farmers, and as such have engaged large hectares in the production of this cereal crop.



Training

The training team focuses on reorienting youths toward more productive engagement in agriculture, through expanded opportunities in agribusiness, service provision and market-orientated agriculture.



Fish

As part of the plans to exploit the various aspects of agriculture, IYA collaborated with a leading fish organization in training its members. The group has established a well-equipped hatchery unit and earthen ponds for commercial fish production.



Vegetables

Owing to the nutritional need of eating fresh foods, the IYA production team has established vegetable farm catering for the need of the community with its production of varieties of vegetables that include; Amaranthus, Broccoli, cabbage, carrot, cucumber, lettuce, water melon, tomatoes, sweet pepper, etc.



Furthermore measures are in place to improving and increasing production to meet the greater needs.