



Afe Babalola
University
Ado-Ekiti

Impacting the Global Goals by DEGREEs (2024-2025)



Delivering Education for Global impact through Research Excellence and Engagement (DEGREEs)



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Afe Babalola University: Impacting the Global Goals by **DEGREES**



2024 to 2025 impact Outlook



All **8535 students** impacted positively through ABUAD financial aid to Students. Additionally, 1751 young people and farmers benefitted from Agric Entrepreneurship Empowerment programs. **In 2024 there is 225% increase over year 2023**



Since the commissioning of the University's Independent Power project (IPP) powered by Renewable Sources, the university maintained the energy supply of **5.68 gigajoule with 99% reduction in wastage in 2024.**



Through collaboration with various external organisations and internal efforts by ABUAD climate groups, campus climate change mitigation actions and weariness advocacy and sensitization has **increased by 85% in 2024**



With the expansion and upgrade of ABUAD farm with more crops and green houses, its agricultural yield and supply **increased by 65% in 2024 as against 2023** thereby reducing the effect of food insecurity



In 2024 ABUAD has remained the **highest employer of labour in private sector** Ekiti State Nigeria and highest taxpayer



In 2024, there is **75% increase in research** focusing on sustainable use of the oceans, seas and marine resources. ABUAD has translated the Ureje river for fish farming and irrigation purposes. And has partnered with Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy on sustainability matters



Various community health outreach programs, and student-led health outreach activities **has increased by 65%** in the period under review.



Since the inauguration of the ABUAD Industrial Park in January 2021, **ABUAD industrial subsidiaries and innovative factories has increased in 2024 by 25% over 2023 increment of 75%**



ABUAD beautiful campus landscape continues to serenades with about **79% green space, including over 114,243 trees. Over 450 trees were planted in 2024** thereby indicating **123% over the previous year 2023**



ABUAD has increased **scholarship allocation by 125%** and has expended **about 1.9 billion naira** on student scholarship in a bid to encourage access, participation and quality education for all including low income-household



Research on inequalities among countries has **increased by 25%** within the period under review. However, ABUAD has reduced inequality to the barest minimum accentuating respect for People Lining with Disabilities. The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion has continued to be implemented in 2024



In promoting peace and justice, In 2024, ABUAD Law and Community Clinic has continued to **offer sensitization and free legal services** to alleged offenders illegally detained in prison custody and correctional centres by counselling them. **The impact is 78% better than previous year 2023**



Since the enactment and implementation of ABUAD Policy on sexual harassment, gender equality policy and gender-based advocacy, **Sexual harassment offences has reduced by 98%** on ABUAD campus. Female Genital Mutilation awareness has increased by 95%



Through ABUAD **CSR increased effort, In 2024**, ABUAD has continued to be responsible for the maintenance of Ijan-Ikare Road, in Ado-Ekiti including the 100-year-old Ureje Bridge on a Federal road in Ado-Ekiti and rural electrification of Ureje, Ago Aduloju and Erifun Communities in Ado - Ekiti



In 2024, there is a **significant increase in collaboration and partnership**. ABUAD hosted and co-hosted over 24 SDG-related workshops and conference in collaboration with other organisations within and outside Nigeria, **which shows 85% increase over the previous year 2023**



With over **35 boreholes, and 23 reservoirs** that serves over 10,000 people in the Afe Babalola community and environs. **The university has increased its water supply by 75% in 2024 over 2023 capacity.**



The University has made conscious effort to **reduce energy consumption by 98% in 2023**



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2024 Key Statistics



THE GLOBAL GOALS
For Sustainable Development

Enrolment :- **8535**

Staff Capacity: **1630**

Students Female /Male Ratio :- **54:46**

Leadership/Management Female /Male Ratio :- **50:50**

Land Mass :- **13,000,000m²**

Campus Building Floor Space:- **3,320,000m²**

% of International Students :- **3%**

%of International Staff :- **8%**

No of Students per Staff :- **10.1**

Total Income in Naira :- **18,217,500,000.00**

Vote for Sustainability Project in Naira:- **5,974,384,000.00**

Vote for Research and Development in Naira:- **7,154,748,000.00**

No of Courses with Sustainability:- **137 (100%)**

Total Energy Produced by ABUAD: **5.85 Gigajoule**

Total Energy Used by ABUAD: **1.03 Gigajoule**

Total Energy Transferred to Communities: **4.82 Gigajoule**

Total Energy from Low Carbon Resources:- **5.85 Gigajoule**

ABUAD Waste Recycling Management Effort :- **Greater than 100%**

Total Vote on Scholarship, Bursaries, Prizes and Awards in Naira :-
1,900,000,000.00

AFE BABALOLA UNIVERSITY

KEY FACTS



OVER **1300** HECTARES OF LAND, an INDUSTRIAL PARK, RESIDENTIAL & HOSPITAL SITES

78% GREEN SPACE, INCLUDING OVER

114,243 TREES

8,535 TOTAL STUDENTS

70% UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

30% POSTGRADUATE

100% UNDERGRADUATES AND POSTGRADUATES HAVE ACCESS TO SDG-RELATED MODULES

Recipient of the UNESCO Chair in Entrepreneurship Education for Sustainable Development(2019) renewed (2024)

Recipient of the UNESCO Chair on Peace and Citizenship (2020), Renewed (2024)

Home to the [*Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy*](#)





ABUAD SDGS FOCUS 2024 -2025



Located in the calm and serene beautiful city of Ado-Ekiti, Ekiti State, Afe Babalola University (ABUAD) is well-known for its strides in research, agriculture, healthcare and quality education.

ABUAD was established in 2009 by Nigeria's Eminent and Highly Decorated Lawyer, Farmer, Economist, Philanthropist, Educationist, Reformer, Trailblazer, Transformational Leader and Recipient of African Man of the Year for Food Security in 2014, the prestigious Chief Obafemi Awolowo Prize for Leadership, **Ambassador Aare Emmanuel Afe Babalola OFR, CON, SAN, FNIALS, FCIArb, LL.D, D.Lit and LL.D** of London University.

In just about 15 years of existence, ABUAD has won several national and international awards and recognition as a reference point, benchmark and the fastest growing University in Nigeria and Africa.

THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

ABUAD AND THE SDGS

ABUAD's contribution to the SDGs has been mapped using a varied methodology (see appendix). This Report gives a strong indication of our academic strengths and the focus of each work area.

Whilst we have a clear contribution to each goal through our teaching, research and operations, the top four Goals ABUAD's combined academic work contributes to are:

Some of the leading research work done at the ABUAD in areas of healthcare, agriculture, information technology and entrepreneurship have changed the world – much more than one could ever expect from a relatively young university.

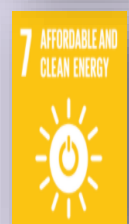
ABUAD is committed to contributing to the UN Sustainable Development Goals, ABUAD has been recognized by the United Nations through two UNESCO Chairs: The UNESCO Chair in Entrepreneurship and the UNESCO Chair in Peace and Citizenship, amongst many other initiatives and SDG related projects in ABUAD

This report outlines the results of a year-long mapping exercise identifying our current academic and institutional contribution to the SDGs from 2024- 2025. It also highlights our operational and engagement activities aimed at further integrating the SDGs into everyday University life.

ABUAD SDGS FOCUS 2024 - 2025



GOAL 1:
END POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORM EVERYWHERE



GOAL 7:
ENSURE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE, SUSTAINABLE AND MODERN ENERGY FOR ALL



GOAL 13:
TAKE URGENT ACTION TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACTS



GOAL 17:
STRENGTHEN THE MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND REVITALIZE THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



SDG 1: END POVERTY IN ALL ITS FORM EVERYWHERE

INTRODUCTION

Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD) advanced Sustainable Development Goal 1 (No Poverty) through direct economic empowerment, targeted fee relief for low-income learners, youth employability partnerships, and public advocacy that keeps poverty eradication on the agenda in Ekiti State and beyond. The most relevant, high-impact actions in the period were community microcredit, scholarships for indigent students, a poverty-eradication commemoration that mobilised stakeholders, and a youth-focused state partnership to tackle underemployment.



TheNigeriaLawyer

"Giving Back To Community" — Aare Babalola Launches Two Cooperative Societies With ₦200m To Boost Small Businesses

Elder statesman and founder of Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD), Aare Afe Babalola, has established two cooperative societies to...

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ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

1) ₦200 Million Cooperatives Fund for Small Businesses (Aare Afe Babalola Day)

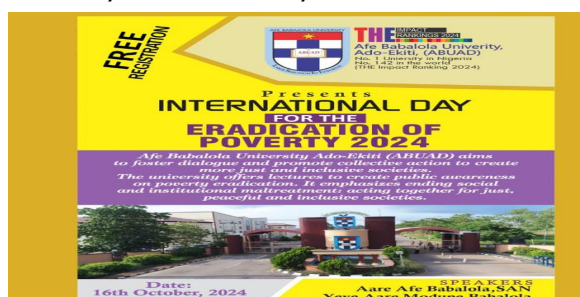
On 18 October 2024 in Ado-Ekiti, ABUAD's Founder launched two cooperative societies with a ₦200 million pool to provide low-interest loans at 5% per annum for local entrepreneurs aimed at boosting micro and small businesses and livelihoods.

Outcome/Impact: The scheme directly tackles poverty by widening access to affordable credit and enabling income-generating activities for indigent and excluded groups, strengthening household resilience and financial inclusion. [Read Here](#) for more information.

2) Practical Entrepreneurship Hub for Penultimate-Year Students (1,800 learners)

From October 7 2023 to April 15 2024, the Entrepreneurship Unit sustained a compulsory, hands-on Entrepreneurship Training Hub for all penultimate-year students (~1,800 learners). The hub delivers practical tracks that translate directly into marketable skills, including shoemaking, textiles and clothing/fashion making, social-media arts, digital media/content creation, and other craft-based, production-oriented modules. Alongside studio and workshop practice, students are guided through pricing and costing, simple bookkeeping, branding, basic market research, customer acquisition, and quality control—so each learner leaves with a tangible product/service and a basic go-to-market plan.

Outcome/Impact: The programme advances SDG 1 (No Poverty) by improving students' immediate and post-graduation earning potential and reducing vulnerability to underemployment. Many participants have begun small income-generating projects creating a pathway to self-employment and, in some cases, part-time jobs for peers. For learners from low-income backgrounds, these skills provide an avenue to offset living costs, support family incomes, and build resilient livelihoods, while also stimulating micro-enterprise activity in the university's host community.



ABUAD and Ekiti State Ministry Partner to Boost Youth Employment and Economic Growth



By Editor @Ekiti News 247
APR 15, 2025



3) Founder's Scholarships and Fee Relief for Indigent Students (2024/2025)

Throughout 2024–2025 in Ado-Ekiti, ABUAD (with the Afe Babalola Foundation) offered **full scholarships and major tuition reductions** to students from low-income backgrounds; for 2024/2025, the program covers **tuition-free education for 500 indigent students** across disciplines. In addition, all Agriculture students receive **50% fee reductions** plus start-up grants after graduation. In addition, all the 8535 students are provided with one hundred thousand Naira (N100,000.00) to support their education **Outcome/Impact:** By removing cost barriers to higher education and supporting livelihood skills for low-income households, the initiative lifts disadvantaged youths towards upward mobility and reduces poverty risks for their households.

4) International Day for the Eradication of Poverty – Stakeholder Mobilisation

On **16 October 2024** (Ado-Ekiti), ABUAD hosted a hybrid commemoration of the **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**, featuring lectures that called for just and inclusive societies and collective action against social and institutional maltreatment. **Outcome/Impact:** The event increased community engagement and advocacy for anti-poverty measures—on-site at Alfa Belgore Hall and online—informing local dialogues and inspiring policies that address institutional barriers to poverty reduction.



5) Ekiti State Ministry Partnership on Youth Economic Inclusion

On **9 April 2024** (Ado-Ekiti), ABUAD signed an MoU with the Ekiti State Ministry to run youth-centered programs that address unemployment and economic exclusion through coordinated training and opportunities.

Outcome/Impact: A joint committee is overseeing skills development and employability pathways; by September 2024, initial trainings had engaged participants and begun generating income streams—directly combating youth poverty and underemployment in the state.





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Presents

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT & NEGOTIATION SKILL 4

This course will help participants to uncover the negotiation skill required to grow their businesses, unlock professional career success and to defuse conflict situations

DATE: 4 - 12 September, 2024

TIME: 4:00 PM Prompt

VENUE: Online

FREE
REGISTRATION

SPEAKERS

- * PROF E. OLUTOYE
- * DR CAROLE NAKHLE
- * PROF. ADEBAYO OGUNDIPE
- * PROF EMMANUEL AYODEJI
- * DR ABIODUN OGUNDELE
- * DR. ALEXANDER EZENAGU
- * DR OLUSOLA IBITOYE



SDG 2:

END HUNGER, ACHIEVE FOOD SECURITY AND
IMPROVED NUTRITION AND PROMOTE
SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

INTRODUCTION

Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD) advanced Sustainable Development Goal 2 (Zero Hunger) by driving sustainable agriculture, strengthening farmer capacity and market access, and scaling nutritious, affordable foods. Through strategic partnerships, policy engagement, and product development linked to its Industrial Park, ABUAD focused on climate-resilient production, value-addition, and export readiness to boost food availability and nutrition in Ekiti State and beyond.

ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES


1. Afe Babalola Agricultural Expo (ABAEX) — Farmer Empowerment for Food Security

Held annually every October on the ABUAD campus in Ado-Ekiti, the 10th edition of ABAEX gathered farmers from all 16 LGAs to showcase staples (yams, cassava, maize, vegetables, and livestock) and exchange good practices. The Opening Ceremony, addressed by the Vice-Chancellor, underscored agriculture as the bedrock of national survival and a strategic pathway to food security. The Expo culminated with awards and youth empowerment activities that recognize productive farmers and encourage the next generation to enter agriculture.

Impact: ABAEX directly channels resources to primary producers. Five farmers per LGA received cash awards, the overall best farmer received ₦2 million, and 32 youths (two per LGA) were equipped through the ABAEX Youth Empowerment Scheme. Over 2015–2025, cumulative personal investment by the Founder in farmers and youths surpassed ₦125 million, helping to expand local production and market supply of food staples across Ekiti State. vc.abuad.edu.ng+1




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**INTERNATIONAL DAY
FOR THE
ERADICATION OF
POVERTY 2024**

Afe Babalola University Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD) aims to foster dialogue and promote collective action to create more just and inclusive societies. The university offers lectures to create public awareness on poverty eradication. It emphasizes ending social and institutional maltreatment: acting together for just, peaceful and inclusive societies.



Date:
16th October, 2024
Time: 10:00 AM

SPEAKERS
Aare Afe Babalola, SAN
Yeye Aare Modupe Babalola
Afe Babalola, SAN

2. ABUAD Farm – Diversified Primary Production and Nutrition-Focused Value Chains

ABUAD's Agricultural Enterprise Centre manages diversified divisions that keep staple foods flowing: arable crops (yam, cassava, maize, and plantain/banana), cash-crop orchards (notably a large mango plantation), and an extensive moringa line (leaf powder, capsules, oil, body/hair care, and tea). This mix anchors year-round production on campus and provides a practical training ground for students in sustainable, market-oriented agriculture. [The Nation Newspaper](#)

Impact: Continuous output from these divisions strengthens household food availability and diet quality in and around Ado-Ekiti, while hands-on learning at the farm upgrades the local skills base for climate-aware, nutrition-sensitive agriculture—supporting steady supplies of staples and plant-based nutraceuticals to local markets. [The Nation Newspaper](#)

3. Campus Food-Processing (Rice, Cassava & Pounded-Yam) – Reducing Losses and Stabilising Supply

Within ABUAD's Industrial Park, the university operates food-processing facilities that include a rice mill, cassava-processing plant, and pounded-yam factory (alongside a carbonated-drinks line). By integrating processing close to production, ABUAD reduces post-harvest losses, improves shelf life and quality, and turns local harvests into ready-to-cook staples that meet urban demand. vc.abuad.edu.ng

Impact: Year-round processing of staple crops helps smooth seasonal gaps, broadens market access for smallholders, and ensures more affordable, quality-controlled rice and

cassava products reach consumers—contributing to food security outcomes across Ekiti and neighboring markets.

1) FRILLA Sensitisation Forum on Sustainable Agriculture (18–19 Dec 2024, Ado-Ekiti)

ABUAD participated in the World Bank-funded FRILLA forum hosted at the Ekiti State Governor's Office, contributing expertise on bridging farmers and investors, sustainable land management, and resilient practices (e.g., organic methods, irrigation, and agroforestry). The university also showcased its farm and industrial park as a vertically integrated model to combat food insecurity.

Outcome/Impact: The engagement influenced policy conversations on climate-resilient agriculture, strengthened collaboration for knowledge transfer, and positioned ABUAD as a regional food-security actor—actions expected to raise crop yields and farmer incomes while reducing hunger.

2) NACC & FACAN Partnership on Export-Ready Agribusiness (13 Feb 2025, Ado-Ekiti)

ABUAD hosted a strategic meeting with the Nigerian American Chamber of Commerce (NACC) and the Federation of Agricultural Commodity Associations of Nigeria (FACAN) to develop an Export Free Trade Zone at the ABUAD Industrial Park, with a focus on mechanized farming, processing, certification, and market expansion to China, Taiwan, and the USA.

Outcome/Impact: The collaboration set up pathways for mechanization, export facilitation, and farmer capacity-building—measures projected to lift output, reduce post-harvest losses, and improve food availability by strengthening Nigeria's food economy.



2024 YEASA Project Completion Report
Reporting Period: 19 February 2019 to 30 September 2024
Name of Project: Youth Employment in Agri-business and Sustainable Agriculture
Recipient Organization: Afe Babalola University
GRIPS ID: 2000001336





SDG 3:
ENSURE HEALTHY LIVES AND PROMOTE WELL-BEING FOR ALL AT
ALL AGES

INTRODUCTION

Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD), strengthened Sustainable Development Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-Being) through patient-centered clinical services and targeted community health interventions delivered via the ABUAD Multi-System Hospital (AMSH). Between October 2023 and October 2024, flagship actions focused on free maternal care, advanced tertiary procedures, and pro-poor surgical missions—directly improving access, outcomes, and equity in Ekiti State and neighbouring communities.

ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

1) Afe Abiye Programme – Free Maternal Healthcare (Oct 2024–Sept 2024; Ado-Ekiti & Annexes)

ABUAD scaled the Afe Abiye Programme to remove cost barriers for vulnerable pregnant women. Delivered at AMSH and its Basiri and Odo-Ado annexes, the package covers free antenatal care, consultations, investigations, ultrasound scans, medications, and normal

deliveries for economically disadvantaged mothers.

Impact: By September 2024 the program had supported **over 270** beneficiaries, cutting out-of-pocket spending, improving maternal and neonatal outcomes, and enhancing household stability by preventing health-related financial shocks.

2) Kidney Transplant Programme Expansion (Dec 2023–Aug 2024; Ado-Ekiti)

AMSH partnered with Marengo-Asia Hospital (India) to perform **31 successful kidney transplants** while extending capacity for other complex procedures. This upgrade addressed local gaps in advanced renal care and reduced the need for costly medical travel.

Impact: Lives were saved, and quality of life markedly improved for patients with end-stage renal disease. The strengthened transplant infrastructure also advances health equity by making specialized care available closer to underserved populations.



3) Fertility Centre and IVF/ICSI Services (Launched 22 Jan 2024; Ado-Ekiti)

ABUAD opened a dedicated Fertility Centre equipped for IVF and ICSI, coordinated by Dr Tolulope Adeyanju after specialist training. The centre achieved its first successful IVF soon after launch, expanding affordable reproductive healthcare in the region. **Impact:** The service reduces stigma and mental health strain linked to infertility, lowers maternal risks through supervised care, and broadens access to evidence-based reproductive options for families with limited means.

4) Free Surgeries and Medical Missions (Jun–Sept 2024; Ekiti Communities)

AMSH led pro-bono surgical camps for **cleft lip/palate, goitre, and hernias**, alongside medical missions to orphanages and prisons that provided examinations and essential medicines. Outreach targeted underserved groups facing both clinical need and financial hardship.

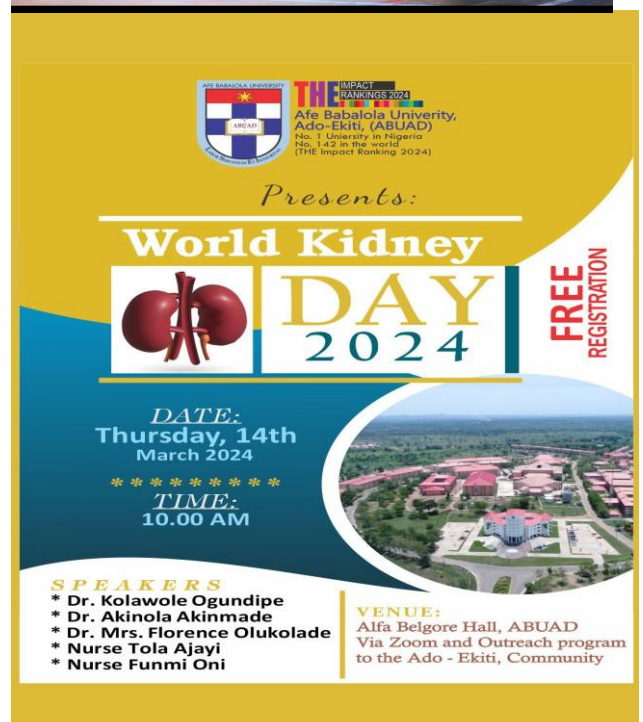
Impact: Corrective procedures restored function and dignity, while preventive and primary care averted complications among vulnerable populations—tangible, near-term reductions in morbidity that translate to improved community well-being.

5) National Recognition for Excellence in Healthcare

Description: AMSH received a Special Recognition Award at the Nigerian Healthcare Excellence Awards (NHEA) 2024, acknowledging the hospital's leadership in hospital management, clinical delivery, patient experience, and innovation. The award was presented during the 11th NHEA ceremony held on 27 June 2024 in Lagos, with media coverage highlighting AMSH's patient-centred standards and world-class infrastructure.

Impact: This national recognition reinforced AMSH's credibility as a high-reliability hospital, strengthening referral confidence and partnership prospects, and encouraging retention of complex cases within Nigeria rather than medical tourism. It also validated internal quality systems and motivated staff performance improvements that contribute to safer care and better patient outcomes.

[Punch](#)



6) Renal and Cardiac Care Milestones

Description: By August 2025, AMSH had completed 31 successful kidney transplants, including nine performed in collaboration with Marengo Asia Hospitals, India. The renal unit operates with 17 modern dialysis machines—featuring dedicated stations for infectious-disease cases—and delivers about 400 dialysis sessions per month. Alongside renal services, AMSH's open-heart surgery programme continued to mature, reflecting steady growth of local expertise.

Impact: The expansion of transplant and dialysis capacity has improved survival and quality of life for patients with end-stage renal disease across the region, reduced costly out-of-country referrals, and built specialised skills within Nigerian teams. Strengthening complex cardiac and renal services at AMSH advances SDG 3 by increasing access to life-saving procedures, shortening wait times, and embedding sustainable tertiary-care capability in-country.

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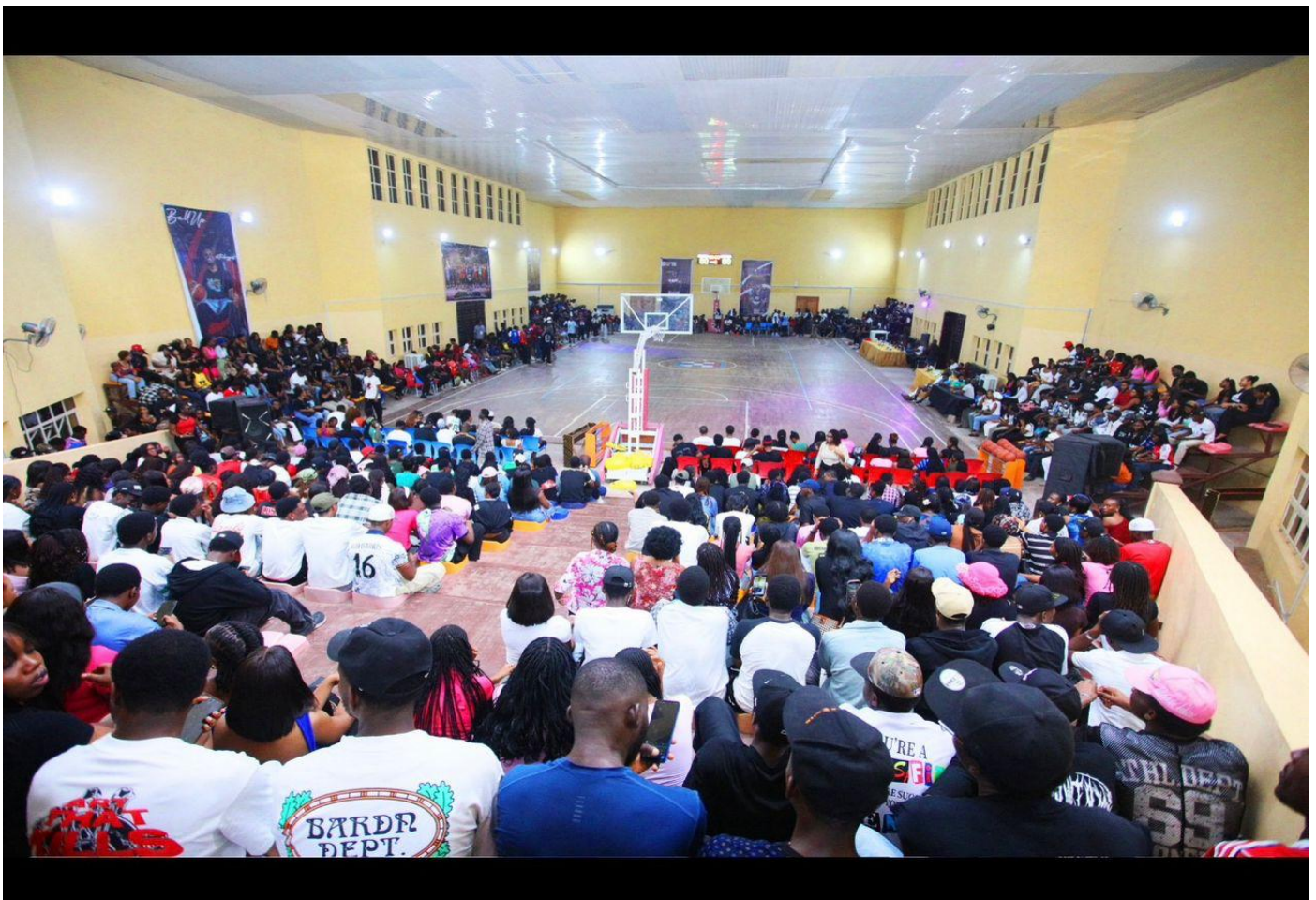
PRESENTS
WORLD AIDS DAY 2024
"Take the right Path"

The Afe Babalola University Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD) is committed to raising awareness about HIV and AIDS and honoring the individuals affected by the epidemic. This theme emphasizes protecting human rights to help end the HIV epidemic by reducing stigma and barriers to care.

DATE: Monday, 2nd December, 2024
TIME: 10.00am
VENUE: Alfa Belgore Hall ABUAD

SPEAKERS :
*Prof Adeola Oluboyo *Prof. Adebayo Ogundipe
*Dr Sophia Abiri-Franklin *ABUAD SRC

FREE REGISTRATION





ENSURE INCLUSIVE AND EQUITABLE QUALITY EDUCATION
AND PROMOTE LIFELONG LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FOR
ALL

INTRODUCTION

Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD) advanced Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality Education) by widening access to learning, strengthening programme quality, and improving teaching standards. The most relevant actions in this period were large-scale admissions and matriculation, rigorous national accreditation exercises, merit-based staff promotions, and Senate-led policy reforms that tightened academic quality and supervision.

ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

1) Graduation Scale-Up and Enrolment Growth (Ado-Ekiti; 2024)

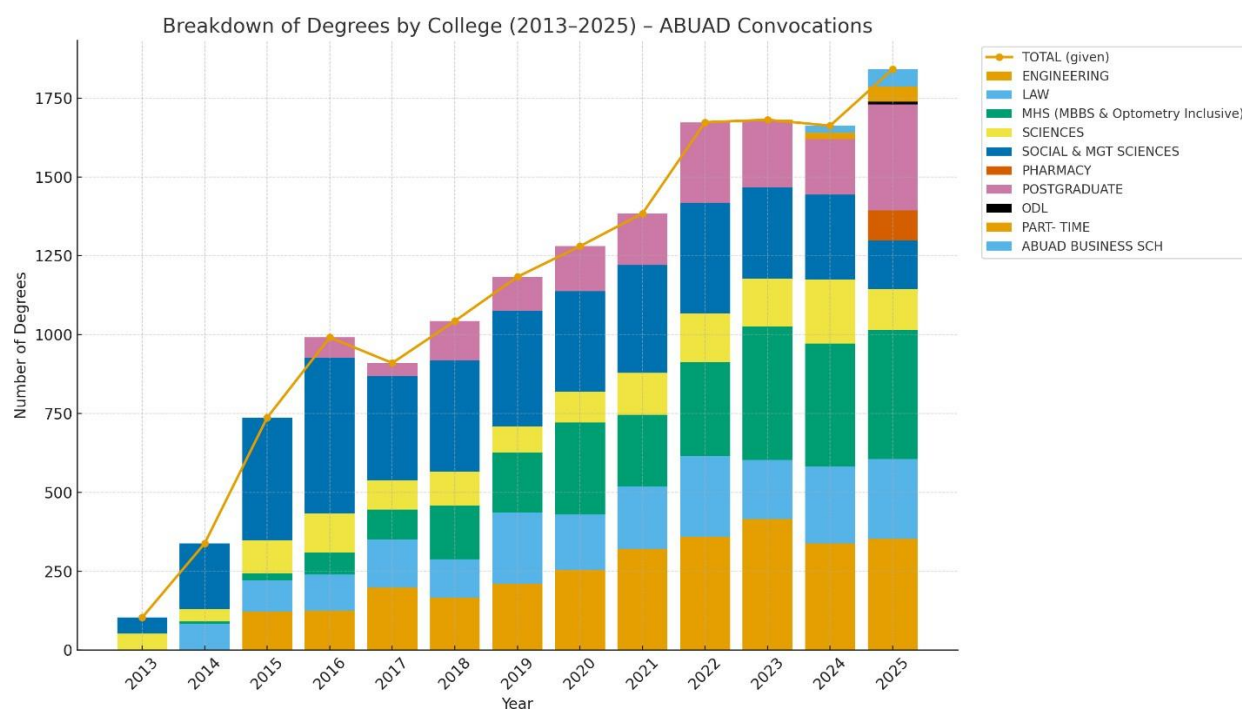
Description: Since graduating its first cohort of 139 students on 21 October 2013, ABUAD has produced 11 further cohorts—maintaining continuity despite the COVID-19 disruption. In 2024, the University is graduating **1,662 students** across disciplines and now serves **over 12,000** students, reflecting sustained demand for its quality-assured programmes. **Impact:** Higher graduate throughput widens access to quality higher education and

strengthens Nigeria's skilled workforce pipeline. A larger, diverse student body enriches peer learning, supports programme sustainability, and builds alumni networks that feed internships, placements, and curriculum relevance.

2) ABUAD–New Horizons 4IR ICT Hub & Curriculum Integration (Ado-Ekiti; 2024)

ABUAD partnered with New Horizons System Solution Limited to embed **AI (with international certification), IoT, Blockchain, 3D Technology, Metaverse/Web3, Cybersecurity, and Full-Stack development** into academic delivery. A dedicated **ICT Hub** in the University's ICT Centre now runs certification-aligned training for Engineering and Computer Science cohorts to produce innovation-driven graduates.

Impact: The hub directly advances **Target 4.4** by raising digital literacy and employability. Students gain verifiable credentials and hands-on project experience that translate into internships, entrepreneurship, and early career roles—supporting the goal of graduating **wealth creators rather than job seekers**.



3) NUC Accreditation and Approval of New Courses (Ado-Ekiti; Oct–Dec 2024)

Description: The National Universities Commission (NUC) conducted accreditation/resource verification for priority programmes including **Software Engineering, Cyber Security**, and several **Engineering** fields, reviewing staffing, curricula, facilities, and laboratories against national standards. **Outcome/Impact:** Successful outcomes expanded the set of accredited programmes and increased ABUAD's attractiveness to applicants seeking cutting-edge disciplines—sustaining quality and relevance in teaching and learning and assuring employers of programme rigour.


4) Global Research Excellence: Eight ABUAD Lecturers in Stanford/Elsevier Top 2% (2024)

Eight ABUAD academics were listed among the Top 2% Scientists globally in the 2024 Stanford University/Elsevier dataset. Honourees include Engr. Prof. Yusuf Adeyinka Sikiru, Engr. Prof. Popoola Lekan Taofeek, Engr. Dr. Salau Ayodeji Olalekan, Engr. Dr. Oladapo Bankole, Engr. Dr. Okokpuije Imhade Princess, Engr. Dr. Ikumapayi Omolayo (College of Engineering); Prof. Olujobi Olusola Joshua (College of Law); and Prof. Oyinloye Babatunde Emmanuel (College of Science).

Outcome/Impact:

Recognition at this level enhances research-led teaching, student mentorship, and postgraduate supervision quality—key elements of Target 4.c (increasing the supply of qualified teachers). It strengthens ABUAD's academic reputation, attracts strong applicants, and nurtures a culture of excellence that benefits learners across programmes.





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SOFT SKILLS TRAINING
VERSION 3.0

The primary objective of the third version is to cultivate the inherent soft skills of participants, thereby augmenting their employability, specifically targeting ABUAD Low Income household students and young adults in Ekiti State, Nigeria.




Date:
Friday, 7th - Saturday, 8th
June 2024

Time:
10.00 AM

Venue:
Alfa Belgore Hall, ABUAD

Speakers:
*Dr Sophia Abiri-Franklin
*Engr (Dr) Queeneth A. Kinsely-Omoyibo
*Mr Tope Toogun

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PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND FINANCING 5

This course will provide an overview of Project Management and the Essential tools needed to deliver successful Projects in a timely manner and within Budgets.


DATE:
19th - 21st September, 2024


TIME: 4.00pm

VENUE: Online

SPEAKERS:
*Dr. Adebayo Ogundipe
*Dr P. O Alase | *Prof Samuel Igbatayo

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TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT 5

This course is designed for those in management roles, in public and private spheres who are responsible for assisting their organisations to achieve transformational and sustainable success

SPEAKERS :


| Aare Afe Babalola, SAN | Prof Olasupo Ijahadeniyi
| Prof Smaranda Olarinde | Prof Damilola Olawuyi, SAN

DATE:
26th - 28th September, 2024

TIME: 12noon

VENUE:
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ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY AND EMPOWER ALL WOMEN
AND GIRLS

INTRODUCTION

Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD) advanced Sustainable Development Goal 5 (Gender Equality) by empowering girls to pursue STEM fields and advocating publicly for women's inclusion in leadership. In the period under review, the most relevant and high-impact actions were a Women & Girls in Science outreach that mentored secondary-school girls, a high-profile convocation lecture calling for greater women's representation in governance, the Vice-Chancellor's re-election to a continental higher-education board (signalling women's leadership at scale), and a scholarly special issue elevating gender-justice discourse.

ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

1) Women & Girls in Science Outreach at ABUAD International School (11 Feb 2024; Ado-Ekiti)

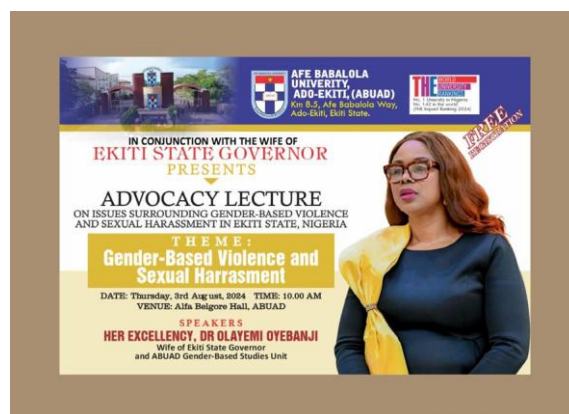
Description: To mark the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, ABUAD's female leaders—led by the Vice-Chancellor—held an empowerment and mentorship session for girls at ABUAD International Secondary School. Talks, Q&A and hands-on demos showcased pathways into agriculture, biotechnology, computing and related STEM careers under the theme “The Triple Ws: Women, World, Wonderland of Equity, Opportunity & Courage.”. ABUAD has continued to celebrate the International Women's Day in pomp and pageantry. The 2024 edition accentuates the importance of gender equality in Academia and governance. The Gender equality policy is in effect in the year 2024.

Impact: The programme directly tackled gender stereotypes, provided visible role models, and built confidence among hundreds of girls to “stand side by side” with boys in STEM learning and careers, advancing equal participation from the school pipeline.

2) Convocation Lecture Advocating Women's Representation in Leadership (20 Oct 2024; Ado-Ekiti)

Description: At ABUAD's 13th Convocation Lecture, guest speaker Chief Wole Olanipekun, SAN, urged systemic reforms to ensure women's greater representation in governance, noting that women form more than half of Nigeria's population and therefore deserve stronger voice and visibility in decision-making. The address reinforced ABUAD's stance on inclusivity before a national audience of academia, government and civil society.

Impact: The high-profile advocacy amplified the call for gender-balanced leadership and helped keep women's political and institutional participation on the



reform agenda—contributing to the enabling environment for gender-equality gains in Nigeria.

3) Vice-Chancellor's Re-election to the AAU Board (21–25 Jul 2024; Rabat)

Description: ABUAD's Vice-Chancellor was re-elected to the Association of African Universities (AAU) Board, strengthening female representation in continental higher-education leadership and signalling ABUAD's commitment to gender inclusion at governance level. The ABUAD governance team is gender balance with the gender parity index as 1 : 1. The gender parity index for the students that male to female ratio is 46 : 54

Impact: The appointment models women's leadership for staff and students alike and expands ABUAD's platform to shape policies and partnerships that mainstream gender equity across African universities.

4) JSDLP Special Issue on Gender Justice & Energy Transition (5 Aug 2024; virtual)

Description: ABUAD's Journal of Sustainable Development Law & Policy (JSDLP) launched a special issue centred on **gender justice** within the energy transition, elevating research and policy debate on women's roles, risks and opportunities in a transforming energy landscape.

Impact: By foregrounding gender-responsive insights for a critical sector, the issue broadened scholarly and policy attention to women's inclusion—supporting evidence-based reforms that protect rights and expand opportunities for women and girls.

Afe Babalola University Gender Policy



GENDER EQUALITY POLICY FOR AFE BABALOLA UNIVERSITY ADO EKITI, NIGERIA.

Prepared: 01 FEBRUARY, 2023.
Effective: 01 MARCH, 2023
To be reviewed: 01 MARCH, 2025

Afe Babalola University Gender Policy



Prepared By Centre for Gender Studies,
Afe Babalola University
Ado Ekiti, Nigeria.



ENSURE AVAILABILITY AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT
OF WATER AND SANITATION FOR ALL

INTRODUCTION

Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD) advanced Sustainable Development Goal 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation) by strengthening campus-wide water safety and reliability through core infrastructure projects. In the period under review, the most relevant actions were the completion of an integrated water reticulation network for the University and Multi-System Hospital (AMSH) and the construction of a large-capacity water treatment plant. Together, these investments improve continuous access to safe water, reduce contamination risks, and support hygiene for students, staff, patients, and surrounding users.

ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

1) ABUAD/AMSH Water Reticulation System Completion (Ado-Ekiti; completed by 28 February 2024)

ABUAD completed a new water reticulation system interconnecting supply, storage and distribution points across the main campus and the ABUAD Multi-System Hospital. The network upgrade was designed to stabilise pressure, expand coverage to critical facilities, and ensure dependable delivery of treated water to learning, residential and clinical areas.

Impact: The reticulation project has provided a reliable, safer water supply, cutting exposure to contamination and supporting sanitation practices essential for education and healthcare operations. It has enhanced campus well-being and operational efficiency by reducing outages and the need for ad-hoc water sourcing.

2) 2.5-Million-Litre Water Treatment Plant (Ado-Ekiti; ongoing through September 2024)

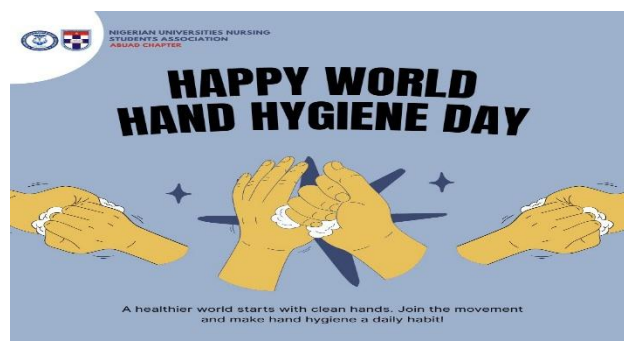
ABUAD constructed a **2.5 million litres** capacity water treatment plant to deliver purified water to the University community and affiliated facilities. The plant is engineered to improve water quality at scale, aligning supply with growth in academic, residential and clinical demand while embedding long-term sustainability into campus utilities.

Impact: The plant improves potability and consistency of supply, directly supporting hygiene, disease prevention and user confidence in on-site water. By expanding high-quality treatment capacity, ABUAD secures durable access to safe water and reduces dependence on external or less reliable sources.

Afe Babalola University (ABUAD) actively manages its on-campus water and sanitation infrastructure, with a particular focus on effective wastewater management. In 2024, the university continues to engage in initiatives related to public health and hygiene awareness (WASH), in line with global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Wastewater Management

ABUAD operates a sewage treatment plant to produce disposable effluent without causing harm to the surrounding environment. The university has been the subject of research focused on assessing the quality and quantity of wastewater released to the environment to ensure effective management for health and sustainability. The treatment process at the university focuses on the removal of organic pollutants, heavy metals, and pathogenic microorganisms from the wastewater.



Public Health and Hygiene

The ABUAD chapter of the Nigerian Universities Nursing Students Association (NUNSA ABUAD) was involved in awareness campaigns for World Hand Hygiene Day in May 2024, emphasizing the importance of clean hands in preventing infection. This highlights the university's ongoing efforts to promote public health and hygiene among its students and staff.

Broader Context

The university's efforts align with the broader national and global challenges related to water and sanitation in Nigeria and worldwide. Poor sanitation is a significant public health issue in many low- and middle-income countries, including Nigeria. Public health responses to disease outbreaks, such as cholera, often emphasize the need for improved water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) infrastructure. Universities globally are increasingly recognized for their role in tackling the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, including SDG 6, which aims to ensure the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.



ENSURE ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE, RELIABLE, SUSTAINABLE AND
MODERN ENERGY FOR ALL

INTRODUCTION

Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD) advanced Sustainable Development Goal 7 through flagship knowledge-exchange platforms on clean energy, applied student innovation in solar power, and research leadership in emerging technologies such as hydrogen. The most relevant actions in this period—an international hydrogen summit, a pan-African clean-energy conference, and a student-built solar system—showcase ABUAD's blend of policy dialogue, capacity building, and practical deployment to expand access to modern, reliable, and sustainable energy.

ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

1) International Hydrogen Summit (17 October 2024; Ado-Ekiti)

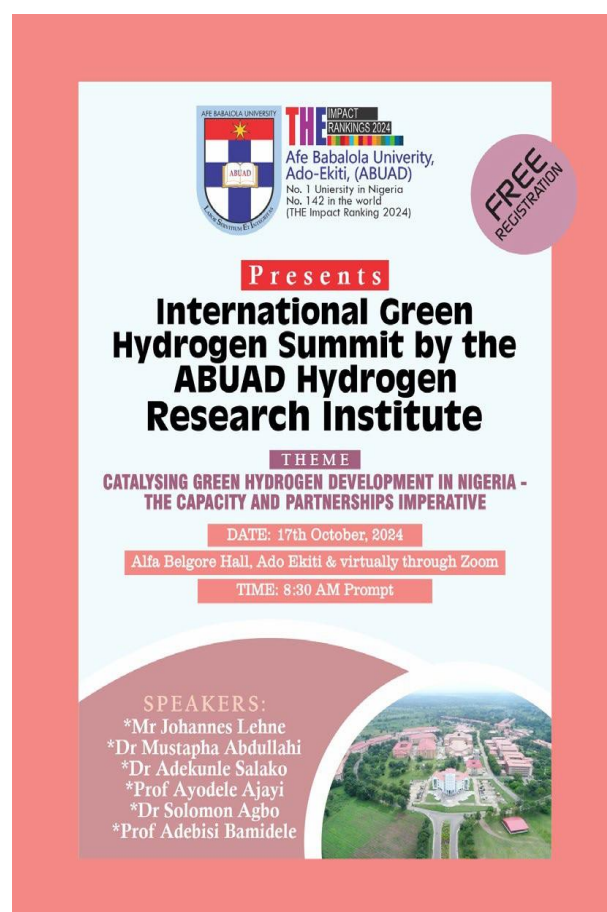
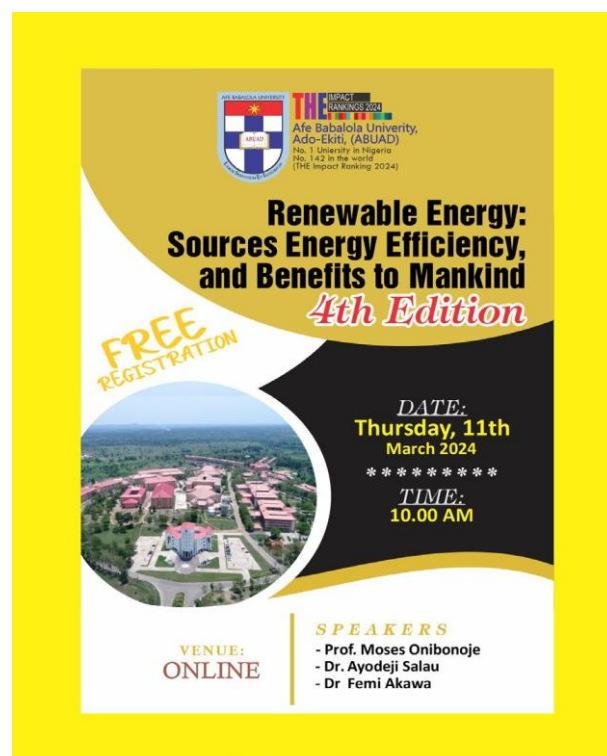
ABUAD hosted the International Hydrogen Summit during convocation week, convening experts to explore green-hydrogen production, storage, and utilisation for Africa's transition to clean energy. Discussions highlighted collaboration frameworks and policy pathways to unlock hydrogen's role in affordable, low-carbon power systems.

Impact: The summit strengthened ABUAD's research and convening role and catalysed linkages for future projects and policy development on hydrogen, helping position regional stakeholders for scalable clean-energy solutions.

2) 2nd International Conference on Clean Energy in Africa – ICCEA 2024 (20–21 May 2024; Ado-Ekiti)

Through the Hydrogen Research Institute, ABUAD brought together industry, policy, and academic leaders to discuss renewable integration, AI for energy systems, hydrogen power, and clean mobility. Sessions concluded with a communiqué urging investment in green R&D and prioritisation of sustainable energy in development planning.

Impact: The conference expanded collaboration, accelerated knowledge transfer, and nudged stakeholders toward concrete transition strategies that improve access to modern energy while reducing fossil-fuel dependence across African contexts.



Engineering Students Build a 5 kVA Hybrid Solar System (17 July 2024; Ado-Ekiti)

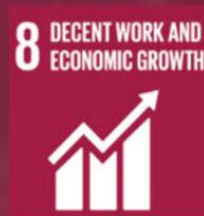
Description: A 12-member final-year engineering team designed, built, and donated a 5 kVA hybrid solar PV system to power two wings of the College of Engineering, providing dependable renewable electricity to laboratories that had faced grid instability. The capstone, executed with faculty mentorship and locally sourced materials, models hands-on clean-tech training.

Impact: The installation cut reliance on fossil-based backup power, improved learning continuity in affected departments, and built student capacity in design, installation, and maintenance—skills directly transferable to Nigeria's clean-energy workforce.



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PROMOTE SUSTAINED, INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH, FULL AND PRODUCTIVE EMPLOYMENT AND DECENT WORK FOR ALL

INTRODUCTION

Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD) advanced Sustainable Development Goal 8 by strengthening employability pipelines, deepening industry linkages, and expanding vocational pathways that connect students to real jobs. Within the period, the most relevant actions were university-wide career fairs that brought recruiters to campus, an international tech MoU creating overseas internship and employment channels, a structured career-readiness accelerator, and a new vocational collaboration in advanced manufacturing. These initiatives directly promote productive employment, skills development, start-ups, agribusiness, youth employment in agribusiness & sustainable agriculture (YEASA) and inclusive economic growth. The Youth Enterprise in Agribusiness and Sustainable Agriculture (YEASA) project cuts across different aspects of the Agricultural value chain with training in areas such as Crop production and value addition, and fish production and value addition. The project which is targeted majorly at youth, focused on crops such as maize, soybeans/beans, plantain, and rice.

ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

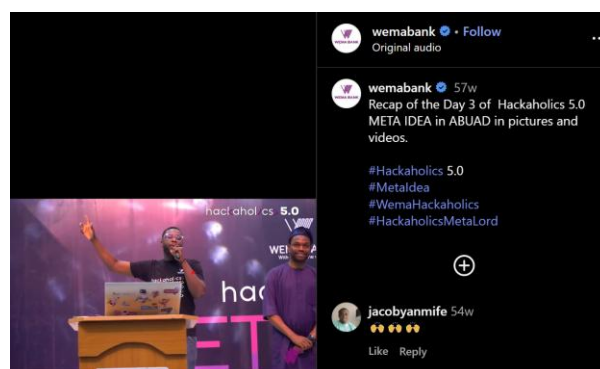
1) University-Wide Career Fairs and Job Expos (Nov 2024 – Feb 2025; Ado-Ekiti)

ABUAD organised a series of on-campus career fairs spanning digital and creative industries, a general Careers Day, a dedicated Healthcare Careers Fair, and spring hiring events across disciplines. Employers from banking, ICT, manufacturing, government and NGOs engaged students through networking, recruitment talks, and screening activities designed to align graduate skills with labour-market needs.

Impact: Thousands of students and recent graduates built professional contacts, learnt recruitment processes, and secured internships and job offers—tangible progress in reducing youth unemployment and supporting decent work outcomes.

2) MoU with Divic Corp (Japan) for Tech Training and Employment (20 Dec 2024; Ado-Ekiti)

ABUAD signed a memorandum of understanding with Divic Corp to deliver training in software engineering, AI and cybersecurity, with pathways to internships and jobs in Japan's technology sector. The partnership integrates technical upskilling with international placement opportunities, positioning high-performing students for global roles.



3) Impact: The MoU opens structured, skills-linked employment channels for ABUAD graduates, expanding decent work prospects, foreign exposure and remittance-supported economic benefits. By early 2025, the programme had begun preparing participants for global market requirements.

4) Pathway Career Accelerator 2.0 Launch (10 Jun 2024; Ado-Ekiti)

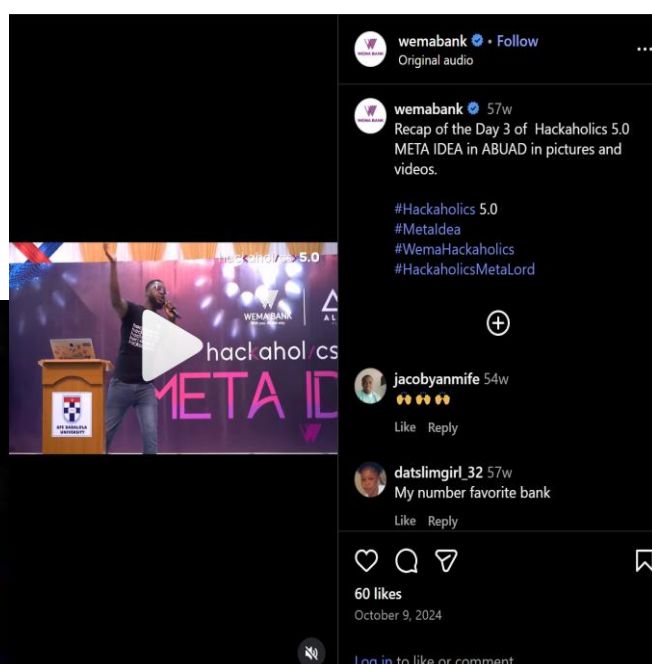
In partnership with The Afara Initiative, ABUAD launched the six-month Pathway Career Accelerator on campus, providing intensive coaching in problem-solving, critical thinking, personal branding, CV writing, interviewing and digital skills. A dedicated career hub was set up to host continuous mentorship and industry seminars, with over 200 students enrolling in the 2024 cohort.

Impact: The accelerator strengthens graduate readiness for quality jobs and entrepreneurship, with organisers highlighting strong placement outcomes for alumni—thereby improving employment transitions and supporting sustainable economic growth.

4) Vocational Training Collaboration with Zhejiang Polytechnic (Oct 2024; Ado-Ekiti)

ABUAD initiated a vocational training link with Zhejiang Polytechnic focused on manufacturing-oriented skills and industry-ready competencies. The collaboration targets hands-on training and technology transfer to build a workforce that can operate and maintain modern production systems.

Impact: By strengthening practical, factory-relevant skills, the programme broadens employment options for learners and supports local industrial productivity—contributing to inclusive growth and better labour-market outcomes.





SDG 9:
BUILD RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE, PROMOTE INCLUSIVE
AND SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRIALIZATION AND FOSTER
INNOVATION

INTRODUCTION

Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD) strengthened Nigeria's innovation ecosystem in the period under review by expanding research infrastructure, forging high-impact R&D partnerships, and equipping laboratories with advanced instruments. These actions directly support Sustainable Development Goal 9 by enhancing scientific capacity, catalysing technology development, and creating university–industry interfaces that accelerate problem-solving for national development.

ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

1) Research Collaboration with the Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA)

ABUAD signed a landmark Memorandum of Understanding with the Nigerian Defence Academy on 15 July 2024 in Kaduna. The pact establishes a framework for joint R&D projects, facility sharing, faculty/student exchanges, and co-publications in engineering innovation, cybersecurity, defence technology, and AI—marking the NDA's first such research partnership with a private university.

Impact: The alliance strengthens national research infrastructure and talent pipelines by uniting academia and a strategic public institution, accelerating development of industry-relevant technologies and skilled human capital for Nigeria's economy.

2) Innovation Hub within the ABUAD Industrial Research Park

In August 2024, ABUAD commissioned an Innovation Hub inside its Industrial Research Park—housing fabrication workshops, tech incubators, and a start-up co-working space, with equipment such as 3D printers and high-performance computing clusters. The Industrial Park also began hosting small manufacturers, offering access to stable power and engineering expertise—creating a practical bridge between research and production.

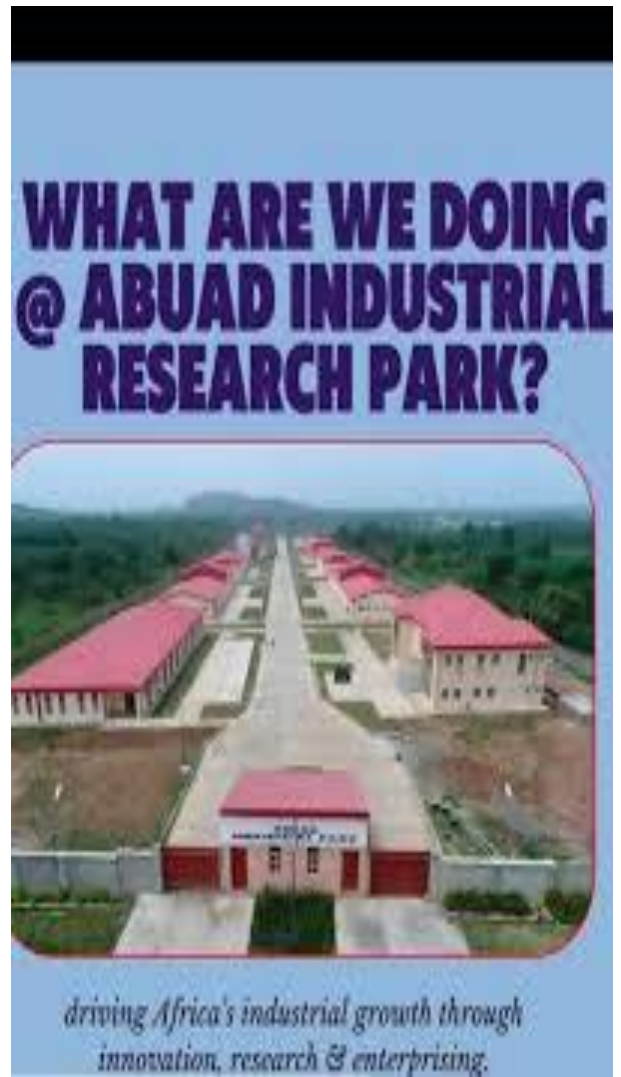
Impact: The hub upgrades the university's technology infrastructure and provides an on-campus platform where prototypes can be developed, firms can co-locate, and students can commercialise ideas—thereby deepening university–industry linkages and driving sustainable industrial development in the region.



3) Seeding Labs Scientific Equipment Award (₦480.2 million)

On 9 June 2024, ABUAD received a shipment of 79 high-end scientific instruments (valued at about \$298,105 / ₦480.2 million) through Seeding Labs, significantly bolstering laboratory capabilities across disciplines.

Impact: The infusion of advanced equipment enhances experimental capacity and hands-on training, enabling more rigorous research and faster progression from ideas to validated prototypes across science and engineering laboratories.





REDUCE INEQUALITY WITHIN AND AMONG COUNTRIES

INTRODUCTION

Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD) advanced Sustainable Development Goal 10 (Reduced Inequalities) by widening flexible learning routes for non-traditional and underserved learners. Through open and distance learning (ODL), part-time study options, and programme approvals that expand subjects available via ODL, the University reduced barriers linked to time, location, and income, enabling more equitable access to higher education.

ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

1) Open and Distance Learning (ODL) Admissions (Oct 2024 – Feb 2025; Ado-Ekiti)

Description: ABUAD admitted **26 learners** into its ODL stream during the 2024/2025 intake window. The route is designed for students constrained by work, caregiving, distance, or cost, offering structured online delivery and flexible pacing to accommodate diverse circumstances.

Outcome/Impact: The ODL cohort expanded participation among groups typically excluded from full-time, on-campus study, supporting upward mobility while learners remain in work or care roles. This flexibility directly reduces educational inequality by aligning university access with real-life constraints.

2) Part-Time Programme Admissions (Oct 2024 – Feb 2025; Ado-Ekiti)

Description: In parallel, ABUAD enrolled **421 students** on part-time programmes. These offerings provide evening/weekend timetables and staged progression so working adults and income-constrained applicants can upskill without foregoing earnings.

Outcome/Impact: The part-time track mitigated cost-of-study and opportunity-cost barriers that disproportionately affect low-income and mid-career learners, expanding equitable access and narrowing attainment gaps across socio-economic groups.

3) Approval of Five New ODL Programmes (10 June 202; Ado-Ekiti)

Description: ABUAD secured approval for **five additional ODL programmes**, broadening subject availability through distance delivery and strengthening the policy and quality base for inclusive provision.



Outcome/Impact: The approvals increased capacity to serve learners outside traditional pathways—particularly those in remote locations or with rigid schedules—thereby reducing structural access gaps and sustaining long-term inclusion beyond a single intake cycle.

RESEARCH ON CORRUPTION PERCEPTION AND ECONOMIC OUTCOMES:

Further contributing to the conversation on inequality, Tayo Oke's research scrutinizes the impact of corruption perception on foreign direct investment (FDI) in Latin America. Utilizing a panel data model, the study investigates the debated theory on whether corruption acts as a lubricant or a hindrance to economic activity, specifically FDI. The findings suggest that during the studied period, the Corruption Perceptions Index (CPI) did not significantly influence FDI inflows, bringing into question the effectiveness of using corruption perception as a measure in economic analysis, as critiqued by Heywood (2017).

2024 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND WEALTH CREATION:

The 2024 International Conference, co-hosted with Trinity Western University, Canada, provided a robust platform to discuss SDG 10-related issues. Prof. Olawuyi's panel session shed light on the differential leadership approaches between Canada and Nigeria, setting the stage for cross-cultural learning and the development of transformative leadership models. Another plenary session co-moderated by Mr. Rotimi Opeyeoluwa and Dr. Phil Laird emphasized the importance of leadership and good governance as fundamental drivers for growth and the maintenance of societal discipline.

Such discourse is vital in carving out strategies for African countries to foster inclusive development and governance. Aare Afe Babalola's address at the conference brought forward the visionary idea of a global body dedicated to the prevention of a third world war, an embodiment of the principles of SDG 10 that call for peaceful and inclusive societies. His emphasis on ABUAD's commitment to academic and character excellence resonates with the SDG's objective to create inclusive and equitable quality education that promotes lifelong learning opportunities for all.

CONCLUSION: The initiatives undertaken by ABUAD highlight the institution's commitment to SDG 10, providing a multipronged approach to reducing inequalities through academic discourse and research. The distinguished lectures hosted by the university not only raise awareness but also urge action towards the establishment of good governance as a foundation for sustainable development.





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**MAKE CITIES AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS INCLUSIVE, SAFE,
RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE**

INTRODUCTION

Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD) contributed to Sustainable Development Goal 11 by strengthening social cohesion, celebrating cultural heritage, and expanding inclusive campus housing that supports a safe, liveable learning community. Within the period, the most relevant actions were community-facing cultural engagements and the commissioning of new student accommodation—each reinforcing resilient, people-centred communities on and beyond the campus.

ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

1) Participation in Ekimogun Day 2024 (7 December 2024; Ondo Town)

ABUAD took part in **Ekimogun Day**, a flagship festival that honours Yoruba heritage and community identity. The University's presence—alongside the Founder's recognition—underscored its role in cultural preservation and town-gown solidarity across Ondo communities.

Outcome/Impact: The engagement strengthened cultural ties and social cohesion, helping to sustain living heritage that anchors community resilience and pride—key ingredients of sustainable cities and communities.

2) World Theatre Day Celebration (27 March 2025; Ado-Ekiti)

ABUAD marked **World Theatre Day** with performances and interactions that brought students, staff, and city residents together, using the performing arts to engage civic themes and shared values.

Outcome/Impact: The event deepened town-gown relations and broadened access to cultural life, reinforcing inclusive public spaces and community wellbeing—central outcomes for SDG 11.

3) BallUp Sports Festival (March–May 2024; Ado-Ekiti)

The **BallUp Sports Festival** convened diverse groups around sport as a community-building platform, with activities designed to promote participation, teamwork, and positive youth engagement on campus and in the host city.



Outcome/Impact: By fostering unity and healthy recreation, the festival enhanced social inclusion and safety in shared spaces, contributing to vibrant, cohesive communities.

4) New Male Hostel Commissioning – 252 Spaces (September 2024; Ado-Ekiti)

Description: ABUAD commissioned a **252-bed male hostel**, expanding on-campus residential capacity to accommodate enrolment growth and reduce pressure on surrounding urban housing. The facility supports a compact, walkable campus community with access to learning, health, and recreation.

Outcome/Impact: Increased safe, proximate student housing improves quality of life, reduces commuting burdens, and supports inclusive, resilient campus living—tangible contributions to sustainable communities.

4. QUALITY HOUSING FOR UNIVERSITY AND HOSPITAL STAFF:

In its stride to improve the quality of life for its staff, ABUAD has ensured that employees of the university and its affiliated hospital have access to affordable, high-quality housing equipped with essential amenities. These accommodations are provided with round-the-clock electricity, internet facilities, and are situated in an environment conducive to wellbeing, demonstrating the institution's dedication to fostering a supportive and sustainable community for its workforce.

RESEARCH ON HOUSING QUALITY IN URBAN NIGERIA

Illuminating the wider challenges of urbanization in Nigeria, a study conducted by Oluwadare, Tunrayo, on the assessment of housing quality in the Greater Karu Urban Area, revealed that a significant number of residences failed to meet the World Health Organization's criteria for a healthy living space. This emphasizes the urgent need for governmental oversight to monitor and enforce health standards in housing, particularly in rapidly urbanizing regions.

CONCLUSION:

ABUAD's initiatives serve as a testament to the transformative impact educational institutions can have on urban development. By maintaining critical infrastructure and providing superior housing to its staff, ABUAD not only contributes to the betterment of its immediate community but also sets a standard for sustainable urban development practices. Furthermore, through scholarly research, the university sheds light on the critical issues facing urbanization in Nigeria, thereby advocating for policy interventions that uphold the right to quality housing. ABUAD's commitment to SDG 11 is an exemplar of how institutional responsibility intertwined with academic research can catalyze progress toward sustainable, liveable cities.





ENSURE SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION PATTERNS

INTRODUCTION

Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD) recognises the importance of responsible consumption and production through internal sustainability practices such as waste management and recycling. However, within the reporting window of 1 October 2024 to 27 October 2025, the report does not record any distinct new initiatives, campaigns, or externally reported programmes that can be confidently classified under SDG 12 without overlap with other SDGs.

ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

No SDG 12-specific activities documented in the report for this period.

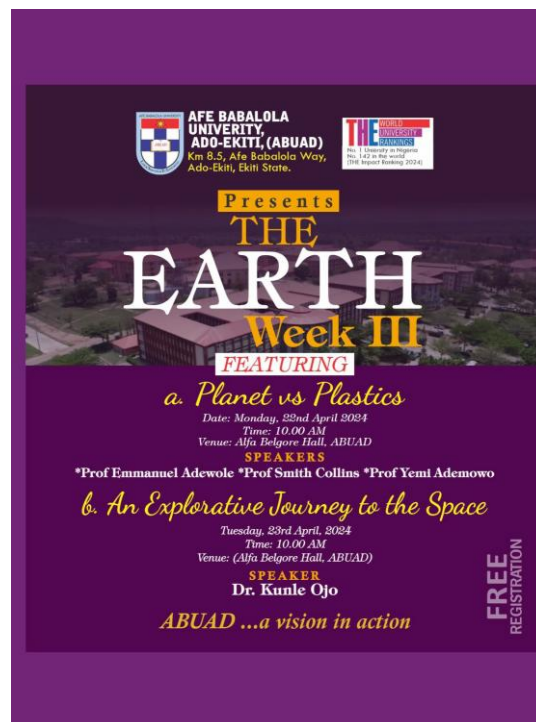
Description: To avoid misclassification—as requested—initiatives more appropriately aligned with other SDGs (e.g., health services, energy projects, or food security efforts) have been excluded. The source report explicitly notes the absence of notable new SDG 12 actions during the timeframe.

On May 30, 2024, ABUAD Radio held an impactful discussion featuring experts who presented innovative and practical ways to address plastic waste. Their insights boosted public awareness and encouraged meaningful conversations on both individual and collective actions to reduce plastic use. ABUAD's dedication to sustainability continues to shine through its community-focused initiatives, including clean-up campaigns, educational workshops, and collaborations with local innovators—all aimed at strengthening environmental responsibility and promoting long-term ecological stewardship.

Outcome/Impact: By limiting this section strictly to SDG 12 and to what is documented, the report maintains accuracy and integrity. This also highlights a clear evidence gap that can guide ABUAD's future documentation—e.g., formally recording campus waste-reduction drives, circular-economy pilots, green procurement policies, or product stewardship initiatives—so that SDG 12 contributions are visible in subsequent cycles.

Conclusion:

ABUAD's commitment to sustainable development is evident in its structured waste management systems and active engagement in global sustainability conversations. The university's initiatives and research strengthen the adoption of circular-economy practices, advancing progress toward SDG 12. Through its focus on resource efficiency and innovative solutions, ABUAD is establishing a strong model for academic institutions seeking to lead the transition to a more sustainable and responsible future.





**TAKE URGENT ACTION TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS
IMPACTS**

INTRODUCTION

Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD) advanced climate action in the period through practical greening on campus and policy-shaping scholarship. Notable initiatives focused on carbon sequestration and evidence-based dialogue for energy transition, aligning with ABUAD's broader climate leadership referenced in the report.

ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

1) Campus Tree-Planting and Greening Initiative (April–June 2024; ABUAD Campus, Ado-Ekiti)

ABUAD students and staff, led by the ABUAD Green Club with technical support from the Ekiti State Ministry of Environment, planted over 1,000 seedlings (teak, mango, and other indigenous species) across the arboretum and roadside corridors. A 5,000-seedling nursery was raised for subsequent distribution, and a student-led GIS project was planned to monitor survival rates—positioning the campus as a living laboratory for climate education.

Outcome/Impact:

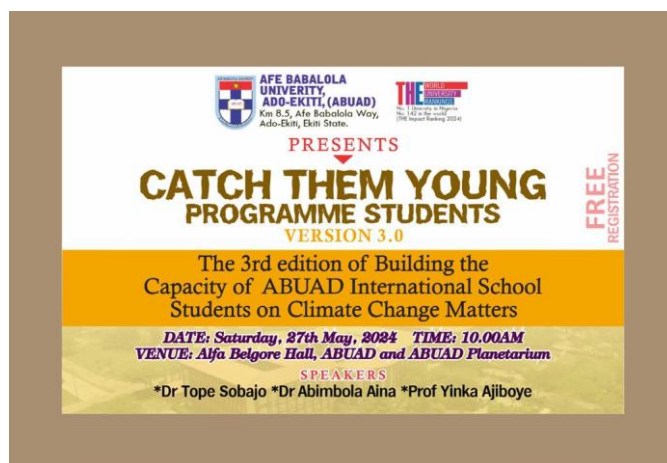
The trees provide long-term carbon sinks, reduce heat, and help control erosion while building environmental stewardship among students and staff. Community-facing nurseries and data-driven monitoring strengthen local resilience and sustain the project beyond initial planting.

2) Energy Transition Special Issue (5 August 2024; Virtual)

ABUAD contributed to climate policy discourse through a dedicated “Energy Transition Special Issue,” convening scholarship on sustainable energy pathways and mitigation. The initiative foregrounded practical frameworks for low-carbon development and informed dialogues across academia and practice.

Outcome/Impact:

The special issue amplified evidence-based recommendations that support national and regional transition efforts, helping policymakers and practitioners align on realistic decarbonisation measures and accelerating the adoption of climate-friendly solutions.





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CONSERVE AND SUSTAINABLY USE THE OCEANS, SEAS AND MARINE RESOURCES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

INTRODUCTION

Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD) maintains a broad sustainability agenda; however, within the review window of 1 October 2024 to 27 October 2025, the provided report records no direct, marine-focused programmes (e.g., ocean conservation, fisheries management, coastal ecosystem protection) attributable to SDG 14. As an inland institution, ABUAD's documented sustainability actions in this period centred on other SDGs; therefore, only verified SDG 14 entries from the report are reflected here, with no cross-listing from other goals.

ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

No SDG 14-specific activities were documented in the supplied report for 1 Oct 2024 – 27 Oct 2025. The SDG section in the report explicitly notes the absence of Life Below Water initiatives during this timeframe.

Impact/Outcome: Not applicable for this period; the report does not list any actions, outputs, or measured outcomes under SDG 14.

ABUAD and Ministry of Marine & Blue Economy: In 2024, ABUAD partnered with the Ministry of Marine and Blue Economy. for the establishment of a Department of Marine-Derived Medicine to present a transformative opportunity for Nigeria to position itself as a leader in marine biotechnology while addressing critical national needs. The benefits extend across multiple sectors, which include Economic Benefits: Creation of a new high-value industry, reduction of drug import bills, potential for export revenue, and attraction of international research investment, Health Benefits: Development of novel treatments for diseases prevalent, in Nigeria and Africa, improved access to affordable medicines, and enhanced national health security, Scientific Benefits: Development of indigenous research capacity, retention of scientific talent, and establishment of Nigeria as a center of excellence in marine natural products research, Environmental Benefits: Promotion of marine conservation through the valuation of marine biodiversity, and development of sustainable harvesting protocols. The Department will serve as a catalyst for innovation, aligning with the Ministry's vision of "promoting partnerships with industry players, driving innovation, and championing sustainability.

Outcome/Impact: The establishment of this Department represents a strategic investment in Nigeria's scientific future, economic resilience, and healthcare security. By harnessing the potential of our marine resources, we can transform Nigeria's blue economy into a powerhouse of innovation and sustainable development.

ABUAD partnered with the Ministry of Blue Economy to drive transformative, sustainable change. Through cutting-edge research, community engagement, and innovative marine policies, both institutions worked together to protect coastal resources, strengthen local livelihoods, and promote environmentally responsible development. Their collaboration inspired new technologies, empowered students and professionals, and created a model for long-term ocean stewardship that ensured cleaner waters, thriving ecosystems, and a prosperous blue-economy future for generations to come





**PROTECT, RESTORE AND PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE USE OF
TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS, SUSTAINABLY MANAGE
FORESTS, COMBAT DESERTIFICATION, AND HALT AND
REVERSE LAND DEGRADATION AND HALT DIVERSITY LOSS**

INTRODUCTION

Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD) advanced SDG 15 through biodiversity-oriented research initiatives and land-management partnerships that protect ecosystems and combat land degradation within Ekiti State and beyond.

ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

1. FRILLA Forum on Land Administration (Dec 18–19, 2024 – Ekiti State, Nigeria)

ABUAD participated in the FRILLA Forum focused on land administration and resilient land use practices. The engagement brought together stakeholders to discuss policy, conservation priorities, and practical approaches to safeguard terrestrial ecosystems.

Impact: The forum strengthened conservation advocacy and informed approaches that support ecosystem resilience in Ekiti State by steering attention to responsible land governance and habitat protection.

2. One Health Grants for Human–Animal–Environment Research (Mar–May 2024 – Ado-Ekiti, Nigeria)

Through competitive One Health grants, ABUAD supported projects linking human, animal, and environmental health—an approach central to maintaining healthy terrestrial ecosystems and preventing land-use practices that degrade biodiversity.

3. The Ekiti State Government, in collaboration with Afe Babalola University and several non-governmental organisations, organised a week-long training programme on responsible forest management. The initiative focused on forest certification and aimed to educate stakeholders on sustainable preservation practices. Partners included international bodies committed to environmental stewardship. Participants ranged from saw millers and timber traders to charcoal sellers. The opening remarks highlighted that the training reflects the administration's commitment to addressing environmental challenges and protecting the state's economic future. The programme emphasised the need for globally recognised standards in sustainable forest management.



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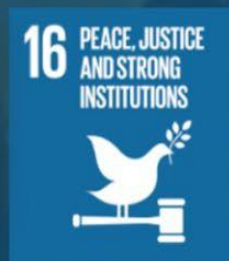


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**PROMOTE PEACEFUL AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES FOR
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, PROVIDE ACCESS TO
JUSTICE FOR ALL, ACCOUNTABLE AND INCLUSIVE
INSTITUTIONS AT ALL LEVELS**

INTRODUCTION

Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD) advanced SDG 16 by expanding access to justice for vulnerable groups, promoting human rights awareness, strengthening student governance, and convening legal-policy dialogue. The most relevant, document-evidenced actions in this period are a free legal outreach by the Law Clinic, a World Human Rights Day engagement, the inauguration of the Student Representative Council (SRC), and participation in a national conference on international law—each reinforcing just, inclusive, and effective institutions.

ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

1)ABUAD Law Clinic Free Legal Outreach (5 December 2024; Ado-Ekiti High Court)

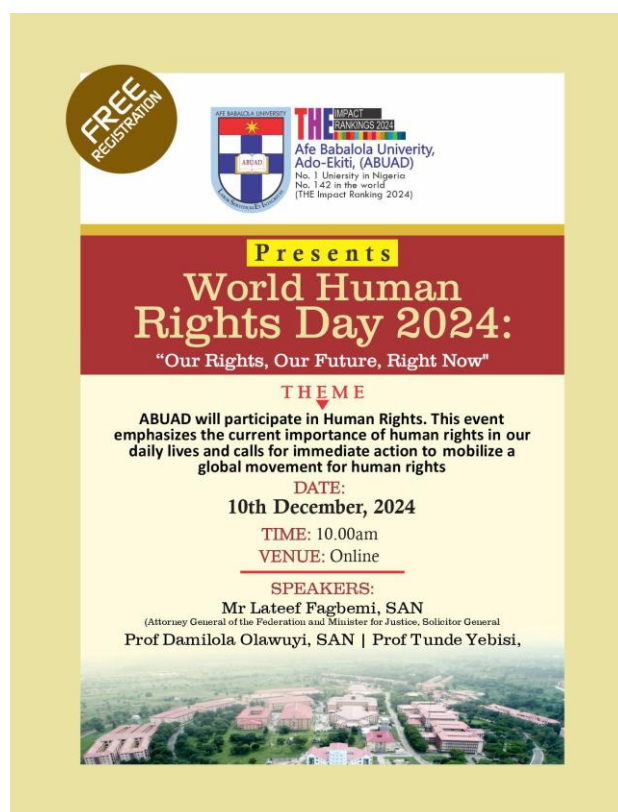
ABUAD's Community Law Clinic conducted a targeted access-to-justice outreach for indigent pre-trial detainees. Final-year law students, supervised by faculty and working with the Ekiti State Judiciary, reviewed prolonged-detention cases and facilitated a special "Jail Delivery" session with the Chief Judge; they also offered pro bono legal counselling to the public on matters such as land disputes and domestic violence.

Outcome/Impact: The intervention secured immediate redress—including releases/bail for long-awaiting detainees—while decongesting correctional facilities and strengthening due process. It simultaneously built practical human-rights advocacy skills among students and deepened collaboration with the judiciary, thereby reinforcing the rule of law.

2)World Human Rights Day – “Our Rights, Our Future, Right Now” (10 December 2024; Ado-Ekiti)

ABUAD hosted a hybrid World Human Rights Day event featuring national legal leaders and scholars to translate rights principles into everyday practice and mobilise action. The programme spotlighted immediate measures to safeguard rights and inclusion across communities.

Outcome/Impact: The engagement raised rights literacy, sharpened calls for policy implementation, and encouraged civic mobilisation—outcomes that strengthen accountability and the culture of justice within institutions and society.



3) Student Representative Council (SRC) Inauguration (14 February 2024; Ado-Ekiti)



ABUAD inaugurated its SRC for the session, formalising student representation structures and channels for dialogue with university management. The process affirmed fair participation and transparent internal governance in the learning community.

Outcome/Impact: By empowering elected student leaders to engage on policy and welfare issues, the SRC fosters civic responsibility, peaceful dispute resolution, and institutional responsiveness—key attributes of strong, inclusive institutions.

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4) International Law Association (ILA) Nigeria Conference Participation (9–10 April 2024; Ado-Ekiti)

ABUAD contributed to a national forum on international law that gathered practitioners and scholars to examine legal frameworks shaping governance and accountability. The event underscored jurisprudential standards and cooperative approaches to strengthen institutions.

Outcome/Impact: Deliberations informed policy thinking and professional practice, supporting rule-of-law norms and institutional capacity building—outcomes directly aligned with SDG 16.

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experienced arbitrators and mediators who use their expertise to help parties having a misunderstanding to bury their hatchets, proffer workable solutions and avoid litigation.


5. **CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOPS:** the ABUAD College of Law academic community boasts of seasoned researchers who empower stakeholders and policy makers in the community through workshops and seminars, in constructing, adopting and implementing policies that would serve the purpose of the general good of citizens in the immediate community.
6. **VISIT TO POLICE STATIONS TO ASSIST IN CONFLICT RESOLUTION:** Clinicians use this medium to offer free legal services to alleged offenders detained in Police custody by counselling them and possibly resolving conflicts with complainants without recourse to avoidable criminal prosecution in minor cases.
7. **POLICY DEVELOPMENT:** ABUAD Law Clinic, utilizes its strength in research to help policy makers develop policies that make intervention of government effective.



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THE ABUAD LAW CLINIC

The Law Clinic is situated strategically at the ground floor of the College of Law. This gives clients easy access to the Clinic and protects their privacy.

The Law Clinic has a large reception where prospective clients are welcomed and put at ease by clinicians. The clients' biodata and requests are documented before the actual interaction with them. The Clinic also has four clients' interviewing rooms that ensure confidentiality and a favourable atmosphere for interaction between them and clinicians.

OUR MISSION

To facilitate access to
Justice for the less privileged
Members of the society

OBJECTIVES

- To provide free legal services to indigent people in the immediate community through student-supervised participation.
- To expose students to live clients and cases.
- To instil integrity, value of *pro bono* services and discipline in Law students of the Afe Babalola University.
- To train students to use Alternative Dispute Resolution methodologies in proffering solutions to cases without recourse to litigation.
- To foster peaceful coexistence and decongest the Courts.
- To promote peace and progress in the immediate society through strategic collaboration with relevant stakeholders.

CLINIC ADMINISTRATION

The Law Clinic consists of a Clinic Director, an Administrator, Staff-Clinicians and Student-Clinicians. The Student-Clinicians administer and coordinate the activities in the Clinic. The Staff-Clinicians are Lecturers in the College of Law, Afe Babalola University, who have been trained in clinical practice and the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).

CLINICAL WORK

Clinical work is a component of the mandatory 400 level course titled, 'Introduction to Legal Practice' (4 units per semester). This is a compulsory course for all fourth

year students in the College of Law, ABUAD.

The Clinic exposes students to the practical application of the theoretical package given to them during the class course work and engages them in clinical work undergone during the academic session.

The **Introduction to Legal Practice** also has a Chamber attachment component which constitutes of a four-week attachment to a Law Firm immediately after their third and fourth years of study. Students proceed to a four-week supervised and monitored chamber attachment during their long vacation (July-September). Each student presents a report on the Chamber attachment in the form of a power point presentation which is evaluated and constitutes part of their course assessment.

ACTIVITIES OF THE LAW CLINIC

1. **LEGAL ADVICE:** Clinicians receive complaints and offer legal advice which has been found useful in avoiding disruption in Law and Order.
2. **LETTER WRITING:** Student Clinicians, under the supervision of Staff-Clinicians, write legal letters in furtherance to complaints received from clients.
3. **OUTREACHES:** the Law Clinic organizes outreaches to the immediate community to sensitize and inform them about their rights and duties as good citizens.
4. **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION:** this is an avenue whereby clinicians encourage complainants to discuss their grievances with a view to settling their disputes out of Court. The staff-clinicians are all carefully selected from the academic staff of the Law College. Staff-Clinicians are

The UNESCO Chair on Peace and Citizenship at Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD) has made significant progress in promoting peace and citizenship education in Nigeria since its renewal in May 2024. The establishment of a robust administrative structure, successful certificate courses on anti-corruption, and strategic partnerships demonstrate our commitment to fostering a culture of peace, integrity, and ethics. The projects embarked upon include: **Outreach and Partnerships and Representation and advocacy** [continue reading](#)



17 PARTNERSHIPS
FOR THE GOALS



SDG 17

**STRENGTHEN THE MEANS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND
REVITALIZE THE GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

INTRODUCTION

Afe Babalola University, Ado-Ekiti (ABUAD) advanced SDG 17 by brokering purposeful, cross-border and cross-sector collaborations that share knowledge, mobilise resources, and build capacity. Within the period, four partnership-driven actions stand out: a co-hosted international leadership conference, a high-level visit from Durban University of Technology to forge formal ties, an open-access publishing workshop with EIFL, and UNESCO Chair partnership engagements that broadened ABUAD's global academic network.

ACTIVITIES AND INITIATIVES

1) International Leadership Conference 2.0 with Trinity Western University & Centre LSD (16–17 Oct 2024; Ado-Ekiti)

Description: ABUAD co-hosted a two-day, multi-stakeholder conference themed “Shaping Transformational Leaders for a Changing World,” convening scholars, policymakers, civil society leaders and students from Nigeria, Canada and beyond to exchange solutions on poverty, governance and insecurity. Sessions featured keynotes, panels and workshops structured to translate dialogue into joint action.

Outcome/Impact: The meeting issued a joint communiqué calling for stronger government–academia–private-sector coalitions and announced an ABUAD–TWU Centre for Leadership & Poverty Reduction to carry forward collaborative work—deepening institutional cooperation that underpins progress across multiple SDGs.

2) Durban University of Technology (South Africa) Delegation Visit to Forge Ties (15–17 Mar 2024; Ado-Ekiti)

Description: A high-level DUT team met ABUAD leadership to scope collaborations in business education, research and student exchange; the visit included academic engagements and cultural diplomacy, and concluded with a mutual commitment to formalise an MoU covering staff/student mobility and joint research.

Outcome/Impact: By building a structured pipeline for knowledge exchange and co-created research, the partnership expands regional capacity-building and



creates durable channels for shared expertise—core mechanics of “Partnerships for the Goals.”

3)Diamond Open-Access Publishing Workshop with EIFL (4 Dec 2024; Ado-Ekiti)

Description: ABUAD’s OGEES Institute hosted a practical workshop with EIFL on ethical research and open-access publishing, training faculty, researchers and students to improve the visibility and integrity of scholarship through collaborative, barrier-free dissemination.

Outcome/Impact: The partnership strengthened ABUAD’s capacity to share knowledge globally, enabling wider uptake of research outputs and reinforcing international cooperation through open science practices aligned with SDG 17.

4)UNESCO Chair Partnership Engagements and Mentorship (to Aug 2024; Ado-Ekiti)

Description: ABUAD advanced UNESCO-aligned collaborations, including MoUs with partner institutions and mentorship support to multiple Nigerian universities—broadening networks for curriculum enhancement, research collaboration and academic exchange.

Outcome/Impact: These engagements expanded ABUAD’s international partnerships architecture, fostering shared standards, co-supervision opportunities and scalable knowledge-sharing platforms that strengthen national and regional capacity for the SDGs.





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- Open Science and Knowledge Economy: Perspectives from the Ekiti Knowledge Zone Initiative- 'Seun Fakuade, Honorable Commissioner for Innovation, Science and Digital Economy, Ekiti State, Nigeria.

LIGHTNING TALKS

- Open Peer Review as a Component of Open Science- Dr. Janaynne do Amaral, Postdoctoral Research Associate, School of Information Sciences, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, United States.
- Open Science Initiatives in Africa- The Kenyan Case- Dr. Penninah Musangi, University Librarian, Amref International University, Nairobi, Kenya.

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METHODOLOGY

Data were collected at the end of the 2024/2025 academic year in four categories; teaching, research, strategy & operations and community & public engagement. Due to data constraints, only teaching and research results have been fully reported here.

RESEARCH Mapping the institution's research was difficult as there is no current or standardized method to capture all the related research. Firstly, lists of keywords relating to the 17 different SDGs were created using keywords and query related to specific SDG Goals drawn from wide range of reference.

Research publications from the last 15 years (2012-2024) were mapped using query codes, including keywords relating to each SDG, to search for keywords within publication titles, abstract and keywords in the Scopus online database.

TEACHING As part of a wider Curriculum Transformation (CT) project, an audit was carried out to identify existing sustainability related teaching and opportunities to incorporate more Education for Sustainability (ESD) within the curriculum. Intended learning outcomes (ILO's) were specifically used to identify what students should know or be able to do by the end of the module. The ILOs had to engage with any of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals or with our transferable skills network (TSF).

Modules have been identified that contain teaching relating to the UN's 17 SDGs – both core and optional modules. We have only been able to use the ILO's as a reference to see whether the module contains the SDGs and, as they are brief, it is hard to ascertain which specific ones they contain. For example, when the environmental issues are mentioned, we assumed that SDGs 13, 14 and 15 are included but this could include elements of renewable energy etc

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