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## **IITA SEEKS COLLABORATION WITH FUTA IN BIOSCIENCE**

A team from the Bioscience laboratory of the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Ibadan has visited the Federal University of Technology, Akure, (FUTA) to work out modalities for collaboration in related fields of Agriculture, especially in Bioscience. Stating its mission to FUTA, team leader and IITA's Bioscience Laboratory Manager, Mrs. Yemi Fasanmade said IITA is keenly interested in collaborating with institutions of higher learning with strong Agriculture faculty for research purposes. Fasanmade said "IITA is interested in students who want to carry out research in Biosciences. We have the facilities for such and we believe if they are caught young, they will grow to become forces to reckon with in their different fields".

Responding, the Vice Chancellor, Professor Joseph Fuwape commended IITA's contributions to the development of Agriculture globally over the years. He expressed FUTA's readiness to enter into partnership with IITA saying a synergy between FUTA's department of Biotechnology, the Central Research Laboratory and IITA's Bioscience laboratory in research effort will boost research activities and bring development. Professor Fuwape said the relationship between FUTA and IITA dates back to decades and has yielded positive results. He said "knowledge should be shared. IITA is located in Nigeria for research opportunities for the Tropical region and with your expertise; I know this partnership will yield positive results." He appealed to IITA to consider accepting students from FUTA on Industrial Training as another form of partnership. The IITA team led by Mrs. Fasanmade included Azeez Adekunle and Babatope Fajire.