

**IFIF GLOBAL ANIMAL NUTRITION PROGRAM: TRAIN –THE- TRAINER PILOT
PROJECT IN NIGERIA: Implementing Codex Code of Practice on Good Animal
Feeding.**

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ABSTRACT.

The International Feed industry Federation's (IFIF) pilot Train-The Trainer program under IFIF Global Animal Nutrition program was held in Lagos, Nigeria between October 28th and 30th 2015, in partnership with the Nigerian Institute of Animal Science (NIAS).

The objective was to train a corps of Trainers who will implement further training to the stakeholders in Nigeria on animal feed safety for an eventual self regulation in the feed sector, through the implementation of the Codex Alimentarius Code of Practice on Good Animal feeding, using the IFIF/FAO Manual.

30 participants comprising Registered Animal Scientists (RAS) with valid Annual Practicing Licenses were selected across various geo-political zones of Nigeria for the training. The Trainees were drawn from Nigeria National Feed Association (NNFA), Regulatory Agencies, Academia, Livestock Farmers and a Private Quality Assurance analyst. Prior to the training program, a pre-Training Country Assessment was conducted by the IFIF Education Committee delegation that

visited representative companies of the various categories of Feed operations in Nigeria.

Other pre-Training activities included several stakeholders sensitization, through various media and a Stakeholders conference one week to the training on approved listing of commercial feed ingredients in Nigeria, Feed Business Registration and Feedmill Quality Audit Checklist. Post Training actions included the constitution of six working groups representing the six geo-political zones of Nigeria, who will be responsible for training various stakeholders in their regions. An investment workshop for Animal feeds was held two weeks after, in collaboration with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) West African Trade and Investment Hub (WATH). This brought Feedmillers and Finance Institutions together to offer financing for any aspect of feed operations to complement the IFIF Training.

Post training tracking of implementation of the training revealed that 3 major Feedmillers visited had installed more effective Biosecurity measures and better quality assurance systems in their factories, while one had commenced the acquisition of Bulk Tankers and Silos.

The Nigerian Institute of Animal Science thanks IFIF for the sponsorship of the project and solicits for continuous cooperation to bridge other gaps in Nigeria's feed sector, especially laboratory facilities.