

**GREENING ACADEMIA-INDUSTRY RESEARCH SYNERGY TO PROMOTE  
SUSTAINABLY DEVELOPMENT GOALS IN NIGERIA**

**Date: 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2019**

**Venue: Igbinedion University Okada**

The Vice Chancellor,

Principal Officers,

Members of Senate,

Staff and Students of Igbinedion University Okada,

All Invited Guests to this Occasion,

Distinguished Ladies and Gentlemen.

**Goodwill Message on the Occasion of the Igbinedion University of Okada Research Day by  
the AG. Executive Director/CEO Nigerian Institute for Oil Palm Research (NIFOR) Benin  
City, Nigerian**

It is with much delight and enthusiasm that NIFOR felicitate with the Igbinedion University Okada on this august occasion. Most importantly, the Theme of this **Research Day**: Greening Academia-Industry Research Synergy to Promote Sustainable Development Goals in Nigeria is very timely, adequate and appropriate. This is because, until we bridge the existing gaps in Basic, Theoretical and Industry Applied Technology, there will continue to be slow growth in industrialization associated with lack of relevant industry skills from University Graduates. It is hoped that this forum will discuss and proffer useful and practical solutions to the challenges associated with poor academia-industry synergy in the attainment of sustainable development goals in Nigeria.

On behalf of the Managements and Entire Staff of NIFOR, I wish you fruitful deliberations.

Thank you.

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