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# POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

* **M.Sc** Agricultural Finance and Project Analysis, [University of Nigeria, Nsukka](https://www.unn.edu.ng/), Nigeria Jan. 2017

Cumulative GPA: 4.88/5.0 Top 2% Distinction

* **B.Agric**Agricultural Economics,[University of Nigeria, Nsukka](https://www.unn.edu.ng/), Nigeria July 2012

Cumulative GPA: 4.69/5.0 Top 1% First Class Honours

* **Certificate of Completion** Agriculture,[Hokkaido University](https://www.global.hokudai.ac.jp/), Sapporo, Japan August 2011

Hokkaido University Short-Term Exchange Program (HUSTEP) Certificate

# ACADEMIC DISTINCTIONS & AWARD

* **Second-best Graduate** 2012

Department of Agricultural Economics & Faculty of Agriculture, University of Nigeria Nsukka, Nigeria

* **Japan Student Services Organisation (JASSO) Scholarship** 2010-2011

The award was a partial funding for the second-best undergraduate student (GPA = 4.70/5.0) in the University of Nigeria, Nsukka as of 2008/2009 academic session to participate in HUSTEP

# TEACHING & ADVISING EXPERIENCE

* **University of Nigeria Nsukka, Nigeria** January 2017 - Present

**Lecturer II,** Department of Agricultural Economics

Preparing and organizing lecture plans. Teaching a class of 250+ undergraduate students, courses in Agribusiness management & finance, Methods of social science research, and Introduction to agricultural economics. Creating hands-on exercises to improve students’ collaboration and critical thinking abilities. Working with colleagues to revise undergraduate curriculum. Invigilating, and accurately grading examinations. Uploading results on the university result portal. Supervising undergraduate students’ projects. Advising undergraduate students on all academic matters. Communicating effectively with internal and external stakeholders on academic matters.

* **University of Nigeria Nsukka, Nigeria** March 2014 - December 2016

**Graduate Assistant,** Department of Agricultural Economics

Assisted in teaching Agribusiness management & finance, and Agribusiness marketing. Invigilated and graded examinations. Served in the departmental examination and curriculum committees.

* **Udung Uko Community Secondary School Akwaibom**, **Nigeria** March 2013 - February 2014

**Teacher**, Agricultural Science

Developed lesson plans. Taught SS1, SS2 and SS3 students’ theory and practical agriculture. Mentored female students on self-worth and career prospects. Communicated effectively with principal, students, teachers, and parents on academic matters. Invigilated, and accurately graded examinations.

# RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

* **Graduate Student,** **University of Nigeria Nsukka, Nigeria** 2014-2017

Dissertation: The Effect of financial liberalization on agricultural growth in Nigeria (1970-2014). Collected secondary data. Gained skills in the use of Microsoft excel, STATA and E-views while analysing data. Gained experience in research writing and discussion of findings.

Supervisor: Professor C.J. Arene

* **Bachelor Student, University of Nigeria Nsukka, Nigeria** 2011-2012

Project: Economic analysis of marketing of cassava products in Nnewi-north LGA, Anambra, Nigeria

Reviewed related literature pertaining to the topic. Collected primary data from marketers. Analysed data using SPSS software. Presented and discussed research findings.

Supervisor: Professor Eugene C. Okorji

* **Exchange Student, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan** 2010-2011

Laboratory of Animal Nutrition – Worked with Dai Sawada on his graduate thesis titled: Effect of medium chain fatty acids and other formulated product on rumen fermentation. Reviewed related literature pertaining to the topic. Collected ruminal fluid sample every 3 hours for 5 days for fermentation analysis and contributed to the results presentation and discussion.

Advisor: Professor Yasuo Kobayashi

# CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

## Book

**Ileka, M. C. &** **Umeonuora, T. G.** (2021). Indifference Curve Analysis. In Okoye, C.U., Okpukpara, B. C. & Ezeibe, A. B. C. (Eds). Principles of Agricultural Economics, pp. 158-180

***Journal Articles***

Chiemela, S. N., Chiemela, C. J., Apeh, C. C. & **Ileka, M. C.** (2022). Households Food Security and Perception of Food Nutrition in Enugu State, Nigeria. Journal of Agricultural Extension 26(2), pp. 11-23. doi: [10.4314/jae.v26i2.2](https://doi.org/10.4314/jae.v26i2.2)

Ukwuaba, I. C., Owutuamor, Z. B., Chiemela, S. N., **Ileka, C. M.**, & Ukwuaba, I. C. (2022). Unravelling the Drivers of Plantain Marketing in Enugu, Nigeria. Research on World Agricultural Economy. 3(1), pp. 496. <http://dx.doi.org/10.36956/rwae.v3i1.496>

Louis O. Onyishi, Chukwuemeka J. Arene, & **Chikaosolu M. Ifiorah** (2015). Effects of Interest Rate Deregulation on Agricultural Finance and Growth in Nigeria. Review of Agricultural and Applied Economics, XVIII (Number 1, 2015), pp. 45-52.

## Conference Presentations

Oranu C.O., **Ileka C.M.** and Tabugo K. An Assessment of Financial Inclusion among Rural Farmers in Nsukka Local Government Area of Enugu State, Nigeria. Book of Abstracts of 1st Annual Multidisciplinary International Conference, University of Nigeria Nsukka, pp. 116 5-7 July 2021

**Ileka C.M.** et al. A study of climate smart agricultural practices among cassava farmers in Anambra east local government area of Anambra State, Nigeria. Proceedings of 1st Agricultural Economics International Conference, University of Nigeria Nsukka, pp. 239-251 27-28 October 2020

Adeosun K. P., **Ileka C.M.** and Ukwuaba I.C. Trade-offs Between Food Production and Habitat Protection in Nigeria: Synthesis from Literature. School of Postgraduate Studies Conference University of Nigeria, Nsukka, 6-9 May 2019

**Ileka C.M.** and Ukwuaba I.C. Extent of Use of Climate Smart Agriculture and Its Determinants Among Smallholder Crop Farmers in Nigeria. The 51st Biannual Research Workshop, [African Economic Research Consortium](https://aercafrica.org/), Nairobi, Kenya 1-5 December 2019

**Ileka C.M.** and Arene C.J. Effects of Financial Liberalization Policy on Agricultural Investment and Growth in Nigeria (1970-2015). The 47th Biannual Research Workshop, African Economic Research Consortium, Arusha, Tanzania 3-7 December 2017

**Ifiorah C.M.** Import, Tariff revenue and Reciprocal welfare Effects of EPA on Agricultural Trade between Small and Large ECOWAS Markets and the EU: Evidence from the Computable Partial Equilibrium Model of Trade for the Gambia and Nigeria. 49th Annual National Conference of [Agricultural Society of Nigeria](https://agriculturalsocietynigeria.org), Asaba, Nigeria 9-13 November 2015

**Ifiorah C.M**., Onyishi L.O. and Arene C.J. An Analysis of Interest Rate Deregulation as a Policy Instrument for Stimulating Agricultural Finance and Growth in Nigeria. 15th Annual National Conference of [Nigerian Association of Agricultural Economists](https://naae.org.ng/), Bayelsa, Nigeria 13-17 October 2014

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAININGS

The project management course: Beginner to Project manager by 365 Careers September 2022

Financial statement using excel by Coursera Project Network September 2022

Early career training on the use of social media and networking in academic research and Industry, Lagos Nigeria 23 May – 15 June 2022

Statistical data analysis using R programming language organized by Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), Makerere University, Uganda 7 – 18 February 2022

Discrete Choice Experiment Workshop organized by Resource and Environmental Policy Research Centre (REPRC), EfD, Enugu, Nigeria 29 November – 2 December 2021

Econometrics for policy analysis Using STATA under the Feed the Future Initiative organized by USAID, Michigan State University and IFPRI, Enugu, Nigeria 1-3 August 2017

# PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & SERVICE

**Member**, Agricultural Society of Nigeria (MASN) 2015 - Present

**Member**, National Association of Agricultural Economists (MNAAE) 2014 - Present

**Peer-Reviewed Abstracts for**:

[Agro-Science](https://www.ajol.info/index.php/as)

# COMMUNITY SERVICE/ VOLUNTEERING

* **Secretary, Board of Trustees -** [**Africa of Our Dream Education Initiative**](https://africaofourdreaminitiative.org) **(AODI)** 2018-Present

Goal: An NGO committed to youth empowerment through education and capacity building.

Duties: Reached out to donors, in year 2021, who helped fund the purchase of new textbooks distributed to merit-based students in various levels of undergraduate programme in the department of agricultural economics, University of Nigeria Nsukka. Distributed educational materials to students of Akokwa secondary school in Imo State, Nigeria, in 2019. Call for and keep records of meetings.

* **Mentor - Wolexakins Mentoring Programme in Agriculture** 2014-2015

Goal: To improve career development of undergraduates in agricultural science

Duties: Trained mentees on the use of excel and SPSS for data analysis, and on result interpretation. Guided mentees on presentation skills and the use of PowerPoint for presentation. Held one-on-one discussions to guide mentees.

# LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE & HONOR

* **Examination Officer,** Department of Agricultural Economics, UNN, Nigeria 2019-2020

Chaired a 5-man committee and supervised delegated tasks of processing results and preparing transcripts at departmental level. Liaised with internal and external stakeholders which include Heads of department, students, lecturers, registrar of exam unit, parents and awarding organisations. Provided guidance and support for students on all pre- and post-related exam issues. Initiated a functional system of processing results and have achieved availability of results and transcripts when needed. Managed invigilators while planning and organizing all examination activities. Developed a timetable to ensure timely administration of examinations.

* **Assistant Editor-in-chief,** Magazine of theAgricultural Policy Makers Association (APMA) 2014-2015

Collaborated with the editor-in-chief in carrying out interviews. Teamed up with the editor to plan, implement and manage the publication schedules. Worked with the members of the committee to edit and proofread all manuscripts for publication.

**Honor**

Valuable Stewardship as the assistant editor-in-chief: Issued by APMA18th August 2015

# LANGUAGES

**English**: Home country’s official language. Fluent in Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing

**Japanese**: Beginner levels in Reading and Speaking

# TECHNICAL SKILLS

Microsoft office tools (Word, Excel, and PowerPoint), ICT proficient, SPSS, STATA

# INTERESTS/HOBBIES

Finance, project management & appraisal, tutoring, mentoring, playing table tennis

# REFERENCE

Available upon request