

# Profile



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### Advocating for Sustainable Agriculture and Climate Adaptation



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Mercy Matthew is a lecturer at the Federal College of Agriculture in Akure, Ondo State, Nigeria, teaching agricultural marketing, farm management, and timber economics. Her research focuses on the effects of climate change on maize productivity.

Using Decision Support System for Agrotechnology Transfer (DSSAT) software, she predicts outcomes for maize production over 10 years to develop adaptation strategies that enhance farmer profitability and welfare. "Anything is possible if we find the right key that fits into the lock," she says.

Through the AWARD Leadership Program for Emerging African Women in Science, Mercy has enhanced her skills in leadership, management, proposal writing, and emotional intelligence. "The program opened my eyes to the importance of emotional intelligence and active listening," she says. Her ultimate goal is to become an environmental economist and education specialist, empowering farmers with knowledge and adaptation strategies to combat climate change.