

Profile



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Unlocking Sustainable Forms of Crop Protection



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Vera Nsoh Sirri, a PhD student in plant pathology at the University of Bamenda, Cameroon, manages the Mushroom Production Training and Research Center (MUPTAREC). With an academic foundation in applied botany, her role involves overseeing mushroom cultivation and product innovation, including developing mushroom-based products such as tea, curry, soap and pap.

Vera's current project explores the diversity of coprophilous fungi and their potential in organic pesticide development to protect crops without harming the environment. "Our economy depends on plants for survival, and sustainable practices are essential for healthy crop production," she says.

Through AWARD's Leadership Program for Emerging African Women in Science, Vera has enhanced her research methodologies, communication skills and leadership abilities. She envisions completing her PhD and contributing to the agricultural sector in Cameroon and beyond by promoting organic pesticides and training the next generation of biotechnologists and plant pathologists.

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