Nigeria: Biotechnology is Nigeria's sure way to food security

The Chairman, Senate Committee on Capital Market, Senator Ayoade Ademola Adeseun, has said that biotechnology presents Nigeria the opportunity of attaining food security for the nation. Adeseun said this at the June 2012 South West Zonal Open Forum on Agricultural Biotechnology in Ibadan. He lamented the dearth of young and virile farmers who will employ biotechnology to boost agricultural produce, even as he observed that the current productivity of Nigerian farmers was low. He said: "Nigeria has about 160 million people to feed; our farmers are ageing. The same farmers who used the land for decades have grown old now: their productivity level is very low; if we depend on them we will end up starving.

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