

Nigeria's Environment Minister: Biotech vital to success of country's Great Green Wall initiative

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The Minister of Environment, Hajiya Amina Mohammed has identified biotechnology as a pivotal technology instrument to the achievement of the nation's Great Green Wall Initiative project.

She stated this when she received a high-powered delegation of members of the Open Forum on Agricultural Biotechnology (OFAB) in Africa Programming Committee (PC) in her office in Abuja, saying the nation would deploy biotechnology to achieve the AU initiative.

"We have 1500 kilometers across and 15 kilometers deep, what we need to do is to make that corridor, an economic one, not just trees but economic trees, jobs for people, how we can deal with energy solutions, connecting services within agriculture, not just stopping the desert but reclaiming the desert.

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Speaking on safety concerns on biotechnology application, the minister urged NABDA and the biotech regulatory agency, the National Biosafety Management Agency (NBMA), to be transparent and honest in addressing such issues.

"We need more research and we need to listen to people where they have concerns; we have to answer those frequently asked questions because without responding to people's concerns, we are leaving perception of not caring or not doing our homework. . . . with biosafety agency in place, we can begin to do that," she added.

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