

## Nigerian Academy of Science speaks out in support of GMO adoption

When the Nigerian Academy of Science recently endorsed the country's experimenting with Genetically Modified Organisms, generally known as GMOs, one could not but ask the question, "What took them so long before coming out?"

The deployment of genetic engineering in Nigeria has been met with stiff resistance mostly from environmentalists, natural food advocates and other individuals who feel that the trend poses a danger to the health of the citizens.

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The proponents of GMO in Nigeria have alleged that the hue and cry against GMO adoption is articulated and sponsored by individuals and non-governmental organizations that are not well-versed in the application of science. That this group of activists over the last decade continually propagated messages calculated to instill fears in the minds of Nigerians using the media landscape to spread the unscientific rumours about GMOs.

...the Nigerian Academy of Science, which is the highest scientific body in the country, has come out to speak in support of GMO adoption in the country. They declared that genetically-modified foods are safe for consumption. According to the academy the technology would be useful to the country because of its potential to boost the nation's agriculture, which could help address food insecurity....

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