



NARO-MAK Agricultural Conference

First Announcement

21 – 24 November 2016, Kampala, Uganda

Introduction

Agriculture remains a leading sector that spurs the economy of Uganda by contributing 23% to GDP and employing at least 70% of the country's labour force. Agricultural research is instrumental in catalysing the development of agricultural sector, yet it is faced with a range of constraints that have impaired delivery of impact at production and other levels of agricultural value chain. It is against this background that National Agricultural Research Organisation (NARO) and Makerere University (College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, CAES), are organizing a joint conference for agricultural stakeholders (e.g. farmers, private and public sectors, civil society and development partners) in Uganda.

Conference Objectives

The overall objective of the conference is to provide a platform for stakeholders along the agricultural value chain to share information and knowledge. The specific objectives include:

- a) Enabling a wide range of stakeholders access information and knowledge on technologies, innovations and management practices for improving agricultural productivity
- b) Galvanizing solution-oriented dialoguing on current bottlenecks that impair agricultural research from effective contribution to sustained agricultural transformation
- c) Creating avenues for leveraging synergies among agricultural sector actors including farmers, extension service providers, research, academia and other private and public sector institutions, for meaningful impact on the agricultural development

Theme: Agricultural Innovations for socio-economic transformation

Sub-themes

Sub-theme 1: Plant, Livestock and Fish Improvement

Scope: conventional plant breeding, biotechnology, tissue culture, livestock breeding, fish breeding.

Sub-theme 2: Plant, Livestock and Fish Protection

Scope: diseases, pests and their management

Sub-theme 3: Plant management

Scope: soil management, crop husbandry, agro-forestry, water for crops(quality, availability, access), farm mechanization, forestry husbandry

Sub-theme 4: Livestock and Fisheries Management

Scope: dairy, beef, poultry, rangelands, livestock feeds, piggery, apiculture, aquaculture stocks, water (quality, availability, access)

Sub-theme 5: Postharvest and Value Addition

Scope: food products/formulations, nutrition, mechanization of postharvest operations, methods, animal products, forestry products, fish products, food quality and safety

Sub-theme 6: Agricultural extension, Agri-business and Policies

Scope: innovation systems, agriculture for enhanced employment, effects of policies on agricultural development, agricultural markets, economics, financial services, business development

Sub-theme 7: Cross-cutting areas

Scope: carbon management, renewable energy, genetically modified organisms (GMOs), climate change and adaptation, gender and diversity, environmental and social safeguards

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