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20 - 21 March 2018
Southern Sun Mayfair Hotel Nairobi, Kenya



Symposium Agenda

Day 1: Tuesday 20 March 2018

8.15am	Arrival, Take Seats
8.30am	Opening Ceremony Transforming agriculture through research and innovation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prof Robyn McConchie, Professor of Horticulture, University of Sydney• Prof John Hearn, Co-chair, Australia Africa Universities Network• Prof Peter Mbithi, Vice Chancellor, University of Nairobi• HE Alison Chartres, Australian High Commissioner to Kenya and Tanzania• Senior Representative, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
9.30am	Break
10.15am	Introduction of program, networking, innovation competition
10.45am	Panel Theme 1: Technology for Agricultural Impact <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Bruce Pengelly on Climate smart agriculture: lessons from ZimCLIFS• Dr Mulugetta Mekuria, CIMMYT, SIMLESA Program Leader on Sustainable Agriculture: lessons from SIMLESA• A/Prof Brett Whelan, University of Sydney on Digital soil mapping for food and soil security• Prof Hetti Schönfeldt, University of Pretoria on Food composition data for animal-source foods in Sub Saharan Africa• Prof Mu Li, University of Sydney on Using digital technology in health promotion: job aid mobile apps
11.30am	Synthesis of Theme 1
1.00pm	Lunch and networking
2.00pm	IDIAR Awardees Lightning Presentations
2.30pm	Panel Theme 2: Private Sector Engagement for Agricultural Impact <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Christy van Beek, SoilCares on The business of soil testing: innovative agro-technology and integrated soil fertility management in Kenya• Prof Catherine Wangari Muthuri, World Agroforestry Centre-ICRAF on Developing value chain innovation platforms to improve food security in East and Southern Africa (VIP4FS)• Dr Sylvester O. Oikeh, African Agricultural Technology Foundation on the 'Shared Value Initiative' Water Efficient Maize in Africa (WEMA) Project• Dr Paul Greener, Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund on the ACEF's work in supporting agribusiness• Mr Colin Forbes, Base Titanium on Partnerships for improved livelihoods in the cotton industry
3.15pm	Break
3.30pm	Synthesis of Theme 2
4.50pm	Wrap up of Day 1
5.00pm	Close Day 1

Day 2: Wednesday 21 March 2018

8.30am	Recap Day 1
9.30am	IDIAR Awardees Lightning Presentations
10.00am	Break
10.30am	Panel Theme 3: Gender for Agricultural Impact <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Michele Mbo'o Tchouwaou, African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD) on Building a more gender responsive agricultural innovation system for Africa• Dr Rahma Adam, CIMMYT on SIMLESA lessons on gender and benefits to women, men and youth of sustainable intensification technologies and constraints to adoption compare between women and men.• Ms Violet Gathaara, KALRO on Gender and extension• Dr Jemimah Njuki, Canada's International Development Research Centre on Working with men and women for agricultural development in Africa
11.10am	Synthesis of Theme 3
12.30pm	Lunch and Networking
1.30pm	Working groups on Innovation Competition
4.00pm	Innovation Competition: Pitches to Panel
5.00pm	Award of Innovation Competition
5.15pm	Way Forward and Summary
5.30pm	Close

