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# Australia - Africa Agricultural Research Symposium

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 <b>Transforming Agriculture through Research and Innovation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Prof Robyn McConchie</b>, Professor of Horticulture, University of Sydney</li><li>• <b>Prof John Hearn</b>, Co-chair, Australia Africa Universities Network</li><li>• <b>Prof Peter Mbithi</b>, Vice Chancellor, University of Nairobi</li><li>• <b>HE Alison Chartres</b>, Australian High Commissioner to Kenya and Tanzania</li><li>• Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture &amp; Irrigation</li></ul>
9.30am	Break
10.15am	Introduction of program, networking, innovation competition
10.45am	<b>Panel Theme 1: Technology for Agricultural Impact</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dr Bruce Pengelly</b> on Climate smart agriculture: lessons from ZimCLIFS</li><li>• <b>Dr Mulugetta Mekuria</b>, CIMMYT, SIMLESA Program Leader on Sustainable Agriculture: lessons from SIMLESA</li><li>• <b>A/Prof Brett Whelan</b>, University of Sydney on Digital soil mapping for food and soil security</li><li>• <b>Prof Hetti Schönfeldt</b>, University of Pretoria on Food composition data for animal-source foods in Sub Saharan Africa</li><li>• <b>Prof Mu Li</b>, University of Sydney on Using digital technology in health promotion: job aid mobile apps</li></ul>
11.30am	Synthesis of Theme 1
1.00pm	Lunch and Networking
2.00pm	IDIAR Awardees Lightning Presentations
2.30pm	<b>Panel Theme 2: Private Sector Engagement for Agricultural Impact</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dr Christy van Beek</b>, SoilCares on The business of soil testing: innovative agro-technology and integrated soil fertility management in Kenya</li><li>• <b>Prof Catherine Wangari Muthuri</b>, World Agroforestry Centre-ICRAF on Developing value chain innovation platforms to improve food security in East and Southern Africa (VIP4FS)</li><li>• <b>Dr Sylvester O. Oikeh</b>, African Agricultural Technology Foundation on the 'Shared Value Initiative' Water Efficient Maize in Africa (WEMA) Project</li><li>• <b>Dr Paul Greener</b>, Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund on the ACEF's work in supporting agribusiness</li><li>• <b>Mr Colin Forbes</b>, Base Titanium on Partnerships for improved livelihoods in the cotton industry</li></ul>
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	<b>Panel Theme 3: Gender for Agricultural Impact</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Dr Michele Mbo'o Tchouawou</b>, African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD) on Building capacity of African women scientists</li><li>• <b>Dr Rahma Adam</b>, 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.</li><li>• <b>Mrs Violet Gathaara</b>, KALRO on Gender and extension</li><li>• <b>Dr Jemimah Njuki</b>, Canada's International Development Research Centre on Working with men and women for agricultural development in Africa</li></ul>
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

