



# International Conference on Agro-Biotechnology, Biosafety and Seed Systems in Developing Countries



(AGBIOSAFESEED2010)

“Tapping Agro-Biotech Potential for Improved Seed Production and Utilization”

March 08 -11, 2010

## Call for Papers: 2<sup>nd</sup> Announcement

Science Foundation for Livelihoods and Development (Scifode) and the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) are pleased to once again announce the International Conference on Agrobiotechnology, Biosafety and Seed Systems (AGBIOSAFESEED2010) that will be held from 8-11 March 2010 at the Imperial Royale Hotel, Kampala, Uganda. The theme of Conference will be *Tapping Agro-Biotech Potential for Improved Seed Production and Utilization*. In addition to the main theme, the participants will have an opportunity to listen to experiences from other countries in Europe, Africa, USA, Asia and Latin America about modern agricultural biotechnology advancements and socio-economic transformations in these regions.

Papers for presentation on any of the topics covered by the Conference are now invited. Both oral and verbal presentations are welcome. In addition, stakeholders are invited to participate in the conference exhibition.

### Conference topics

A full list of Conference topics is shown below. Subject to suitable papers, each topic will consist of a platform and a complementary poster session.

The title of each topic below will help you choose the most appropriate session for your paper.

1. Biotechnology and Plant Breeding Systems
2. GM Seed Production, Distribution Systems & IPR
3. Biotechnology in Fish, Livestock and Forestry Improvement.
4. Harnessing Biotechnology for Mitigating the Effects of Climate Change and Energy Crisis
5. Exploring Biotechnology for Improved Nutrition and Food Security
6. Agro-Biotechnology Products, Business Opportunities, Marketing and Commercialization Challenges
7. Economic and social impact assessments of agrobiotechnology
8. Building Functional Biotechnology Policy, Legal and Regulatory Systems in Developing Countries
9. Addressing the Challenges of Communication and Public Engagement in Biotechnology Applications
10. Ensuring Laboratory Biosafety and Biosecurity
11. Governance Systems for Biotechnology in the ACP Countries
12. Ensuring environmental Biosafety and biodiversity conservation with biotech advancement

## Guidelines to submission of abstracts

All authors are required to:

- Specify the appropriate session for the paper;
- Submit an abstract of your paper by **30<sup>th</sup> November 2009**. Abstracts should contain the following:
  - ✓ The session your abstract belongs to. State whether you intend to make an **oral** or a **poster** presentation
  - ✓ The abstract must include name(s) of author(s), complete address (incl. fax and e-mail) of the contact author, title of paper, statement of objectives, principal results, and conclusion.
  - ✓ Please submit your abstracts as Microsoft Word (1997-2003) Documents (**.doc**) and **not .docx** formats
  - ✓ The abstract should not be longer than 400 words
  - ✓ Please submit your abstract to the secretariat addresses below
  - ✓ The official conference language will be English.

All abstracts submitted will be carefully reviewed by a select team of scientists from the RUFORUM Universities and representatives from international scientific organizations.

## Book of Abstracts

At registration, participants will be provided with a book of abstracts and a detailed programme.

## Paper Publication

High quality papers shall be published in the regular issue of the *African Crop Science Journal* of the African Crop Science Society with whom discussions on this matter have already been finalized. Authors who do not wish their papers published in the journal should notify the secretariat in the submission.

## Timeline for submissions

Activity	Start date	Deadline
Submission of abstracts	<b>September 01 2009</b>	<b>Nov. 30 2009</b>
Submission of full papers	<b>December 01 2009</b>	<b>Jan. 15 2010</b>
Peer reviews of papers	<b>December 01 2009</b>	<b>Jan. 30 2010</b>
Submission of revised papers	<b>December 15 2009</b>	<b>Feb. 15 2010</b>
Submission of abstracts for posters	<b>September 01 2009</b>	<b>Nov. 30 2009</b>
Approval of posters	<b>September 15 2009</b>	<b>Jan. 30 2010</b>
Poster displays	<b>March 07 2010</b>	<b>March 08 2010</b>

All full papers will be reviewed by the Conference Select Programming Committee of scientists. Authors will be advised if their presentation has been accepted by **30<sup>th</sup> January 2010**. The Conference Organising Committee reserves the right to redirect a presentation from one session to another, if deemed appropriate.

Each key biotechnology topic will be managed by Topic Organizers (*subject matter specialists*) who will become the author's main point of contact. Topic Organizers will liaise with authors regarding the production, in the desired format, of their scripts for publication in the journal.

For Publication of the papers in the *African Crop Science Journal*, review of the manuscripts shall continue well after the conference. Authors are expected to cooperate in the review process of the manuscripts to standards acceptable by the Journal.

## CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS

### Delegates

To be able to attend Conference, you will need to register as a delegate, which will entitle you to attend the Scientific Seminars and the Exhibitions.

### Registration Fees

Registration Fees	US\$ 150
Students Registration	US\$ 50
Exhibition Space	US\$100 per 2x2 metres (2x2m constitutes one unit, companies can book for as many units as they deem sufficient for their displays)

The registration fees cover lunch and break teas/coffee during the conference and conference materials. It does not cover accommodation and transport or any other extra expenses.

With about 12 platform sessions on a wide array of biotechnology topics and fully supported by complimentary poster sessions and exhibitions, this Conference promises to be an essential event for all parties interested in modern agro-biotechnology applications and related topical issues.

Registered delegates are entitled to:

- Attendance of sessions of their preference during the conference
- A set of Conference abstract proceedings
- Access to the list of Conference delegates; available prior to the event
- Access to the Exhibitions
- A Copy of the *African Crop Science Journal*, that will be published after the Conference

### Post-graduate student posters

Post-graduate students (MSc and PhD) are invited to present the results of their academic research in agro-biotechnology, plant breeding and seed science and technology and related fields at this major international conference and to benefit from the considerable networking opportunities this exposure presents. Presentations may cover any biotechnology topic relevant to the conference and all accepted presentations will be entered into the Post-graduate student poster competition.

RUFORUM students are encouraged to start planning ahead of time to participate in the conference by preparing to present the findings from their researches. All students shall pay a subsidized registration fee of US\$50 upon giving proof of their studentship. Students may present both oral and poster presentations.

### **Conference Programme**

Running over three day schedule 8<sup>th</sup> – 11 March 2010, the Conference Programme features poster and oral sessions as well as exhibitions. The Last day of the conference will be reserved for excursions to Uganda's major biotechnology establishments and research centres.

The Conference opens with keynote lectures to be presented by an eminent scientists, and policy & governmental representatives from Africa. Scientists from the AU, EU and USA will also present keynote lectures.

### **Exhibition**

Global, regional, & local companies dealing with biotechnologies & seed relevant to Africa's development needs are encouraged to exhibit at the conference. Those interested should contact the Conference Secretariat for fee requirements and more details.

### **Tour Visit**

Conference participants will have an opportunity to visit the world famous Kasubi Tombs, a cultural site for the burial of Buganda Kings and a UNESCO world Heritage Site; the Uganda Wildlife Education Centre with a wild array of Ugandan wild fauna including the Lion, Chimpanzees, White Rhino, Gazelles amongst others; the National Agricultural Biotechnology Centre (NABC), with state of the art biotech equipment and the National Crop Resources Research Institute where Confined Field Trials (CFTs) of transgenic Bananas and Cassava are respectively currently on-going. *Seeing – is – believing!!*

### **Travel**

Arrival for the event will be from 7<sup>th</sup> March 2010 and departure after the event will be from 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March 2010 depending on whether you are interested in participating in excursions on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2010 or not.

### **Conference Sponsorship**

Those delegates who wish to be considered for sponsorship are asked to inquire with various development agencies in their countries or African region, National research institutions, biotechnology research organizations, biotechnology companies, governmental agencies, international agricultural research institutions, international biotechnology NGOs, international sponsorship bodies and organizations etc. You should make early applications to be factored into their respective sponsorship programmes within 2010. If you require seeking endorsements or obtaining referee documentation from the conference organizers, feel free to contact us for assistance and direction. No direct sponsorships of participation have been secured by the Conference organizers at present.

## **FULL LIST OF CONFERENCE INFORMATION**

Full information related to: Conference Programme; The Agrobiotechnology Conference Exhibition; Conference Delegates Registration; Visa Applications; Advertising & Promotional Opportunities; Hotels in Kampala and Important Contact Points/addresses shall be made available at the websites below in due course.

For any further Enquiries, Contact the Conference Secretariat:

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