

## 18<sup>th</sup> RUFORUM ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

### Insects in Africa- Under covering the Potential, Practice and Science

**Dates: 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022**

**Time: 8:00 – 13:00 CAT**

**Venue: Lecture Theatre Room F3 at University of Zimbabwe**

#### 1.0 Background

Use of insects as food and feed has been gaining popularity globally in the past decade. In Africa, despite long history of insect consumption among the populace, there has been a slow pace on developing policies that guide consumption from various perspectives such as food safety, sustainability, development of business opportunities, publicity, strengthening value chains and value addition. The project on *“Improving market access and scaling up trading of safe and nutritious edible insects by women and youths in Zimbabwe”* and funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) under the AgriFoSe2030 programme is one of the many projects in Africa looking at improving the edible insect market access by women and youth as well as promoting scaling up the trading of safe and nutritious edible insects in rural and urban markets of Zimbabwe.

As part of our efforts to contribute towards strengthening Africa’s Agri-food Systems and the sustainable development goals, in particular SDG #2 a side event on Insects for Food and Feed in Africa – undercovering the Potential, Practice and Science will be hosted at the on-going RUFORUM 18<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting in Harare, Zimbabwe from 12-16 December 2022. The side event is supporting the process of developing a framework to lobby for formulation of continental policies that guide consumption, trading, sustainability and development of safety standards for use of insects as food and feed.

#### 2.0 Aim of the side event

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To promote value creation through consolidation of diversity, integration of culture, heritage, sustainability and nurturing translation of knowledge into goods and services on edible insects.

### 2.1 Specific objectives

- Critically discuss the role and relevance of language, naming and attitudes towards insects in Africa
- Analytically discuss implementation of higher education insect curriculum
- Promote policy relevance of sustainable insect protein alternatives for food & feed
- Increase awareness and consumption of insect-based food through Culinary Sciences
- Food Culinary Diplomacy
- Develop a road map for development of sustainable production, consumption practices and standards on use of insects as food and feed in Africa

### 3.0 Delivery Method:

The side event will be interactive and comprise, 15-30 minute talks; question and answer, moderated by a facilitator; sensory tasting; hands on feed preparation; live/recorded streaming

### 4.0 Targeted participants to be supported by the AgriFoSe 2030 programme

The conference will target all national and international academics, students, policy makers, private and public sector players. The following have expressed willingness to participate in the side event.

Number	Name	Organization	Country	Area of expertise
1	Robert Musundire	Chinhoyi University of Technology	Zimbabwe	Entomologist/ Insects for Food and Feed
2	Linley Chiwona-Karlton	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences	Sweden	Insects for Food/ Consumer Science
3	Karin Wendin	Food and Meal Science Kristianstad University	Sweden	Food and Meal Science
4	Elizabeth Rajala	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences	Sweden	AgriFoSe2030, Theme Leader
5	Tanga Chrysanthus Mbi	International Centre of Insect Physiology & Ecology, <i>icipe</i>	Kenya	Entomologists/ Insects as Food & Feed
6	Maud Langton	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences	Sweden	Food Science & Technology

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7	Richard Hopkins	Natural Resources Institute at Greenwich University	United Kingdom	Entomologist
8	Clotildah Kazembe	Chinhoyi University of Technology	Zimbabwe	Hospitality
9	Margaret Nyarota	Chinhoyi University of Technology	Zimbabwe	Hospitality
10	Delsie Fadzayi Mudekwa	Chef Programme	Zimbabwe	Chef
11	Jacob Mapara	Chinhoyi University of Technology	Zimbabwe	Indigenous Knowledge Systems
12	Tatenda Murefu	Chinhoyi University of Technology/ Jeramogi Oginga Odinga University of Science & Technology	Zimbabwe/Kenya	Food Safety
13	Beatrice Kindembe	BKind Consult,	Sweden	Chemist
14	Simon Berner,	Professor, University of Applied Sciences,	Austria	Food Engineering
15	Ola Strom	Tetra Pak	Sweden	Food Technologist

## 5.0 Exhibitions

An exhibition by the CUT AgriFoSe 2030 programme on innovation food and livestock feed products will run concurrently with the side event. Additional exhibitors for this side event will be invited for Universities, Companies and individuals wishing to showcase insect based food and livestock feed products.

## 6.0 Venue

Lecture Theatre Room F3 at University of Zimbabwe

## 7.0 Composition of the organizing committee

- i) Linley Karlton-Chiwona
- ii) Robert Musundire

## 8.0 Sitting arrangement

Chevron

## 9.0 Equipment required

PowerPoint projectors, PA system, microphones, live streaming services

## 10.0 Branding & Publicity Materials

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The Communication Division of the AgriFoSe2030 programme will be responsible for all communication and design of publicity material. They will also advertise through SIE and AgriFoSe2030 websites

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