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## Foreword

The Conference on *Partnerships and Networking for Strengthening Agricultural Innovation and Higher Education in Africa* was jointly organised by Gulu University, Kyambogo University, Makerere University, Uganda Martyrs University, National Agricultural Advisory Services, National Agricultural Research Organisation and the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM). The organisation of the Conference was co-funded by the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa, International Development Research Centre, Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation and the World Bank. A diversity of papers were presented that addressed development challenges in Africa and Research and Development efforts being undertaken in different parts of the continent. Case studies from outside Africa were also presented. The papers, published as part of RUFORUM Working Document Series No. 7 are available in three parts (Part 1, Part 2 and Part 3) and have been posted online at [www.ruforum.org](http://www.ruforum.org) and [www.mak.ac.ug](http://www.mak.ac.ug)

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