

Newsletter vol. 1



Dear colleagues and stakeholders in the Agricultural Research for Development fraternity, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the first edition of ASARECA online newsletter. This monthly newsletter is meant update you on the developments at the Secretariat and among our constituents and partners in the sub-region and globally.

ASARECA has just launched a new ASARECA Strategy and Results Framework (2019-2028) and the Medium Term Operational Plan (2019-2023). The strategy repositions ASARECA to perform a higher-level convening, facilitative,

coordination, catalytic, communicative and advocacy role to enhance sustainable agricultural transformation in the sub -region. ASARECA is transforming its Governance Structure to be more inclusive and sensitive to the dynamic demands of its clients. During the first week of May 2019, ASARECA will convene up to 14 Agriculture research for development line minsters to ratify a new Governance system that will set ASARECA to serve better.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, the Secretariat, and ASARECA Constituents in the subregion, I welcome you to scan through this inaugural edition of ASARECA Online Newsletter and encourage you to look out for the subsequent editions

Welcome

Prof. Jean Jacques Mbonigaba Muhinda Executive Secretary—ASARECA

ASARECA News

- Preparations for ASARECA council of Patron
 Minister Summit are in advanced stages.
- 2. <u>Key speakers at the ASARECA Council of</u>
 Ministers Summit
- Eritrea Agriculture minister in talks with ASARECA
- 4. ASARECA kicks-off process to select new Board of Directors
- ASARECA Executive Secretary Explains New Strategy and Mandate
- 6. Rebranded, refreshed, repositioned

Featured stories



Climate change will make rice less nutritious,

- 7. Republic of Congo Joins ASARECA
- 8. <u>Understanding ASARECA's new thematic</u> areas of AR4D interventions
- 9. <u>Summary of ASARECA Achievements over</u> the last two decades
- 10. AHC-STAFF studies expose capacity, capital gaps in AR4D

News from our partners

- Unlocking agricultural potential to achieve food security and sustainability for 9.7 billion (B4AFRICA)
- Cassava experts gather to champion 'orphan crop' Cornell+-
- 3. Finding the right bean for biofortification can be like a needle in a haystack if the genebank has over 38,000 samples from 144 countries.

 Stefania, the CGIAR Genebank Platform Impact Fellow, found the right one: MAC 44 CGIAR
- 4. <u>Kenya: GMO odium coffee history repeating</u> <u>itself Daily Nation</u>
- 5. <u>Uganda: How farmers can reduce the losses</u> on their farms this year Daily Monitor

putting millions of the world's poor at risk



<u>Transforming Our Food System to Ensure a</u>
Sustainable Future

6. <u>Agriculture can end Uganda's job problem,</u> says new study

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- 7. <u>Ugandan scientists helping Tanzanian</u> <u>legislators with biotechnology</u>
- 8. Rwanda: Youth in agriculture appeal for incubation hub

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