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Uganda Announces ASARECA Ministerial Conference



Uganda's Minister of State for Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, Hon. Fred Bwiino Kyakulaga

Dear AR4D colleagues,

The Government of Uganda on May 16 announced that the country was set to host the ASARECA Agriculture Ministerial Conference (AAMC), which will take place at Speke Resort, Munyonyo, Kampala, Uganda, on 17th – 19th May 2023. Addressing the country at Uganda Government Media Centre in the Capital, Kampala, the Minister of State for Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, Hon. Fred Bwiino Kyakulaga, informed the country that the conference would gather over 350 delegates from 14 member countries. Hon. Kyakulaga informed the country that ASARECA is a beneficial Association at the press briefing in Kampala.

Theme of the conference

The theme of the Conference is: **Building Resilient Food Systems to Feed Africa for Generations**. It is organized by the Government of Uganda through the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, in conjunction with the Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA), and the National Agricultural Research Organization (NARO).



Hon. Bwino (thumbs-up) and ASARECA ED, Dr. Warinda (R) flanked by staff at the announcement

Hon. Kyakulaga informed the country that ASARECA is an extremely beneficial Association, which works with the National Agricultural Research Organization (NARO), Agricultural universities and the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries to improve agricultural based livelihoods. [Read more](#)

News Highlights



All is set for ASARECA Agriculture Ministerial Conference

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AAMC Information dashboard



Dates for ASARECA Agriculture Ministerial Conference

ASARECA will hold the ASARECA Agriculture Ministerial Conference (AAMC) on May 17 to 19, 2023 at Speke Resort, Munyonyo in Uganda. The AAMC will feature the 2nd Council of Patron

out of the 14 ASARECA Council of Patron Ministers had confirmed participation, over 350, delegates from Eastern and Central Africa had registered for the event. [Read more](#)



Kenya dives into Israeli market

Kenya is looking towards increased export earnings from agricultural produce following the launch of Kenya-Israel direct cargo flights. Kenyan farmers will now have access to the Israeli market, a move expected to grow the country's earnings from exported agricultural products, especially horticulture. Among the products that will be exported directly include tea, coffee, pineapples and avocados. [Read more](#)



Tanzania rebounds to EU fruits export

In November 2022, European Commission suspended exports of Tanzania's bitter gourd fruit into the EU market, citing the detection of quarantine pests, and demanding the country present the pest surveillance report proving the absence of Thrips palmi Karny. However,

Ministers' (CPM) Meeting, the 4th General Assembly, and Science Conference. The theme of this high level event is Building Resilient Food Systems to Feed Africa for Generations. The meeting will primarily be a physical meeting. However, provision has been made for online participants who are not able to attend physically. The Council of Patron Ministers (CPM) is the highest governing organ of ASARECA. It comprises Ministers responsible for agricultural research in the Member States.

AAMC draft programme

The draft programme for the three-day AAMC is out. Download [Draft Programme for ASARECA Agriculture Ministerial Conference \(AAMC\)](#)

AAMC logistical note

The logistical note for participants of the AAMC have been finalized. Download [Logistical notes for all participants](#)

General participation for the AAMC

To enable you to participate in the AAMC, ASARECA has organised packages for participants, exhibitors institutions interested in organising side events, and session presentations, through which you can take part in this high-level event.

All participants: [Access all package categories here](#)

Exhibition packages: To enable you participate as an exhibitor during the AAMC [Access the packages here](#)

Side event packages: To enable you to register and plan to organise a side event [Access side event options here](#)

Six key factors that could collectively ignite Africa's food systems

Africa has 60 percent of the world's uncultivated arable land. The agriculture sector accounts for 35 percent of Africa's GDP and employs more Africans than any other sector. So why does Africa spend a

in May 2023, after a comprehensive analysis of Tanzania's pest surveillance report, the Plant Health Unit under the European Commission [declared Tanzania to be eligible to export bitter gourd](#) fruit to the EU under condition (a) of point 71 of Annex VII of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072. This was an important milestone in the phytosanitary certification system in compliance with the EU phytosanitary requirements enabling Tanzania to re-bound into the export of bitter gourd fruit to the EU. [Read more](#)

staggering US\$78 billion of scarce foreign currency on food imports each year, with some countries such as Zimbabwe, Guinea and Sudan exceeding 100 percent of their annual foreign currency receipts? Why in 2020 did more than 20 percent of Africans face hunger—a figure twice as high as any other region in the world? Why is it that approximately 80 percent of the continent's food supply still comes from small-scale farmers, many still practicing subsistence agriculture? To find answers to these questions [Read more](#)

AR4D Events

Africa Agribusiness and Science Week: FARA is co-organizing the event with the CAADP XP4 partners i.e., CCARDESA, ASARECA, CORAF, AFAAS, the Government of the Republic of South Africa and in collaboration with numerous other partners including AUC, AUDA, GFAR, YPARD, PAFO, One CGIAR, FAO, AfDB, UNIDO, AFBC, Sappi, AGRA, AWARD, ICRISAT, DESIRA LIFT, PANAP, RUFORUM, Standard bank. Development Partners collaborating in this event include EC, IFAD, AfDB, AfreximBank etc. Theme: Linking Science, Innovation, and Agri-Business for Resilient Food Systems. Details: <https://aasw.faraafrica.org/>

Science and Innovation for Food Systems Transformation: Follow up to the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit. Following the [UN Food Systems Summit](#) held in September 2021, the [UN Food Systems Coordination Hub](#), was established in early 2022 to coordinate follow-up to the summit, including facilitation of food systems transformation pathways at the country level. The 2023 follow up conference brings together members of the UNFSS Scientific Group, the Director of the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub, and the Managing Director of the CGIAR Science Group on Systems Transformation to explore scientific findings that inform food systems transformation. Date: 11th April, 2023. Eye Street, Washington DC. Details: <https://www.cgiar.org/news-events/event/science-and-innovation-for-food-systems-transformation-follow-up-to-the-2021-un-food-systems-summit/>



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