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Change of dates for the ASARECA Ministerial conference

Dear AR4D colleagues,

We have adjusted the dates for the ASARECA Agriculture Ministerial Conference (AAMC) to May 17 to 19, 2023. The event will take place at Speke Resort, Munyonyo in Uganda, the same venue earlier communicated to you. This variation from the earlier announced dates (March 3 to 5), has been occasioned by the need for more time to complete a number of governance processes and issues which will be key in the AAMC. As already indicated in our various communications, the AAMC will feature the 4th General Assembly (May 17), the 2nd Council of Patron Ministers' (CPM) Meeting (May 18), and Science Conference (May 19). One of the key processes that we had to undertake was the convening of the ASARECA General Assembly Business Committee, which met on February 7, 2023, in Entebbe, Uganda. The Business Committee deliberated on and approved the admission of new entrants, Cameroon and Central African Republic, into ASARECA; increment of annual membership contributions; and election of new Business Committee leaders. I wish to inform you that we are now set and look forward to receiving you all in Kampala.



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ASARECA Executive Director meets Madagascar Agriculture Minister

ASARECA Executive Director, Dr. Enock Warinda, on Wednesday February 15, 2023 held discussions with the Minister of Agriculture and Livestock, the Republic of Madagascar, Harifidy Ramilison, at the Ministers office in Antananarivo, Madagascar. Accompanied by the Director General Centre National de Recherche Appliquée au Développement Rural (FOFIFA/CENRADERU), Prof. Dr. Razafinjara Aimé Lala, Dr. Warinda briefed the Minister on developments in ASARECA member countries in general, and in particular, about initiatives at the ASARECA Secretariat among other things. *Read full story* [HERE](#)



ASARECA Business Committee assembles ahead of biennial Ministerial Conference

Members of the ASARECA General Assembly Business Committee met on February 7, 2023, in Entebbe, Uganda, ahead of the upcoming ASARECA Agriculture Ministerial Conference (AAMC). The AAMC comprises the 2nd ASARECA Council of Patron Ministers' Meeting, the 4th General Assembly, and Scientific Conference. It will take place on May 17-20th at Speke Resort, Munyonyo in Uganda. The Business Committee deliberated on and approved the admission of new Member States (Cameroon and Central African

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Stakeholders get training in Knowledge Management for A4RD service delivery



A consortium consisting of the [Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa](#) (FARA), the [Association of Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa](#) (ASARECA), and the [Eastern Farmers Federation](#) (EAFF) are conducting a five-day training for implementing teams from the National Agricultural Research and Extension Systems in Eastern and Central Africa. The training on Communication and Knowledge Management targets third parties of the Strengthening Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Ecosystem for Inclusive Rural Transformation and Livelihoods in Eastern Africa (AIRTEA) Project. The project is funded by the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) through ACP-

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How the Russia-Ukraine conflict impacts Africa

While Africa is yet to fully recover from the socio-economic repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Russia-Ukraine conflict poses a major threat to the global economy with many African countries being directly affected. Global wheat, sunflower, and oil crude prices have soared to unprecedented levels. Africa is heavily reliant on food imports from both countries, and the Continent is experiencing price shocks and disruptions in the supply chain of these commodities, write [Josefa Sacko & Ibrahim Mayaki](#). *Read full story* [HERE](#)

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

Innovation Fund, which is financed by the European Union through the 11th European Development Fund. *Read full story* [HERE](#)



Global hunger numbers rose to as many as 828 million in 2021. What does this mean to Africa?

The latest State of Food Security and Nutrition report shows the world is moving backwards in efforts to eliminate hunger and malnutrition. The number of people affected by hunger globally rose to as many as 828 million in 2021, an increase of about 46 million since 2020 and 150 million since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic (1), according to a United Nations report that provides fresh evidence that the world is moving further away from its goal of ending hunger, food insecurity and malnutrition in all its forms by 2030.

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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/>

3rd International Scientific Conference dubbed NARO-MAK 2023: The [National Agricultural Research Organisation](#) & [Makerere University College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences](#) (NARO-MAK) are organizing the 3rd International Scientific Conference dubbed NARO-MAK 2023 to be held at the [Speke Resort Hotel, Munyonyo](#) in Kampala, Uganda. Date: between 14 – 16 March, 2023. Theme: Innovations for Enhancing Productivity, and Agro-Industrialization. Details: <https://naromakconference.org/>



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