

## **CAVS HOSTS AN INTERNATIONAL COURSE ON INCREASING THE DEVELOPMENT IMPACT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH (IDIAR) ON 2ND - 27TH NOVEMBER 2015**

The Department of Plant Science and Crop Protection in the College of Agriculture and Veterinary Sciences (CAVS), University of Nairobi, in collaboration with the University of Sydney, Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO), ICIPE, the Kyeema Foundation and Australia Africa Universities Network (AAUN) will be hosting a one-month international course on **Increasing the Development Impact of Agricultural Research (IDIAR) on 2 - 27 November 2015 at Southern Sun Mayfair Hotel, Parklands, Nairobi.**

This course is designed for African, mid-career male and female professionals, working in agricultural policy, research and outreach, both in government and the private sector. It is designed to increase their understanding, and applied knowledge and practice of maximising impact of agricultural research, particularly focusing on forming effective partnerships across the public and private sectors. It is also designed to facilitate the building of networks within Africa among participants, as well as develop cross Africa-Australia linkages in this area. It is a flexible program, tailored to accommodate those from a range of backgrounds.

The course aim is to increase participants' capacity to develop effective, relevant, contextually-appropriate and high-impact agricultural research programs. The course will do this through increasing participants' capacity to work in multi-stakeholder partnerships to increase agricultural innovation, adoption and extension, and strengthen participants' management, planning, problem-solving, communication and outreach skills and abilities as agents of change.

Twenty six (26) individuals from 14 African countries namely Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe will receive the IDIAR training.

Facilitators from the University of Sydney will include Prof Robyn Alders (Program leader) and Emma Walters (Program Manager) while facilitators from the University of Nairobi will include Prof. Florence M. Olubayo (Lead Facilitator), Prof. George N. Chemining'wa and Prof. Eric Mitema.

### **Joint AAUN Australia Awards Agricultural Research Symposium 25 November 2015**

A high level media event on "Australia's Engagement with Africa in Agriculture: Partnering to Address Joint

Challenges" will be held on **25 November 2015 at Southern Sun Mayfair Hotel, Parklands, Nairobi.** The

Keynote speaker will be the High Commissioner John Feakes, Australian High Commissioner to Kenya,

Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda. There will be panel discussions on Nutrition Sensitive Agricultural Interventions, Postharvest Management and Agro-biodiversity in the Context of Climate Variability. The

IDIAR Awardees will make lightning presentations. The event will end with the discussions on the following

thematic areas: Agriculture and Nutrition; Value Chain Research; Postharvest Management; Agriculture,

Biodiversity & Climate Change.

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