

## **SEMIS PARTICIPATES IN THIRD GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH FOR DEVELOPMENT (GCARD3) HELD IN JOHANNESBURG SOUTH AFRICA - 2016**



The Third Global Conference on Agricultural Research for Development (GCARD3), jointly organised by the Global Forum on Agriculture Research (GFAR) and the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) under the theme *“No One Left Behind: Agri-food Innovation and Research for a Sustainable World”* was attended by over 500 participants representing academia, government, civil society, research and the private sector. The four day Conference was held from 5 - 8 April, 2016 in Johannesburg, South Africa. **Seed Enterprise Management Institute (SEMI)s** program leaders from

the [Department of Plant Science and Crop Protection](#) [1]; Prof. Agnes W. Mwang’ombe, Prof. Florence M. Olubayo and Mr Daniel O. Wasonga attended the conference representing SEMIs and University of Nairobi.

During the Opening Ceremony, Dr Lindiwe Majele Sibanda, Chief Executive Officer at Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN) applauded the Conference Organisers for bringing together key stakeholders to promote effective, targeted investment that will build partnerships, capacities and mutual accountabilities at all levels of the agricultural system. This action she hoped would ensure that today’s agricultural research will impact on the rural poor. She also emphasised the need to work together and develop collaborative strategies that are realistic to emerging challenges, enforce higher stakeholder commitment towards engaging, debating and formulating real policies that are holistic and not linear in approach. She applauded all the female participants and thanked them for their contribution to the Agricultural

development sector.

The GCARD3 conference had five major plenary themes. Theme 1: Scaling up –from research to impact; Theme 2: Showcasing results and demonstrating impact; Theme 3: Keeping Science relevant and future focused; Theme 4: Sustaining the business of farming and; Theme 5: Ensuring better rural futures.

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