



9th ICA Rectors and Deans Forum 2019

Collaboration between European & African Life Science Universities for a Sustainable Future

Wednesday 23 October to Friday 25 October 2019

to be held at UniLaSalle – Campus de Beauvais, 16 rue Pierre Waguet, Beauvais, FR



The goal of the ICA Rectors and Deans Forums

This annual Forum for Rectors, Deans and senior management of agricultural and life science universities aims to provide these university decision makers from ICA's member universities with the opportunity to meet, to discuss current issues in the agricultural and life sciences and to exchange views on issues with relevant stakeholders in industry, government and NGOs. This Forum follows the successful Forums from 2011 to 2018.

Online at:

www.ica-ls.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=233&Itemid=197

A The Forum Focus 2019

The Forum will look ahead to 2030 exploring the opportunities and mutual benefits for collaboration between European and African agricultural and life science universities for addressing the challenges of developing a sustainable future. We will review the current challenges facing our universities, and the success of the current engagements in supporting capacity development. We will foresee the enhanced contribution to our sustainable future by agricultural and life science universities by 2030 through striving towards the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals Agenda. In doing so we will examine the potential for African and European agricultural and life science universities to strengthen their collaboration for their mutual gain.

B Expected Outcomes

1. Identified mutual benefits that can be gained from the collaboration between European and African life science universities.
2. A renewed focus to on-going activities and new opportunities to address the global challenges through collaborative ventures between European and African agricultural and life science universities for the benefit of society, and mutual benefit for all the collaborating parties.
3. Initiation of new relationships between African and European like-minded agricultural and life science universities.

C Programme

Wednesday 23 October:

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| 16.30 | Coffee and Tea |
| 17.00 | ICA General Assembly |
| 19.00 | ICA Forum Reception and Walking Dinner |

Thursday 24 October

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| 9.00 | Welcome and Introduction to the Forum |
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Session 1: Setting the stage

Overview of the societal challenges and a reflection of those faced in Africa in particular – the UN Agenda 2030, the Sustainable Development Goals. How do we envisage the role of agricultural and life science universities and their place in society may have evolved in both continents by 2030.

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| 9.25 | Africa and Europe cooperation in building a sustainable African agri-food sector
Tom Arnold – Chair of the Task Force for Rural Africa. |
| 10.05 | Overview of the challenges facing African agricultural and life science universities, and how they see their development to 2030
Anthony Egeru, Manager, Training and Community Development, Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda |
| 10.45 | <i>Coffee</i> |
| 11.15 | Overview of the challenges facing European agricultural and life science universities, and how do they see their development to 2030
Alex Evans, Dean of Agricultural Science & Head of UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science, University College Dublin, IE and Vice President of ICA |

- 11.55 **Structures and aims of European life science universities' engagement with African partner universities**
Carolyn Glynn, Professor, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences and President of AGRINATURA, SE
- 12.35 *Lunch and visit and presentation of FabLab*

Session 2: Current and future initiatives for collaboration/engagement

- 14.00 **A vision for EU engagement with Africa in agricultural research**
Speaker TBC
- 14.30 **The research and innovation agenda for Africa in the agricultural and life sciences**
Kwesi Atta-Krah. Director for Advocacy and Country Alignment Function (ACAF), Office of the Director General, International Institute for Tropical Agriculture (IITA)
- 15.00 **LEAP4FNSSA: towards a Europe Africa Research and Innovation (R&I) Platform for joint action in science, technology and innovation on Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture (FNSSA).**
Philippe Petithuguenin, Deputy Director for Research and Strategy, CIRAD, FR
- 15.30 **Partnerships to enhance Africa's scientific capacity: PASET's Regional Scholarship and Innovation Fund**
Moses Osiru, PASET Regional Coordination Unit (RCU) Manager, International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (icipe). Kenya
- 15.45 *Coffee*
- 16.15 **Roundtable discussions**
- 17.15 **Report back**
- 17.45 **Closure**
- 18.00 Depart by bus for Forum Dinner
- 17.00 **Reception and Forum Dinner**

Friday 25 October

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Session : Developing a new Agenda for engagement/collaboration between European and African Universities

Our expectation is to create shared values and understanding in addressing the key global challenges. What should change in our EU life science universities to enhance the collaboration, directly or through engaging with EU overarching organisations, to better collaborate with African life science universities in address the challenges for achieving a sustainable world. Who sets the Agenda within our universities for long term collaboration – what does each party expect to gain.

- 8.30 **Future EU-Africa Collaboration: what will it take?**
Achille Assogbadjo, Professor, University of Abomey-Calavi, Cotonou, Benin
- 8.50 **Unlocking the hidden potential of Sub-Saharan universities**
Pascal Boeckx, Professor, Faculty of Bioscience Engineering, Ghent University, BE
- 9.10 **Changing minds and promoting the social-biophysical interface-rethinking South-North academic cooperation**
Luis Artur, Dean, Faculty of Agronomy and Forestry Engineering, Eduardo Mondlane University, Maputo, Mozambique
- 9.30 **Future opportunities for bi-directional learning in Europe-Africa university collaboration**
Ken Giller, Professor, Plant Production Systems, Wageningen University and Research (WUR), NL
- 9.50 **Enhancing the successful collaboration between African and European universities: the vision of Jimma University**
Kora Tushune, Vice President, Jimma University, Jimma, Ethiopia
- 10.10 **Austrian - African University Network: engagement for mutual benefit for a sustainable future**
Hubert Hasenauer, Rector, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences, Vienna (BOKU), AT
- 10.30 *Coffee*
- 11.00 **Roundtable discussions**
- 12.00 **Report Back**
- 12.30 **Wrap up**
- 13.00 *Lunch*

D Keynote Speakers short Bios

See the short bios of the Keynote Speakers at the Forum Website – click on the link on the ICA Home page www.ica-europe.info to the Forum website.

E Target Audience

The Forum seeks to attract those who are responsible for strategic decision making in Universities /Faculties of Agricultural and Life Sciences. The ICA and AGRINATURA Boards invites **Rectors, Vice Rectors and Deans**, or persons of equivalent status in their university, college, school or faculty being responsible for education, research, innovation and outreach to participate in the Forum.

All staff are invited, who are active in collaborating between our agricultural and life science universities across the two continents, to interact with our Rectors, Deans and senior management to help develop the strategy of universities in collaborating for a sustainable future.

F Forum Partners

The Board of the **Association for European Life Science Universities (ICA)**, and the Board of **The European Alliance on Agricultural Knowledge for Development (AGRINATURA)** with the support of **CIRAD** (The French agricultural research and international cooperation

organization working for the sustainable development of tropical and Mediterranean regions).

G Registration

Please register online for the ICA Forum at www.ica-europe.info

The Registration fee for ICA Members is 500 € for the first registration from a university, additional registrations from the same university will be 450 €. For non-ICA members the registration fee is 650 € and 600 € respectively. If a registered non-member becomes a member of ICA in 2019 the membership subscription for 2019 will be reduced by 150 €.

The deadline for registration is 10 October. Registration cannot be cancelled free of charge after 10 October.

The Registration fee includes:

All meals from the start of the Forum with the Reception on the evening of Wednesday 23 October until and including lunch on the Friday.

Registration is managed by the ICA Secretariat. The ICA Secretariat will send you an invoice once the Secretariat has received your registration form.

H Book your Hotel

Rooms have been reserved at the Mercure Hotel and IBIS Beauvais Airport Hotel. See the Forum Website from the ICA website homepage at www.ica-europe.info for details of how to book.

I Reaching Beauvais

Full details about reaching Beauvais by train or flights can be found on the Forum website from www.ica-europe.info

Those who will arrive at Charles de Gaulle (CDG) airport will be offered transport by car to Beauvais. The Forum Secretariat will make contact to arrange the pick up

J More Information

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