



## Plant Sciences Symposia Series

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# MaRCCI – Corteva Plant Science Symposium 2019



### Description of Symposium

The maiden edition of the 2019 MaRCCI – Corteva Plant Science Symposium to be hosted in Makerere University, Uganda is organized by graduate students of Plant breeding and Biotechnology, Makerere Regional Center for Crop Improvement (MaRCCI) with the support from Corteva, MaRCCI and National Agricultural Research Organization (NARO). This Plant Science symposium is part of The Corteva Agri-science Plant Sciences Symposia series. It is the first time to be hosted in Uganda and is entitled: **“Sustainable Agricultural Development: from the lab to the farmers”** and slated for **Wednesday, 17 July 2019** at **0800 to 1700 EAT**. The symposium will serve to provide members of academia and industry with opportunities to engage and share research on current agricultural issue and advances in technology within the many disciplines of Agricultural Research and Development. Moreover, provides an opportunity for the next generation of scientists to interact with both public and private experts through student-driven and organized events at different academic institutions worldwide.

### Description of the general expected educational impact

The aim of this symposium is to bring together numerous groups of scientist, lecturers, students and farmers across Uganda, other universities, and the community with vastly diverse research directed towards a unified goal: improving crops to solve problems facing food and agriculture today. In connection to the above-mentioned aim, key speakers presenting talks will be a section focusing on how research and experiences can be applied to improve tomorrow's crops. In addition, the symposium will seek to strengthen and create linkages with the scientists in the universities, national research centers, seed companies and farmers' organizations in East Africa. This will expose students to opportunities in the breeding programs that students can contribute to improve the food security level through crop improvement and new frontiers of science in the field of breeding.

### Description of the expected benefits

The end of the seminar, it is expected that;

1. Exposure of participants to modernized agricultural technology that will help sustain agriculture in the future.
2. There is a strengthened relationship and linkage created between students and national research centers, seed companies and farmers' organizations.
3. Contacts are made for further interactions between students and organizations.
4. Knowledge gain in the various presentations made by invited guests.

### Overview of the Plant Science Symposium speakers and program

The Plant Science Symposium will include presentations by the main speaker and invited guest speakers. There will also be poster display of student's research and products by selected agricultural enterprises in the country. There will also be a panel and round table discussions. The speakers will include the following persons.

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