

**21 August- 3 September 2023**

**Kenya to work towards the reduction of use of synthetic pesticides to control locusts.**

Kenya is hoping to deploy biopesticides to control fall armyworm after signing a declaration by the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) to move towards methods that are less harmful. It is anticipated that counties in arid and semi-arid areas will benefit from the adoption of insects for food and feed technologies.

<https://newsroom.maudhui.co.ke/rain-regional-conflict-risks-returning-desert-locust-threat/>

**icipe supported initiative is recognized.**

Esoko, an initiative that seeks to determine how mobile technology in Africa could improve lives of rural communities has won the “Agritech Company of the year” in Ghana. The initiative supported by *icipe* through the “Accelerating inclusive green growth through agri-based digital innovations in Western Africa” (AgriDI) project is digitally transforming the agricultural value chains and driving market access.

<https://www.ghanaweb.com/GhanaHomePage/pressreleases/Esoko-wins-Agritech-Company-of-the-Year-1830842>

**icipe is key in the mushrooming startups in the region.**

*icipe* has played a key role in the mushrooming insect farming startups offering solutions to food and feed challenges and improvement of livelihoods in the region.

<https://farmersreviewafrica.com/icipe-ideal-climate-behind-mushrooming-insect-farming-startups-in-kenya-and-east-africa-region/>

**Will climate change affect the spread of diseases?**

Climate change is expected to have a significant impact on the transmission and future spread of malaria and dengue fever, two of the world's most important vector-borne diseases. Scientists are sharing their thoughts on this based on their research findings.

<https://wsca.news/2023/09/01/climate-archive-will-climate-change-accelerate-the-spread/>

<https://news.cgtn.com/news/2023-09-01/Climate-Archive-Will-climate-change-accelerate-the-spread-of-the-virus--1mKuzszlDXa/index.html>

**Launch of a new project**

*icipe* launched the (B)eat the Locust project which aims to increase the production of locusts for animal feed. The project is expected to build resilient communities capable of dealing with desert locust epidemics as well as build a scalable insect value chain to convert desert locusts into animal feed during an outbreak.

[Video](#)



## Social Media

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 Globally, demand for edible #insects is increasing due to growing number of #entomophagians & consumer desire for more sustainable, alternative food & feed products. @MordorIntel report shows #entomophagy in #Asia, #Australia, #Africa & #Americas. More data: bizwireexpress.com/showstoryGNW.p...



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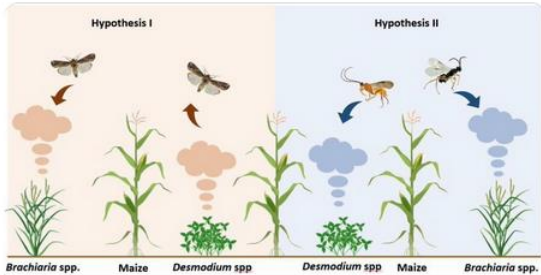
#Newpublication

'Fall armyworm, Spodoptera frugiperda, is a serious invasive pest in Africa but "Push- Pull" companion cropping can substantially reduce infestation.'

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 Bioactive Volatiles From Push-Pull Companion Crops Repel Fall Armyworm a...  
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Kenya leads charge in emergent million-dollar insect farming business - Far...  
 Thanks to the International Center of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) and Kenya's climate, many insect farming startups are emerging.

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**Global Locust Initiative**  
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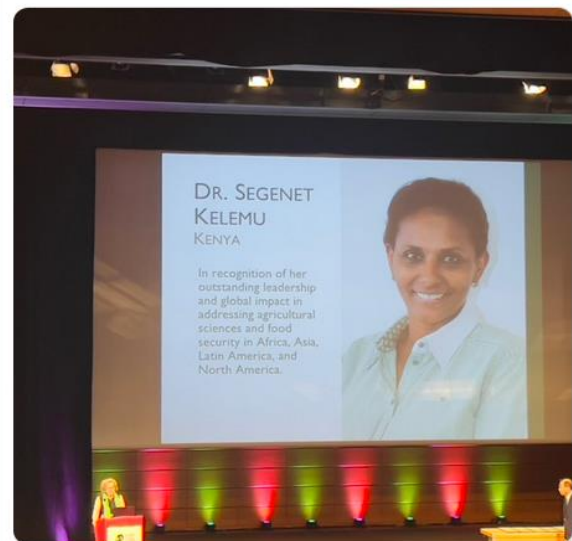
Production of locusts for animal feed and human consumption  
 Gov and non-gov orgs have come up with an ambitious project dubbed "Beat the locusts"  
 Aims to introduce the use of insects as food sources for residents and livestock in the pastoralist counties #Kenya  
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Great to see Segenet Kelemu get recognition for her contributions on addressing agricultural challenges and food security especially in Africa.  
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#DYK that “95% of 🐝 & 🐛 #farmers are actively looking to 🔄 their production costs by incorporating insects into their animal diets? In 🇰🇪, insect-supplemented diets 📉 laying life by 62%,” ~ Dr Chrysantus Tanga, Head of @icipe's INSEFF prog.  
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Bill Hansson  
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Great to be back in Nairobi @icipe after four years. Nice discussions with Merid Getahun and his group.



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