

27 June – 3 July 2022

Regional Scholarship and Innovation Fund (RSIF)

The Regional Scholarship and Innovation Fund (RSIF) conference themed, "African-led science, technology, and innovation for contributing to the SDGs and boosting global development," took place last week at the University Mohammed VI Polytechnic, Ben Guerir, Morocco.

Dr Zuzana Schwidrowski, Director, North Africa at UNECA, speaking about challenges facing Africa and the value of cooperation.

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Dr Uwamariya, Minister of Education, Republic of Rwanda and Chair of the PASET Governing Council, speaks about PASET-RSIF and African cooperation.

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Anis Bourakkadi gives insights on how OCP Africa Group is using science to achieve development in Africa during the hybrid RSIF-UM6P conference in Morocco.

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World Bank Practice Manager Muna Salih Meky speaks about the World Bank's role in African development and the importance of having innovative universities and technical institutions develop innovative solutions to support students.

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Insects for Food and Feed

Black soldier fly frass fertilizer is gaining traction in its use due to its affordability in the face of the current economic difficulties.

- <https://scienceafrica.co.ke/2022/07/01/black-soldier-fly-fertilizers-gaining-traction-in-kenya/>

Innovations

Last week, InsectSense and UNESCO Regional Office for Eastern Africa in collaboration with *icipe* and other partners held discussions on harnessing innovations from insects for improved health.

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#BlackSoldierFly Fertilizers Gaining Traction in **#Kenya**

According to Brian Amenity, Operations Director Zihanga Limited, "Black Soldier Fly" (BSF) is an eco-friendly insect that naturally converts wastes into organic fertilizer within a week."

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David Cranmer Underdown
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government to protect areas of natural resources, control the ivory trade and change the policy of exterminating wildlife to control tsetse flies.

A special tsetse trapping method is applied in Ethiopia, where the BioFarm Consortium (ICIPE, BioVision Foundation, BEA, Helvetas,



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Wim van der Poel
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Back in Nairobi to develop research projects on SARS-CoV2 detection by bees, in cooperation with UNESCO and other partners.

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Next week colleagues from InsectSense and @WUR will be visiting Kenya on invitation of @UNESCO. Want to know more? Stay tuned! #pilot #insectinspired #beesense @LeonHolSchipper, @WimvanderPoel1, @WURbvr, @UNIVERSITYOFNA5 @icipe, @KEMRI_Kenya, @imecistart, @PimdeBokx, @StarhubW

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Following discussions at @BioeconomyEA last year, the EAC regional bioeconomy strategy has been unveiled.

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@StevenMlote, EAC deputy secretary-general in charge of planning and infrastructure, said the strategy seeks to ensure the transformation of economies and place innovation at the center of bio-based products and processes... #bioeconomy #synbio global.chinadaily.com.cn/a/202206/28/WS...

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Great to visit Dr Khan and team at @icipe to learn how the desmodium plant can control #striga #witchweed, #fallarmyworm, & can improve soil fertility. Brilliant #agroecology research & fantastic potential to contribute to #sustainable #agriculture #producemorewithless #pushpull



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PhD Scholarship Fund for Africa
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Dr. Valérie Verdier, President of @ird_fr gives a Keynote address on Sustainability Science: The role of higher education and research and implications for #RSIF during the #RSIFConf
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