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DG featured in award-winning project

The 'African Women Scientists on the Move' project, in which Dr Segenet Kelemu was featured, has been awarded the Colombine prize, a Spanish award named for a pioneering female journalist in Spain. The prize, organized by the Press Association of Almeria (AP-APAL) and supported by the Unicaja Foundation, recognizes works that explore the role women play in society.

Here's a link to the article on the award: <https://www.europapress.es/andalucia/almeria-00350/noticia-periodistas-michele-catanzaro-marco-boscolo-ganan-ix-premio-internacional-periodismo-colombine-20200715131726.html>

Here's a link to the DG's profile: <https://vimeo.com/416990005>



Integrated Pest Management

Dr Menale Kassie contributed to an article on the economic benefits of integrated pest management (IPM). The article, published in *Virginia Tech Daily*, is a compilation of case studies from Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean, document more than \$12 billion in economic benefits as a result of IPM application.

- https://vtnews.vt.edu/articles/2020/07/outreach-economicimpactsofIPM.html?utm_source=cmpgn_news&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=vtUnirelNewsDailyCMP_DM443261
- <https://augustafreepress.com/integrated-pest-management-practices-bring-more-than-12-billion-to-the-developing-world/>
- <https://pressfrom.info/de/nachrichten/wissen-technik/-454510-nachhaltiges-fleisch-durch-insekten-im-futter-kann-das-die-landwirtschaft-revolutionieren.html>
- <https://www.indonewyork.com/politics/Sustainable-meat-by-insects-in-the-feed-can-revolutionize-agriculture-h20797.html>
- <https://www.dw.com/es/pueden-los-insectos-revolucionar-la-agricultura-como-fuente-proteica-para-la-alimentaci%C3%B3n-animal/a-54352124>



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A new review published recently by researchers with @virginia_tech and @icipe shows that implementing integrated pest management strategies improves livelihoods and gives economic benefits of billions of dollars in developing nations.

Insects for Food and Feed



More than 1,300 farmers have learnt how to set up black soldier fly production at *icipe*. Some of these farmers, and Dr Chrysantus Tanga Mbi, were featured in a Deutsche Welle article on sustainable farming.

<https://www.dw.com/en/food-security-sustainable-agriculture-farming-tech-larvae-africa-kenya-soy/a-54354145?maca=en-Twitter-sharing>

Stemborers

icipe's discovery of genes in local maize that can fight off stemborers by summoning their natural enemies has raised hopes for pest-resistant varieties for African farmers.

<https://www.alphagalileo.org/en-gb/Item-Display/ItemId/195717?returnurl=https://www.alphagalileo.org/en-gb/Item-Display/ItemId/195717>

Potato cyst nematodes

icipe scientists are working with national and international partners to find an effective solution to potato cyst nematodes, including identifying cultivars with resistance to these parasitic microscopic worms.

<http://www.libyabizinfo.com/story-z17987640>

<https://www.cgiar.org/news-events/news/ita-scientists-spearhead-efforts-to-save-east-africas-potatoes-from-a-new-pest-threat/>

A screenshot of a Twitter post. The user is @EngnrJean, with a profile picture of a smiling man. The tweet was retweeted by laura cortada (@lauracortada). The text of the tweet is: "The power of science. I love it. I would like to witness/see nematodes committing suicide one of these fine days, it sounds like it would be quite a spectacle! 😊". The timestamp is 3:07 PM · Jul 25, 2020 · Twitter Web App.

BioInnovate

The Catnip Project in Burundi aims to reduce the prevalence of malaria through the production and sale of affordable mosquito repellent products.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LdG3E4D2GHo>