

EMRC's AgriBusiness Forum 2010, call for partners

BRUSSELS: The organisers of the AgriBusiness Forum, EMRC and the Ugandan government, are inviting interested stakeholders, businesses, organisations and brands from the agro-food, food security, agri-business, sustainable development and African agricultural sectors to support the upcoming event. The event is scheduled to take place 3-6 October 2010 in Kampala, Uganda.

Held in Africa for the second consecutive year, the forum will focus on 'Food security: a business opportunity' and the role that Africa's private sector can play in improving food access.

Food security

The AgriBusiness Forum 2010 plans to approach the current food security issue as a positive and promising opportunity for the African agro-food sector and explore the opportunities it presents in generating agri-business throughout the continent for Africa's needs as well as export.

Delegates attending the conference will discuss the role of the private sector in improving food access and sustainable agricultural development, access to finance and funds, increasing agricultural productivity, pre and post-harvest intervention, commodities, inputs, R&D, private sector growth and investment.

"As we know, many regions across the continent of Africa provide the ideal environment for successful food production - the forum will bring together the right partners who share the common goal of boosting the agri-food sector across the lush continent and committing to strong and stable project partnership and creation," says Idit Miller, VP and MD, EMRC.

Sponsors spur attendance

Sponsors at AgriBusiness Forum 2010 are select organisations partnered on the basis of the nature, pragmatism, impact and innovation of their activities, as well as the potential contribution and value they add to the programme. The sponsorships amassed will help spur the attendance of small- and medium-size entrepreneurs from Africa, as well as NGOs from Africa.

Novus International, Syngenta Foundation, FARA (Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa), AGRA (Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa), AECF (Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund) and KPMG have joined Rabobank Foundation, FAO, USAID and Stanbic Bank in sponsoring the AgriBusiness Forum. Other partners that recently joined the European Union in supporting the AgriBusiness Forum include the East African Community (EAC) and Winrock International.

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The organisers are looking to partner with development organisations, private companies, financial institutions and experts that care for the growth of the African private sector. Interested sponsors and partners may contact EMRC for further partnership information on www.emrc.be.

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