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- Cornell University
- International Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology (ICGEB)
- International Service for Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications (ISAAA)
- Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF)
- Ministry of Education and Sports
- Ministry of Gender, Labour and Social Development
- Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation
- Ministry of Water and Environment
- Miss Uganda Foundation
- National Agricultural Research Organization (NARO)
- National Curriculum Development Center (NCDC)
- New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD)
- Program for Biosafety Systems (PBS)
- Science Foundation for Livelihoods (SCIFODE)
- Uganda National Council for Science and Technology (UNCST)
- Uganda Science Education Program (USEP)

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Vision Better agricultural outcomes

Mission To foster public understanding of agricultural research for informed decision making

Goal A hub for information and knowledge sharing on agricultural biosciences research in Uganda

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Who we are:

Established in 2013, UBIC is an information hub that develops and disseminates information on modern biosciences research in Uganda, for informed decision making about application and regulation.

UBIC is an initiative of the National Agricultural Research Organisation (NARO), which coordinates all agricultural research in Uganda. UBIC is hosted at the National Crops Resources Research Institute (NaCRRI) in Namulonge, Wakiso district.

Why we exist:

Our job is to help Ugandans to understand, appreciate, and use novel and innovative technologies to improve agriculture and boost food security, while ensuring better land use and a cleaner environment. Our outreach and communication activities are geared towards advancing Uganda's march to middle income status by 2040 through modernised agriculture.

What we do:

UBIC works with many stakeholders to help increase their awareness and understanding of modern biosciences which can be used for agricultural enhancement. We endeavour to:

Influence target audiences to make informed decisions about biosciences application and regulation

UBIC works with: farmers, students, scientists, policy makers, religious and cultural leaders, and the media; proving a platform for dialogue and information dissemination on modern biosciences for better and informed decision–making. We produce information materials, use media platforms and conduct awareness meetings.

Strengthen biosciences training in the formal education system of Uganda

UBIC develops and donates teaching aids to science educators and contributes biosciences literature and materials to support curriculum development at National Curriculum Development Center. We conduct essay writing and drawing competitions, outreach sessions and seminars in primary, secondary schools and tertiary institutions, as part of efforts to groom future leaders in science.

Carry-out Biosciences outreach and communication capacity building

Outreach activities are central to our work; enabling us to localize and disseminate factual information on modern biosciences and adequately engage Ugandans. Key recipients of these activities include: policy makers, journalists, farmer associates, and journalists. Science communication training is done for scientists and journalists.

Facilitate knowledge sharing and partnerships among biotech communication partners locally and internationally

UBIC is part of national and international networks such as Uganda Biotechnology and Biosafety Consortium, Alliance for Science, and International Services for Acquisition of Agri-biotech Applications (ISAAA). Through these, we help to advance Uganda's science agenda and support international cooperation for advancements in modern biosciences for agriculture.

Who we work with

- Africa Biosafety Network of Experts (ABNE)
- African Agriculture Technology Foundation (AATF)
- All academic institutions (including universities and schools)