

# **Workshop on - Technology Based Public Private Partnerships and Innovation Systems in African Agriculture**

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## **Workshop Theme and Organisation**

North-South Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) operating in developing countries are considered as mechanisms for technology transfer and development, national capacity building, and market access. Presentations at this workshop draw on recent research about the role of PPPs in the African agricultural biotechnology innovation systems. The workshop is particularly relevant to policy makers and development practitioners. We have invited a dynamic group of academics and participants from government and non-government agencies involved in funding agricultural research and in developing related policy.

The workshop is organised by the Development Policy and Practice (DPP) department of the Open University. DPP is the main centre in the Open University for teaching and research in International Development (see <http://dpp.open.ac.uk/about.htm>).

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## Provisional Programme

- 09:30–10:00 **Registration**
- 10:00–10:10 **Welcome**  
Steve Rayner - Science in Society Programme, ESRC
- 10:10–12:30 **Session I: Experiences and Impacts of Public-Private Partnerships in African Agriculture**  
Chair: Joyce Tait - ESRC INNOGEN Research Centre, University of Edinburgh
- 10:10–10:50 Seife Ayele - Science in Society Project, The Open University  
*Capacity Building and Public-Private Partnerships in African Crop Biotechnology: Comparative perspectives on Mali, Kenya and Egypt*
- 10:50–11:30 Joanna Chataway - Science in Society Project and ESRC INNOGEN Research Centre, The Open University  
*International Partnerships and Local Contexts*
- 11:30–12:10 Franklin Nsubuga-Muyonjo - Ugandan National Council for Science and Technology  
*North-South Partnerships in Agricultural Biotechnology in Uganda – Achievements, Challenges and Policy Issues*
- 12:10–12:30 Discussion
- 12:30–13:30 **Lunch**
- 13:30–16:30 **Session II: Partnerships, Networks, Governance and Strategy**  
Chair: Hazel Johnson- Development Policy and Practice, The Open University
- 13:30–14:10 James Smith - ESRC INNOGEN Research Centre, University of Edinburgh  
*Partnerships, Networks and Governance in an African Centre of Excellence*
- 14:10–14:50 Margaret Karembu - ISAAA AfriCenter, Nairobi, Kenya  
*Biotechnology Transfer Strategies: Some Lessons for Policy in Taking Products to Farmers in East Africa*
- 14:50–15:05 **Tea Break**
- 15:05–15:45 Matthew Harsh - University of Edinburgh  
Topic to be confirmed
- 15:45–16:15 Discussion
- 16:15–16:30 **Summary of the day's proceedings**  
David Wield - Science in Society Project and ESRC INNOGEN Research Centre, The Open University

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