



Learning visit by Mozambican Higher Education and Research Institutions on agri-innovation process and commercialization of agricultural technologies and research results

CONCEPT NOTE AND AGENDA

Date: 22nd-24th October 2025

Venue: International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology, Duduville Campus, Nairobi (*icipe*)

Background and Rationale

Mozambique's participation in the Partnership for Skills in Applied Sciences, Engineering and Technology (PASET), through the Regional Scholarship and Innovation Fund (Rsif), reflects a strong commitment to building its human capacity and support research and innovation across their university's ecosystems. To date, Rsif has awarded 302 PhD scholarships, including 40 sponsored by Mozambique—32 of which are held by Mozambican nationals. Furthermore, 64 research and innovation grants have been issued, with 14 being awarded to Mozambican higher education and research institutions.

Following an assessment of the innovation ecosystem of Mozambican higher education institutions and research centres which highlighted gaps in the Intellectual Property and agri-innovation frameworks of the institutions. Four participating institutions have requested for a learning visit to *icipe* to interact with researchers in agri-innovation and their industry partners.

This two-day capacity-strengthening activity shall be focused on experiential sharing and on-site observations and learning on the innovation process and commercialization of research results in relation to agricultural technology and innovations.

Target participants

The learning visit will bring together 10-12 faculty members and key personnel responsible for advancing agri-innovation and technology transfer from the following Mozambican Institutions

1. Higher Polytechnic Institute of Manica (ISPM)
2. Higher Polytechnic Institute of Gaza (ISPG)
3. University Pungue (UNIPUNGUE)
4. Mozambique Agricultural Research Institute (IIAM)
5. University Eduardo Mondlane (UEM)

Expected Outcomes

Participants will gain hands-on insights into *icipe*'s agri- innovation and technology transfer processes, enhancing their ability to strengthen similar structures in their home institutions.

Tentative program

The tentative program for the 3 days is outlined below

Wednesday 22 October 2025

Time	Activity	Venue	Responsible
9:00am-9:30am	Welcome Remarks and overview of <i>icipe</i> and Rsif	Hive meeting Room	Dr. Julius Ecuru
9:30am-10:30am	Presentation and discussions on <i>icipe</i> 's Innovation Scaling and Business Acceleration processes	Hive meeting Room	Dr. Girma Hailu, Innovation Scaling and Business Acceleration Unit, <i>icipe</i>
10:30am-11:00am	Health Break		
11:00 am-12:00pm	Discussions on processes and lessons on commercializing biopesticides	Arthropod Pathology Unit	Dr. Komivi Akutse or his designate
12:00pm-1:00pm	Discussion and lab visit on Integrated Pest Management (IPM)	R&D	Dr Samira Faris or her designate
1:00pm-2:00 pm	Lunch Break		
2:00pm-4:00pm	Discussions and a mini exhibition on processes and lessons on developing and commercializing Insects for Food and Feed (INSEFF)	Hive meeting Room	Dr. Chrysantus Tanga or his designate

End of Day 1

Thursday, 23 October 2025

Time	Activity	Venue	Responsible
9:00am-10:00am	Discussions with BioInnovate Africa- Experiences on University-Industry partnerships and innovation commercialization	Hive meeting Room	Ms. Shira Mukiibi
10:00am-11:00am	Visit to Bio-Venture Hub and discussions on <i>icipe's</i> lessons on IP management	BioVenture Hub	Ms. Shira Mukiibi & Ms. Faith Amatika
1:00pm-2:00pm	Lunch		
2:00pm-3:30pm	Lessons on <i>icipe's</i> Capacity Building of MSc and PhDs for Africa's Human Capital Development	Hive meeting Room	Dr. Everlyn Nguku
3:30pm	Tea Break		
3:30pm-4:00pm	Wrap up and take aways		
5:00pm	Networking dinner		

End of Day 2

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09:00am-10:30am	Round table reflections on lessons learnt and key take aways	Hive meeting Room	Ms. Cynthia Orang'o
10:30am-11:00am	Tea Break		
11:00am-12:00pm	Round table reflections on lessons learnt and key take aways	Hive meeting Room	Ms. Cynthia Orang'o
12:00am-12:30pm	Closing remarks and vote of thanks	Hive meeting Room	Ms. Cynthia Orang'o
12:30pm-1:30pm	Lunch Break		

End of Visit