

**Center Title and Acronym: African Centre of Excellence in Agroecology and Livelihood Systems (ACALISE)**

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**Primary Thematic Discipline of Center:** Agriculture – Climate- Smart Agriculture

**Brief Description of Center:**

The Centre provides world-class training, research and community engagement for development in Agroecology, food systems, value chains and sustainable livelihoods to trigger balanced development in the region and beyond.

**Key Objectives and Expected Outcomes:**

- a) Training of an all-round scientist who is academically excellent, ethically sound and morally mindful of the needs of others and the environment
- b) Popularization of sustainable and climate-smart agricultural systems like Agro-ecology
- c) Promotion of mutual collaborations with research institutions, academic institutions, Government agencies, industry and the Private sector, for sustainable development
- d) Establishment of demonstration farms to provide hands on skills to the communities on the relevant technologies and practices to improve production, productivity and value addition
- e) Up-grading of research and training infrastructure such as Laboratories, The University farm, Video-Conferencing facilities and value addition enterprises
- f) Building more human resource capacity for the University to improve efficiency and effectiveness
- g) Improvement of visibility of the University in order to attract more partnerships, funding, experts, and students for the sustainability of the Center.

**Major Accomplishments to Date:**

- a) Appointment of key staff (management, academic, and administrative)
- b) Enrollment of more than 200 MSc students in the first year and 10 PhD students in the second year
- c) Signing of MoUs with key partners in the first year
- d) Raising of about USD 100,000 in external funding

**Primary Regional and Global Partners:**

- a) Mathai Wangai Institute of Environmental Sciences, Nairobi University
- b) University of Ghent
- c) Swedish University of Agriculture
- d) RUFORUM
- e) Regional Cassava Centre

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