**RUFORUM Annual General 2019**

**2-6 December 2019**

**University of Cape Coast, Ghana**

**Fostering Global Partnership for Higher Agricultural Education and Research in Africa**

Guiding Notes on FORUM

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Session Two**: *Promoting international collaboration for impactful research for development and knowledge sharing***

**Date:** Monday 2 December, 2019

**Time:** 10:40-13:00

**Venue:** School of Medical Sciences Auditorium

**Session Chair and Moderator:** Dr. Mary Shawa, Former Permanent Secretary, Government of Malawi and RUFORUM Board member

**Session Objective:** To share approaches and models for impactful agricultural research, innovation and knowledge sharing. The approaches

**Lead Speaker**: Dr. Kwesi Atta-Krah, Director, Advocacy and Country Alignment Function (ACAF), International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA).

The Key Note speech will set the stage by providing a broad picture of successful agricultural research for development models that have worked in Africa with some specific examples of those deployed by IITA and other research institutions, how and what change they have caused change. It will also provide some challenges and opportunities which exist and can be solved and harnessed respectively through global partnerships in research and development.

**Panellists:**

1. Prof. H. C. Hubert Roth, University of Siegen, Germany
2. Dr. Jennie Van der Mheen, Wageningen University and Research Centre, Netherlands
3. Dr. Zichao Zhang, China Agricultural University, China
4. Prof Rose Mwonya, Vice Chancellor, Egerton University, Kenya
5. Prof. Anouar Jamali, Mohammed VI Polytechnic University (UM6P), Morocco

**Guiding questions for Panellists:**

1. What are the current research for development models deployed by your institutions to transform the agricultural sector/communities?
2. What impacts are emerging as a demonstration of success of such a model?
3. With the basic knowledge that you have about the Africa context, what modifications do you suggest in the model to fit the African context?
4. What partnership model do you propose to operationalize the proposed research for development model?
5. Which institution do you foresee to potentially support the proposed partnership between your institution and an African organisation to operationalise the research for development partnership that will implement the model?