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Foreword

The Conference on *Building Capacity for Food Security in Africa* was jointly organized by Makerere University, National Agricultural Advisory Services, National Agricultural Research Organisation and the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM). A diversity of papers were presented that addressed development challenges in Africa and Research and Development efforts being undertaken in different parts of the continent. Case studies from outside Africa were also presented. The papers, published as part of RUFORUM Working Document Series No. 5 are available in two parts (Part 1 and Part 2) and have been posted online at www.ruforum.org and www.mak.ac.ug

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