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PUBLIC LECTURE

Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology and United States of America government cordially invite Staff, Students, Kenya's Academia, Policy makers and the Public to a Lecture titled: **Rebooting African Economies: Innovation for Economic Development** by the distinguished US based Kenyan Scholar, Professor Calestous Juma.

The details are as follows:

TOPIC: *Rebooting African Economies: Innovation for Economic Development*

SPEAKER: Prof. Calestous Juma, Professor of the Practice of International Development and Director of the Agricultural Innovation in Africa Project funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

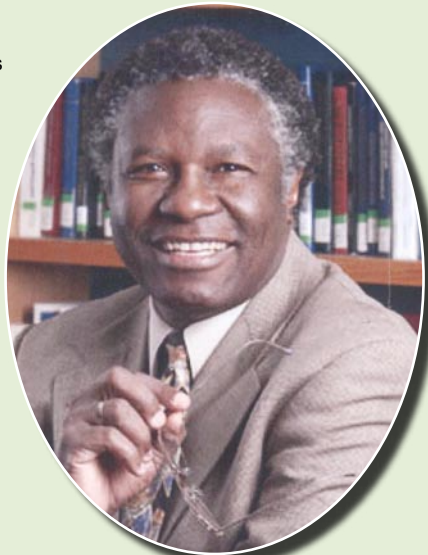
DATE: Tuesday, August 14, 2012.

VENUE: KICC, ABERDARES BALL ROOM

TIME: 2:00 pm

LECTURE ABSTRACT:

The role of modern Biotechnology in the economic transformation of developing countries has become the subject of intense academic inquiry and public policy discourse. There is increasing debate about the potential contribution of Biotechnology not only in Kenya, but also globally. This debate has taken two divergent perspectives: Proponents of Biotechnology see it as the only viable solution to Africa's socio-economic problems. On the other hand, critics of Biotechnology application treat it with caution and suspicion. This **Public Lecture** provides a platform to interrogate this issue and chart the way forward on Biotechnology for the East African Region in terms of policy and Research.



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