The department of Soil Science was among the oldest units of the Faculty of Agriculture teaching all soil science and related courses in the faculty. In 1976, the department launched a Master's degree programme in Soil Science and thereafter a Doctoral programme. Several of the Masters graduates proceeded to Ph.D. One of these, Caleb Othieno is now Professor of Soil Science at Moi University. From the start of the department to 2005, several academic members of staff served as Chairs persons. These included: Prof. Fewster (1970), the late Peter Ahn (1972-1977), Professor Shellemiah O. Keya (1976-1984), Professor Joseph Keter (1985–1992), Professor Joseph Mbuvi (1992-1995), Professor Nancy Karanja (1996-2002) and Professor CKK Gachene (2002-2008). Microbiological Resources Center for East and Southern Africa supported by UNESCO/FAO/UNEP was launched in 1976. The Center hosted regional training, research and international collaboration in soil bio-prospecting, conservation/preservation and utilization of soil microbial resource in Africa and beyond. In 1980 the BIOFIX legume inoculant was developed and piloted in Kenya and East Afri...
Agricultural and related sectors in Kenya, Africa and beyond: Among them are Prof. Benson Mochoge, former Director IGAD, Mr. John M.N. Mututho, the former Member of Parliament for Naivasha Constituency, Professor Nancy Karanja, coordinator CIP_URBAN HARVEST, Shellemiah O. Keya, former V.C. Moi University, retired UN-FAO staff, former Deputy Director General, WARDA, and now Chancellor, Dedan Kimathi University of Science and Technology; and Prof F. Lenga, Commissioner, CHE.

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