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### Utalii to host world's top hospitality trainers

Hospitality training institution Utalii College will host the 55th Euhofa International Congress from November 29 to December 5. Euhofa is an hotel schools association, with 200 members worldwide. The conference is expected to draw more than 200 delegates, and will feature speakers from both academia and hospitality organisations. Visitors will also get to sample Kenya's tourist attractions with visits to Nairobi National Park and Nanyuki's Ol Pajeta Ranch. Utalii last hosted the Euhofa International Congress in 1996. Acting Principal Kazungu Mwango said the college is organising the event in partnership with key institutions that include Mt Kenya University's department of hospitality and the Kenyatta International Convention Centre. Event sponsors include the Ministry of Tourism, Kenya Airways, Tourism Fund and Euhofa International.

— Philip Mwakio

Research Centre Director of Agriculture and Environment Dominique Charron, Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research General Manager and African Union President Agnes Kalibata at the ongoing African Green Revolution in Africa complex in Gigiri, Nairobi. [PHOTO: PROTUS ONYANGO/STANDARD]

the way forward in turning around agriculture in the continent.

We will relook at the issue of agriculture in Africa and how we mechanise agriculture. We must move away from direct human labour and also ways of bringing the youth on board," he said.

#### TANGIBLE OUTCOMES

The forum will also come under pressure to show tangible outcomes to prove it is not just another talk, especially since agriculture is a critical issue in many developing countries.

We are committed to pushing through the policy and financial reforms that can make farming and other agriculture businesses an economic and environmentally sustainable way of life."

The forum is expected to draw more than 1,500 officials from over 40 countries to share their expertise, adopt policies and secure investments in agriculture that will move the sector

across Africa forward.

"We are also looking at achieving clearer political commitments from this meeting," Agnes Kalibata, the president of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa, said.

In line with the conference's theme, 'Seize the moment', leaders and policy makers have promised to deliver millions of dollars in new investments for farmers and agricultural businesses.

The theme is also the name of an ambitious Africa-wide agriculture campaign launched by the Africa Union Commission, the New Partnership for Africa's Development (Nepad), the African Development Bank and key NGOs and donors.

The AGRF will include sessions on sustainable intensification of maize, human capacity development, science and innovation to transform agriculture, as well as the inaugural Africa food prize award. Also on the programme is a discussion on the potato value chain, financing agriculture, as well as managing soils.