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To: [Hon. Prof. Ruth Oniang'o <rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org>](mailto:rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org)

Date: 2016-08-16

Great my mentor, thanks for the information and keep up the good job for our community to stay healthy.

Best Regards

Khadija Juma

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Dear Hon. Prof. Oniang'O,

From: [Lourdes J Cruz <lourdesj.cruz@gmail.com>](mailto:lourdesj.cruz@gmail.com)

To: [Hon. Prof. Ruth Oniang'o <rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org>](mailto:rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org)

Date: 2016-08-12

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Best regards,

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I hope this email finds you well, Ruth, and that you are having a lovely season!

Kind Regards,  
Barbara

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To: [Hon. Prof. Ruth Oniang'o <rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org>](mailto:rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org)  
Date: 2016-08-12

Thank you Prof.  
This journal publishes quality articles  
Fakunle

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**RE: FW: Announcing AJFAND Volume 16 No. 3 (2016) - SPECIAL ILRI ISSUE  
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From: [Amare Ayalew <Amarea@africa-union.org>](mailto:Amarea@africa-union.org)  
To: [Hon. Prof. Ruth Oniang'o <rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org>](mailto:rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org)  
Cc: [pacasecretariat@lyris.merid.org](mailto:pacasecretariat@lyris.merid.org) <[pacasecretariat@lyris.merid.org](mailto:pacasecretariat@lyris.merid.org)>  
Date: 2016-08-12

Dear Ruth,  
Right, the issue of food safety affects all of us and unfortunately the effects are mostly hidden and less dramatic than the unfortunate incident during the PACA launch.

Thank you for your speedy reply and offer to consider a letter to the editor in the next issue of AJFAND. I will definitely do that.

Through the PACA Community mailing list you might have read Commissioner Tumusiime's reaction which I reproduce below (with my highlights in yellow). In line

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with that we will extract concise summaries for advocacy (with due acknowledgment of the AJFAND publications) and further disseminate the wealth of knowledge presented in the special issue to stakeholders who may not necessarily read journal articles (notably policy makers).

I will circle back to you with the draft "letter to the editor".

Best regards

Amare

**From:** H. E. Mrs. Tumusiime Rhoda Peace [<mailto:TumusiimeR@africa-union.org>]

**Sent:** Thursday, August 11, 2016 8:46 AM

**To:** communitypaca

**Subject:** RE: Announcing AJFAND Volume 16 No. 3 (2016) - SPECIAL ILRI ISSUE on "Aflatoxins in Eastern Africa"

Dear All,

This is the time for all of us to put up a fight against Aflations and control of mycotins in Africa. At this time when we are talking about agriculture transformation, we cannot keep quiet about the silent killer to the citizens of Africa. Ruth, well done for brilliant piece. Thanks to ILRL team. PACA Secretariat, please get our media to extract important messages for advocacy. I have in the meantime requested our lead technical agencies, the FAO and WHO to see how the issue of food safety can be seriously focused on in a global forum in future.

PACA is doing a good job and requires all the support.

Regards,

Rhoda

**From:** Hon. Prof. Ruth Oniang'o [<mailto:rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org>]

**Sent:** Thursday, August 11, 2016 6:07 PM

**To:** Amare Ayalew

**Cc:** pacasecretariat@lyris.merid.org

**Subject:** Re: FW: Announcing AJFAND Volume 16 No. 3 (2016) - SPECIAL ILRI ISSUE on "Aflatoxins in Eastern Africa"

Dear Amare

You are welcome. Thank you for the kind words.

Through Barbara, we had hoped you might be able to write something for inclusion.

You can still do, as a letter to the editor or a a reactionary commentary and we can carry and highlight it in the next issue. What do you think?

All the best

Ruth

NB: I recall the night before the launch I ate great tasting food but which almost killed me the following day.

Barbara virtually saved me. Food safety!!

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Hon. Prof. Ruth K. Oniang'o, PhD

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On 2016-08-11 17:56, Amare Ayalew wrote:

Dear Prof. Oniang'o,

Greetings from PACA Secretariat.

I coordinate the PACA Program at African Union. I am reaching out to express my genuine appreciation to you for identifying the complex issue of aflatoxins for this special issue of AJFAND and for your great work in making possible this unique contribution to our knowledge of the subject. Thank you for valuing the role of evidence and knowledge to address the hidden menace of aflatoxins. May you continue your great work as a voice for African development and food and nutrition security. I am also aware that you are a PACA champion and that you joined PACA's launch at the African Union in October 2012. I look forward to meeting you in person.

With profound regards,

Amare

**Amare Ayalew**

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**From:** PACA [<mailto:PACA@africa-union.org>]

**Sent:** Thursday, August 11, 2016 5:21 PM

**To:** communitypaca

**Subject:** FW: Announcing AJFAND Volume 16 No. 3 (2016) - SPECIAL ILRI ISSUE  
on "Aflatoxins in Eastern Africa"

Dear PACA Community Members,

Please find below the SPECIAL ILRI ISSUE of AJFAND on "Aflatoxins in Eastern  
Africa" for your reference.

Congratulations to Prof. Ruth Oniang'o, Editor-in-Chief of AJFAND, the ILRI team, all  
authors and reviewers for such an excellent contribution.

Kind regards

PACA Secretariat

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To: [Hon. Prof. Ruth Oniang'o <rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org>](mailto:rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org)

Date: 2016-08-12

Many thanks Prof for a very informative message to us. We will use the recommendations and disseminate as wide as possible for awareness creation to our people of Tanzania

Bertha Mjawa

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To: [Hon. Prof. Ruth Oniang'o <rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org>](mailto:rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org)

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John

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To: [Hon. Prof. Ruth Oniang'o <rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org>](mailto:rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org)

Date: 2016-08-11

Thank you so much for this newsletter Prof - invaluable to see current studies, and names of academics.

Much appreciated

Samantha

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To: [Hon. Prof. Ruth Oniang'o <rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org>](mailto:rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org)

Date: 2016-08-11

Dear Ruth,

Greetings and as always congratulations for getting this volume out focusing on "Aflatoxins in Eastern Africa" and hopefully Policy makers will take relevant actions to keep our food safe.

God bless you and best wishes,

Florence

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**Re: Announcing AJFAND Volume 16 No. 3 (2016) - SPECIAL ILRI ISSUE on "Aflatoxins in Eastern Africa"**

From: [Huub Lelieveld <huub.lelieveld@globalharmonization.net>](mailto:huub.lelieveld@globalharmonization.net)

To: [Hon. Prof. Ruth Oniang'o <rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org>](mailto:rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org) and Others

Date: 2016-08-11

**Dear Ruth,**

This issue must be very interesting to the members of the GHI WG Mycotoxins and therefore I forward the message. Great issue, as always!

**Dear All,**

I suppose the information below is of major interest for members of the GHI WG Mycotoxins.

**Dear Mark and Katrina,**

Probably I miss WG members, would you mind to send it to the members I messed?

With kind regards,

Huub.

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To: [Hon. Prof. Ruth Oniang'o <rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org>](mailto:rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org)

Date: 2016-08-11

Prof,

Thanks for this wonderful information on aflatoxins in the eastern parts of Africa-very nice articles. Well done.

Prof Gabriel O. Adegoke,  
Department of Food Technology,  
University of Ibadan, Ibadan.  
Nigeria.

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To: [Hon. Prof. Ruth Oniang'o <rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org>](mailto:rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org)

Date: 2016-08-11

Thanks again for AJFAND.

With respect to Aflatoxins I think the attached is very pertinent, despite it being from 2007, and including for Africa.

I have several times tried to provide it to the readership of [Platform for African – European Partnership in Agricultural Research for Development Phase II \(PAEPARD II\)](#) but always the moderator has blocked its dissemination.

It is difficult not to conclude that this is another case of prejudice against gmo-crops impeding their use: not only the Italian Government in the first case, but also PAEPARD II (who really should know better.)

Perhaps you could provide a link to this, or otherwise disseminate the information?

Best wishes

Adrian

Adrian Dubock (PhD.)  
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Golden Rice Humanitarian Board.

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To: [Hon. Prof. Ruth Oniang'o <rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org>](mailto:rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org)

Date: 2016-08-11

Hi Ruth,

How VERY interesting! I just (yesterday) gave a talk about the linkages between food safety, food security and food sovereignty, setting the stage to discuss how we need to have much more research about the implications of those links. Funny about the timing.

I do hope someday we can meet/work together again!! :)

All my best,

Jerri

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To: [Hon. Prof. Ruth Oniang'o <rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org>](mailto:rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org)

Date: 2016-08-11

Am well, Ruth, thanks.

I find your publication quite refreshing and indeed informing.

I often share it within my wide networks.

After leaving IPAR in 2010, I briefly returned to KU before joining the UoN.

Barikiwa tena sana.

Andrew

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To: [Hon. Prof. Ruth Oniang'o <rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org>](mailto:rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org)

Date: 2016-08-12

Dear Hon. Prof Ruth

Thank you for sharing. Really appreciate your efforts.

Best regards,

Dieudonne

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To: [Hon. Prof. Ruth Oniang'o <rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org>](mailto:rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org)

Date: 2016-08-12

Dear Prof,

Thanks for this special issue on aflatoxins although I am wondering why groundnuts are given minor attention yet they are also a major host. What is ICRISAT doing on this?

Regards

Joseph

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This is an excellent one ma. This issue cuts across Africa. If you are willing to do something related to this in west Africa, I have a couple of AWARD colleagues carrying out research in this area.

I think I should send another paper to the journal soon.

have a great weekend. Pardon my last goof.

Greetings

Adeola

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Khadija Juma

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To: [Hon. Prof. Ruth Oniang'o <rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org>](mailto:rkoniango@ruraloutreachafrica.org)

Date: 2016-08-31

Excellent updates on aflatoxins. Please do not tire. I will see you at the AGRF.  
Cris.

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