



SYMPOSIUM ON SEED POLITICS

CALL FOR PAPERS

Context

Seed in Africa represents a contested terrain. The seed arena is occupied by diverse actors with economic interests that are often opposed to one another. Key players include small farmers, commercial farmers, Big Agricultural based companies and those pushing for the Green Revolution and all who seek to have some form of control over seed. It seems that within the contestation, there are winners and losers with some interests being swept under the table. The seed arena is increasingly controlled by a small number of transnational corporations. Corporates have fought to control the seed sector through various means including influencing policy and merging into giants. This has led to asymmetric power dynamics in the sector, which are skewed more towards corporates.

Organization and submission of papers

The University of Zambia (UNZA), School of Agricultural Sciences in partnership with PELUM Zambia, CARITAS Zambia and ROSA LUXEMBURG STIFTUNG will host a one-day symposium on the **-9-10 July 2018**. We therefore invite Academicians, Researchers, Students, Administrators and Policy makers to participate in this special symposium. The symposium is being organized under the following theme: **‘The Politics of Food Sovereignty’**

The sub-themes being the following:

- i. Production and Improvement of orphaned or traditional crops
- ii. Biopiracy and food sovereignty: understanding cost benefit sharing in the wake of Patents
- iii. Global Policy influencing development of the informal seed system in Zambia
- iv. Challenges affecting enhancement of seed and food sovereignty
- v. Authoritarianism and corporate capture in agriculture

Papers are subsequently invited to reach the secretariat by **18th June, 2019** for peer review. Send papers to symposiumUPC2019@gmail.com. A participation fee will be paid to presenters whose (papers will be accepted).