

Kenya emerges as hub for bio-tech in east African region

Kenya has emerged as a leader in the development and use of biotechnology in the east and central African region. It was among the first African nations to embrace the use of biotechnology, especially in the agriculture sector.

As a result, other east African nations come to Kenya to learn from its experiences. Even its economic blue print, Vision 2030 recognizes the role of biotechnology in propelling the nation to middle income status. Currently there are a number of biotechnology projects in progress by both public and private research institutions.

International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-Biotech Applications (ISAAA) AfriCenter Director Dr. Margaret Karembu told Xinhua in a recent interview in Nairobi that at least five agricultural crops are currently undergoing biotechnology improvements in Kenya.

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