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**To ALL THE GRADUATE STUDENTS  
COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES  
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**Dear Students,**

**RE: INVITATION TO A SEMINAR ON CATTLE GENOMICS AND GENETICS BY THE  
OPTIBOV PROJECT RESEARCH TEAM**

Greetings from Department of Agricultural Production, Makerere University. During the final week of April 2022, Our research project entitled "Genetic Characterization of Cattle Populations for Optimized Performance in African Ecosystems (OPTIBOV)" will be hosting for a series of activities, an international team composed of: Prof. Juha Kantanen, Natural Resources Institute (LUKE) Finland; Professor Richard Crooijmans, Wageningen University, the Netherlands; Dr. Catarina Ginja, University of Porto, Portugal; Professor Nasser Ghanem, Cairo University, Egypt; and Dr. Linky Makgahlela, Agricultural Research Council, Pretoria, South Africa.

The Project is funded by the European Union, and Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MoSTI) under the LEAP-AGRI Program. We are studying the unique characteristics of indigenous cattle namely: Nganda, Ntuku, Nkedi, Ankole and Karamajong for their sustainable utilisation. This is due to reducing interests in indigenous cattle breeds among farmers, making them threatened by extinction thus a great loss of their unique characteristics.

The Purpose of this letter is to Invite you to the Hybrid Seminar on **25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 2:00-5:00PM** in the School of Agricultural Sciences Conference Room. The zoom credentials for those preferring online attendance are: Meeting ID: 342 064 0067; Passcode: 12345.

Yours Sincerely,

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