

PARTICIPATION OF SUA IN AGRICULTURAL (*NANENANE*) SHOWS



SUA exhibitors celebrating during one of the official closing ceremony of Eastern Zone Nanenane Shows

Outreach is among four key functions of Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA). Other roles are training, research and community services. Participation of the University in the agricultural shows popularly known as *Nanenane* is consistent with SUA's role of undertaking outreach activities to communicate knowledge and innovations produced by its research and training programmes. The NaneNane is an annual event which takes place at national and zonal levels. Usually, SUA participates in the show at both levels.

In 2014 for example, SUA exhibited a variety of displays including technologies, innovations, prototypes, crop demonstration, printed materials on various topics including books, posters, leaflets and brochures. The displays covered research outputs and training activities. Various categories of viewers visited SUA pavilion. These included students, parents, farmers and farmers' groups, NGOs, CBOs, academicians, business communities, politicians and the general public. The SUA won various awards including a trophy and certificate for overall winner, and a trophy and certificate for first winner in the research and training category.

Exhibitors from University departments, faculties, centers and programmes based at SUA presented a broad range of displays. Programmes and projects that presented their displays include Africa Institute for Capacity Development (AICAD), Southern African Centre for Infectious Disease Surveillance (SACIDS), programme on Climate Change Impacts, Adaptation and Mitigation (CCIAM) and programme on Enhancing Pro-poor Innovation in Agriculture and Natural Resources Value Chains (EPINAV). Other exhibitors were Kilimo Hai, literally meaning organic agriculture, Shambani Graduates and Sokoine University Graduate Entrepreneurs' Cooperative (SUGECO).

Displays from SUA Departments

S.N	Displays	Exhibitor category
1	Admission information: SUA Prospectus, Booklets for admission requirement and fee structure for undergraduate degree and non degree programmes, SUA brochure, admission forms for diploma and certificates	Admission and PRO offices
2	Convocation items: Neck ties, cups, Tshirts, SUA Cone, Constitution of SUA Convocation, Convocation registration book and pens	Convocation office
3	Craft commodities: Various products including palm tree items for body decoration, sugar container, decorations for hand bag, open shoes, belts etc. Processed food items: Vegetables, pigeon peas, fruit juices, spices, tea masala, Pilau masala, mixed nutritious flour	AICAD Entrepreneurs and Staff
4	Veterinary Medicine: Animal health in general, including investigation tools for animal eyes, ears and digestive system. Mastitis test kit, milk value chain, brochure on milk handling, worms of animals such as pig and goats, East Coast Fever, booklets on aquaculture and local chickens	Faculty of Veterinary Medicine
5	Weather forecast and automatic weather station	Faculty of Science
6	Food processing: Wines, cassava flour, juices, honey	Entrepreneurs and staff of Food Science and Technology Dept
7	Wildlife modes	SUA staff
8	Computer technologies	Staff of the Computer Center
9	Sokoine National Agricultural Library: Books, and posters	SNAL staff and students
10	Collection of SUA Outreach materials: Various printed materials and Videos	ICE staff and assistant, exhibitors, coordinators and logistic team
11	Various processed products and ornaments: Mangos,	Sokoine University Graduate

	pineapples, vegetables, honey and ornamental	Entrepreneurs Cooperative (SUGECO)
12	Horticultural Crops and techniques: Banana, vegetables, fruits, tissue culture	Farmer and Crop science and Production staff
13	Natural trees that are useful for conservation of natural resources: Various tree spices e.g. <i>Mdarasini</i> .	Farmers and SCR D staff
14	Conservation of natural resources and forest products: Tree seedlings, beehives, honey	Farmers and FoFNC staff
15	Pasture Management Practices	Farm staff
16	Practices of animal production: Dairy cattle, Dairy goat, rabbits, aquaculture	Farmers, extension agents SUA staff, entrepreneurs
17	Crops pests and practices for their control	PMC staff
18	Water harvesting, drip irrigation and surface irrigation	Departments of Agricultural Engineering

Displays by SUA projects/programmes

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1	Control of zoonotic diseases in Southern Africa, mobile technology of disease surveillance, which include use of various technologies including mobile phone, computer, GPS and photos to locate, describe and identify diseases and design intervention, community radio in creating awareness and control of animal and zoonotic diseases	SACID (Southern Africa Control of Infectious Diseases)
2	Impact of CCIAM Programme: On Forest, Agriculture, institutional capacity to deal with climate change, skills to adapt with climate change. Communication materials including leaflets, brochure, newsletter and video for creating awareness on climate change and adaptation to it.	Programme on Climate Change Impacts, Adaptation and Mitigation (CCIAM)
3	Strategies for adapting to climate change: use of ridges and irrigation, tree planting, use of water harvesting techniques for storing water for various activities including irrigation of garden crops	Farmers under EU project
4	Research project on sunflower seeds	Farmers and EPINAV/ SUA researchers
5	Leather products	COSTECH/ SUA researchers and staff
6	Various Milk products: Yoghurt of various flavour, fresh milk	Shambani Milk
7	Various processed products and ornamentals: Mangos, pineapples, vegetables, honey and ornamental	Sokoine University Graduate Entrepreneurs Cooperative (SUGECO)
8	Organic farming practices	KILIMO HAI members
9	Improvement of dairy cattle production	Farmers under EPINAV project
10	Diagnosis of tuberculosis and landmine detection using trained rats	APOPO staff
11	Improved model of voucher system	EPINAV project

12	Lesser known timber	EPINAV project
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Dignitaries and other visitors

The SUA pavilion received a number of visitors including dignitaries and other visitors such as foreigners and citizens. The categories of visitors included students, farmers and livestock keepers. Among the dignitaries were as follows: Kenya Ambassador to Tanzania, Ambassador George O. Owuor, who visited SUA pavilion on 4th August 2014, Deputy Minister for Finance, Hon. Adam Malima and Member of Parliament, Mkuranga Constituency. In his visit, Hon. Malima was accompanied by Hon. Chiku Gallawa, Tanga RC. Another high profile visitor to SUA pavilion was Hon. Celina Kombani, who visited SUA pavilion on the climax of the Nanenane shows. During the visit, the minister was accompanied by Hon. Joel Bendara (Morogoro, RC), and Dar es Salaam RC.

Assessment of SUA performance as recorded in the visitor's book and by the Tanzania Agricultural Society Organization (TASO) was very positive as indicated by specific comments from viewers:

- Excellent exhibits
- Keep it up
- Congratulations for a job well done
- Educative exhibits
- Excellent pavilion
- Active exhibitors
- Participation of farmers is an excellent idea