

# Research at Ghent University: My Testimony



**Research topic: Efficacy of selected processing techniques in mitigating mycotoxin contamination of maize and sorghum products in sub-Saharan Africa**

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## General presentation overview



- Reception, Accommodation and Departure Support
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- Other Academic Activities within and outside Ghent University
- Science Engagement
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# Reception, Accommodation and Departure Support

- Warmth welcome.
- Accommodating teaching and non-teaching staff.
- Very hospitable environment.
- Listening ears.
- Good understanding of African diversity.
- Departure support.



## The Research Work

- Introduction to the laboratory.
- Training on mycotoxins' analysis.
- Research and laboratory support.
- Adequate follow-up meeting.
- Prompt response to mails.
- Assistance with samples used at UGENT and UJ.



## Other Academic Activities within and outside Ghent University

- Ghent University introduction for PhD students.
- Doctoral school training.
- Participation in Ghent African Platform (GAP).
- Attendance at conferences and workshops:
  - Cape Town, Johannesburg and Soweto (South Africa);
  - Oslo (Norway).



# Societal Value Creation



Farmers' training at Soweto, South Africa

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(31-10-2019)

We are delighted to announce that Mrs. Julianah Olayemi Odukoya, joint PhD of Ghent University (FFW) & University of Johannesburg, won the 'best video award' for her dissemination video on mycotoxins.

This award was given by Michigan State University in collaboration with the Federal University of Agriculture Abeokuta. Julianah's PhD, supervised by the CoE in Mycotoxicology and Public Health, is in the framework of the EU Horizon2020 LEAP-Agri projects; more specifically the MYCOSAFe-SOUTH project.

MYCOSAFe-SOUTH aims to identify safe and efficient mitigation strategies to reduce aflatoxins and fumonisins exposure in Africa, with special focus on children. One of the key tasks is to disseminate our academic knowledge to the local African communities to create societal impact.

Immense contribution to my video award on mycotoxins' awareness in Nigeria



# Appreciation

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