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8th PAMCA Annual Conference and Exhibition: Harnessing local institutional & community support for the elimination of vector-borne diseases (VBDs)

Kigali Convention Centre, Rwanda. 26-28 September 2019.



Over the years, PAMCA has undoubtedly come out as one of the organizations in Kenya and Africa at large in championing for the prevention and eventual eradication of malaria and other related vector borne diseases in the African Continent. PAMCA organized its 8th Annual Conference & Exhibition at Kigali Convention Centre (KCC), Rwanda between 26th- 28th September 2022. This Conference was themed “*Harnessing local institutional & community support for the elimination of Vector-Borne Diseases (VBDs)*”.

This year's conference brought together more than 600 practitioners, researchers, program managers, policy makers, partners, and members of civil society from across Africa and the rest of the globe. Prior to the start of the 3-day conference, for the first time ever, PAMCA had more than four pre-workshops going on concurrently.

MESA Correspondents bring you cutting-edge coverage from the 8th PAMCA Annual Conference and Exhibition covering the malaria-related sessions of the conference.

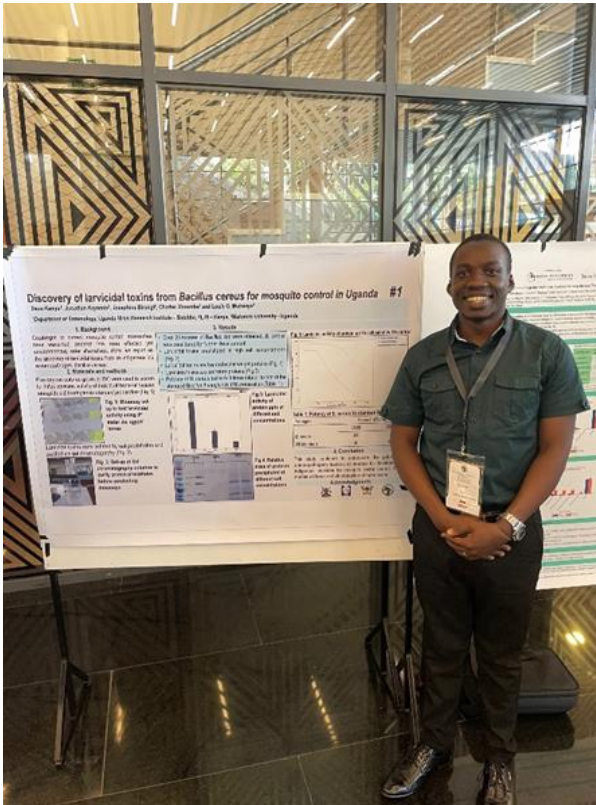
Full conference proceedings for day 1, 2, & 3 can be found here: [**8th PAMCA Annual Conference and Exhibition Report**](#)



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Reflections on the 8th Annual PAMCA Conference by Deus Kamyá from Target Malaria.

As an early-career scientist, Deus Kamyá stated that PAMCA was an excellent opportunity to meet people working across the sector and learn about some up-and-coming research in vector control. The Conference highlighted the critical importance of African researchers being at the forefront of the fight against vector-borne diseases.



According to Deus, initiatives as PAMCA, are paramount in championing African scientists and research, allowing a forum for the exchange of ideas on some of the most pressing public health issues of our time.

Read his full reflection on the conference here: [Reflections on the 8th Annual PAMCA Conference](#)



Perspective from Grey Frandsen, Oxitec's CEO



Grey Frandsen (CEO, Oxitec) together with members of his team attended the #PAMCA2022 Annual Conference & Exhibition in Kigali, Rwanda. According to him, it was a unique and inspiring opportunity to meet with African public health leaders, malaria and mosquito experts who are playing a pivotal role in reducing malaria incidence across the continent. According to Grey, he is energised by the depth of knowledge, expertise, and passion of the conference attendees. A common take home message that cut across the conversations while at Kigali is that **“Africans are dedicated to delivering and leading the elimination of mosquito-borne diseases on the continent”**.

Read the full perspective here: [PAMCA2022 Perspective from Grey Frandsen, Oxitec's CEO](#)

