

# ACAT 2023 Awards

The **ACAT 2023 Impact Award** was designed to celebrate and honor the continent's top innovators who have made significant contributions to agriculture technology. The award recognized outstanding achievements by highlighting the remarkable talents, dedication, and hard work of individuals who have gone above and beyond in their respective areas. Let us be inspired by their stories and motivated to reach new heights in our own endeavors.



## **Dr. Eugene Terry, Implementing Director, AATF**

We commend and honor Dr. Eugene Terry, a distinguished African Scientist, for his extraordinary dedication and leadership. In 2003, he accepted the formidable challenge of shaping an undefined "entity" into a fully-fledged institution dedicated to facilitating access to innovative technologies in Africa. Dr. Terry's selfless commitment to serving as Implementing Director, leaving behind the comforts of retirement, has left an indelible mark on history. His visionary efforts have given birth to the African Agricultural Technology Foundation (AATF), which has diligently upheld the noble mission of **"Transforming Livelihoods of Farmers in Africa through Innovative Technologies."** Dr. Terry's unwavering commitment and remarkable accomplishments in this endeavor deserve our highest commendation and honor.



## **Prof. Mohammad Faguji Ishiyaku, Plant Breeder/ Biotechnologist Champion**

Professor Mohammad Faguji Ishiyaku is a visionary agricultural scientist, dedicated to revolutionizing African agriculture for food security and economic growth. With extensive academic and research accomplishments, he has made remarkable contributions to cowpea breeding, releasing groundbreaking varieties, including the world's first transgenic cowpea. His leadership in research projects and administrative roles, along with his extensive publication record, reflects his unwavering commitment to advancing agricultural science. Professor Ishiyaku's work has earned him well-deserved recognition and honor as a pioneer in agricultural biotechnology and crop breeding.



## **Joyce Seke Ampitan, Agricultural Biotechnology Champion - Nigeria**

We commend and honor Joyce for her outstanding contribution. She is making a substantial impact on farmers' lives by distributing high-yielding PBR Cowpea packs, effectively reducing farming costs and the reliance on insecticide spray. Her inspirational journey, from a humble Nigerian village to becoming a catalyst for positive change, exemplifies the incredible power of one person's determination, belief, and compassion in transforming lives and fostering a more sustainable future for all.



## **Mahmoud Omari Masemo, BT Cotton Farmer Champion - Kenya**

We commend and honor Mahmoud Omari Masemo. Mr. Masemo deserves special recognition as a trailblazing member of the Society for Biotech Farmers of Kenya (SOBIFAK) since its inception in 2018. Originating from the vibrant Coastal region of Kenya, he has emerged as a prominent champion for the adoption of biotech crops, significantly improving the well-being of local farmers. His own farm has evolved into a hub, attracting fellow farmers eager to glean insights into cotton farming, and he generously imparts his invaluable knowledge and experiences with a spirit of generosity and cooperation.