SAMPEA 20-T, a new genetically modified cowpea variety with resistance to Maruca pod borer, has been developed to specifically meet the needs of smallholder farmers.

Commercially launched on a very small scale in July 2021 in Nigeria, ~7.5 mt of certified seed sold out within a week – a clear indication of overwhelming demand. Increasing the availability of SAMPEA 20-T seed demonstrates the need for, and opportunities associated with, improving quality seed production.

Using next generation cowpea as a case study, this event explores how public and private sector partners are driving approaches to ensure smallholder access to new crop innovations.

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Thursday, October 13, 2022
15.00 - 16.00 CET

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