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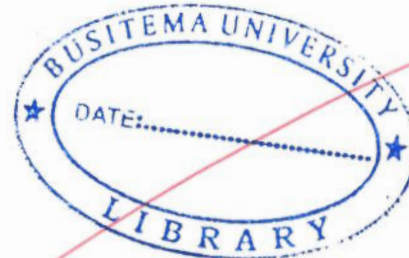
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## **LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS**

**BPA: Bukalasi Pedigree Albar**

**BUAC: Busitema University Arapai Campus**

**DCP: Diploma in Crop Production and Management**

**E.g: Example Given**

**IT: Industrial Training**

**NARO: National Agricultural Research Organization**

**NaSARRI: National Semi-Arid Resource Research Institute**

**PARI: Public Agricultural Research Institute**

**RCD: Randomized Complete Design**

**REG NO: Registration Number**

**Rep: Replicates**

**SAARI: Serere Agriculture and Animal Research Institute**

**SATU: Serere Albar Type Uganda**

**YMD: Yellow Mosaic Disease**

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## ABSTRACT

The industrial training report was carried out at National Semi-Arid Resources Research Institute (NaSARRI), Serere located 21km south west of Soroti from 28<sup>th</sup> February to 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022. In this training, I was attached to five different programs which included dry land cereals, dry land legumes, oil crops, and cotton and farm management. The main objective of the training was to equip students with basic practical skills while relating to the theoretical knowledge learnt in class into practical. The source of information was obtained from field technicians while in the field and through reading text books containing relevant information, visual observations in the field and interactions with other internees. This report comprises of four chapters which include; chapter one containing the background, location and objectives. Chapter two contains activities that carried out in various sections. Chapter three has the skills, responsibilities, challenges faced, the influence on my future career and the correlation of the attachment with classroom knowledge. Chapter four contains the conclusions and recommendations. The following skills were gained during my IT, hybridization/emasculatation, field marking and use of digital weighing scales (precision weighing scales). However, some challenges were met such as long distances, shortage of clean water and the dry season whereby only few experimental plants were present which made pests and disease identification very difficult. In conclusion, the industrial training was very successful and educative as it equipped me with practical skills and knowledge which further made it more efficient. To counter the above challenges, the administration of NaSARRI should provide clean water to the internees, provide accommodation and the university administration should arrange for students IT during the wet season where there are many field activities to make pest and disease identification easy.

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## CHAPTER ONE

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The National Semi-Arid Resource Research Institute (NaSARRI) formally called SAARI is one of the 17 public agricultural research institutes under National Agricultural Research Organization (NARO). NARO is responsible for conducting and coordinating agricultural of crops, livestock, fishing, forestry and natural resources and also to ensure dissemination of results.

It falls under the category of National Agricultural Research Institutes (NARIS) which carries and manages agricultural research of strategic nature and national importance. NaSARRI conducts applied and adaptive research in agriculture in the experimental station for ox-cultivation technology that was designed to support and uplift cotton production in Teso and for training the staff from the department of agriculture by then. NaSARRI has made a fundamental and considerable progress since its creation but all these progress could not have happened if it was not because of support from the government of Uganda and several donors.

### 1.1 BACKGROUND OF NaSARRI.

Agricultural research at NaSARRI was started in the year 1920 by the colonial government. It was initially called Serere Agricultural and Animal Production Research Institute (SAARI) for semi-arid tropics on crops then changed to NaSARRI with the support from the government of Uganda and several donors especially world bank which provides the major funding.

### 1.2 LOCATION OF NaSARRI.

The National Semi-Arid Resources Research Institute (NaSARRI) P.O, BOX 56 Soroti Uganda or email [director@NaSARRI.org.ug/www.nasarri.org.ug](mailto:director@NaSARRI.org.ug/www.nasarri.org.ug), is located 21km south west of Soroti town Serere district, olio sub-county, Igola parish.

### 1.3 THE VISION OF NaSARRI.

To be a market leader in generation and dissemination of appropriate crop technologies for sustainable development in semi-arid regions of Uganda