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**EKU FACULTY MEMBER HEADS NEW JOURNAL**

RICHMOND, Ky. – A faculty member in Eastern Kentucky University’s Department of Agriculture is the editor-in-chief of a new academic journal focusing on the use of information communication technologies in agriculture and rural development.

Dr. Blessing Maumbe, an associate professor who heads the Department’s Agribusiness Management Program, heads the International Journal of ICT Research and Development in Africa, a publication of IGI Global, a leading publisher of scholarly computer science and information technology management research.

Emphasizing new innovations and best practices in the use of information communication technologies, diffusion and adoption methods, techniques, e-value creation, and policy issues, the Journal spotlights information communication applications in agricultural and socio-economic development and poverty alleviation.

Maumbe, who previously taught at Cape Peninsula University of Technology in South Africa, holds a doctoral degree in agricultural economics from Michigan State University. His current research interests include e-agriculture, e-government, food and agriculture supply chain management, and rural financial service delivery. Maumbe has received competitive research grants from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation and has taught numerous courses in agribusiness management, marketing and economics at several universities in South Africa, Zimbabwe and the United States.

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