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Canada Africa 4R Solution and Precision Nutrient Management – Online Series

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Moderator and Speakers Bios

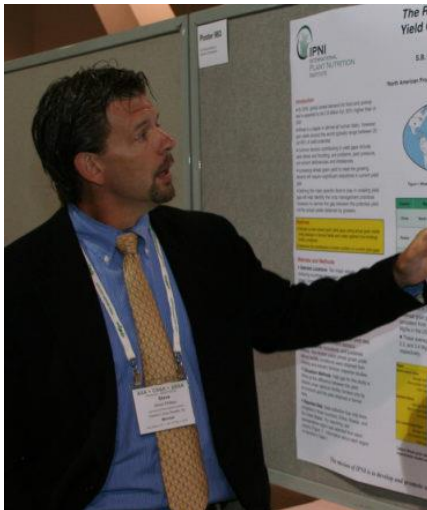


Ed Rege is Founder and CEO of ECI-Africa. He is also the Facilitator of the Online series. He is one of Africa's foremost practitioners in institutional development; strategic planning, design and implementation; facilitation of complex multi-stakeholder processes, including program development and implementation processes, leadership and management capacity building, and executive coaching and mentoring. He has over 35 years' experience in agriculture, having worked in different capacities – as university trainer, CGIAR researcher and science leader. Over the last 15 years, Ed has been pursuing his passion in Organizational Development focusing on leadership and management, building on his many years' experience in managing programs in complex global multi-institutional contexts. He is the founder and CEO of ECI-Africa and Emerge Africa. Ed holds a PhD in Genetics, M.S. in Animal Science, and BSc. in Agriculture. He

has also additional training in Organizational Development from various institutions. Prior to founding ECI-Africa, Ed was the Director of the Global Biotechnology Program of the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI). Ed strongly believes that individual and institutional capacity (in both hard and soft skills) holds an important key to unlocking the performance of agriculture in Africa, and making the required transformation happen.



Aaron Breimer was raised on a farm in South Western Ontario where his parents continue to reside at and operate the family farm growing corn, soybeans, wheat and dry beans. After completing his degree in agricultural science at the University of Guelph he started his career by working as a sales agronomist in the ag retail industry. For the last 9 years Aaron has been working for Veritas Farm Business Management which is an agricultural consulting firm with roles including: agronomy, precision agriculture, sales and most recently management. In 2013 and again in 2014 he travelled to the Southern province of Zambia to work with subsistence farmers attempting to improve their maize yields.



Dr. Steve Phillips holds a PhD in agronomy from Oklahoma State University in the USA. He is currently employed as Principal Scientist for the African Plant Nutrition Institute, headquartered in Benguerir, Morocco.

Dr. Phillips has over 25 years of experience in leading applied agronomic research and educational outreach programs focused on improving the performance of diverse cropping systems around the world. Dr. Phillips has worked in both academia and industry, most recently for the International Plant Nutrition Institute (IPNI) as Director of the North American Program.

As a university professor, Dr. Phillips led an internationally recognized research program in precision agriculture (PA) and developed the first crop sensor algorithms for nutrient management in the eastern USA. At IPNI, he served as organizer and chairman for the InfoAg Conference, the premier PA event in the world. He has authored over 200 scientific publications and his recognition as an expert in the field of PA is evidenced by his numerous invitations to provide keynote lectures at events in over 20 countries. Dr. Phillips was honored in 2017 with the Agronomic Industry Award from the American Society of Agronomy.