

An illustration on the left side of the slide shows a woman and a young child. The woman, wearing a purple top and a green headwrap, is carrying a large basket of sweetpotatoes on her back. The child, wearing a blue shirt and purple pants, is holding a sweetpotato. The background behind them is a vibrant yellow with colorful, abstract patterns in purple, red, and orange. The overall theme is agricultural and community-based.

Seventh Sweetpotato Seed Systems Community of Practice Consultation: Towards Upscaling sweetpotato seed production and delivery of quality planting material in SSA:

Overview & objectives

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Welcome – Uganda!



- Participants from 11 countries: Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Ghana, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria and Zambia
- NARIs, private sector, Seed Multipliers Associations, WVI, VEDCO, FCI, CRS, sweetpotato projects, MAAIF, CGIAR, universities, local government

Objectives...



- Share experiences:
 - scaling sweetpotato seed systems,
 - quality assurance: seed standards and inspection
 - Different VPCs: sweetpotato, banana
- Organization of the meeting: designed for interactive and iterative discussion on the key topics
 - Keynote presentations
 - Poster sessions
 - Panel discussions
 - Learning Journeys
 - Follow up in own country/situation and continued interactions through on-line D-List

Learning & Networking.



- Learning journeys: Wednesday 14th June:
 - NaCRRI, Namulonge, public sector model for pre-basic seed production
 - BioCrops (U) Ltd TC Lab, private sector model of pre-basic seed production
 - Commercializing clean OSP vine production: Lwanyaga Vicent (HarvestPlus)
- Social events
 - Social dinner: Tuesday 13th - Colline
 - Group photo
- Continuing to build the community of practice
 - Google Group
 - Identify topics and leads for different discussions
- Communication outputs: proceedings; e-newsletter; blogs

House rules...



- **It is our CoP – let's nurture & grow it**
 - Please engage: participate and contribute!
- **Be HERE, NOW**
 - please do your emails, facebook etc in the breaks & evenings!
- **All presentations will be available on a flash disk at the end of the meeting (after the evaluation)**
- **Questions and comments on the programme welcome!**