

8th Annual Technical Meeting



Sweetpotato
to Profit and Health
Initiative

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SPHI is a multi-partner, multi-donor initiative that seeks to reduce **child malnutrition** and improve **smallholder incomes** in **10 million** African families by 2020 through the effective production and expanded use of sweetpotato.

The Sweetpotato Action for Security and Health in Africa (**SASHA**) is a 10 year Project led by the International Potato Center that will develop the essential capacities, products and methods to reposition sweetpotato in the food economies of Sub-Saharan Africa. It serves as the foundation for the broader Initiative.

Two Phases: Greater Emphasis in first 5 years on Breeding and Seed Systems Research as the Foundation for Success

Phase I (5 years) Proving the Potential



Phase II (5 years) Achieving the Potential



TOR for SPHI Steering Committee



- Strategic Guidance on progress toward target, based on the annual report on *Status of Sweetpotato in SSA*.
- High level advocacy and resource mobilization for SPHI agenda.
- Review of and guidance of functioning of Communities of Practice.
- Review and guidance on impact of regional technical backstopping.
- Support the broadening of SPHI membership.

Steering Committee Representatives at this Meeting



Co-leaders:



Jan Low



Aggrey Agumya



Jim Lorenzen



Louise Horner



Meghan Anson (26th)



Mairéad Petersen



Graham Thiele



Valerie Rhoe Davis



Tumaini Bariki



Stanley Mwangi



Anna-Marie Ball



Mette Kjaer Kinoti



Andrew Westby



Craig Yencho



Members of the SASHA Advisory Committee



Position on the PAC	Name (gender in parentheses)	Current Position
Breeding & Genomics	Christiane Gebhardt (F)	Senior scientist and research group leader at the Max-Planck Institute for Plant Breeding Research.
Seed Systems	George Bigirwa (M)	Senior Program Officer, Program for Africa's Seed System for the Alliance for a Green Revolution
Postharvest & Nutrition	Ibok Oduro (F)	Head of Department of Food Science & Technology, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology
Business Marketing	Stanley Karichu Mwangi (M)	Associate Director; Business Models, Farm Concern International
Support to SPHI	Anna-Marie Ball (F)	Manager of Partnerships & Strategic Alliances for Africa, HarvestPlus
CIP representative	Barbara Wells (F)	Director General, International Potato Center
BMGF representative	Jim Lorenzen (M)	Senior Program Officer, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Overview of the Agenda



- 24th Sept (Sun): Exhibition
- 25th Sept (Mon): Technical Meeting: 8-18:15
 - *Note:* Group Photo will be taken at 10:00 am break outside by the Fountain
- 26th Sept (Tue): Technical Meeting: 8-15:45
- 26th Sept (Tue): SPHI Steering Committee Members meeting: 16:15-18:00

- 26th Sept (Tue): Cocktail 19:00-21:00

- 27th Sept (Wed): SASHA Project Advisory Committee Meeting: 8:30-Noon
- 27th Sept (Wed): Field Trip to SRI-Kibaha Station & AFCO: 7 am-noon
 - *Lunch at Ramada for those going on field trips*
 - 27th Sept (Wed/Thurs): Morogoro field trip: depart 14h...
 - 29th Sept (Fri): Return from Morogoro: 8 am - noon

Off to a good start with the Exhibition



From front entrance count:

Visitors:
Adult males: 246
Adult females: 218
Children: 73

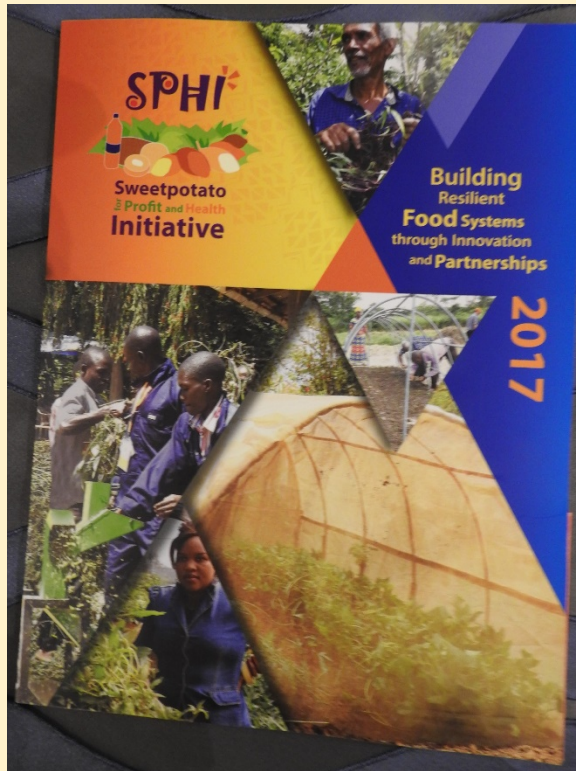
TOTAL: 537



On far right: Director General Commission for Science and Technology: Dr. Hassan Mshinda

The tireless Domina Esther Nkuba

Updating our Progress Concisely & Beautifully



New record: 16 SASHA briefs
26 SPHI briefs
2 Contributed



The 4 dynamos of CIP-HQ Graphics
From left to right: Cecilia, Elena, Nini, José

Together.. We will achieve 10 million by 2020



From left to right: Former President of Malawi, Joyce Banda, Co-laureate Jan Low (CIP), Co-laureate Robert Mwanga (CIP), President of Mauritius, Ameenah Gurib, Co-laureate Maria Andrade (CIP), Co-laureate Howarth Bouis (HarvestPlus)