8th Annual Technical Meeting

SPHI
Sweetpotato for Profit and Health Initiative

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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.

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.
Two Phases: Greater Emphasis in first 5 years on Breeding and Seed Systems Research as the Foundation for Success
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
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<td>Christiane Gebhardt (F)</td>
<td>Senior scientist and research group leader at the Max-Planck Institute for Plant Breeding Research.</td>
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<td>Seed Systems</td>
<td>George Bigirwa (M)</td>
<td>Senior Program Officer, Program for Africa's Seed System for the Alliance for a Green Revolution</td>
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<td>Head of Department of Food Science &amp; Technology, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology</td>
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<td>Stanley Karichu Mwangi (M)</td>
<td>Associate Director; Business Models, Farm Concern International</td>
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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)