

**Sweetpotato for Profit and Health Initiative-**

**Regional Technical Support Platform for East, Central and Southern Africa**

**Sweetpotato Seed Systems and Crop Management Community of Practice:**

**Ninth Consultation- “Engaging youth for improved sweetpotato seed and root production” 15-17th May 2018, Kigali, Rwanda**

**PROGRAMME V3 4/5/2018**

| **TIME** | **SESSION** | **Responsible** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Monday 14th May: Arrival of CoP participants** | | |
| **Day 1: Tuesday 15th May Moderator** Kirimi Sindi; Rapporteur: Faith Njung’e | | |
| **7.45- 8.00** | **Registration** | Donata Kiiza and Emily Ndoho (CIP) |
| **8.00 – 8.30** | **Introductions and objectives of meeting** | Jean Ndirigwe, (RAB) Margaret McEwan (CIP) |
| **8.30 – 8.45** | **Highlights from the Sweetpotato for Profit and Health Initiative (SPHI)** | Jan Low, SPHI Co-Lead and Principle Scientist (CIP) |
| **8.45 – 09.15** | **OFFICIAL OPENING** | Dr. Patrick Karangwa, DG. Rwanda Agricultural Board |
| **Session 1: “Engaging youth for improved sweetpotato seed and root production”.** Moderator: Kirimi Sindi; Rapporteur: Martin Chiona | | |
| **09.15 – 09.45** | **Keynote: “Challenges and opportunities: Youth involvement in agriculture sector in Rwanda”** | TBC |
| **09.45 – 10.45** | **Talk Show: “Our stories: Youth engagement in sweetpotato seed and root enterprises”** | DVMs: Paola, Serge, Francine, Mubaraka, Daniel Muzungu  **Host:** Aime Ndayisenga;  Translation: Jean Claude Nshimiyimana & Seraphine Uzamushaka |
| **10.45 – 11.30** | **GROUP PHOTO and COFFEE BREAK** | Faith Njunge  Media interaction with Guests of Honour and Talk Show participants |
| **11.30 – 11.45** | **Presentation: “Evolution of youth in agriculture in Rwanda: seed and root production as a business – experiences from RAB and CIP”** | Jean Ndirigwe (RAB) and Jean Claude Nshimiyimana (CIP) |
| **11.45 – 13.00** | **Panel Discussion: Experiences with capitalizing on opportunities for youth engagement in agribusiness** | **Panel discussants: tbc**  **Panel Moderator:** Kwame Ogero |
| **13.00 – 14.00 Lunch** | | |
| **Session 2a: “Examining the Science – recent findings on sweetpotato seed and root management”.** Moderator: Robert Mwanga; Rapporteur: Benard Yada | | |
| **14.00 – 15.30** | **Poster session 1:**  Theme A: Advances in production, conservation and multiplication of virus-tested planting material (includes varietal evaluation)  Theme B: Management of biotic and abiotic constraints in sweetpotato seed production | 5 sub-groups:   1. Sandponics (4 posters) 2. Triple S (4 posters) 3. Varietal evaluation; increasing vine multiplication rates (4 posters) 4. Irrigated vine production methods (5 posters) 5. Virus identification, and management (2 posters) |
| **15.30 – 16.00** | **Poster session plenary feedback** | 5 groups x 5 minutes |
| **16.00 – 16.15** | **Tea and coffee beak** | |
| **16.15-17.15** | **Advances in virus indexing: root based tests.** Prof Christopher Clark, Louisiana State University (LSU – USA) | 1. Prof Christopher Clark on root-based tests – 15 min 2. Kwame on N. Borlaug Fellowship work on viruses – 10 min 3. Presentation by KEPHIS and CIP on the role of regional sweetpotato support platforms for virus clean up and testing for the production of clean plants– 15 min 4. Discussion – 10 minutes |
| **Session 3: Preparation for the Learning Journeys.** Moderator: Margaret McEwan; Rapporteur: Rosemary Kihiu | | |
| **17.15 – 17.45** | **Group work: preparation for learning journeys** | Groups 1 and 2:  Groups 3 and 4: |
| **17.45** | **Wrap up for day** |  |
| **18.30** | **Cocktail/Reception** | |
|  | | |
| **DAY 2:**  **Wednesday 16th May: Learning Journeys** | | |
| **06.30 – 07.15** | **Breakfast** |  |
| **08.00** | **Departure** |  |
| **09.00 – 12.00** | **Learning Journey field visit** | **CIP Rwanda and Rosemary** |
| **13.00 – 14.00** | **Lunch at hotel** | |
| **14.00 -14.45** | **Group reflections and write up on learning journeys** | Groups 1 and 2:  Groups 3 and 4: |
| **Session 4: Examining the Science- 2** Moderator: Jan Low; Rapporteur: Florence Munguti | | |
| **14.45 – 15.15** | **Rotation of Sweetpotato and Rice for quality seed production: preliminary findings from Agoro, N. Uganda.** | **Gerald Kyalo (CIP-Uganda)** |
| **15.15 – 16.15** | **Bridging the Gap – introduction to scaling theory** | **Marc Schut (IITA and RTB 5.4)** |
| **16.15– 16.30 Tea/Coffee break** | | |
| **16.30- 17.30** | **CoP: communication and learning:** | **Rosemary Kihiu (CIP)** |
| 17.30 | Wrap up for day |  |
| **DAY 3:**  **Thursday 17 th May: Session 5: Examining the Science-** Moderator: Jude Njoku Rapporteur: Marian Quain | | |
| **08.00 -08.30** | **Plenary: group feedback on learning journeys, next CoP topics** | Moderator: Jean Claude and CRS |
| **08.30 – 09.30** | **Poster Session 2:**  Theme C: Promotion, marketing and dissemination of quality seed for sweetpotato  Theme D: Building gender-responsive seed systems for sweetpotato | 2 sub-groups:   1. Institutionalization of SP seed value chains (5 posters) 2. Gender and seed demand promotion strategies (4 posters) |
| **09.30 – 10.00** | **Poster feedback in plenary** |  |
| **10.00 – 10.30** | **National Clean Plant Network (NCPN- USA) – what can we learn: Prof. Chris Clark (LSU), Jean Ndirigwe (RAB) Kwame Ogero (CIP** | 1. Presentation by RAB on organization of SP seed system in Rwanda and on-farm seed management practices – (15 min) 2. Presentation by Prof Chris Clark on NCPN-SP – (15 mins) |
| **10.30 – 10.45** | **Coffee and tea break** | |
| **10.45 – 11.15** | **National Clean Plant Network (cont.)** | 1. Kwame Ogero: lessons learnt from the US NCPN – SP – 10 min 2. Discussion – 10 min |
| **11.15 – 12.30** | **Open Space** |  |
| **12.30 – 13.00** | **Evaluation and wrap up of CoP meeting** | Srini Rajendran and Jan Low |
| 13.00 – 14.00 | **Lunch and participants departure: Thursday afternoon & evening** | Donata Kiiza, Emily Ndoho. |
| 14.00- 16.00 | **Afternoon option for SPKP and top tips for photos** | Faith Njung’e |