

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, holds a large basket filled with various types of sweetpotatoes. The child, wearing a blue shirt and purple pants, stands next to her, holding a small sweetpotato. The background behind them is a vibrant yellow with colorful, abstract patterns in purple, red, and orange. The bottom of the slide features a green background with a pattern of sweetpotato leaves.

9th Sweetpotato Seed Systems & Crop Management Community of Practice Consultation: engaging youth for improved sweetpotato seed and root production Overview & objectives

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- Sit on a table with new colleagues
- Please introduce yourselves at your table
- Share an inspiring story about youth engagement in agri business
- Send an ambassador to the next table with your key message
- Welcome an ambassador to your table and discuss their key message.

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- Participants from 12 countries: Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Ghana, Rwanda, Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia & USA;
- NARIs, CRS, H+, CIP, LSU, FCI, NPPO, Farmer's Association, and private sector;
 - Young, and young at heart....



Seed Systems CoP meeting participants pose for a photograph outside Colline Hotel, Mukono (photo: C. Bukania/CIP-SSA)

Programme...



- **Learning from youth entrepreneurs**
 - **Talk Show** hosted by Aime Ndayisenga (TV10 News Presenter)
- **Capitalising on opportunities for youth engagement in agribusiness**
 - **Panel discussion** moderated by Kwame Ogero (NB Fellow) with colleagues from NGOs, private sector and farmer's association
- **Learning journeys** to visit male and female youth involved in sweetpotato vine multiplication and value chain activities
- **Poster sessions** to “examine the science & explore recent findings on sweetpotato seed and root management”
- **Learning from the USA on root based tests for virus indexing;**
- **Comparing experiences on clean plant networks USA, SSA and Rwanda**

Important people...



- **Yourselves & your active participation**
- **Your hosts: Jean Ndirigwe (RAB) and Kirimi Sindi (CIP)**
- **Admin and finance: Bernice Wairimu & Emily Ndoho**
- **Communications: Rosemary Kihiu, Donata Kiiza, Aime Ndayisenga**
- **Meeting reporting and photography: Faith Njung'e**
 - Moderators of sessions:
 - Rapporteurs:

Networking...



- **Social events**
 - “Orange fashion shoot” aka Group Photo – *10.45 this morning*
 - 18.30: Invitation to the **Rwanda Premier** of Outstanding Videos with Dinner by the pool
- **Continuing to build the community of practice:** join the threads and lead different discussions
 - **GoogleGroup:** D-List: >130 members: sweetpotato-seed-system-aficionados-community-of-practice@googlegroups.com
 - **Facebook Group:** TISSUE CULTURE Mμ~PROPAGATION~SASHA II
 - **Whatsapp groups:** Tanzania, Kenya, Ghana.....
- Communication outputs: proceedings; e-newsletter; blogs; twitter feed (hashtag@hashtag@hashtag@)

