

ROLE OF THE EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE

- The executive steering committee (ESC) consists of individuals interested in building an effective partnership for combating poverty and undernutrition through the diversified use of sweetpotato. The term of appointment is for the first five year phase of the Initiative.

The ESC members will review the progress of the SPHI and provide advice to the SPHI Senior Management Team in the areas of conventional plant breeding, biotechnology, seed systems, nutrition, value addition, socio-economics, and partnership modalities.

They will also assist in identifying gaps in knowledge and areas where further investment is needed as well as identify opportunities for expanding the reach of the Initiative to other target groups and countries. Their work will strengthen the likelihood that overall vision of the SPHI will be achieved.

Specifically, ESC members will:

- Provide advice to the SPHI SMT concerning the scientific components of the SASHA project and organisational components of the overall SPHI;

- Participate in annual meetings where SASHA project progress and future work plans are discussed and provide written comments on milestone achievement and the proposed work plans for the subsequent year;

➤ Review the objectives of existing and proposed associated sweetpotato projects within the Initiative and identify gaps in the research for development portfolio that need to be addressed for the SPHI to achieve its vision and make suggestions on how to maximise the synergies between different sweetpotato projects;

- Be advocates for sweetpotato integration and alignment with other relevant agriculture and nutrition initiatives on the continent;
- Comment on the mid-term review of the SASHA project which will be conducted by an independent consultant hired by the donor;

- Have the mandate to design the governance and management structure for Phase II of the SPHI.

Table M2. Executive Steering Committee Members

First Name	Last Name	Role in ESC	Institution	Title
Pamela	Anderson	Represents institution coordinating SPHI in first phase	International Potato Center ASARECA	Director General
Lydia	Kimenye	Represents sub-regional organisation		Knowledge Management and Un-scaling Program

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First Name	Last Name	Role in ESC	Institution	Title
Bonnie	McClafferty	Represents broader biofortification effort	HarvestPlus	Head of Communications
Stephen	Muchiri	Represents farmers' Chief Executive organisations Farmers'	East Africa	Officer
		Federation		

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First Name	Last Name	Role in ESC	Institution	Title
Denis	Kyeterere	East and Central Africa Support Platform representative	National Agricultural Research Organisation (NARO), Uganda	Director General
Hans	Adu- Director Dapaah	West Africa Support representative	Crops Research Institute, Ghana	

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First Name	Last Name	Title	Role in ESC	Institution
Marcela	Libombo	Director	Southern Africa Support Platform representative Food Security and Nutrition), Mozambique	SETSAN (Multi-sector Network for
Jane	Ininda	Program	Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)	AGRA for Breeding & Officer Seed Systems

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First Name	Last Name	Role in ESC	Institution	Title
Regina	Kapinga	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Officer for representative	Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation SASHA Project	Program Foundation
Jan	Low	Secretariat	International Potato Center	SPHI Leader and SASHA Project Manager