

RUFORUM 4TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE - 2014

Extension Education & Training: A link for translating outputs of agricultural science to meet smallholder farmers' needs in Africa



Concept Note for session 8.2 and 9.2 During the 4th RUFORUM Biennial Conference

Background	<p>An indispensable precondition to agricultural development is the existence of frontline extension workers with the requisite knowledge and skills to drive the agricultural modernization process. The session is designed for sharing experiences in improving the curricula of agriculture through extension and education partnerships. The session is designed like to contribute to two of the overall conference themes, specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- How to build national extension capacities through networks and economies of scale- Integrating higher agricultural education with research and extension <p>In particular, the session will contribute to the subtheme on: 'Integration of Tertiary Agriculture Education (TAE) with national agricultural systems and plans'.</p>
Aims and Objectives of the side Event	<p>The session is design to enable sharing of experiences on partnerships among agricultural science, extension and education on how to improve the quality of graduates and professionals better equipped to meet the needs of smallholder farmers.</p>
Outputs	<p>The session will generate the following outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A greater awareness of the need for developing responsive, custom-made, agricultural extension programs• A concerted effort to scale up revitalization of agriculture curricula
Approach and Methodology	<p>The Sessions feature a series of presentations by experts and round table buzz group discussions. The session will be moderated by technical/expert facilitators (Dr. Kristin Davis, Dr. Adolphus Johnson and Dr. Jeff Mutimba). At the end of the side event a synthesis report will be produced.</p>
Venue and Participants	<p>The session will be convened at the main venue of the RUFORUM 4th Biennial Conference, Maputo at the VIP Grand Maputo Hotel. This side event will take place in Incomati Hall, on Tuesday, 22nd July 2014, from 10.30 AM to 186.300 PM.</p>

Programme

SESSION 8.5 and 9.5: Thursday 24 July 2014 Hall: INCOMATI		
MAIN THEME	Extension Education & Training: A link for translating outputs of agricultural science to meet smallholder farmers' needs in Africa	
Time	Sub Theme	Responsible
Session I: Introduction and objectives		Facilitator: Dr. Jeff Mutimba
10.30 - 10.40	Welcome and opening remarks	Director of Extension
10.40 - 10.50	Objectives and overview of day	Ms. Andrea Bohn
10.50 - 11.15	Ice breaker and introductions with round table buzz groups on take home messages	Mr. Max Olupot
11.15 - 11.30	Promising innovations in delivering agriculture advisory services: examples from AFAAS study	Dr. Silim Nahdy
Session II: Undergraduate and graduate education		Facilitator: Dr. Kristin Davis
11.30 - 11.45	Approaches and methodologies in creating a demand-driven agriculture curricula in African Universities: experience of SAFE/Winrock	Dr. Deola Naibakelao
11.45 - 12.00	Technical, vocational education, and training in to support agriculture and extension in Africa	Ms. Hille Henebry
12.00 - 12.45	Discussion and recommendations	Dr. Kristin Davis
12.45 - 13.00	Summary	Ms. Andrea Bohn
13.00 - 14.30	Lunch	
Session III: Demand side and continuing education for professionals		Facilitator: Dr. Adolphus Johnson
14.30 - 14.45	Extension as a recognized profession: the South African professional registration	Dr. Fanie Terblanche
14.45 - 15.00	What do professionals say are the training gaps?	Dr. David Dolly
15.00 - 15.15	Equipping extensionists for farmer field schools in Uganda	Dr. Kate Scow
15.15 - 15.45	Discussion and recommendations	Dr Adolphus Johnson
15.45 - 16.00	Summary	Dr. Jeff Mutimba
16.00 - 16.30	Tea break	
Session IV: Wrap up and way forward		Facilitator: Dr. Silim M. Nahdy
16.30 - 17.00	Discussion and recommendations	Dr. Silim M. Nahdy
17.00 - 17.15	Way forward and conclusions	Dr. Jeff Mutimba
17.15 - 17.30	Closing remarks	Prof. Paa Kobina Turkson



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