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CTA/WUR Inception Workshop on “Mainstreaming Tertiary Education in ACP ARD Policy Processes: Increasing Food Supply and Reducing Hunger”

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Background

The role of universities and other tertiary education institutions in socio-economic development is being reconceptualised. They are increasingly being called upon to move beyond training and the pursuit of knowledge and become more strategic assets with strong forward and backward linkages to the productive sectors to expand their reach and increase their impact at community and national level. Governments especially in developed countries have implemented new funding mechanisms to support this thrust and facilitate innovation within the universities. Developing countries need to do the same.

Several regional policy frameworks have been launched in the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States to improve agricultural performance as well as the food and nutrition situation. At the continental level in Africa, the Comprehensive Agricultural Development Programme (CAADP) provides a framework for African countries to develop their national agricultural development policies and strategies and investment plans. CAADP focuses on four key pillars: (I) land and water management; (II) market access; (III) increasing food supply and hunger and; (IV) agricultural research. In the Caribbean, the Jagdeo Initiative for transforming Caribbean regional agriculture, the Caribbean Community Agricultural Policy and the Caribbean Regional Food and Nutrition Security Policy and Action Plan have been endorsed at the highest political level. The Pacific Plan was drawn up to guide the developments in the Pacific region.

Despite these laudable policies and their related action plans, many obstacles still need to be overcome to ensure their successful implementation at national and regional levels. Formulation as well as other stages in the policy cycle including implementation is often constrained by the lack of effective mechanisms for facilitating the engagement of various stakeholder groups. One such key stakeholder group which can be more effectively mobilized and engaged is tertiary agricultural education institutes.

The strategic role of agriculture in achieving food security, prosperity and economic growth in ACP countries remains of paramount importance. Despite this, the food insecurity picture remains particularly bleak especially in sub-Saharan Africa and hunger, under-nutrition and chronic food-related diseases e.g. diabetes remain a growing cause of concern for the ACP Group of States.

For pragmatic reasons, CTA and WUR in collaboration with ACP partner networks and organizations have chosen food security as the initial content domain to determine the extent of engagement of ACP tertiary education institutes in ARD policy processes. Firstly, this is one of the most pressing issues nationally, regionally and internationally and universities are currently looking for ways to (re)orient their education, research

and community outreach towards addressing food security. Secondly, food security links to the core business of Wageningen University and its recently established Centre for Sustainable Development & Food Security. Thirdly, capacity development is seen as a key strategic intervention area and designing and piloting methodologies for learning lessons for enhancing the engagement of tertiary education institutes in ARD policy processes specifically CAADP and the major ARD policy instruments in the Caribbean and Pacific are deemed necessary by CTA.

Objective of the inception workshop

- (i) To generate consensus, understanding and commitment with respect to the project's ambitions and methods for mainstreaming tertiary education in ACP ARD policy processes with a focus on Increasing Food Supply and Reducing Hunger.

This will be realized by a review and presentation of common trends and possible anomalies within the participating countries with respect to food and nutrition security and the universities' current role and vision. Experts from Wageningen University on Food Security will also provide input during the workshop to familiarize participants with the latest research, trends and frameworks around food security in non-Western contexts.

Output

- (i) An overview of the prior knowledge and experiences of the participant universities on food and nutrition security.
- (ii) A road map for implementing the quick-scan and the audit that are to take place at the selected universities.

The *quick-scan* focusses on the macro level and leads to answers to question such as: what are current provisions, regional and national policy-frameworks and issues affecting food security in the country of the pilot universities? The *audit* focusses on the meso level seeking answers to questions such as: what is being done within the university to address increasing food supplies and reducing hunger? What portfolio of activities and provisions (including, policies, capacity development efforts, existing curricula with courses, modules, research programmes, community outreach, etc.) are already in place for responding to national and regional food and nutrition security goals?

Programme

Tuesday September 18th	Chair: Mrs Judith Ann Francis, Senior Programme Coordinator, Science and Technology Policy, CTA, The Netherlands
9:00	Hotel Pick-up
9:30 – 9:45	Welcome Remarks: Dr Ibrahim Khadar, Manager, LME Unit, CTA, The Netherlands
9:45 – 10:00	<i>Key Messages on Regional ARD Policy Processes</i> – Dr. O. Ajayi, Senior Programme Coordinator, Agricultural Policy, CTA

10:00 – 10:20	The Implementation of ECOWAP/CAADP: The road thus far – Mr Ernest Aubee, Principal Programme Officer Agriculture, ECOWAS, Nigeria
10:20 – 10:30	Discussions
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 11:20	<i>ANAFE: Working towards improving the quality, relevance and application of agricultural education in Africa</i> – Dr Sebastian Chakeredza, Network Manager, ANAFE, Kenya
11:20 – 11:40	<i>Mobilizing and strengthening capacities of universities to foster innovations responsive for farming communities in Africa – the RUFORUM approach</i> – Dr Wellington Ekaya, Training & Quality Assurance Manager, RUFORUM, Uganda
11:40 – 12:00	TEAM-Africa Initiative and Perspectives Toward Transformation of Tertiary Education in Africa: Prof. Hamidou Boly, TEAM-Africa Coordinator, Uganda
12:00 – 12:15	Discussions
12:15 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30-14:00	Mainstreaming Tertiary Education in ARD Policy Processes – Programme Overview Prof. Arjen Wals, Professor and UNESCO Chair of Social Learning and Sustainable Development, Education & Competence, WUR, The Netherlands Judith Ann Francis, Senior Programme Coordinator Science & Technology Policy, CTA, The Netherlands
14:00-14:45	<i>From Food Production to Food Security – Challenges & Opportunities</i> – Prof. Rudy Rabbinge, WUR, The Netherlands
14:45-15:15	Icebreaker: <i>Getting to know each other</i> Drs Olivier Bello, Consultant, WUR, The Netherlands
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30-16:00	<i>Innovative Agricultural Finance and Risk Management instruments for enhancing Food Security</i> – Mr Lamon Rutten, Manager, Policies, Markets and ICTs, CTA, The Netherlands
16:00 – 16:20	<i>Current State of Food Security - Research, Education and Outreach in the University of the West-Indies</i> – Prof Harjit Singh Rekhi & Dr Hazel Patterson Andrews, UWI, St. Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago
16:20 – 16:40	<i>Current State of Food Security - Research, Education and Outreach in the University of the South Pacific</i> – Dr Jimaima Veisikiaki Lako & Dr David Rohindra, USP, Suva, Fiji
16:40 – 17:00	Discussions
17:00 – 17:30	Taking stock of the afternoon – what have we learned, how does it

	<p>inform the pilots and looking ahead</p> <p>Olivier Bello, Arjen Wals, Judith Francis</p>
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Wednesday September 19th	Chair: Prof Arjen Wals, WUR, The Netherlands
8:30	Hotel pick-up
09:00 – 09:30	<i>Reflections on Day 1 : Key Messages – Judith Ann Francis, CTA</i>
09:30 – 09:50	<i>Current State of Food Security - Research, Education and Outreach in the University of Abomey-Calavi – Dr Gbenato Enoch Achigan Dako & Dr Nadia Fogny, University of Abomey-Calavi, Cotonou, Benin</i>
09:50 – 10:10	<i>Current State of Food Security - Research, Education and Outreach in Kenyatta University – Dr Eric K. Bett & Dr Newton M. Nyairo, Kenyatta University, Nairobi, Kenya</i>
10:10 – 10:30	Discussions
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 11:20	<i>Current State of Food Security - Research, Education and Outreach in the University of Ouagadougou & the Polytechnic University of Bobo Dioulasso – Prof. Mamadou Hama Dicko, University of Ouagadougou & Dr Salimata Pousga, Université Polytechnique de Bobo Dioulasso, Burkina Faso</i>
11:20 – 11:40	<i>Current State of Food Security - Research, Education and Outreach in the Sokoine University of Agriculture – Dr Abel Kivelia Kaaya & Prof. Joyce Kinabo, Sokoine University of Agriculture, Morogoro, Tanzania</i>
11:40 – 12:00	Discussions
12:00 – 12:15	<p>Taking stock– what have we learned, how does it inform the pilots?</p> <p>Olivier Bello Arjen Wals Judith Francis</p>
12:15 – 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 14:00	<i>Food Security – Challenges & Opportunities – The Dutch Embassy Initiative – Dr Jim Woodhill, WUR-CDI , The Netherlands</i>
14:00 – 14:20	<i>Current State of Food Security - research, education and outreach in the University Abdou Moumouni & the University of Maradi – Prof. Abdourahamane Balla, Université Abdou Moumouni & Dr Mahamadou Elhadji Gounga, Université de Maradi, Niger</i>
14:20 – 14:40	<i>Current State of Food Security- research, education and outreach</i>

	<i>in the University of Thiès</i> – Dr Tala Gueye & Dr Saliou Ndiaye, Université de Thiès, Senegal
14:40 – 15:00	Discussions
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 16:00	Taking stock– what have we learned, how does it inform the pilots? Olivier Bello Arjen Wals Judith Francis
16:00 – 16:45	<i>Capacity building for integrating Food Security in Tertiary Higher Education</i> – Wouter Leen Hijweege, WUR-CDI, The Netherlands
16:45 – 17:00	
17:00 – 17:30	Wrap-up of the day, short evaluation and looking ahead Olivier Bello Arjen Wals Judith Francis

<i>Thursday September 20th</i>	
8:30	Hotel pick-up
9:00 – 9:15	Recap of Day 2: Key Messages – Judith Francis, CTA
09:15 – 10:30	Introducing and using tools for organisational change, learning and capacity-building Olivier Bello Arjen Wals Judith Francis
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:15	Designing the quick-scan Olivier Bello Arjen Wals Judith Francis
12:15 – 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 14:00	<i>Food Quality and Food Safety, Tiny van Boekel</i> , WUR, The Netherlands
14:00 -15:00	Designing the audit Olivier Bello Arjen Wals Judith Francis

15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 16:30	Agreement on pilot procedure to be used at home university
16:30 – 17:00	Timeline, future actions and communication Olivier Bello Arjen Wals Judith Francis
17:00 – 17:15	Closing Remarks – Judith Francis, CTA

Friday September 21st	
9:00 – 12:30	Visit to Wageningen University Campus – to include technical presentation on Climate Change & Food Security, Tour of University Library facilities and Soil Physics Lab and Lunch at the Future's Restaurant
12:30-14:00	Lunch, Wrap-up and Departure

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