



**6th Meeting of the Advisory Committee
on
Science and Technology for ACP Agricultural & Rural Development**

“Advancing the ST&I Policy Dialogue: Increasing Performance and Impact”

**CTA Headquarters
Wageningen, The Netherlands
12 - 16 November, 2007**

Programme

Background:

The mission of the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation ACP-EU (CTA) is to strengthen information and communication management capacities of ACP agricultural and rural development organizations. It is also charged with policy and institutional capacity development. Sound science and technology policies combined with adequate investments in S&T infrastructure – human and physical can contribute to social and economic development. In this context, CTA is committed to supporting the ACP region in building capacity to participate in and lead the Science, Technology and Innovation (ST&I) policy processes in support of agricultural and rural development.

CTA's S&T Strategies programme was launched in 2003 and endorsed by representatives of the ACP community attending the 2nd meeting of the Informal Working Group on S&T. At that meeting, it was agreed that CTA's S&T programme should add value to existing initiatives and focus on; facilitating the ST&I policy dialogue; information management and communication on ST&I issues through a dedicated web portal and knowledge development with emphasis on building capacity to enhance participation in ST&I policymaking processes.

Since then the Advisory Committee has met annually to deliberate on relevant ST&I issues, assess their implications and define ST&I strategies for improving the performance of ACP agriculture. Inter and intra ACP and ACP-EU ST&I collaboration have expanded. Africa and the Caribbean have published regional and national ST&I policy documents and the Pacific is mobilizing resources to do

the same. Over 600 ACP nationals have been trained to understand, analyze and strengthen the Agricultural, Science, Technology and Innovation (ASTI system) and about 700 ACP experts have participated in intra and inter regional ACP and ACP-EU ST&I policy dialogues on a range of emerging and critical issues.

The Centre will convene the 6th meeting of the Advisory Committee on Science & Technology (S&T) for ACP Agricultural and Rural Development from November 12 – 16, 2007 at the CTA Headquarters in Wageningen, The Netherlands. The theme for this year's meeting is *"Advancing the ST&I Policy Dialogue – Increasing Performance and Impact"*. For 2007, the focus will be on ST&I policy implications and strategies for: addressing emerging technologies and issues for capitalizing on product/market opportunities and enhancing innovation and improving performance of ACP agriculture. The AC will also deliberate on lessons learned in mainstreaming the innovation systems approach, strategies for improving the ASTI system performance and proposals for monitoring and evaluating the performance of the ASTI system with emphasis on identifying indicators for national ARD organizations.

Over the years Wageningen University and Research Centre has actively participated in the AC meetings. This year, an entire day is devoted to visiting the Wageningen UR Campus and gaining firsthand knowledge of their state of the art facilities and networking with WUR colleagues. This year's meeting will also consider new areas of focus and modes of operation for the CTA S&T programme including the AC and the knowledge for development website.

Workshop Objectives:

The overall objective is to strengthen inter and intra-regional ACP and ACP/EU ST&I collaboration for directing the ST&I policy agenda to enhance agricultural performance in the ACP Group of States. More specifically:

- To discuss ST&I developments and related issues which impact on the future of ACP agricultural and rural development and identify strategies for influencing the agricultural science technology and innovation (ASTI) policy processes.
- To finalize the ACP policy briefs on Biofuels, Fisheries and Livestock and develop strategies for wider dissemination in the ACP region.
- To review proposals for operationalizing the CTA Science and Technology Strategies programme 2008 - 2010.

Expected Outcomes:

- Increased awareness and consensus building on relevant ST&I developments and the related policy implications and strategies identified for improving ACP agricultural performance.
- Improved monitoring and evaluation of the performance of ACP ASTI systems.
- Renewed mandate for the CTA S&T Strategies Programme including the Advisory Committee and redesigned web portal.

Day 1 - Monday November 12, 2007

8:30 Bus departs Hotel for CTA

Registration

9:00 – 12:30 Focus – Exploring New Frontiers / Enhancing Agricultural Innovation

Chairperson – Dr. Hansjörg Neun, Director, Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation ACP-EU (CTA), The Netherlands

9:00 – 9:15 Welcome Remarks – Dr. Hansjörg Neun, Director, CTA

9:15 – 9:30 Overview of Workshop Programme – Thierry Doudet, Manager, Information & Communication Management, Skills & Systems Department (ISSD), CTA

9:30 – 9:45 Introductions – Workshop Participants

9:45 – 10:00 Video Presentation – The Caribbean Regional ST&I Policy Framework - Lovaan Superville, Youth Representative, Caribbean Council for Science & Technology (CCST), Trinidad & Tobago

10:00 – 10:20 The Advisory Committee on S&T for ACP Agricultural and Rural Development 2003 - 2007 – Judith Ann Francis, Senior Programme Coordinator, Science and Technology Strategies, ISSD, CTA

10:20 – 10:30 Discussion

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break (Group Photo shoot)

11:30 – 11:50	Keynote Presentation – How Innovative is Your Agriculture? Using Innovation Indicators and Benchmarks to Strengthen National Agricultural Innovation Systems - Dr. David J. Spielman, Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Ethiopia
11:50 – 12:00	Discussion
12:00 – 12:20	Keynote Presentation – Geospatial Technologies for Managing Land & Water Resources in the Caribbean – Dr. Jacob Opadeyi, Coordinator, Centre for GeoSpatial Studies Engineering Institute, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad & Tobago
12:20 – 12:30	Discussion
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch – Bus departs CTA promptly at 12:40 and restaurant at 14:10
14:30 – 17:45	Focus: Advancing the ST&I Policy Dialogue / Enhancing Agricultural Innovation
	Chairperson – Professor Michael Madukwe, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Nigeria, Nigeria
14:30 – 14:50	Competing Claims on Natural Resources – Professor Ken Giller, Chair Plant Production Systems, Plant Science Group, Wageningen University and Research Centre (Wageningen UR), The Netherlands
14:50 – 15:00	Discussion
15:00 – 15:15	Presentation of Draft ACP Fisheries Policy Brief – Dr. Sloans Chimatiro, Senior Fisheries Advisor, New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Secretariat, South Africa
15:15 – 15:30	Discussion
15:30 – 15:45	Presentation of Draft ACP Livestock Policy Brief – Dr. Francis Asiedu, Representative, Caribbean Agricultural Research & Development Institute (CARDI), Jamaica & <u>Professor Lindela R. Ndlovu</u> , Pro-Vice Chancellor, National University of Science & Technology, Zimbabwe
15:45 – 16:00	Discussion

16:00 – 16:30	Intellectual Property Rights and Research Collaboration – Marco Aleman, Deputy Director, Division of Public Policy for Development, World Intellectual Property Office (WIPO), Switzerland
16:30 – 17:45	Coffee Break and Working Group Session 1
18:00 – 19:30	Cocktail Reception
19:45	Bus departs for Hotel
Day 2	- Tuesday November 13, 2007
8:30	Bus departs Hotel for CTA
9:00 – 12:30	Focus: Intellectual Property Rights / Enhancing Agricultural Innovation Chairperson – Professor Dyer Narinesingh, Dean Faculty of Science and Agriculture, St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad & Tobago
9:00 – 9:45	Presentation of Day 1 Working Group Reports
9:45 – 10:00	Discussion
10:00 – 10:20	Keynote Presentation: Intellectual Property Rights: Sustaining Innovation Systems - Loreen Walker, Legal Officer / Board Secretary, Coffee Industry Board, Jamaica
10:20 – 10:30	Discussion
10:30 – 10:50	Public Private Partnerships for Enhancing Agricultural Performance - Ir. Chris de Visser, Institute for Applied Plant Research, Plant Sciences Group, Wageningen UR, The Netherlands
10:50 – 11:00	Discussion
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 11:50	Intellectual Property Rights and Agrobiodiversity – Dr. Niels Louwaars, Biopolices Specialist, Centre for Genetic Resources The Netherlands (CGN), Wageningen UR, The Netherlands

11:50 – 12:00	Discussion
12:00 – 12:30	Panel Discussion – IPR: Enhancing Innovation – Myth or Opportunity for ACP Agriculture (Lead Discussants from a.m.)
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch - Bus departs CTA promptly at 12:40 and restaurant at 14:10
14:30 – 17:30	Focus: Exploring New Opportunities / Enhancing Agricultural Innovation Chairperson – Mr. Peter Otim Odoch, Executive Director, Uganda Oilseed Producers and Processors Association, Uganda
14:30 – 14:50	Upscaling Participatory Approaches to Research and Development – Dr. Conny Almekinders & Professor Paul Richards, Technology and Agrarian Development Department, Wageningen UR, The Netherlands
14:50 – 15:00	Discussion
15:00 – 15:15	The African Youth Forum on S&T Strategic Plan 2007 - 2010 – Winnie Alum, Research Assistant, National Agricultural Research Organization (NARO) & Youth Representative, African Youth Forum on S&T, Uganda
15:15 – 15:25	Discussion
15:25 – 15:45	Horticulture: A Viable Option for the ACP? Dr. Norman Looney, President, International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS), Canada
15:45 – 16:00	Discussion
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 – 17:30	Working Group Session 2
17:45	Bus departs CTA for Hotel

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Wageningen University and Research Centre Day

8:30

Focus: Enhancing Agricultural Innovation

Chairperson – Mr. Wim Andriesse, Manager International Relations / Africa, Wageningen International, Wageningen UR, The Netherlands

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Chairperson: Dr. Bram Huijsman, Director, Wageningen International, Wageningen University and Research Centre, The Netherlands

Towards a Shared Vision on Agricultural Research for Development by 2015 – Dr. Christian Hoste, Coordinator ERA-ARD, Director ECART-EEIG, France

WUR Representatives: Dr. Niels Louwaars, Drs. Pieter Windmeijer, Ir. Wim Andriesse, (Programme Coordinators Development-related Research Programmes of Wageningen

UR), Dr. Patricia Wagenmakers, Directorate Knowledge, Netherlands' Ministry of Agriculture (to be confirmed)

ACP Representatives: Professor Michael Madukwe, Dean Faculty of Agriculture, University of Nigeria, Nigeria; Prof. Dyer Narinesingh, Dean Faculty of Science & Agriculture, UWI, Trinidad; Dr. Pa'o Luteru, Dean, Faculty of Islands and Oceans, University of the South Pacific, Fiji; Dr. Aissatou Dramé Yayé, Executive Secretary, African Network for Agriculture, Agroforestry and Natural Resources Education (ANAFE), Kenya

18:00 Cocktails

19:00 Bus departs WUR for Hotel

Day 4 – Thursday, November 15, 2007

8:30 Bus departs Hotel for CTA

9:00 - 12:30 Focus: Mainstreaming Innovation Systems Approach / Enhancing Performance & Improving Impact

Chairperson – Professor Thaddé Masimango Ndyanabo, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Science, Democratic Republic of Congo

9:00 – 9:20 Presentation of Main Conclusions of Day 3 Wageningen UR-ACP Round Table: Strengthening ACP - EU Partnership and Collaboration

9:20 – 9:30 Discussion

9:30 – 9:50 Enhancing Integrated Agricultural Research for Development (IAR4D) in the ASARECA region: The State of the Art and The Way Forward” - Dr. Seyfu Ketema, Executive Director, ASARECA Secretariat, Uganda & Dr. Suzanne Nederlof, Advisor Sustainable Economic Development., Royal Tropical Institute (KIT), The Netherlands

9:50 – 10:10 Building Capacity in IAR4D in Africa, Dr. Jon Daane, Director, International Centre for Development Oriented Research in Agriculture (ICRA), The Netherlands

10:10 – 10:30 Discussion

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 11:20	New European Initiatives to Support Agricultural Research in the European Union – Dr. Jean-Luc Khalfaoui, Executive Secretary, European Integrated Agricultural Research for Development (EIARD), European Commission, Belgium
11:20 – 11:30	Discussion
11:30 – 11:50	The International Assessment on Agricultural Science and Technology for Development (IAASTD) Report & The Innovation Systems Approach: Relevance for ACP Agriculture – Professor Niels Röling, Professor Emeritus, Communication and Innovation Studies, Wageningen University, The Netherlands
11:50 – 12:00	Discussion
12:00 – 12:15	The Plantain Innovation System in Ghana – Professor Emmanuel Owusu-Bennoah, Director General & <u>Dr. Felix Anno-Nyako</u> , Principal Research Scientist & Technical Specialist, Council for Science and Technology (CSIR) & ASTI Team Leader, Ghana
12:15 – 12:30	The Banana Innovation System in Tanzania – Dr. Amon Maerere, Head Department of Crop Science and Production, Sokoine University & ASTI Team Leader, Tanzania
12:30 – 12:45	Discussion
12:45 – 14:30	Lunch - Bus departs CTA promptly at 12:50 and restaurant at 14:15
14:30 – 17:30	Focus: Mainstreaming the Innovation Systems Approach / Enhancing Performance & Improving Impact Chairperson – Mr. Arnold Dorsett, Assistant General Manager, Agricultural Division, Bahamas Agricultural and Industrial Corporation, The Bahamas
14:30 – 14:50	Building ACP Capacity on Agricultural Science Technology and Innovation Systems: CTA Experience - Judith Ann Francis, Senior Programme Coordinator, CTA, The Netherlands
14:50 – 15:00	Discussion
15:00 – 15:20	Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation / Measuring Performance for Impact – Dr. Jemimah Njuki, Social Scientist, Enabling Rural Innovation, TSBF-CIAT, Zimbabwe

15:20 – 15:40	Participatory Monitoring and Evaluation in East Africa: Experiences of FAO – Dr. Deborah Duveskog, Regional Farmer Field School Advisor, Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), Kenya
15:40 – 16:00	Discussion
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 – 18:00	Working Group Session 4
18:15	Bus departs CTA for Hotel

Day 5 – Friday, November 16, 2007

8:30	Bus departs Hotel for CTA
9:00 - 12:30	Focus: CTA and S&T: Expanding Outreach & Increasing Impact Chairperson – Dr. Taib Diouf, Scientific Director, Senegal Institute of Agricultural Research (ISRA), Senegal
9:00 – 9:30	Presentation of Day 4 Working Group Reports
9:30 – 9:45	Discussion
9:45 – 10:15	CTA Strategic Plan 2007 – 2010: Expanding Outreach & Increasing Impact – Dr. Hansjörg Neun, Director, CTA
10:15 – 10:30	Discussion
10:30 – 10:50	Web 2 For Development – Selected Tools for Researchers and Policymakers, Kevin Painting - Senior Programme Coordinator, ICT Innovation Team, CTA
10:50 – 11:00	Discussion
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break
11:30 – 11:50	CTA S&T Strategies Programme 2008 – 2010 – Judith Ann Francis, Senior Programme Coordinator, S&T Strategies, CTA

11:50 - 12:10	CTA Knowledge for Development Website: Refocusing the ACP Information ST&I Policy Resource KIT - R. Engelhard, Managing Director, Contactivity bv & J.A. Francis, CTA
12:10 – 12:30	Discussion
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch - Bus departs CTA promptly at 12:40 and restaurant at 14:15
14:30 – 16:00	<p>Closing Ceremony</p> <p>Chairperson – Dr. Judith Lungu, Dean, School of Agricultural Sciences, University of Zambia</p> <p>Presentation of Draft Workshop Communiqué</p> <p>Closing Remarks - Dr. Hansjörg Neun, Director, CTA</p> <p>Closing Remarks - Mr. Ralph von-Kaufmann, Advisory Committee Member & Interim Coordinator, Strengthening Capacity for Agricultural Research and Development in Africa, FARA</p>