

## AFSTA CONGRESS 2012 PROGRAM

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

### PRE-CONGRESS WORKSHOP

**From 08:00** Organized Spices Tour

**15:00 – 18:00 Registration and information desk open**

### UPOV WORKSHOP ON PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION

**Monday, March 5, 2012**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
13.30 – 14.00	Welcome	
14.00 – 14.30	Developments within the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV)	<i>Mr. Peter Button, Vice Secretary-General, UPOV</i>
14.30 – 14.50	Developments within the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)	<i>Mr. Emmanuel Sackey, Head, Technical Department, African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)</i>
14.50 – 15.10	Achievements in Plant Variety Protection (OAPI) in Africa	<i>Mr. Issoufou Kabore, Head, Service des brevets et autres créations, the African Organization of Intellectual Property (OAPI)</i>
15.10 – 15.30	Coffee break	
	<b>Plant Variety Protection and Technology Transfer</b>	
15.30 – 15.50	(a) Use of Plant Variety Protection by the Private Breeding and Seed Sector	<i>Dr. Evans Sikinyi, Executive Officer, The Seed Trade Association of Kenya (STAK)</i>
15.50 – 16.10	(b) Benefits of Plant Variety Protection for Promoting Public Research	
16.10 – 16.30	(c) The role of Public-Private Partnership for Technology Transfer in the Seed Sector	<i>Mr. Marcelo Daniel LABARTA, INTA – CNVT, National Institute of agriculture and livestock technology (INTA), (Argentina)</i>
16.30 – 17.00	Discussion	
17.00	Closing of the seminar	

## **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

### **08:30 – 12:00 FIRST AFSTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

**From 08.00** Organized Mangrove Tour

### **14:00 – 18:00 MEETING OF NATIONAL SEED ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBER SEED COMPANIES**

*(By invitation only)*

**Chairperson:** Justin Rakotoarisaona, Secretary General of AFSTA

**15:00-18:00 Registration and information desk open**

## **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

**08:00 – 09:00 Registration and information desk open**

### **OPENING CEREMONY**

**09:00 – 11:00**

- Master of Ceremony: Tanzania Seed Trade Association (TASTA)
- Welcome Speech and Overview of the Tanzania seed industry by Mr. Patrick Ngwediagi, Chairman of NOC Tanzania
- Presentation of the activities of AFSTA for the year 2010 by Mr. Justin J. Rakotoarisaona, Secretary General of AFSTA
- Speech by Mr. Enock Chikava, President of AFSTA
- Opening speech by H.E. Dr. Ali Mohamed Shein, President of Zanzibar
- Invitation to Mauritius by the Chairman of the National Organizing Committee of the Congress 2013 followed by video presentation

**11:30 – 17:00 Trading room open**

**11:00 – 14:00 Coffee/Tea break, booth viewing and lunch break**

### **PLENARY SESSIONS**

**14:00 – 17:30**

#### **Session 1:**

- **Time:** 14:00 – 15:00
- **Topic:** Status of noxious weeds in Africa and their impacts on certified seed production and trade
- **Speaker:** Prof. Charlie Reinhardt, University of Pretoria, South Africa
- **Moderator:** Mr. Zakayo Owenya, AFSTA Board member from Tanzania

#### **Session 2:**

- **Time:** 15:00 – 16:00
- **Topic:** Role of the seed industry in facing the challenges of the climate change
- **Speaker:** Prof. Hannes Rautenbach, University of Pretoria
- **Moderator:** Mr. Abderraouf Ghariani, AFSTA Board member, Tunisia

**16:00-16:30 Coffee/Tea Break**

**Session 3:**

- **Time:** 16:30 – 17:30
- **Topic:** Challenges and prospects for an integrated seed market in Africa: “the case of Eastern and Southern Africa”
- **Speaker:** Dr. John Mukuka, COMESA
- **Moderator:** Mr. Nicholas Goble, AFSTA Board member, South Africa

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2012****08:00 – 09:00 Registration and information desk open**

- **Time:** 08:00 – 09:00
  - **Topic:** Latest Developments of the International Bodies of the Seed Sector (Highlights of the last year in ISTA, OECD, and UPOV)
  - **Speaker:** Secretary General ISTA/Administrator seed scheme of OECD/Vice Secretary General of UPOV or OAPI
  - **Moderator:** Mr. Patrick Ngwediagi, Chairman of the NOC for AFSTA Congress 2012, Tanzania
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- **Time:** 09:00 – 09:30
  - **Topic:** Demonstration on the use of new AFSTA website
  - **Speaker:** Mr. Charles Nyachae, AFSTA Information Technology and Logistics Officer
  - **Moderator:** Mr. Daniel Otunge, AFSTA Communication and Advocacy Officer

**08:00 – 18:30 Trading room opens****PLENARY SESSIONS****9:00 – 15:30****Session 1:**

- **Time:** 09:30 – 10:30
- **Topic:** Seed business trends and statistics in Africa and globally
- **Speaker:** Mr. Marcel Bruins, Secretary General of ISF and Mr. François Burgaud, AFSTA Board member, France
- **Moderator:** Mrs. Nathalie Tsague, AFSTA Board member, Cameroon

**10:30 – 11:00 Coffee/Tea Break****Session 3:**

- **Time:** 11:00 – 12:00
- **Topic:** Recent Developments on Traits for vegetable breeding
- **Speaker:** Dr. Abdou Tenkouano - The World Vegetable Center, Regional Center for Africa, Arusha/Tanzania & Bamako/Mali
- **Moderator:** Mr. Denias Zaranyika, AFSTA Board member, Zimbabwe

**12:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break****Session 4:**

- **Time:** 14:00 – 15:30

- **Topic:** Access by African farmers to seed technology: “ for a better understanding of seed market in Africa”
- **Speaker:** Mr Ishmael Sunga, CEO - The Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU)
- **Moderator:** Mr. Mubarak El Sheik, AFSTA Board Member, Sudan

**15:30 – 16:00 Official Closing of the AFSTA congress 2012** by Hon. Mizengo Pinda, Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania

**16:00 to 16:30 Coffee/Tea Break**

### **AFSTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2012**

**16:30 – 18:30**

- **16:00 – 16:30** Registration to the General Assembly (AFSTA members)
- **16:30 – 18:30** AFSTA General Assembly
- **Chairmanship:** Mr. Enock Chikava – President of the African Seed Trade Association

### **SECOND AFSTA BOARD MEETING**

**18:30 – 19:30**

**19:30 – 22:00 GALA DINER**

- **Dress code:** Formal or Traditional
- **Seating arrangement:** Free
- **Handover of the AFSTA Flag to Mauritius**