



Regional Cassava Initiative Closing Workshop

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

Tuesday 10 th September	
8.00-9.00	Registration
9.00-9.10	Opening video – The Regional Cassava Initiative
9.10-9.20	Welcome remarks Upholding cassava's potential in Africa <i>Luca Alinovi, Acting Head, FAO Subregional Emergency Office Eastern & Central Africa</i>
9.20-9.30	Cassava under threat in Africa – The donor view <i>Patrick Seruyange, Operations Officer, Delegation of the European Union to Uganda</i>
9.30-9.50	Setting the scene <i>Deborah Duveskog, Regional Emergency Officer, FAO Subregional Emergency Office Eastern & Central Africa</i>
9.50-10.10	Opening address Cassava, Africa's food security crop <i>Ann Onyango, Principle Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture Kenya</i>
10.10-10.30	Key note speech Enhancing cassava productivity – 25 years of cassava <i>NeBambi Lutaladio, Programme Entity Leader, FAO (retired)</i>
10.30-11.00	Tea break & group photo
11.00-11.20	Participant Introductions <i>Facilitator</i>
11.20-11.40	Global Cassava Partnership for the 21st Century – The Bellagio priority areas <i>Jan Helsen, Regional Emergency Officer, FAO South Sudan</i>
11.40-13.00	RCI's country impact - Rotating poster session <i>RCI country focal points</i>
13.00-14.15	Lunch Break



Thematic session I: Seed systems and diseases	
14.15-14.40	Managing CBSD – The Kenya experience <i>Dr. Theresia Munga, National Cassava Research Coordinator, Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KARI)</i>
14.40-15.00	Molecular breeding for CBSD resistance <i>Morag Fergusson, Cassava Molecular Geneticist, International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)</i>
15.00-15.45	Country panels – experience highlight <i>RCI country focal points</i>
15.45-17.00	Plenary discussion <i>Facilitator</i>
17.00-17.30	Summary and evaluation of the day <i>Facilitator</i>

Wednesday 11th September	
8.30-8.45	Reflections on Day 1
Thematic session II: Cassava value addition and marketing	
8.45-9.05	Agribusiness public-private partnerships <i>Elsie KANGAI, Program Manager, Centre for African Bio-Entrepreneurship, (CABE)</i>
9.05-9.25	Cassava business opportunities <i>Speaker TBC</i>
9.25-10.00	Experiences from ground level – Country panels <i>RCI country focal points</i>
10.00-11.00	Plenary discussion <i>Facilitator</i>
11.00-11.30	Tea break
Thematic session III: Coordination and regulatory systems	
11.30-11.50	The Cassava Centre of Excellence – Regional agenda



	<i>Dr Anton Bua, Head of Cassava Program, National Agricultural Research Organization (NARO)/ National Crops Resources Research Institute (NACCRI)</i>
11.50-12.10	Cassava germplasm certification and exchange – The KEPHIS experience <i>Francis Mwatuni, Agricultural Inspector, Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Services (KEPHIS)</i>
12.10-13.00	Experiences from ground level – Country panels <i>RCI country focal points</i>
13.00-14.15	Lunch break
<i>Thematic session IV: Knowledge and info management systems</i>	
14.15-14.35	Information management – The RCI experience <i>Jackson Kangethe, Regional GIS / IT Officer, FAO Subregional Emergency Office Eastern & Central Africa</i>
14.35-15.55	Disease surveillance – Experiences from the Great Lakes Cassava Initiative (GLCI) <i>Stephen Walsh, Seed Objective Team Leader, Catholic Relief Services (TBC)</i>
15.55-16.40	Experiences from ground level – Country panels <i>RCI country focal points</i>
16.40-17.00	Plenary discussion <i>Facilitator</i>
17.00-17.30	Summary and evaluation of Day 2

Thursday 12th	
8.30-8.45	Reflections on Day 2
<i>Looking back – Lessons learned</i>	
8.45-9.10	The Regional Cassava Initiative – Impact evaluation findings <i>John Stenhouse, Impact Consultant</i>
9.10-9.30	Plenary feedback and discussion <i>Facilitator</i>
<i>Looking forward – What next?</i>	
9.30-11.00	Working groups



11.00-11.30	Tea break
11.30-12.15	Feedback working group highlights
12.15-13.00	Plenary discussion on action points <i>Facilitator</i>
13.00-14.00	Lunch Break
<i>RCI event closure</i>	
14.00-14.20	Final reflections on the RCI – Past & future <i>Prof. Malachy Akoroda, Department of Agronomy, University of Ibadan</i>
14.20-14.45	Final remarks <i>Open invitation</i>
14.45-15.00	Closing remarks <i>Joyce Mulilamitti, Crops Officer, FAO Regional Office for Africa</i>
15.00-17.00	RCI Task Force – Internal elaborations <i>Country focal points</i>

