

*Joint* **2016 PanAfrican Grain Legume and World Cowpea Conference**

**AVANI Victoria Falls Resort and Conference Center  
Livingstone, Zambia, 28 February to 4 March 2016**

**TENTATIVE CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

**Sunday, 28 February**

09:00 – 12:00 hrs	Registration and/or Check-In
14:00 – 17:00 hrs	“
19:00 hours	Welcome Reception and Cocktail (AVANI Victoria Falls Resort)

**Monday, 29 February**

07:00 hrs	Registration and/or Check-In
08:00 hrs	Tour and opening of technology market place by Zambia Minister of Agriculture and Livestock and other dignitaries present
09:00 hrs	Inauguration of Conference (2hours including a break & group photo) <u>Invited Dignitaries</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Zambia Minister of Agriculture and Livestock (To be confirmed)</li><li>• CCARDESA, Prof. Timothy Simalenga, Executive Director</li><li>• FAO/UN, TBD</li><li>• USAID, Dr. Robert Bertram, Chief Scientist, Bureau of Food Security</li><li>• IITA, Dr. Nteranya Sanginga, Director General</li><li>• CIAT, Dr. Ruben Echeverria, Director General</li><li>• ICRISAT, Dr. David Bergvinson, Director General</li><li>• Michigan State University, Dr. Douglas Buhler, Assoc. Vice President for Research and Dean of College of Agriculture and Natural Resources</li><li>• Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Dr. Jeff Ehlers</li><li>• World Bank, Dr. Eija Pehu, Science Advisor on Agriculture Research and Innovation</li></ul>
10:30 hrs	Group Photo and Break
11:00 hrs	Inaugural Keynote Presentation: Dr. Yemi Akinbamijo, Executive Director, Forum for Agriculture Research in Africa (FARA) (awaiting confirmation)

12:00 hrs	Inaugural Keynote Presentation: Dr. Rob Bertram, Chief Scientist, Bureau of Food Security, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Washington
12:30 hrs	Lunch
14:00 hrs	Topical Oral Sessions 1- A, B, C & D (Four concurrent topical oral sessions, 120 min.)  Oral Session 1-A: <i>Grain Legume Genomics</i> Oral Session 1-B: <i>Economics and Grain Legume Value Chains</i> Oral Session 1-C: <i>Human Nutrition</i> Oral Session 1-D: <i>Sustainable Intensification of Grain Legume Cropping Systems</i>
16:00 hrs	Break
16:30 hrs	Topical Oral Session 2- A, B, C & D (four concurrent topical oral sessions; 90 min.) Oral Session 2-A: <i>Grain Legume Breeding and Genetics</i> Oral Session 2-B: <i>Gender and Youth</i> Oral Session 2-C: <i>Sustainable Seed Systems for Grain Legumes</i> Oral Session 2-D: <i>Plant Pathology</i>
18:30 hrs	Poster Session 1-A

## **Tuesday, 01 March**

08:30 hrs	Thematic Plenary Session 1: <i>Impact oriented legumes seed systems in Africa: challenges, impacts, lessons learned, and scalable approaches to reach millions of farmers</i>
10:30 hrs	Break
11:00 hrs	Poster Session 1-B
12:30 hrs	Lunch
14:00 hrs	Topical Oral Sessions 3- A, B, C & D (four concurrent topical oral sessions, 120 min.) Oral Session 3-A: <i>Abiotic Stress</i> Oral Session 3-B: <i>Integrated Pest Management</i> Oral Session 3-C: <i>Technology Dissemination and Impact</i>

16:00 hrs	Oral Session 3-D: <i>Biological Nitrogen Fixation</i> Break
16:30 hrs	Thematic Plenary Session 2: <i>Contemporary topics on role of grain legumes in human health and nutrition (90 min)</i>

**Wednesday, 02 March**

08:30 hrs	Concurrent Plenary Session 3: <i>Ecological approaches to integrated pest management in grain Legumes.</i>
	Concurrent Plenary Session 4: <i>Enhancing yield potential and resilience to abiotic stress through genetic improvement of grain legumes</i>
10:30 hrs	Break
11:00 hrs	Topical Oral Sessions 4-A, B, C & D (four concurrent topical oral sessions; 90 min. each)
	Oral Session 4-A: <i>Abiotic Stress</i>
	Oral Session 4-B: <i>Value Addition and Processing of Grain Legumes</i>
	Oral Session 4-C: <i>Economics, Value Chains and Post-Harvest Handling of Grain Legumes</i>
	Oral Session 4-D: <i>Sustainable Intensification of Grain Legume Cropping Systems</i>
12:30 hrs	Lunch
14:00 hrs	Poster Session 2-A
14:00 hrs	Plenary Session: <i>"From seeds to scale and investment to impact: Sharing experiences from USAID legume programming under the Feed the Future Initiative"</i>
15:30 hrs	Break
16:00 hrs	Concurrent Plenary Session 5: <i>"Transformational gender approaches in legumes research and development: cases of excellence" (90 min)</i>
	Concurrent Plenary Session 6: <i>Stress tolerant orphan legumes as a response to predicted climate changes (90 min)</i>

**Thursday, 03 March**

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| 8:30 hrs  | Field Trips to local farmer communities and grain legume production sites<br>a. (To be identified)<br>b.<br>c.   |
| 14:00 hrs | Side Meeting: Legume Innovation Lab Principle Investigator Meeting with USAID, AVANI Resort  |
| 19:00 hrs | Gala dinner at AVANI Victoria Falls Resort- Boma<br>Presentation of Lifelong Achievement Awards for Excellence in Grain Legume Research; TMAC (Legume Innovation Lab) awards to four grain legume scientists |

**Friday, 04 March**

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| 08:30 hrs                | Poster Session 2-B   |
| 09:30 hrs                | Thematic Plenary Session 7: <i>Grain legume nitrogen fixation and contribution to sustainable intensification</i>                |
| 11:00 hrs                | Break  |
| 11:30 hrs                | <i>Thematic Plenary Session 8: Sustaining legume value-chains through value added processing and public-private partnerships</i> |
| 13:00 hrs                | Lunch  |
| 14:30 hrs                | Keynote Presentation (TBD)   |
| 15:15 hrs -<br>16:00 hrs | Closing Session of Conference  |

**Saturday, 05 March**

- Conference attendees depart on mid-day flights
- Side events
- Auxiliary activities (safari, Victoria Falls, etc.) for those desiring to extend stay in Zambia