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 marketplace by Zambia Minister of Agriculture and Livestock and other dignitaries present
09:00 hrs  Inauguration of Conference (2 hours including a break & group photo)
Invited Dignitaries
• Zambia Minister of Agriculture and Livestock (To be confirmed)
• CCARDESA, Prof. Timothy Simalenga, Executive Director
• FAO/UN, TBD
• USAID, Dr. Robert Bertram, Chief Scientist, Bureau of Food Security
• IITA, Dr. Nteranya Sanginga, Director General
• CIAT, Dr. Ruben Echeverria, Director General
• ICRISAT, Dr. David Bergvinson, Director General
• Michigan State University, Dr. Douglas Buhler, Assoc. Vice President for Research and Dean of College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
• Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Dr. Jeff Ehlers
• World Bank, Dr. Eija Pehu, Science Advisor on Agriculture Research and Innovation

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: Grain Legume Genomics
Oral Session 1-B: Economics and Grain Legume Value Chains
Oral Session 1-C: Human Nutrition
Oral Session 1-D: Sustainable Intensification of Grain Legume Cropping Systems

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: Grain Legume Breeding and Genetics
Oral Session 2-B: Gender and Youth
Oral Session 2-C: Sustainable Seed Systems for Grain Legumes
Oral Session 2-D: Plant Pathology

18:30 hrs  Poster Session 1-A

Tuesday, 01 March

08:30 hrs  Thematic Plenary Session 1: Impact oriented legumes seed systems in Africa: challenges, impacts, lessons learned, and scalable approaches to reach millions of farmers

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: Abiotic Stress
Oral Session 3-B: Integrated Pest Management
Oral Session 3-C: Technology Dissemination and Impact
Oral Session 3-D: *Biological Nitrogen Fixation*

16:00 hrs  Break

16:30 hrs  Thematic Plenary Session 2: *Contemporary topics on role of grain legumes in human health and nutrition (90 min)*

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**Wednesday, 02 March**

08:30 hrs  Concurrent Plenary Session 3: *Ecological approaches to integrated pest management in grain Legumes.*

Concurrent Plenary Session 4: *Enhancing yield potential and resilience to abiotic stress through genetic improvement of grain legumes*

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: Abiotic Stress**

**Oral Session 4-B: Value Addition and Processing of Grain Legumes**

**Oral Session 4-C: Economics, Value Chains and Post-Harvest Handling of Grain Legumes**

**Oral Session 4-D: Sustainable Intensification of Grain Legume Cropping Systems**

12:30 hrs  Lunch

14:00 hrs  Poster Session 2-A

14:00 hrs  Plenary Session: “From seeds to scale and investment to impact: Sharing experiences from USAID legume programming under the Feed the Future Initiative”

15:30 hrs  Break

16:00 hrs  Concurrent Plenary Session 5: “Transformational gender approaches in legumes research and development: cases of excellence” (90 min)

Concurrent Plenary Session 6: *Stress tolerant orphan legumes as a response to predicted climate changes*  (90 min)
Thursday, 03 March
8:30 hrs  Field Trips to local farmer communities and grain legume production sites
a. (To be identified)
b. 
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
Presentation of Lifelong Achievement Awards for Excellence in Grain Legume Research; TMAC (Legume Innovation Lab) awards to four grain legume scientists

Friday, 04 March
08:30 hrs  Poster Session 2-B

09:30 hrs  Thematic Plenary Session 7: Grain legume nitrogen fixation and contribution to sustainable intensification

11:00 hrs  Break

11:30 hrs  Thematic Plenary Session 8: Sustaining legume value-chains through value added processing and public-private partnerships

13:00 hrs  Lunch

14:30 hrs  Keynote Presentation (TBD)

15:15 hrs -  Closing Session of Conference
16:00 hrs

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

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