

Partnership for Aflatoxin Control in Africa

Meeting of Funders

Developing a Comprehensive Strategy for Effective Aflatoxin Control in Africa

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Draft Agenda

08:30 Breakfast

09:00 Welcome and Agenda Review

Lluís Riera Figueras, Director, Thematic Issues, EuropeAid Development and Co-operation Directorate General, European Commission

Arlene Mitchell, Interim Deputy Director, Agricultural Development Team, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

09:15 Participant Introductions

09:45 Overview and Discussion of Aflatoxin Issues in Africa

Brief overview presentations on health, economic, and trade impacts of aflatoxin contamination in sub-Saharan Africa provided by:

- *Sarah Olembo, Technical Expert SPS and Food Safety issues, Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture, African Union Commission*
- *Phinius Ngari Nyaga, Aflatoxin Contamination Specialist, Kenya Ministry of Agriculture*
- *Martha Byanyima, CAADP Regional Process and Partnerships Facilitator, COMESA*

10:15 Aflatoxin Impacts on Trade: Experiences from the European Commission Directorate General for Health and Consumers

Brief overview of aflatoxin-related European food safety regulations and relevant implications for imports from Africa provided by:

- *Frans Verstraete, European Commission, Directorate General for Health and Consumers, Unit E3: Chemicals, Contaminants and Pesticides*

10:30 Programs and Activities for Aflatoxin Control in Africa

Short presentations followed by discussion to deepen understanding of the range of activities needed to effectively control aflatoxin in Africa.

- Beneficial Fungi for Aflatoxin Control – *Ranajit Bandyopadhyay, IITA (10 minutes)*
- Pre-harvest management (e.g., seed varieties, crop rotation, fungicides) – *Ranajit Bandyopadhyay, IITA (5 minutes)*
- Post-harvest drying, storage and handling | value chain analysis – *Catherine Brabet, CIRAD (10 minutes)*
- Alternative uses of contaminated crops – *Peter Cotty, USDA-FAS (5 minutes)*
- Testing (sampling; diagnostics) – *Peter Cotty, USDA-FAS (10 minutes)*

11:15 Break

11:30 Programs and Activities for Effective Aflatoxin Control (continued)

- *Health impact analysis and research – Pippa Chenevix Trench, IFPRI (7 minutes)*
- *Economic and trade impact analysis and research – Pippa Chenevix Trench, IFPRI (7 minutes)*
- *Policies, standards and regulations – Martha Byanyima, COMESA (10 minutes)*
- *Awareness raising and education – Sarah Olembo, AU (5 minutes)*
- *Pilot countries for holistic strategy implementation – Sarah Olembo, AU (10 minutes)*
- *Creating a menu of options for aflatoxin control – Meridian (1 minute)*
- *Structured demand – BMGF (1 minute)*

13:00 Group Lunch

14:15 Funding Needs, Funders' Interests and Potential Synergies

Based on brief overviews of participants' past, current, and planned relevant activities and other known activities, participants explore potential synergies among current activities and emerging opportunities for action to control aflatoxin contamination in Africa.

15:30 Partnership for Aflatoxin Control in Africa (PACA) Rationale, Goals, Objectives, and Potential Structure

Following a brief presentation based on insights gathered from a series of interviews with PACA partners and African stakeholders, participants will discuss goals, objectives, structure, and funding approaches, as well as a potential implementation model.

16:15 Next Steps, Including Preparations for the CAADP PP Discussion Session

Participants review milestones leading up to the CAADP Partnership Platform meeting in March 2011 and subsequent steps needed for development of the PACA and associated activities.

16:30 Cocktail Reception Hosted by the European Commission

17:30 Adjourn