Partnership for Aflatoxin Control in Africa

Developing a Comprehensive Strategy for Effective Aflatoxin Control in Africa

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Yaoundé, Cameroon

Meeting Objectives

The proposed objectives for the meeting are as follows:

- Review aflatoxin contamination issues in Africa;
- Exchange information about aflatoxin management programs and activities;
- Define a potential structure for an Africa-based and Africa-led partnership.
- Determine next steps, following the CAADP PP meeting.

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18:00  Welcome and Overview of Aflatoxin Issues in Africa –
      Prem Warrior, Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
      A short overview presentation on aflatoxin issues in sub-Saharan Africa, potential interventions to address these issues, and brief review of some of the existing initiatives to control aflatoxins.

18:15  Programs and Activities for Aflatoxin Control in Africa –
      J.K. Ngetich, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Kenya
      Presentation on the range of activities needed to effectively control aflatoxin in Africa, including:
      - Policies, standards and regulations
      - Awareness raising and education
      - Health impact analysis and research
      - Economic and trade impact analysis and research
      - Beneficial Fungi for Aflatoxin Control
      - Pre-harvest, post-harvest drying, storage and handling and alternative uses
      - Structured demand
      - Testing Development (sampling; diagnostics)

Presentation followed by contributions by other experts present and opportunity for discussion.
19:15      PACA Rationale, Goals, Objectives, and Potential Structure  
Barbara Stinson and Rex Raimond, Meridian Institute  

Brief overview of activities to date:  
- Building momentum through outreach  
- Guiding principles of a partnership  
- Goals of a partnership  
- Potential program elements – National/Regional and Africa-wide  
- Potential funding support

20:00 Development of CAADP Working Group and Potential Structure for PACA  

Discuss steps needed for development of the PACA and associated activities.

20:30 Adjourn for Hosted Wine and Reception