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Partnership for Aflatoxin Control in Africa Funders' Meeting

*Developing a Comprehensive Strategy for
Effective Aflatoxin Control in Africa*

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Building Momentum for a PACA

Partners to date include: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USDA, USAID, World Bank, COMESA, African Union, and many others, including companies, NGOs , and research institutions.

Activities include:

- **Outreach** to stakeholders about partnering (more than 40 interviews conducted)
- Supporting **World Bank workshop** for information exchange
- Supporting **Funders' Meeting** on potential synergies
- **CAADP Partnership Platform** meeting on 23 March, 2011 in Cameroon
- Developing a **Concept Note** (Rationale for a PAC; guiding principles; objectives, activities and structure; role of various partners)



Outreach: Stakeholders Interviewed

ACDI/VOCA
African Agricultural Technology Foundation (AATF)
African Center for Food Security
African Union Commission
Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa
American Peanut Council
Bayer Crop Science
CIRAD
Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)
Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of West and Central Africa
Centre for Scientific and Industrial Research (Australia)
UK Department for International Development
FAO Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean
Fondation AES
GrainPro
GTZ

International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
ISA-CNR
Kenya Agriculture Ministry
MANNA Nutrition
Nestle
Peanut Collaborative Research Support Program (PCRSP)
Texas A&M University
Texas Corn Producers Board
Texas State Chemists Office
Twin and Twin
US Agency for International Development
US Department of Agriculture
World Bank
World Food Programme
World Health Organization
World Trade Organization, Agriculture and Commodities Division



Holistic Approach for Aflatoxin Control: General Findings

- Widespread interest in controlling and abating aflatoxin
- High level of complexity requires holistic approach:
 - In the field
 - Among regulatory agencies
 - Across all disciplines
- Many activities ongoing or being planned
- Partnership approach is needed/required to develop and implement a coordinated, holistic strategy



Guiding Principles for an Emerging Partnership for Aflatoxin Control in Africa: Advice from Interviews

1. Must be **Africa-led** and address African priorities.
2. **Link to existing processes** and institutions, and engage a full range of organizations with relevant expertise and resources.
3. Enable **inter-disciplinary** collaboration across agriculture, food safety, nutrition, and health.
4. **Start with aflatoxin**, then expand PACA and/or replicate to help control other mycotoxins, and perhaps other food-borne pathogens.
5. Focus on **sub-Saharan Africa**, with strategies and experiences that might apply to other regions.
6. Create **nimble and efficient** mechanisms for action.



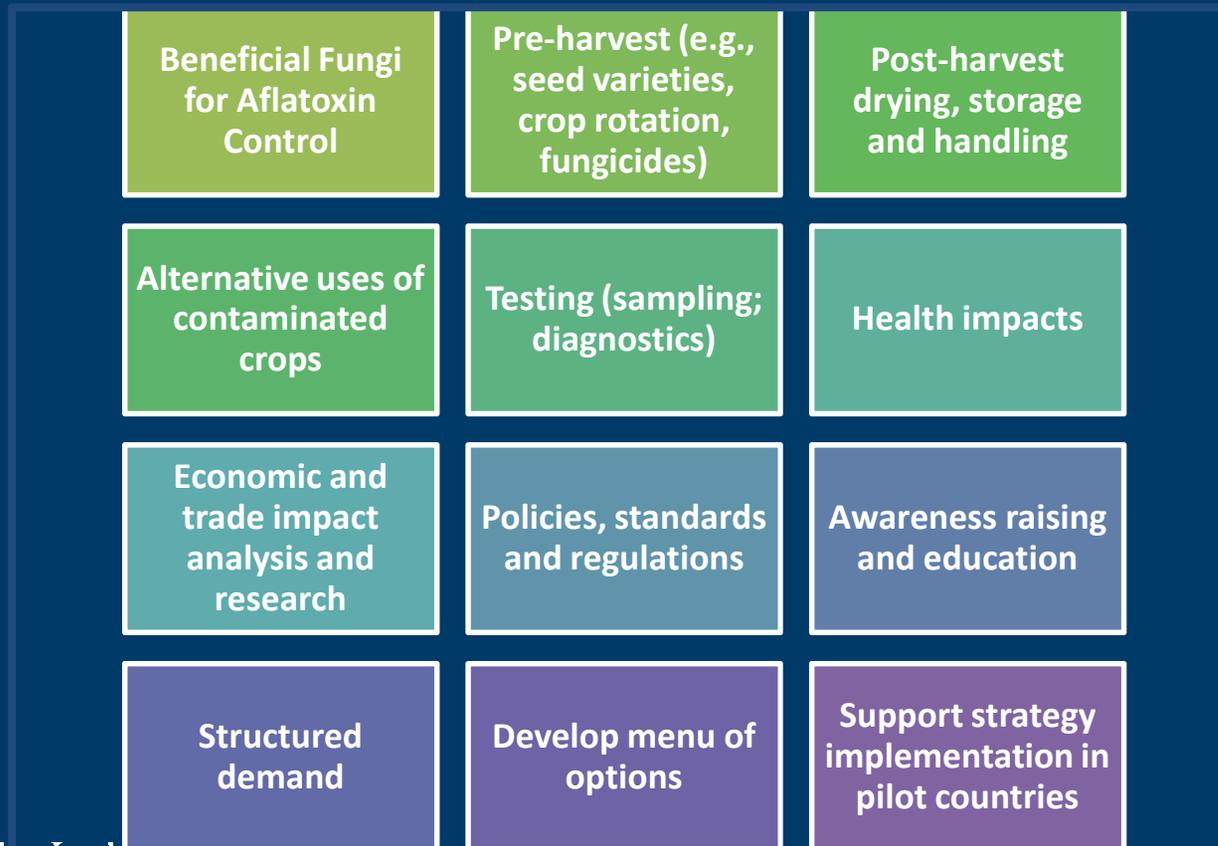
Goals of a Partnership

1. Structure a systems approach to include vision, analysis of root causes and unintended consequences, pilot projects and experiments
2. Support creating enabling policy environments for controlling aflatoxins
3. Support sound decision-making regarding contaminated crops
4. Raise awareness on aflatoxin impacts on health, food security and incomes
5. Improve access to practical tools and technical resources that cover the entire value chain
6. Support creating incentives for adoption of aflatoxin control strategies
7. Facilitate coordination across activities, information exchange on cross-cutting issues
8. Identify gaps and catalyze action regionally, in countries and across the continent.



Potential Program Elements of a Partnership: National/Regional

- Support national and regional activities to effectively control and address impacts of aflatoxin contamination



Potential Program Elements of a Partnership: Africa-Wide

- Support, facilitate, and catalyze:

Systems approach with overall vision, root causes, leverage points & systems map

Information sharing, capturing lessons and awareness raising

Practical tools for aflatoxin control

Pilot projects and specific case examples

Partner engagement

- Africa leadership
- Funding partners
- Technical partners



Questions for Funding Discussion

- What are the priorities of funders? How much regional, national and international?
- Which of the programs and activities are most important? How do they relate to existing activities?
- What existing organizations or programs could provide institutional support for a PACA?
 - What is the best institutional home for a PACA?
 - Should a new institution be created?
- What similar efforts can we learn from in creating a PACA?
- What other advice do you have for us as we go forward?



Milestones

- Circulate meeting highlights and recommendations.
- Continue outreach to stakeholders in Africa and world-wide.
- Develop PACA Concept Note and solicit input from key stakeholders.
- Conduct discussion session during the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Partnership Platform meeting in Cameroon on 23 March, 2011
<http://www.caadp.dstc-international.com/Eng/Programme.html>
 - Need, Purpose and Structure
 - Specific actions needed, including working group to outline details for a comprehensive, holistic approach for aflatoxin control in Africa.

