

Seminar on Meeting Information and Knowledge Needs of Farmers in Africa through e-Agriculture

Lubrandt Conference Room, Lusaka Hotel, Cairo Road
Lusaka, Zambia

PROGRAMME (Draft as at 10.07.2008)

Chairman: Dady Demby, Programme Officer, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa, Accra, Ghana

08:30 - 09:00hrs	Arrival and registration of participants
09:00 - 09:30hrs	Opening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Introduction of participants- Justin Chisenga, President, IAALD Africa Chapter- Gracian Chimwaza – Executive Director, ITOCA, South Africa- Official Opening
09:30 - 09:55hrs	<i>FAO's Virtual Extension and Research Communication Network (VERCON) initiative</i> , Justin CHISENGA, Information Management Specialist, FAO, Accra, Ghana
09:55 - 10:20hrs	<i>Applications of ICTs in Managing, Sharing and Delivery of Agriculture Information – Case of ZARI</i> Davy Simumba, Senior Analyst, Zambia Agriculture Research Institute, Chilanga, Zambia
10:20 - 10:30hrs	Discussion/Questions and Answers
10:30 - 10:50hrs	Tea/Coffee Break & Networking
10:50 - 11:15hrs	<i>Improving Access to published scholarly literature in Africa: AGORA, HINARI, OARE and TEEAL programs</i> – Gracian CHIMWAZA, Director, ITOCA, Centurion, South Africa
11:15 - 11:40hrs	<i>Using ICTs for Managing Network Genebanks: The Case of SADC Plant Genetic Resources Centre</i> - Barnabas W. KAPANGE, SADC-PGRC, Lusaka, Zambia
11:40 - 11:55hrs	Discussion/Questions and Answers
11:55 - 12:20hrs	<i>Benefiting from convergence: Increasing Importance of ICT in the Delivery of Information to Farmers</i> - Clemence R. NAMPONYA, Director, Library and Information Services, University of the Free State, South Africa
12:20 - 12:45hrs	<i>Telecommunications Evolution, ICT Sector Policies and Regulatory Governance - Role in Agriculture</i> , Chabuka Jerome KAWESHA, Regulatory Affairs Manager, Celtel Zambia Plc, Lusaka, Zambia
12:45 - 13:00hrs	Discussion/Questions and Answers
13:00 - 14:00hrs	Lunch/Break & Networking
14:00 - 14:25hrs	<i>FarmPrices Initiative</i> , Coillard HAMUSIMBI, Zambia National Farmers Union, Lusaka, Zambia
14:25 - 14:50hrs	<i>Meeting the Challenges of Rural Development through ICTs</i> , Joseph SEKIKU, FADECO, Tanzania
15:50 - 15:05hrs	Discussion/Questions and Answers
15:05 - 15:30hrs	<i>The e-Agriculture Initiative: Sharing of Innovative Experiences</i> - Justin CHISENGA, Information Management Specialist, FAO, Accra, Ghana
15:30 - 16:00hrs	Discussion/Questions and Answers/Way Forward
16:00 - 16:15hrs	Closing tea/coffee break

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