

**AFSTA CONGRESS 2007 PROGRAM
6 – 9th MARCH 2007, LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA**

Mach 5, 2006

15:00-18:00 Registration and information desk open

15:00-18:00 AFSTA Board of Directors meeting

March 6, 2007

**09:00-12:30 Workshop on Plant Variety Protection – A Key to Economic Development
(Facilitated by Union for the Protection of New Plant Varieties (UPOV))**

09:00-09:30 Opening

09:30-10:15 The Impact of Plant Variety Protection (speaker from UPOV)

10:15-10:45 **Break**

10:45-11:15 Plant Variety Protection Based on the Revised Bangui Agreement (speaker from Organization for the African Intellectual Property – OAPI)

11:15-11:45 Recent Developments of Plant Variety Protection in the SADC Region (speaker from SADC)

11:45-12:15 The 'farmer's privilege' an optional exception to the breeders right according to the UPOV Convention- some practical examples (speaker from– UPOV)

12:15-12:45 **Discussion**

12:45-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-17:00 Conference on Seed Treatment (facilitated by International Seed Federation)

- Introduction (Greg Lamka)
- General Presentation on Seed Treatments (Manfred Hudetz)
- Operator and User Safety (Bernd Holtschulte)
- Application Technology and Chemical Loading (JanWillem Breukink)
- Labeling and Waste Management (Greg Lamka)
- Integration of Seed Treatment in the Seed Business (Bernard Le Buanec)

15:00-18:00 Registration and information desk open

March 7, 2006

08:00- 9:30 Registration and information desk open

09:00-9:30 Coffee/Tea

010:00-12:00 Opening ceremony

- Master of Ceremony: Zambia Seed Trade Association
- Welcome Speech and Overview of the Zambian Seed Industry by Mr. Marcel Kanungwe, Chairman of the National Organizing Committee of AFSTA Congress 2007, Zambia
- Speech by Mr. Mark Sachs, President of AFSTA, South Africa
- Opening speech by the President of the Republic of Zambia
- Speech by M. Ahmed Ouayach, Chairman of the Moroccan Seed Association, Morocco (host of AFSTA Congress 2008)

12:00-13:30 Lunch Break

13:30-18:00 Plenary Session

Session 1:

- **Time:** 13:30-14:30
- **Topic:** Towards a Harmonized Seed Trade in Africa: Coordination Efforts between the Regional Economic Communities (RECs)
- **Speakers:** Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU)/ Economic Community of West Africa States (ECOWAS) and from East African Community (EAC) (20 minutes each)
- **Moderator for session 1, 2 and 3:** Mr. François Burgaud, Inter-professional National Grouping of Seeds (GNIS), France

Session 2:

- **Time:** 14:30-15:30
- **Topic:** Global Approach to Face the Challenges of Seed Trade in Africa in COMESA Zone: Analysis and Way Forward
- **Speaker:** from Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)

Session 3:

- **Time:** 15:30-16:00
- **Topic:** Discussion on Sessions 1 and 2

16:00-16:30 Coffee/Tea Break

Session 4:

- **Time:** 16:30-18:00
- **Topic:** Development of Private Seed Companies in Africa – “SEEDS” (Seed Enterprise Enhancement and Development Services)
- **Speaker:** Dr. Richard Jones, Program Leader of Sustainable Commercialization of Seed in Africa (SCOSA)
- **Moderator:** Mr. Raouf Ghariani, Tunisian Seed Association, Tunisia

19:30-22:00 Gala dinner

- **Dress code:** Formal or Traditional
- **Seating arrangement:** Free

March 8, 2005

08:00-9:00 Registration and information desk

09:00-12:00 Plenary session

Session 1:

- **Time:** 09:00-10:00
- **Topic:** Highlights of the Material Transfer Agreement of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (IT-PGRFA)
- **Speaker:** Mr. Bernard Le Buanec, International Seed Federation, Switzerland
- **Moderator:** Ms Sylvia Nanteza, Uganda Seed Trade Association, Uganda

10:00-10:30 Coffee/Tea Break

Session 2:

- **Time:** 10:30-12:00
- **Topic:** Importance of Horticultural Seed Trade in Africa: Particularities and Appropriate Rules for Development
- **Speaker:** Mr. Peter Francombe, Seminis East Africa
- **Moderator:** Mr. Mohamed Saïdi, Executive Officer of the Moroccan Seed Association

12:00-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-16:00 Plenary session

Session 3:

- **Time:** 14:00-16:00
- **Topic:** Status of Biosafety Protocol for the Commercialization of Genetically Modified Seeds in Africa
- **Speakers:** Mr. Kinyua Mbijjewe, Monsanto Kenya
- **Moderator:** Mr. Enock Chikava, Seed Trade Association of Malawi

16:00-16:30 Coffee/Tea Break

Session 4:

- **Time:** 16:30 – 18:00
- **Topic:** Meeting of National Seed Associations
- **Moderator :** Mr. Justin Rakotoarisaona, Secretary General of AFSTA

March 9, 2005

08:00-9:00 Registration and information desk

09:00-12:00 AFSTA General Assembly 2007

Chairmanship: Mr. Mark Sachs – Chairman of the African Seed Trade Association

12:00-14:00 Lunch

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