

**AFSTA CONGRESS 2005 PROGRAM**  
**15 – 18 MARCH 2005 IN YAOUNDÉ, CAMEROON**

**March 15, 2005**

**9:00 – 12:30 Seminar on Intellectual Property Rights (AFSTA/OAPI/UPOV)**

**Provisional Program**

Opening of the workshop from 8.30 to 9.15 a.m.

Opening remarks by the national authority

Opening speeches by:

- Mr. Raouf Ghariani, President of the African Seed Trade Association (AFSTA), Tunisia
- Mr. Anthioumane N'Diaye, Directeur General of the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI), Cameroon
- Mr. Rolf Jördens, Vice Secretary-General of the International Union for the Protection of New Varieties of Plants (UPOV), Switzerland

President: Mr. Jacob Ayuk Takem, Director General of the *Institut de recherche agricole pour le développement (IRAD)*, Yaounde, Cameroon

9.15 to 9.45	Plant variety protection – a tool for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) Mr. Rolf Jördens (UPOV/YAO/05/1)
9.45 to 10.00	Questions
10.00 to 10.45	Plant variety protection in West and Central Africa under the auspices of the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI) Mr. Anthioumane N'Diaye (UPOV/YAO/05/2)
10.45 to 11.00	Questions
11.00 to 11.30	Plant variety protection in the European Community – an opportunity for African plant breeders Mr. Bart Kiewiet, President of the Community Plant Variety Office (CPVO), France (UPOV/YAO/05/3)

11.30 to 12.15            General discussion

12.15                      Closing remarks  
Mr. Raouf Ghariani

**13:00 – 16:00 Seminar on Cotton Seeds (AFSTA/SYNGENTA)**

**Seminar on Cotton**  
AFSTA Conference

**Improvement of seed quality and biotechnological methods to optimise cotton productivity**

**Programme**

<b>Seed quality improvement &amp; technology of seed treatment Benoît HUSSHERR (Product Manager Seed Treatment)</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	
13.00 – 13.10	Introduction	Henri MATRAY Syngenta Agro AG
13.10 – 13.30	Seed quality and delinting	Benoît HUSSHERR Syngenta Agro AG
13.30 – 14.00	CRUISER / MAXIM XL: The Syngenta solution for seed treatment	Benoît HUSSHERR Syngenta Agro AG
14.00 – 14.20	Technology of seed treatment: Syngenta's services offer	Benoît HUSSHERR Syngenta Agro AG
14.20 – 14.40	Break	
14.40 – 14.50	Example of partnership Syngenta / Cotton channel in Burkina Faso	Henri MATRAY Syngenta Agro AG
<b>Position of the biotechnology within the cotton programmes: VipCot of Syngenta Henri MATRAY (Crop Manager Cotton Africa, Middle East, Europe, Central Asia)</b>		
14.50 – 15.00	Introduction : Syngenta's position regarding biotechnology	Henri MATRAY Syngenta Agro AG
15.00 – 15.30	Presentation of VipCot de Syngenta and first results	Henri MATRAY Syngenta Agro AG
15.30 – 15.50	Legal frame	K. MACHABA Syngenta Seeds RSA
15.50 – 16.30	Discussions	
17.00 - 20.00	Syngenta cocktail at hotel	

**16:00 – 18:00 AFSTA BOARD MEETING**

**15:00 – 18:00 REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION DESK**

**March 16, 2005**

**08:00 – 9:00 REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION DESK**

**9:00 – 11:00 OPENING CEREMONY**

- Master of ceremony: Seed Trade Association of Cameroon
- Welcome speech and overview of the Cameroonian seed industry by Mr. Guy Blaise Satsa, Chairman of the National Organizing Committee of AFSTA Congress 2005, Cameroon.
- Speech by Mr. Raouf Ghariani, President of AFSTA, Tunisia
- Speech by the Minister for Agriculture of the Republic of Cameroon
- Handover of AFSTA flag to Uganda, host of AFSTA Congress in 2006 followed by the speech by M. Emmanuel Gareboo, Chairman of Uganda Seed Trade Association.

**11:00 – 11:30 Coffee/Tea Break**

**PLENARY SESSION (11:30 – 12:30)**

**Session 1:**

- **Time:** 11:30 – 12:30
- **Topic:** Vegetable seed trade in Africa: economic importance, market analysis and way forwards
- **Speaker:** Mr. Marcel Bakak, Head of Plant Quarantine, Ministry of Agriculture, Cameroon
- **Moderator:** Mark Sachs, South African National Seed Organization, South Africa.

**12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break**

**Session 2:**

- **Time:** 14:00 – 15:00

- **Topic:** Intellectual Property Rights
- **Speaker:** Mr. Paul Senghor, Senegal
- **Moderator:** Mr. Enock Chivaka, Chairman of the Seed Trade Association of Malawi.

**Session 3:** 15:00 – 16:00

- **Topic:** Material Transfer Agreement (MTA)
- **Speaker:** Mr. François Burgaud, Seed Inter-professional National Grouping (GNIS), France.
- **Moderator:** Ms. Josephine Okot, Uganda Seed Trade Association, Uganda

**16:00 – 16:30 Coffee/Tea break**

**Session 4:**

- **Time:** 16:30 – 17:30
- **Topic:** Technical committees (plenary session)
- **Moderator:** Mr. Raouf Ghariani, Chairman of Tunisia Seed Trade Association

**19:00 – 22:00 GALA DINNER**

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

**March 17, 2005**

**08:00 – 9:00 REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION DESK**

**PLENARY SESSION (08:30 – 12:30)**

**Session 1:**

- **Time:** 08:30 – 10:00
- **Topic:** Accreditation
- **Speaker:** Mr. Mark Condon, American Seed Trade Association, USA
- **Moderator:** Mr. Eddy Randrianatsimbazafy, Malagasy Seed Trade Association, Madagascar

**10:00 – 10:30 Coffee/Tea Break**

**Session 2:**

- **Time:** 10:30 – 12:00
- **Topic:** Arbitration
- **Speaker:** Mr. Bernard Le Buanec, International Seed Federation, Switzerland
- **Moderator:** Mr. Hatem Quneby, Egyptian Seed Association, Egypt

**12:00 – 14:00 Lunch break**

**14:00 – 16:00 PLENARY SESSION**

**Session 3:**

- **Time:** 14:00 – 15:00
- **Topic:** Biosafety regulations and stewardship
- **Speaker:** Mr. Walter Loubser, South African National Seed Organization, South Africa
- **Moderator:** Mr. Amadou M. Djigo, Chairman of the Senegalese Seed Association, Senegal

**Session 4:**

- **Time:** 15:00 – 16:00
- **Topic:** Coexistence of non-GM seeds and GM seeds (adventitious presence)
- **Speaker:** Mr. Fred van der Post, Biotechnologist, Pannar Seed
- **Moderator:** Mr. Marcel Kanungwe, Zambia Seed Trade Association, Zambia

**16:00 – 16:30 Coffee/Tea Break**

**16:30 – 17:30 TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING**

**March 18, 2005**

**08:00 – 9:00 REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION DESK**

**09:00 – 12:00 AFSTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2005**

**Chairmanship:** M. Raouf Ghariani – Chairman of AFSTA

## 12:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

**Disclaimers:** *In the event that speakers or services indicated on the program become unavailable, the Organizing Committee will make every effort to provide alternatives of equal standard and value, but cannot be held responsible for failure if such alternatives cannot be ensured.*

### REGISTRATION FEE

	AFSTA MEMBERS	Non-AFSTA MEMBERS
<b>1- For delegate:</b>		
• Before 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan. 2004	US\$ 390	US\$ 490
• After 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan. 2004	US\$ 440	US\$ 540
<b>2- For accompanying person:</b>		
• Before 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan. 2004	US\$ 100	US\$ 200
• After 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan. 2004	US\$ 150	US\$ 250

### Registration fees for participants cover the following:

- Reception at Yaoundé airport and transportation from the Airport to the hotel
- Participation in all congress activities
- Documents for the congress and the proceedings of the Congress
- Lunches for three days
- All breaks and refreshments
- Access to the trading and exhibition rooms
- Participation in the opening ceremony and the gala dinner

On-line registration is possible through AFSTA website: [www.afsta.org](http://www.afsta.org)

### Please, make your financial transaction to the following bank account:

- **Bank:** Crédit Lyonnais Cameroun SA
- **Account Name:** AFSTA Congress 2005
- **Account number:** 30 034765 2 300 000
- **Bank code:** 30002
- **Code guichet:** 30
- **Swift code:** CRLYCMCXADLA

### CANCELLATION POLICY

- All registrations are final and no refund will be made for any cancellation
- Substitutions for persons who cancel are acceptable, provided that such notification is confirmed in writing / e-mail.

### ACCOMMODATION

The congress hotel is "Djeuga Palace". Two other hotels, which are situated at walking distance from Djeuga Palace, are available at cheaper rate.

The hotel rates without breakfast but inclusive of taxes are:

- Djeuga Palace Hotel:
  - Suite Junior: US\$ 190
  - Double room: US\$ 99
  - Single room: US\$ 99

Breakfast is not included and costs US\$ 12

- Mercure Hotel:
  - Double room: US\$ 75
  - Single room: US\$ 75

Breakfast is not included and costs US\$ 10

- Somatel Hotel
  - Double room: US\$ 65
  - Single room: US\$ 65

Breakfast included

**A non-refundable deposit of US\$ 100 is required for hotel reservation**

## LANGUAGE

The languages used will be English and French with simultaneous translation.

## MEALS

Three lunches will be served at the congress hotel whose costs are included in the registration fee.

## PRE AND POST CONGRESS TOUR AND ACCOMPANYING PERSONS' PROGRAM

Costs and details for the program of pre- and post-congress tours are available on [www.afsta.org](http://www.afsta.org)

## EXHIBITION SPACE AND TRADING ROOM

- The exhibition space and trading room will be open on March 16, 2004 afternoon, on March 17, 2005 the whole day and in the morning on March 18, 2005
- A minimum unit of exhibition space of **0.8 X 2 = 1.6 m<sup>2</sup>** at the cost of **US\$ 300** will be available for participants who wish to exhibit.

## INTERNET SERVICE

- Internet service will be available

## ELECTRICITY

- Please note that the power supply in Cameroon is 220 V. If you plan to use your computer or other devices in Tunisia, make sure that you have the appropriate adaptor.

### **ENTRANCE VISA**

Please ensure that you have a valid visa, should you require one. If you need any assistance, please feel free to contact the AFSTA Congress 2005 Secretariat at the addresses below. The entrance visa can be obtained at the airport of Yaoundé for the participants. The NOC members will be there to assist you for the visa.

- **Contact person:** Mr. Guy Blaise Satsa
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### **HEALTH**

Yellow fever vaccine is required