Sunday 1st March 2020
14:00 – 18:00 Registration and information desk open (Space near Tonga/Lozi rooms)

GOLF TOURNAMENT (Sponsored by Seed Co. International)
(At Elephant Hills Resort in the Republic of Zimbabwe)

Monday 2nd March 2020
14:00 – 18:00 Registration and information desk open (Space near Tonga/Lozi rooms)
7:30 – 13:00 THE FIRST AFSTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING (Tonga/Lozi rooms)
14:00 – 18:00 SEED ASSOCIATIONS’ MEETING (Tonga/Lozi rooms)

Tuesday 3rd March 2020
08:00 – 17:00 Registration and information desk open (Space near Tonga/Lozi rooms)
08:00 – 18:00 Trading rooms open
- Reserved: Zebra and Giraffe rooms
- Unreserved: Lion room

09:00 – 11:30 SEED TREATMENT WORKSHOP (Elephant room)
09:00 – 09:15 Welcome
09:15 – 10:25 Latest fungicide and insecticide innovations for seed treatment
  - Major diseases & pests: Dr. Ivan Rwomushana, CAB
10:25 – 10:45 Importance of seed treatment application quality monitoring
10:45 – 11:15 Zambia seed industry waste management initiative
11:15 – 11:30 Coffee/tea break
11:30 – 12:00 Panel discussion

14:00 – 18:00 MEETING OF SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (Elephant room)
14:00 – 14:10 Opening Remarks by the AFSTA President, Mr. Riadh Gabsi.

Session 1:
- Time: 14:10 – 14:30
- Topic: Regional Pest List
- Speaker: COMESA, EAC and ECOWAS
• **Moderator:** Dr. Takemore Chagomoka, Chair Special Interest Vegetable Group (SIGV)

**Session 2:**
- **Time:** 14:30 – 14:50
- **Topic:** DNA sequencing technology to fight seed borne pathogens
- **Speaker:** Dr. Joseph Nduguru, Tanzania Research Institute
- **Moderator:** Dr. Takemore, Chagomoka, Chair SIGV

**Session 3:**
- **Time:** 14:50 – 15:10
- **Topic:** Information on genome editing
- **Speaker:** Mr. Mark Cool, Corteva Agriscience
- **Moderator:** Dr. Karim Traoré, Chair Special Interest Group Field Crops (SIGFC)

**Session 4:**
- **Time:** 15:10 – 15:25
- **Topic:** Information on Seed Statistics
- **Speaker:** Mr. Francois Burgaud, GNIS
- **Moderator:** Mrs. Grace Gitu, AFSTA

15:25 – 15:50 **Discussion** (Moderated by Dr. Takemore Chagomoka)

15:50 – 16:20 **Coffee/Tea Break**

**Session 5:**
- **Time:** 16:20 – 16:40
- **Topic:** Updates on Management of FAW and MLN
- **Speaker:** Dr. Prasanna Maruthi Boddupalli, CIMMYT
- **Moderator:** Dr. Karim Traoré, Chair SIGFC

**Session 6:**
- **Time:** 16:40 – 17:00
- **Topic:** Eco-friendly approaches for plant health management in vegetable production in Africa
- **Speaker:** Dr. Srinivasan Ramasamy, World Vegetable Center (the WorldVeg)
- **Moderator:** Dr. Takemore Chagomoka, Chair SIGV

17:00 – 18:00 **Discussion and way forward** (Moderated by Dr. Takemore Chagomoka and Dr. Karim Traoré)

19:00 – 22:00 **RECEPTION COCKTAIL** *(Sponsored by Syngenta Seedcare)*

Please note the bus will leave from Protea Hotel at 19:00 hours and from Courtyard Hotel at 19:15 hours. Then it will leave from Avani hotel at 23:00 hours
Wednesday 4th March 2020

08:00 – 17:30 Registration and information desk open (Space near Tonga/Lozi rooms)
08:00 – 13:00 TRADING ROOMS CLOSED FROM 8:00 TO 13:00 HOURS
EXHIBITION BOOTH CLOSED FROM 8:00 TO 11:00 Hours

13:00 – 18:00 Trading rooms and Exhibition Booths open
- Reserved: Zebra and Giraffe rooms
- Unreserved: Lion room

09:00 – 11:00 OPENING CEREMONY (Elephant room)
- Welcome Speech and Overview of the seed sector of Zambia by Mrs. Grace Bwanali, Chairperson of the Zambia Seed Trade Association (ZASTA);
- Presentation of the activities of AFSTA for 2019 by Mr. Justin J. Rakotoarisaona, Secretary General of AFSTA;
- Speech by Mr. Riadh Gabsi, President of AFSTA;
- Keynote address by Dr. Nathaniel Tum, First President and Life time member of AFSTA (at the occasion of 20th AFSTA Anniversary);
- Opening speech by the Guest of honor from the Government of Zambia;
- Invitation to the AFSTA congress 2021, Mr. Ahmed Ouayach, Chairman of the Moroccan National Seed Federation (FNIS);
- Projection of promotional video on the AFSTA congress 2021

11:00 – 13:00 Booth viewing and coffee/tea/lunch break
(Sponsored by Kamano Seed, Zambia)

13:00 – 15:00 PLENARY SESSIONS (Elephant room)

Session 1:
- **Time:** 13:00 – 14:00
- **Topic:** The African seed industry in the era of innovation in agriculture
- **Speakers:**
  - Mr. Kulani Machaba, Corteva Agriscience
  - Mr. John McMurdy, CropLife International
  - Dr Rufus Ebegba, National Biosafety Management Agency, Nigeria
- **Moderator:** Mr. Denias Zaranyika, AFSTA board member from Zimbabwe

Session 2:
- **Time:** 14:00 – 15:00
- **Topic 2:** Highlights on the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (ITPGRFA): Standard Material Transfer Agreement (SMTA) and Farmers’ Rights
- **Speakers:**
  - Mr. Kent Nnadozie, Secretary to ITPGRFA, Rome – Italy
Mrs. Hélène Khan Niazi, International Seed Federation (ISF), Switzerland

Moderator: Mr. François Burgaud, AFSTA Board member from France

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee/Tea Break
(Sponsored by AFRISEED)

15:30 – 17:30 AFSTA COMMITTEE MEETINGS (AFSTA members only and registration with AFSTA Secretariat required – Elephant room)

Meeting 1:
- Time: 15:30 – 16:30
- Committee: Plant Breeding Innovation
- Chair: Mr. Kulani Machaba, AFSTA Board member from South Africa

Meeting 2:
- Time: 16:30 – 17:30
- Committee: West Africa
- Chair: Mr. Amadou Sarr, Managing Director of Tropicasem

Thursday 5th March 2020
08:30 – 12:30 Registration and information desk open (Space near Tonga/Lozi room)

08:00 – 17:00 TRADING ROOMS (CLOSED AT 17:00 HOURS)
THE EXHIBITION BOOTHs WILL BE DISMANTLED AT 17:00 HOURS

Trading rooms:
- Reserved: Zebra and Giraffe rooms
- Unreserved: Lion room

9:00 – 10:00 PLENARY SESSION (Elephant room)
- Time: 9:00 – 10:00
- Speakers:
  - Mr. Michael Keller, Secretary General of International Seed Federation (ISF), Switzerland
  - Mr Flaubert Nana Sani, Pathologist – AU-IAPSC; Cameroon
  - East African Seed Co. Ltd
- Moderator: Mr. Ibrahim Abdullahi, AFSTA Board member from Nigeria

10:00 – 10:30 Coffee/Tea Break
10:30 – 12:30 AFSTA COMMITTEE MEETING *(AFSTA members only and registration with AFSTA Secretariat required – Elephant room)*

**Meeting 1:**
- **Time:** 10:30 – 11:30
- **Committee:** Members services and partnership
- **Chair:** Mr. Riadh Gabsi, AFSTA President

**Meeting 2:**
- **Time:** 11:30 – 12:30
- **Committee:** Communication and Advocacy
- **Chair:** Mr. Denias Zaranyika, AFSTA Board member from Zimbabwe

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

- **Time:** 14:00 – 15:00
- **Topic:** Progress on the implementation of the harmonized seed regulations at the Regional Economic Communities (EAC, ECOWAS, COMESA and SADC)
- **Speakers:** Representatives of the RECs
- **Moderator:** Mr. Given Mudenda, AFSTA Board member from Zambia

15:00 – 17:30 AFSTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2020 *(Elephant room)*
- 15:00 – 15:30 Registration to the General Assembly 2020 (AFSTA members only)
- 15:30 – 17:30 AFSTA General Assembly 2020
- **Chairman:** Mr. Riadh Gabsi – President of the African Seed Trade Association (AFSTA)

17:30 – 18:30 THE SECOND AFSTA BOARD MEETING *(Tonga/Lozi rooms)*

19:30 – 23:00 GALA DINNER *(Sponsored by Corteva Agriscience)*

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- **Place:** Avani Hotel and Resort
- **Dress code:** Formal or Traditional
- **Seating arrangement:** Free sitting
- **Handover of the AFSTA flag to Morocco, host of AFSTA congress 2021**