



# AFSTA CONGRESS 2020 PROGRAM

1<sup>ST</sup> TO 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2020 – LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA



## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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
- **Topic:** Latest developments on the Phytosanitary Measures for the seed industry: The African context.
- **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*)

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 Victoria Falls Resort at 23:00 hours

- **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**