AFSTA CONGRESS 2024 PROGRAM
4th to 6th March 2024 – Mombasa, Kenya

Sunday 3rd March 2024
GOLF TOURNAMENT (Nyali Golf club – Mombasa)
14:00 – 17:30 THE FIRST AFSTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING

Monday 4th March 2023 (Day one)
08:00 – 17:30 Registration and information desk open
13:00 – 17:30 Trading rooms and exhibition booths open

08:30 – 12:30 SEED TREATMENT WORKSHOP

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 – 18:00 MEETING OF SEED ASSOCIATIONS
Chairman: Justin J. Rakotoarisaona
Place: “Room Arabuko 1”

13:30 – 13:40 Opening remarks and presentation of the program
13:40 – 13:50 Updates from ARIPO
13:50 – 14:00 Updates from OAPI
14:00 – 14:10 Updates from UPOV
14:10 – 14:20 Updates from ISTA
14:20 – 14:30 Updates from OECD
14:30 – 14:40 Update from FAO/ITPGRFA

14:40 – 15:00 Coffee/Tea break

15:00 – 17:15 Challenges and opportunities from the Seed Trade Associations – 5 minutes per association.

17:15 – 18:00 Questions and answers and closing remarks

19:00 – 22:00 RECEPTION COCKTAIL – Sponsored by Syngenta Seedcare

Tuesday 5th March 2024 (Day two)
08:00 – 12:00 Registration and information desk open
08:00 – 12:00 Trading rooms and Exhibition booths open
09:00 – 11:30 Opening Ceremony
(Registration and information desk, trading rooms, and Exhibition booths remain closed during the opening ceremony. They will be reopened at 11:30 hours after the opening ceremony)

09:00 – 11:30 OPENING CEREMONY
• Welcome Speech and Overview of the seed sector in Kenya
  o Mr. Wellington Wasike, Chairman of the Seed Trade Association of Kenya (STAK)
• Activities of AFSTA for 2023
  o Mr. Justin J. Rakotoarisaona, Secretary General of AFSTA
• AFSTA President’s address
  o Dr. Kulani Machaba, President of AFSTA
• Opening speech
  o Representative from the Government of Kenya, Guest of honor
• Invitation and projection of promotional video on the AFSTA congress 2025
  o TBA

11:30 – 12:30  Booth viewing, refreshment break and trading session
12:30 – 13:30  Lunch break

13:30 – 17:30  MEETING OF SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS AND COMMITTEE REPORT

15:00 – 15:30  Tea/Coffee break

Wednesday 6th March 2024 (Day three)
08:00 – 14:00  Registration and information desk open
08:00 – 14:00  Trading rooms and Exhibition booths open

08:30 – 12:30  PLENARY SESSIONS

Session 1:  08:30 – 10:00
• Topic: Trends and emerging seed technologies to address various constraints of agriculture in Africa (30-minute presentation followed by an hour of panel discussion)
• Speaker / Panelists: To be identified
• Moderator: Dr. Kulani Machaba, AFSTA President

10:00 – 10:30  Tea/Coffee break

Session 2:  10:30 – 12:00
• Topic: What needs to be improved to promote seed trade in Africa? Analyzing technical and socio-economic context hampering the adoption rates of high quality seed by farmers.
• Speakers/Panel discussion: To be identified
• Moderator: Mr. Clive Mugadza, AFSTA Board member from Tanzania

Session 3:  12:00 – 13:30
• Topic: Progress on the implementation of the harmonized seed regulations at the Regional Economic Communities (EAC, ECOWAS, COMESA, SADC) and the African Union (African Continental Free Trade Area – AfCFTA)
  o Status of harmonization: highlight of successes and challenges
• Speakers
  o Representatives of the Regional Economic Communities and the African Union (10-minute presentation each followed by Question-and-Answer session)
• Moderator: Mr. Amadou Sarr, AFSTA Vice President

13:30 – 14:30  Lunch break

14:30 – 16:30  AFSTA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
16:30 – 18:00 THE SECOND AFSTA BOARD MEETING

19:00 – 23:00 GALA DINNER
Dress code: Formal

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