AFSTA CONGRESS 2024 PROGRAM
3rd to 6th March 2024 – Mombasa, Kenya

Sunday 3rd March 2024

15:00 – 18:00 THE FIRST AFSTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING
15:00 – 17:30 Registration and information desk open

Monday 4th March 2023 (Day one)

08:00 – 17:30 Registration and information desk open
10:00 – 17:30 Trading rooms and exhibition booths open

08:30 – 11:30 SEED TREATMENT WORKSHOP

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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 – Ms Flora Panju, Head of Substantive Search and Examination of ARIPO
13:50 – 14:00 Updates from OAPI - Mr. Vladimir Mezui – Patent Examiner
14:00 – 14:10 Updates from UPOV – Mrs. Yolanda Huerta – Vice-Secretary General of UPOV
14:10 – 14:20 Updates from ISTA – Dr. Andreas Wais - Secretary General of ISTA
14:20 – 14:30 Updates from OECD – Head of OECD Seed Scheme
14:30 – 14:40 Update from FAO/ITPGRFA – Mr. Kent Nnadozie, Secretary of the ITPGRFA
14:40 – 14:50 “CGIAR Seed Equal”; Driving PPPs to deliver genetic gains to smallholder farmers in Africa – Dr, Chris Ojiewo from CIMMYT
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. Wellingtone 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
• ISF centenary reflections: 24 Years of collaborative efforts with AFSTA to enhance access to quality seed in Africa.
  o Mr. Michael Keller, Secretary General of ISF
• Invitation and projection of promotional video on the AFSTA congress 2025
  o Mr. Innocent Namuhoranye, Chairman of the National Seed Trade Association of Rwanda

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

Co-Chairs/moderators: Dr. Karim Traore and Dr. Takemore Chagomoka

13:40 – 14:00 Report of the SIG activities.
14:00 – 14:30 Updates on the African Vegetable Breeding Consortium.
14:30 – 14:50 Questions and answers session.
14:50 – 15:10 Status of the African Seed and Biotechnology Partnership Platform developments

15:10 – 15:25 Tea/Coffee break

15:25 – 15:45 African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) update. By Dr. Diana Akullo Ogwal, Directorate of Trade in Goods and Competition, AfCFTA Secretariat
  o Organization and role
  o Status of the implementation
15:45 – 16:00 Update of Feed The Future: African Seed Trade Project
16:00 – 16:15 Setting a platform of cooperation with International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) and AFSTA members (African Cereal and legumes Breeding Consortium).
16:15 – 16:30 Questions and answers session
16:30 – 17:30  Report of the AFSTA committees on their activities.

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:** Dr. Canisius Kanangire, Director of African Agricultural Technology Transfer Foundation (AATF)

• **Panelists:**
  o Ms. Betty Kiplagat, Government and Industry Affairs Leader, Africa and Middle East, Corteva Agriscience
  o Mr. Garlich von Essen, Secretary General of Euroseeds
  o Mr. Guido Ramirez, Global Biologicals Business Development, Syngenta Seedcare

• **Moderator:** Mr. Cosmas Kyengo, Seedcare Strategy & Key Account Manager, Africa & Middle East.

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.

• **Speaker:** Dr. Solomon Assefa Gizaw, Director of Technology for African Agriculture Transformation (TAAT – IITA), Benin.

• **Panelists:**
  o Mr. Tony Gathungu, Global Head of Seeds2B, Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture
  o Mrs. Magdeleen Cilliers – Policy and Research Manager, SANSOR, South Africa
  o Mr. Will Rogers – Managing Director, RESOURCED

• **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. Raman Sehgal, AFSTA Board member from Egypt

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

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