



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26TH, 2023

# THE SECOND LEADERSHIP CONSULTATION MEETING

NARES - CGIAR - AIDE MEMOIRE

DAILY PROGRAM  
HOSTED BY CGIAR GENETIC INNOVATION  
Radisson Blu Hotel, Marrakech

TIME	AGENDA	Speakers	Facilitator
8:30 - 9:00	Welcome address: Introduction to the day and outlining purpose and structure of the side event.	Dr Faouzi Bekkaoui (INRA) and Dr Sonja Vermeulen (CGIAR)	
9:00 - 10:45	<b>Session I – What has happened thus far?</b>		
9:00 - 9:20	Objectives of the Nairobi Aide Memoire, Key developments, Challenges and Observations since 2022.	Dr Biswanath Das (CGIAR)	Dr Biswanath Das (CGIAR)
9:20 - 9:30	CWANA Aide Memoire	Dr Michael Baum (CGIAR)	
9:30 - 9:45	PABRA: Lessons learnt from 25 years of partnership	Dr Jean Claude Rubyogo (CGIAR)	
9:45 - 10:00	East and Southern Africa potato network: Bottom-up approach to priority setting	Dr Taye Tadesse (EIAR), Dr Thiago Mendes (CGIAR)	
9:50 - 10:15	West and Central Africa millet network: Defining network member roles in regional networks aligned to their capacity	Dr Maryam Abba Dawud (WACCI), Dr Harish Gandhi (CGIAR)	
10:05 - 10:30	Discussion / Reflections on Progress being made.		
10:30 - 11:00	Group photo + coffee break		
11:00 - 13:00	<b>Session II - SRO and ARI alignment</b>		
11:00 - 11:10	Introduction to the session and desired outcomes	Dr Robin Buruchara (External consultant)	Dr Robin Buruchara (CGIAR)
11:10 - 11:35	Alignment with SRO strategy: Defining regional crop and research priorities in Eastern Africa, Southern Africa, and West and Central Africa: <i>What are the crops and research priorities for the regions and on what basis were these priorities derived?</i>  How are SROs supporting regional breeding efforts?  What actions can be taken to strengthen collaboration and ensure alignment with CGIAR and regional breeding networks?	Dr Ousmane Ndoye (CORAF) representing ASARECA, CORAF, FARA, AGRA	
11:35 - 11:50	Alignment with ARIs:  What are the ARI regional strategies and priorities for breeding and capacity development? What actions can be taken to strengthen collaboration and ensure alignment with CGIAR and regional breeding networks?	Dr Eric Danquah (WACCI)	
11:50 - 12:10	<i>How does CGIAR's breeding work align and collaborates with regional strategies?</i>  <i>How does CGIAR's breeding work consider and reflect regions' priority crops?</i>	Dr Baboucarr Manneh (CGIAR)	
12:10 - 12:30	Discussion, summary of next actions, and decisions made	Dr Robin Buruchara (External consultant)	

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12:30 - 13:30	Lunch		
13:30 - 17:00	<b>Session III – Areas that need further attention, how do we measure progress?</b>		
13:30 - 13:40	Outline of the session	Dr Busiso Mavankeni (DR&SS)	
13:40 to 14:10	Where is progress being made and suggestions for accelerating partnerships and collaboration? <i>NARES feedback from Eastern Africa, Southern Africa, and West and Central Africa: what is working well, what needs improvement?</i>	Dr Godfrey Asea (NARO), Dr Busiso Mavankeni (DR&SS), Professor Mohammed F. Ishiyaku (IAR, Nigeria)	Dr Busiso Mavankeni (DR&SS)
14:10 - 15:00	Plenary response and discussion	Plenary	
15:00 - 15:20	Coffee break		
15:20 - 16:00	Breakout discussion  Based on the day's discussions, what are the key insights and the three most important areas to prioritize moving forward? What are the key indicators that demonstrate we are making progress and achieving our goals in improving CGIAR-NARES collaboration?	Suggested breakout groups	Dr Godfrey Asea (NARO)
16:00 - 16:30	Reporting back: Insights on key progress indicators (10 mins per group)	Breakout Group Representatives (to be notified on the day)	
16:30 - 17:00	Discussion, summary of next actions, and decisions made	Plenary	
17:00 - 17:30	Remarks from leadership	Dr John Derera (CGIAR), Dr Michael Quinn (CGIAR), Dr Ian Barker (CGIAR), Dr Rufaro Madakadze (AGRA), Dr Geoffrey Mkamilo (TARI), Dr Hamidou Traore (INERA)	
17:30 - 17:45	Agreed next steps and endorsing conclusions of discussions	Dr Robin Buruchara (External consultant), Dr Busiso Mavankeni (DR&SS)	Dr Biswanath Das (CGIAR)
17:45 - 18:00	Thank you and formal closing	Dr Faouzi Bekkaoui (INRA) (TBD), Dr Sonja Vermeulen (CGIAR), and Professor Mohammed F. Ishiyaku (IAR, Nigeria)	