



INITIATIVE ON

Diversification in East
and Southern Africa

PROGRAM

Ukama Ustawi Pause and Reflect 2023

6 February 2024

09:00 – 18:00 EAT | Azage Room

09:00 - 09:20

Welcome

Facilitator: Dr Inga Jacobs-Mata, Initiative Lead and IWMI Director of Water-Growth and Inclusion

Welcome: Dr Namukolo Covic, ILRI Director General's Representative in Ethiopia

Opening Remarks: Dr Maya Rajasekharan, Alliance Bioversity & CIAT (ABC) Managing Director for Africa

09:20 - 09:50

Ice Breaker

Playful Solutions

09:50 - 11:00

UU Overview and Highlights from 2023

Speakers: UU Leadership Team/Partners

11:00 - 11:20

Tea Break/Group Photo

11:20 - 12:20

Networking Activity

Playful Solutions

12:20 - 13:00

Role of the RILs in Linking CGIAR Science and Impact in Regions

Dr Maya Rajasekharan, ABC Managing Director for Africa

Dr Evan Girvetz, Ukama Ustawi Initiative Co-Lead and CIAT Principal Scientist and Global Program Leader

13:00 - 14:00

Lunch

14:00 - 16:00

World Cafe: Cross-WP Collaboration for 2024

16:00 - 17:00

Group Feedback Session

Nora Hanke-Louw, UU Project Coordinator, and Deputy Country Representative, IWMI South Africa

17:00 - 17:30

Day's Reflection

Playful Solutions

18:00

Cocktail

Venue: IRLI Main Cafeteria





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Pedro Chilambe, CIAT, UU WP 2 Co-lead, Research Team Leader, Climate Action

Dr Harold Roy-Macauley, CGIAR Managing Director, Regions and Partnerships

09:30 - 10:30

Working in Partnerships to Transform Agrifood System

Partner Survey Result Feedback, Nora Hanke-Louw, UU Project Coordinator, and Deputy Country Representative, IWMI South Africa
Moderated by Dr Inga Jacobs-Mata, Initiative Lead and IWMI Director of Water-Growth and Inclusion

10:30 - 11:00

Tea/Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:00

World Cafe: Country Coordination

Group 1: Konso Room

Group 2&3: Azage Room

Group 4&5: Info Center Room

12:00 - 12:30

Group Feedback Session

Facilitator: Nora Hanke-Louw, UU Project Coordinator, and Deputy Country Representative, IWMI South Africa

12:30 - 13:30

Lunch

13:30 - 17:30

Innovations: The Diversity & Transformation Game

Playful Solutions

16:30 - 16:50

Closing & Vote of Thanks

Dr Ojongetakah Enokenwaa Baa, IWMI Postdoctoral Fellow - Gender and Social Inclusion (GESI) Agribusiness, Governance and Inclusion

Dr Blessing Mhlana, CIMMYT, PDF, Cropping Systems Agronomist, SAS

Pedro Chilambe, CIAT, Research Team Leader, Climate Action

Vote of Thanks: Dr Inga Jacobs-Mata, Initiative Lead and IWMI Director of Water-Growth and Inclusion





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8 February 2024

09:00 – 18:00 EAT | Azage Room

09:00 - 09:20

Opening Remarks

Dr Inga Jacobs-Mata, Ukama Ustawi Lead, and Director Water, Growth and Inclusion, IWMI

09:20 - 10:20

Country Convenor Experiences in ESA: Lessons Learned on Implementation of CGIAR Initiative Portfolio In-country (Venue: Azage Room)

ESA Country Convenors

10:20 - 11:00

Role of Country Convenors in Science Coordination Under the RII

Interactive discussion between ESA
Country Convenors and UU Leadership
team

11:00 - 11:30

Wrap-Up

Agreement on next steps

09:20 - 11:30

Parallel Session: Communication Working Session (Venue: Konso Room)

Facilitator: Phindiwe Nkosi,
Communications and
Knowledge Management
Expert, IWMI

Hybrid Working Session:
Maximise Communications
for UU in 2024



11:30 - 11:45

Group Photo

11:45 - 12:30

Media Engagements

UU WP Leads, ESA Country Convenors attending in person

12:30 - 13:30

Lunch

13:30 - 14:00

UU in Ethiopia: In-focus

Dr Amare Hailelassie, Initiative Ethiopia Lead, IWMI Principal
Researcher for Sustainable and Resilient Food Production Systems

14:00 - 15:00

ILRI Campus Tour

15:00 - 17:00

Side Meetings

