

Conseil Ouest et Centre Africain pour
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West and Central African Council for
Agricultural Research and Development

CORAF/WECARD Agricultural Science Week

June 9 to 13, 2008

Theme: Focus on Producers and end-users of
Agricultural Research and Development

Draft Program

Program before the Agriculture Science Week

Wednesday 4 and Thursday 5 June 2008

CORAF/WECARD Scientific & Technical Committee

Friday 5 to Sunday 7 June, 2008

CORAF/WECARD Governing Board

Program of the Agriculture Science Week and General Assembly

Time	Activity	Presenter
DAY ONE		
Monday June 9, 2008		
	Opening Session: Focus on Producers and end-users of Agricultural Research and Development	Moderator: to be identified by IRAD Rapporteurs: to be identified by IRAD
09h00 – 09h15	Welcome Address	Dr Simon Zok, Director General IRAD
09h15 – 09h30	Moving forward - Address by CORAF/WECARD	Prof Emmanuel Owusuh- Bennoah, Chairman of CORAF/WECARD, & DG of CSIR, Ghana
09h30 – 10h00	Goodwill message from CEEAC Goodwill message from ECOWAS Goodwill message from UEMOA Goodwill message from CEMAC	
10h00 – 10h40	Keynote Address: Producers and end-users of Agricultural Research and Development	Dr Kanayo Nwanze Vice President, International Fund Agricultural Development
10h40 – 11h00	Opening address	Camerounian Minister of Scientific Research and Innovation – Mme Madeleine TCHUENTE
11h00 – 11h05	Group Photograph	
11h05 – 11h30	Coffee Break & Visit to stands	

	Session I: Improving Agricultural Productivity in Africa - shifting to a new paradigm	Moderator: An IRAD staff to be proposed Rapporteur:
11h30 - 12h00	Subsidiarity principles in regional and sub-regional agricultural research cooperation	Dr Monty Jones, Executive Director, Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa
12h00 – 12h30	Discussions	
12h30 – 14h00	Lunch Side event 1: Lunch presentation on African Biosafety Network of Expertise	Prof Aggrey Ambali, Coordinator of NEPAD’s Biosciences Initiative
Session II Role of Agricultural Biotechnology & Biosafety		
14h00 – 14h30		Lead presenter: :Dr Yaye Kène Gassama DIA, UCAD, Dakar;
14h30 – 15h30	Role of Agricultural Biotechnology & Biosafety in food security and income generation in WCA	Panel of discussants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Harold ROY- MACAULEY, Director ICRAF Mali - Prof Abdourahamane SANGARE, Biotechnology Coordinator CORAF/WECARD Côte d’Ivoire - Prof. Walter ALHASSAN, FARA, Accra - Dr Jojo BAIDU-FORSON, Regional Director - Bioversity International, Nairobi - Dr. Joseph MABANZA, Responsable du Centre de Recherche sur les améliorations génétiques, Congo Brazzaville - Dr Samuel NZIETCHUENG, Directeur de Recherche, MINRESI, Cameroun

15h30 – 16h00	Coffee Break	
16h00 – 17h00	General Discussions	Plenary
17h00 – 18h45	Side Event 2: An inconvenient truth – the crisis of global warming	A video documentary show produced by Al Gore, Former Vice President of the US
19h15	Cocktail offered by CORAF/WECARD	
DAY TWO		
Tuesday June 10, 2008		
	Session III Agricultural productivity in West and Central Africa in the context of climate change, biofuels challenges and food insecurity	Moderator : to be identified : Rapporteurs: to be identified
08h30 – 09h00	Agricultural productivity in West and Central Africa in the context of climate change, biofuels challenges and food insecurity	Lead presenter: Dr Martin BIKIENGA Deputy Executive Secretary CILSS, Ouagadougou
09h00 – 09h40		Panel of discussants: - Dr François NDJELASSILI, IRAF Libreville - Pr. Alfons EMECHEBE, Consultant, Nigeria - Dr. Lambert MOUNDZEO, Specialised in Climate Change, CRAL/DGRST, Congo Brazzaville - IRAD scientist to be identified
09h40- 10h40	General Discussions	Plenary
10h40 – 11h00	Coffee break	

	Session IV Agricultural research marketing	Moderator: to be identified Rapporteurs: to be identified
11h00 – 11h30	Agricultural research marketing	Lead presenter: Dr Papa Abdoulaye Seck, Director General Africa Rice Center, Benin
11h30 – 12h10		Panel of discussants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Tiemoko YO, Director General, CNRA Côte d'Ivoire - Dr Thiendou NIANG, Director, Afrique Communication Service, Dakar, Sénégal - M. Henri OUIKON, Président de la Chambre d'Agriculture, Bangui, RCA - IRAD scientist to be identified
12h10 – 13h00	General Discussions	Plenary
13h00 – 14h00	Lunch break	Ms Lucy Muchoki, Naturally African Platform, World Agroforestry Centre, Nairobi
	Side Event 3: Naturally African Platform	
	Session V Agricultural Knowledge Management	Moderator: to be identified Rapporteurs: to be identified
14h00- 14h30	Agricultural knowledge management	- Lead presenter: Anthony YOUDEOWEI, FARA, Accra
14h30 – 15h10		Panel of discussants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Ibrahim TIEMOGO, CTA - Dr Dominique HONKOUNNOU, Consultant, Bénin - Songhai - PROPAC - ROPPA - IRAD scientist to be identified

15h10 – 15h40	General Discussion	Plenary
15h40 – 16h00	Coffee break	
	Session VI Role of Livestock in poverty reduction in WCA	Moderator: to be identified Rapporteurs: to be identified
16h00 – 16h30	Role of Livestock in poverty reduction	- Lead presenter: Prof Yusuf ABUBAKAR, Executive Secretary of the Agricultural Research Council of Nigeria
16h30 – 17h00		Panel of discussants: - Prof Manjeli YACOUBA, Doyen Faculté Agronomie, Université de Dschang, Cameroun - Prof Abdoulaye GOURO, CIRDES Bobo Dioulasso, Burkina Faso - Dr Hubert GUERIN, CIRAD, France - Dr Mamadou Lamine Dia, CNERV, Mauritania
17h00 – 17h30	General Discussions	Plenary
17h30 -18h30	Side Event 4: Strategic orientations of CIRAD	Who's the lead presenter?

<p style="text-align: center;">DAY THREE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday June 11, 2008</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Session VII</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Cameroon's Day</p>		
08h00 – 09h00	Side Event 5: Promotion of Horticulture	Dr Rémi Kahane, Executive Secretary, Global Horticulture Initiative, The World Vegetable Center, Arusha
	Cameroon's Agriculture	Moderator: to be identified Rapporteurs: to be identified by IRAD
09h00 – 10h00	Presentation of IRAD	Dr Simon Zok, Director General, IRAD, Yaoundé
10h00-10h30	Discussion	Plenary
	Coffee break	
10h30 – 12h30	Exhibitions from Cameroon's Agricultural Research System	
12h30 – 13h30	Lunch Break	
13h30 – 17h00	Field visits Location 1 Location 2 Location 3	
17h00 – 17h30	Return to Hotel	
17h45 – 18h45	Side Event 6 PRASAC Correct title of presentation to be provided	Dr Seiny Boukar Lamine, Cordinator, PRASAC, Ndjamena
20h00	Gala night offered by the Government of Cameroon	

DAY FOUR Thursday June 12, 2008 Session VIII CORAF/WECARD General Assembly		
		Moderator: to be identified Rapporteurs: to be identified
09h00 -09h20	Report of the Governing Board to the General Assembly	Prof Emmanuel Owusuh-Bennoah, Director General, CSIR, Accra, Ghana, and Chairman of CORAF/WECARD
09h20 - 10h10	Report on activities 2006 to 2008	Dr Paco Sereme, Executive Director, CORAF/WECARD
10h10 – 10h40	Coffee Break	
10h40 -12h30	General Discussion	
12h30 – 13h30	Lunch break	
13h30 – 15h30	Extra-ordinary General Assembly	Moderator to be identified Rapporteur to be identified
Session IX: Break-out sessions (Parallel meetings)		
15h30	NARS meeting in parallel session	
	Development Partners meeting in parallel session	
	Scientific Partners meeting in parallel session	
	Regional Economic Communities meeting in parallel session	

17h30 – 19h00	Restitution in plenary of the conclusions and recommendations of the parallel sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restitution of by NARS • Restitution of by Development Partners • Restitution of by Scientific partners • Restitution of by RECs 	Moderator to be identified Rapporteur to be identified
	Friday 13 June, 2008 Session X: Closing session	Chairman of session: to be identified Rapporteur: to be identified
09h00 – 11h00	Presentation discussion and adoption of resolutions of the GA	Chairman of session: to be identified Rapporteur: to be identified
11h00 – 11h30	Coffee	
11h30 – 12h30	Conclusions and Recommendation Vote of thanks 1 Vote of thanks 2 Vote of thanks 3 Closing remarks	
13h00	Lunch break Departure of participants	