

**Program for Virtual Meeting of
 West Africa Sweetpotato Breeding/Seed Community of Practice**
 Wednesday May 27th, Friday May 29th, Monday June 1st, Monday June 3rd,
 Wednesday June 5 th 2020
 0900.am- 11.00pm Ghana West African Time

Objectives:

1. Work towards building a functioning regional sweetpotato Breeding and Seed Community of Practice in West Africa
 2. Strengthen capacity of interested partner programmes in key elements of breeding excellence, including product profiles, stage gate management, trial design and data management
- The Program is a series of 5 Zoom meetings, each 2 hours long, to be held between from May 27th through June 5th, 2020.
 - Each presentation will be no longer than 20 minutes with 10 mins Q&A.
 - Presentations must be sent 24 hours in advance.

Date and Session name	Time	#	Presentations and presenters	Presenter
Wednesday 27th May Regional Breeding/Seed Intro.	0900	1	Opening statements Intro to meeting: objectives, structure and process	DG CORAF R. Ssali/T. Carey
	0945	2	CORAF regional vision/strategy (30 min: 20 min presentation and discussion)	A. Jalloh or CORAF representative
	10.15	3	Operational excellence in plant breeding	Hugo Campos
	10.45	4	Questions and answers	Sue
	11.00		End of session	

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Friday 29th May Concepts in breeding/seed excellence	0900	1	TPEs, product profiles, and stage gates, EIB	Bish Das EIB
	0930	2	Best approaches to trial design and analysis (De Boeck) (30 min; 20 pres, 10 disc)	Bert de Broeck
	10.00	3	Sweetpotatobase, a key element of standardized data management	Simoes Luke Wanjohi
	10.30	4	Break outs in country teams and reporting back to plenary	Sue
	11.00		End of session	
Country team mentoring	16.00		By agreement	

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Monday June 1st Breeding trial design, data management concepts (SOPs and database) and planning	0900	1	Feedback from trial design exercise (Nigeria and Burkina Faso)	Nigeria Burkina Faso
	0930	2	SOPs for data management	Luka Wanjohi
	10.00	3	Experience from cassava with an Annual advancement meeting	Chedozie Egesi
	10.30	4	Plenary	Sue
	11.00		End of session	

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Wednesday June 3rd Seed Systems and Dissemination	0900	1	Stsus in each each country including ccess to OFSP seed	TBD
	0930	2	Scaling RTB crop variety validation and diffusion using farmer citizen science (TRICOT) in Ghana	T. van Mourik
	10.00	3	What is state of the art of seed systems in W. Africa	Margeret McEwan
	10.15	4	What do we want the future of seed systems to look like? Regulatory etc.	Breakout groups Sue
	11.00		End of session	

Date and session name	Time	#	Presentation	Presenter
Friday June 5th 2020 Next steps towards a regional vision	0900	1	Global perspective and next steps	Simone Heck
	0930	2	Regional perspective on way forward to foster sweetpotato for wealth and health	Dr Jalloh or CORAF representative
	10.00	3	Opportunities and next steps for regional strategy	Plenary and Sue
	10.30	4	and how do we see COP going forward and ownership by WA and other institutions and evaluation	Plenary Sue Luka Wanjohi
	11.00		Close of Program	