2023 Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Horticulture Annual Meeting

Trademark Hotel- Limuru Road, Village Market, Nairobi

The objectives of the internal meeting include: a) Provide updates on the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for horticulture projects, (b) identify opportunities for increasing the projects impact and scalability, (c) learn about horticulture, innovative technologies, and its potential impact Africa, South Asia and Central America Regions.

DAY 1 // Monday 22nd May, 2023	
Time	**Session Description**
7:00–8:30	**Breakfast and Registration**
8:30–9:00	**Welcome** ● Dr. David Sarfo Ameyaw, CEO, International Center for Evaluation and Development ● Elizabeth Mitcham, Director, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Horticulture ● Trademark Hotel
9:00–9:45	*Overview of the Innovation Lab for Horticulture* Erin McGuire, Associate Director, Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Horticulture
9:45–10:20	**Group Photo and Tea Break**
MEET THE PROJECTS ROUND 1 // WEST AFRICA REGION	
10:20–10:50	*Enhancing the production and consumption of Indigenous fruits and vegetables to improve diets in Ghana.* Gloria Essilfie - University of Ghana
10:50–11:20	*Youth's Participation in the Production of indigenous vegetables and fruits using climate-smart approaches leveraging locally available resources.* Atanda Oladejo- Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ile -Nigeria.
11:20–11:50	*Promotion of Food and Nutrition security in the West Africa Sub-region through indigenous vegetables neglected and underutilized Fruits and vegetables.* Freda Asem - University of Ghana *Session Moderator: Naalamle Amissah, Regional Hub Manager West Africa.*

	MEET THE PROJECTS ROUND 2 // EAST AFRICA REGION
11:50–12:20	*Enhancing productivity, post-harvest Management and Market Access of African Indigenous Vegetables in Kenya.* Shibia Mumina - Kenya Agricultural & Livestock Research Organization (KALRO)
12:20–12:50	*Development of innovative horticulture technologies for improved income and livelihoods among small scale farmers in Uganda* Robert Kajobe – Muni University, Uganda
12:50–13:20	*Determining the Cost Benefit of Integrating Horticulture into Staple Crop Production in Kenya.* Kwadwo Danso-Mensah- International Centre for Evaluation and Development (ICED) *Session Moderator: Peninah Yumbya, Regional Hub Manager East Africa.*
13:20–14:20	**LUNCH BREAK**
	CRITICAL ENGAGEMENT PROJECTS
14:20–14:50	*Researching informal midstream actors in Rwanda and Nigeria.* Olufolajimi Talabi -WUR
14:50–15:50	*Determining the trade-offs between short and long Horticultural value chains in Kenya.* Willis Owino, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT) & Fridah Githuku, GROOTs, Kenya
15:50–16:20	**TEA BREAK**
16:20–16:50	*Finance Management* *(Keeping receipts, travel, Fly America Act, reporting, key red flags)* Katie Schroeder, Fiscal officer, Innovation Lab for Horticulture
16:50–17:20	*Communication* *(Branding and marking guidelines for PIs and strategy)* Heather Hayashi, Communication manager, Innovation Lab for Horticulture
17:20	**Wrap up and closing**

DAY 2 // Tuesday 23rd May, 2023	
Time	**Session Description**
7:00–8:00	**Breakfast**
8:00–8:30	*Trellis Project Briefing* *(Procedure to request students throughout the trellis project and the engagement of them into the actual Innovation Lab for Horticulture projects.)* Harriet A. Paul, Florida, Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU)
MEET THE PROJECTS ROUND 3 // SOUTH ASIA REGION	
8:30–9:00	*Mitigating soilborne diseases to improve smallholder farmer livelihoods and food security in Nepal.* Ram Bahadur Khadka- Nepal Agricultural Research Council
9:00–9:30	*Empowering Youth Entrepreneurs through appropriate Horticulture Innovations in Nepal (YUVA).* Bishnu Kumar Bishwakarma- FORWARD, Nepal
9:00–9:30	*Production Efficiency and Employment Nexus: Advanced Technology based Urban and Peri-urban Horticulture in Bangladesh and Nepal.* Kalyani Mishra- Agriculture and Forestry University **Session Moderator: *Krishna Sapkota, Regional hub manager South Asia.***
10:00–10:30	**Tea Break**
MEET THE PROJECTS ROUND 4 // CENTRAL AMERICA REGION	
10:30–11:00	*Promoting Small Farm Technologies for Climate Smart Agriculture and Market Access in Guatemala.* José Salvador Vega Prado Leiva- Acceso El Salvado
11:00–11:30	*Promoting technology for horticulture production as adaptation to climate change in Guatemala.* Florencio Rolando Cifuentes **-** Universidad del Valle de Guatemala

11:30–12:00	*Fellowship for Horticulture Research in Honduras* Julio Lopez- Zamorano University **Session Moderator:** *Celia Trejo Ramos, Regional hub manager Central America*
12:00–13:00	**LUNCH BREAK**
	FIELD TOUR
13:00–13:30	*Departure from Trademark Hotel to the University of Nairobi, College of Agriculture and Veterinary Science*
13:30–14:30	*Tour the Food Processing Hub and Innovative Cold Storage Technologies: Research, Training, and demonstration unit at the University if Nairobi*
14:30–15:00	*Leave University of Nairobi to Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO), Kabete Station*
15:00–16:30	*Tour KARLO, Food Crops Research Centre facilities* ● Demonstration Farm Section ● Soil Fertility and Plant Nutrition Section ● Irrigation Drainage and Management of Problem Soil Section ● Socioeconomics and Policy Development
16:30	**Return to Trademark Hotel**
18:45	**Innovation Lab for Horticulture hosted dinner at the Tribes Hotel, Village Market, Gigiri**

DAY 4 // Thursday 25th May, 2023	
Time	**Session Description**
7:00–8:30	**Breakfast and Registration**
8:30–10:30	*On boarding Project PIs* • In-depth training on Piestar for reporting • Expectations for USAID, Feed the Future Indicators and when those are due to USAID and the DDL. Archie Jarman, operations manager, Innovation Lab for Horticulture
10:30–11:00	**Tea Break**
11:00–12:00	*On boarding Project PIs* • USAID Reporting requirements and expectations. • Tracking environmental impact of the project to meet USAID guidelines. Archie Jarman, operations manager, Innovation Lab for Horticulture
12:00–13:00	*PIs working session.* (PIs actual working time on their Project indicators & upload on Piestar.)
13:00–14:00	**LUNCH BREAK**
14:00–15:30	*Collaborative Project Development Discussion* Archie Jarman, operations manager, Innovation Lab for Horticulture
15:30–16:00	**TEA BREAK**
REGIONAL HUB MINI SUMMITS	
16:00–17:00	*Meet up between the PIs and their Respective Regional Hub Managers* (Discuss how to work together at the regional level)
17:00	**Wrap up and closing**

DAY 5 // Friday 26th May, 2023	
Time	**Session Description**
7:00–8:30	**Breakfast and Registration**
8:30–10:00	*Evidence Informed Policy and practices (EIPP)* David Sarfo Ameyaw & Kwadwo Danso-Mensah-ICED
10:00–10:30	**TEA BREAK**
10:30–12:30	*Training on GenderUp* (GenderUp supports project and research teams in scaling agricultural innovations in a gender responsible way) Erin McGuire, Associate Director, Innovation Lab for Horticulture
12:30–13:00	*Closing Remarks* • Peninah Yumbya- East Africa Regional Hub Manager • Erin McGuire, Associate Director, Innovation Lab for Horticulture
13:00–14:00	**LUNCH**

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