

THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF WASNET

21 to 24 February 2006, la Palm Royal Beach Hotel
Accra, Ghana

Tentative Program

Monday, February 20th 2006

Time	Topic
15:00 - 19:00	Registration of participants

Tuesday, February 21st 2006

07:30 - 09:00	Registration of participants (con't)
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Official Opening Ceremony

Time : 9 :00 AM
Venue: Conference Hall, La Palm Royal Beach
Master of Ceremony: Mr. Norbert MAROYA (Regional Coordinator)

- 09:00 - 09:10 Address by the Chairman of the WASNET Steering Committee,
Mr. Abba DIEME
- 09:10 - 09:20 Address by the Team Leader of the Seed Project,
Dr. Lothar DIEHL
- 09:20 - 09:30 Address by the Representative of the Director General of IITA,
Dr. Robert ASIEDU
- 09:30 - 09:40 Address by the Executive Secretary of CORAF/WECARD,
Dr. Paco SEREME
- 09:40 - 09:50 Address by the Representative of the Executive Secretary of ECOWAS
Dr. Qwelibo J. SUBAH
- 09H500 Keynote Address by the Minister of Food and Agriculture of Ghana,
Honourable Ernest DEBRAH**

10:00 - 10:20	Group photo & Coffee break
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Session 2 : Regional seed sector arrangement

Chairman :

Rapporteur :

Rapporteur General of the General Assembly

Time	Duration	Responsible	Topic
10:20 - 10:30	10mn	Participants	Adoption of the Agenda of the General Assembly
10:30 - 10:50	20mn	ECOWAS	Harmonized rules and regulations for inter countries seed trade enhancement in West Africa: Practical achievements
10:50 - 11:10		Discussions	
11:10 - 11:30	20mn	PBS Coordinator	What Genetically Modified Organism (GMO) is about and what is the stand of West and Central Africa
11:30 - 12:50	20mn	Africa Rice Center	Strategies for dissemination of NERICA Rice varieties in West and Central Africa. Achievements with private seed actors.
11:50 - 12:10	20mn	AGPS/FAO	Overview of Seed Industry development and strategy for West and Central Africa

12:10 – 12 :30	Discussions
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12:30 – 13:30	Lunch Break
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Session 2 (con't) : Presentations of regional organizations / partners

Chairman :

Rapporteur :

Time	Duration	Responsible	Topic
13:30 – 13:45	15 mn	AFSTA	Development of Seed Trade in Africa
13:45 – 14:00	15 mn	MIR/IFDC	Achievements of the West African agricultural Inputs Market
14:00 – 14:15	15 mn	MISTOWA/IFDC	MISTOWA's experiences in managing the regional agricultural products and inputs information systems
14:15 – 14:30	15 mn	ISTA	New developments in International Seed Testing Association (ISTA)
14:30 – 14:45	15 mn	Croplife	Achievements of Croplife through its national networks in West and Central Africa
14:45 – 15:00	15 mn	WANA Seed network	Achievements and lessons from West Asia and Northern Africa Seed Network (ICARDA/WANA Net)
15:00 – 15:15	15mn	AATF	Achievements and expectations of African Agricultural Technology foundation for the seed sector in West and Central Africa
15:15 – 15:30	15mn	Inter professional of seed in France	Materials Transfer Agreement (MTA): Challenges, negotiations and its impacts on the Seed Industry in West Africa
15:30 – 16:00		Discussion	

16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break
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Time	Duration	Responsible	Topic
16:30 – 16:45	15 mn	Mr. Buckner	Prepare a Regional Variety Catalogue
16:55 – 17:00	15 mn	Mr. Dieme	Statistics on projected Needs and Productions of Seed in the Region from 2006 to 2010.
17:00 – 17:15	15 mn	CORAF/WECARD	Financial opportunities for WASNET extension to Central African Countries
17:15 – 17:30	15 mn	USAID /WARP	Opportunities to build and strengthen public-private partnerships for the development of the commercial seed sector in West Africa
17:30 – 18:00		Discussion	

19:00	Cocktail / Diner
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Wednesday, February 22nd 2006

Session 3 : National Reports by Member Countries on the status and challenges of the seed industry

Chairman :

Rapporteur :

Time	Duration	Responsible	Topic
08:00 – 08:15	15 mn	Benin	Public Seed Sector in Benin
08:15 – 08:30	15 mn	Benin	National Seed Actors Association of Benin
08:30 – 08:45	15 mn	Burkina Faso	Public Seed Sector in Burkina Faso
08:45 – 09:00	15 mn	Burkina Faso	National Union of Seed Producers of Burkina Faso
09:00 – 09:15	15 mn	Cote d'Ivoire	Public Seed Sector in Côte d'Ivoire
09:15 – 9:30	15 mn	Togo	Public Seed Sector in Togo
09:30 – 09:45	15 mn	Guinea	Public Seed Sector in Guinea
09:45 – 10:00	15 mn	Guinea	Association of producers, importers, distributors of Agricultural Inputs in Guinea (APIDIA)
10:00 – 10:30		Discussion	

10:30– 11:00	Coffee Break
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Session 4 : National Reports by Member Countries on the status and challenges (con't)			
Chairman :			
Rapporteur :			
Time	Duration	Responsible	Topic
11:00 - 11:15	15 mn	Sierra Leone	Public Seed Sector in Sierra Leone
11:15 - 11:30	15mn	Ghana	Public Seed Sector in Ghana
11:30 - 11:45	15 mn	Ghana	Ghana Seed Producers Association
11:45 - 12:00	15 mn	Gambia	Public Seed Sector in The Gambia
12:15 - 12:30	15 mn	Gambia	Gambian Agrochemicals and Seed Association
12:30 - 12:45	15 mn	Nigeria	Public Seed Sector in Nigeria
12:45 - 13:00	15 mn	Nigeria	Seed Association of Nigeria (SEEDAN)
13:00 - 13:30		Discussion	

13:30 - 14:30	Lunch Break
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Session 4 (con't) : National Reports by Member Countries (con't)			
Chairman :			
Rapporteur :			
Time	Duration	Responsible	Topic
14:30 - 14:45	15 mn	Mali	Public Seed Sector in Mali
14:45 - 15:00	15 mn	Mali	Seed Association of Mali (ASSEMA)
15:00 - 15:15	15 mn	Niger	Public Seed Sector in Niger
15:15 - 15:30	15 mn	Niger	Challenges and perspectives of Association of Private Seeds Producers of Niger (APPSN)
15:30 - 15:45	15 mn	Senegal	Public Seed Sector in Senegal
15:45 - 16:00	15 mn	Senegal	National Inter professional Union of Seeds (UNIS)
16:00 - 16:30		Discussions	

16:30 - 17:00	Coffee Break
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Time	Duration	Responsible	Topic
17:00 - 17:30	30 mn	Organization committee	Presentation of alternative scenario for continuation of WASNET activities after actual funding in September 2006
17:30 - 18:00		Discussions	Future of Seed Network in West Africa after 30 th September 2006

Thursday, February 23rd 2006

FIELD VISIT TO KUMASI	
Responsible : Dr. Ernest ASIEDU	
Time	Topic
05:00 - 10:00	Trip to Kumasi
10:00 - 11:00	Visit of the seed processing plant in Kwadaso
11:00 - 12 :15	Visit of the Seed growers Association at Asuoyeboa
12:30 - 13:30 Lunch	
13:30 - 14:30	Visit of GLDB and private seed dealer
15:00	Returning from Kumasi

Friday, February 24th 2006

Session 5 : WASNET General Assembly Business Meeting		
Chairman :		
Rapporteur :		
Time	Responsible	Topic
08:30 - 08:50	Coordinator	Progress Report of WASNET Coordinator
08:50 - 09:10 Discussions		
09 :10 - 09:30	Chairman SC	Progress report of the Steering Committee
09:30 - 09:50	Discussions	

09:50 – 10:20	Coffee Break	
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10:20 – 10:30	General Assembly	Setting up of an electoral commission of three members
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10:30 – 12:00	Commission of three persons who are not candidates	Election of the Chairman of the Steering Committee Election of the Vice Chairman of the Steering Committee Election of the Secretary of the Steering Committee Election of the 4 th Member of the Steering Committee
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12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break	
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Session 5 (con't) : WASNET General Assembly Business Meeting (con't) Chairman : Rapporteur :		
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13:00 – 13:15	In coming Steering Committee	Venue of the Next General Assembly Date (period) of the 4 th General Assembly
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13 :15 – 13 :30	In coming Steering Committee	Set up of committee for giving remarks, views about the General Assembly and thanks. Any other business
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13:30 – 15:00	Elected Secretary & Coordinator	Elaboration of the Proceedings of the 3 rd General Assembly
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Session 6 : 5th Meeting of the Steering Committee of WASNET Chairman : New elected Chairman Rapporteur : New elected Secretary		
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15:00 – 16:30	Adoption of the report of the Business Meeting Adoption des recommandations and vote or thanks Adoption of the Proceedings of the 3 rd General Assembly of WASNET	
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Session 7 : Official Closing Ceremony of the General Assembly Chairman : Minister of Agriculture or his representative		
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17:00 – 17:30	Presentation of the proceedings of the 3 rd General Assembly Vote of Thanks Honourable Minister's Closing Speech	
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