

INCEPTION WORKSHOP FOR **PROJECT 107983**

SYNERGIZING FERTILIZER MICRO-DOSING
AND INDIGENOUS VEGETABLE
PRODUCTION TO ENHANCE FOOD AND
ECONOMIC SECURITY OF
WEST AFRICAN FARMERS

(MicroVeg-PROJECT)

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Thinking health, think green;
Thinking green, think vegetables.

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INTRODUCTION...

A multi-disciplinary research team from Nigeria (Osun State University and Obafemi Awolowo University), Benin Republic (University of Parakou) and Canada (University of Saskatoon and University of Manitoba) is implementing the project “Synergizing fertilizer micro-dose and indigenous vegetables innovations to enhance food and economic security of farmers in the West African sub-region” from March 2015 – February 2018. The project is undertaken with the financial support of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), and the Government of Canada, provided through Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (DFATD). This project synergizes innovations from two concluded projects to advance indigenous vegetables production, enhance vegetable yields; promote consumption and value addition, propel marketing, preserve soil and water ecosystems and enable fertilizer cost-saving. We will reach and integrate 10,000 rural farmers (at least 50% women) per district into the project. At the end of the project, the income of at least one million farmers in this region gets doubled while ensuring nutritional security through sustainable development of indigenous vegetable production enterprises.

MicroVeg, with the support from all partners, is organizing an inception workshop for the project during 23-30 May 2015 at the Osun State University, Osogbo, Nigeria.

Workshop Objectives:

- Formally launch the MicroVeg project
- Develop common understanding among partners about the project specific goals, objectives, outcomes and expectations
- Agree upon the approach and implementation plan
- Develop/refine work plan with related budget for the project
- Secure commitments from partners and stakeholders for joint implementation efforts

Expected Outcomes:

- The project is formally launched
- The work plan of the project is refined
- The approach and implementation plan are refined and adopted
- The inception workshop will create a common understanding among partners and stakeholders about the project
- All the partners and stakeholders will be aware on their specific roles for project implementation and project deliveries

FACILITATOR:

The facilitator for this Workshop is **Ms Jacinta Uramah**

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PROGRAMME

Time	Activity	Responsibility
23rd/24th May 2015: Arrival in Nigeria		
24th May 2015: Meeting of PIs, IDRC and SIAB at Hotel in Osogbo @ about 3.00 pm		
DAY 1 (25th May)		
7:30-8:30	Breakfast	Hotel environment
9:00 – 9:10	Introduction of dignitaries	Mrs Yetunde Sogelola / Dr Anthony Kola-Olusanya
9:10- 9:20	Address of Welcome	Prof Jelil Alamu- Acting Vice-Chancellor, UNIOSUN
9.20-9.30	Goodwill message	Deputy VC, OAU, Ile-Ife
9:30-9.45	Project Introduction (background, goal, objectives, outcomes and activities)	Clement Adebooye PI, Microveg
9.45-10:15	Keynote Lecture: Scaling up of innovations-The key to making research impactful	Dr Adetunji Oredipe, World Bank.
10.15-10.30	CIFSRF: Making a BIG difference that matters to people.	Pascal Sanginga, IDRC
10:30 – 10:40	Project Launching	Prof Gabriel Olawoyin, Chairman of Council, UNIOSUN
10:40 – 11.00	Closing and group photograph	
11:00 – 11:30	Health break	
11.30-12.30	Discussion on the lessons learnt from the Keynote Lecture: Practical application to MicroVeg	
12.30- 1:30	Parallel Sessions (Sessions 1-4)*** Session1- Objective 1 – Develop technology capsule on: a. Fertilizer micro-dosing and water management technologies, b. value addition technology and, c. Seed production for indigenous vegetables.	Peak/Aluko/Oyedele to lead session.
	Session 2- Objective 2 – Test, demonstrate and deploy two different models (Innovations Platform and Satellite Dissemination Approach) for reaching and benefiting more farmers with sustainable vegetable production and marketing innovations.	Akponikpe/Baco/Zingore to lead session.
	Session 3 - Objective 3 – Scale up the technology capsule to advance indigenous vegetables production, increase yields, preserve soil and water ecosystems and enable fertilizer cost-saving.	Afari-sefa/Ayanwale/Oredipe to lead session
	Session 4-Objective 4 – Promote policy advocacy to integrate the successful scaling up model into local, national and regional food security programmes in the West African sub-region.	Okoruwa/Zywina to lead session
1.30-2.30	Lunch break	
2:30-3:30 pm	Continuation of parallel sessions: Discussions and fine tuning of protocols for field experiments designs, food technology experiments designs and labs protocols, social surveys instruments and protocols, selection of students (PhD and MSc) and their research topics topics	
3:30-4pm	Health break	

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Time	Activity	Responsibility
4-5.00 pm	Presentation by each parallel group (objective groups)	Jacinta Uramah
6:00-8:00	Reception Dinner	Idris-Adeniyi/Oloyede
DAY 2 (26th May, 2015)		
9:00-9:30	Business Model for Indigenous Vegetables	Mr Thompson Ogunsanmi-IFDC-2Scale Project
9:30-10.30am	Discussion on business model	
10:30-11:00am	Health break	Idris-Adeniyi/Oloyede
11:00-11:30am	Communication strategy	Adebooye
11:30-1:00	Baseline survey instrument Gender strategy Monitoring and evaluation plan	Ayanwale/Baco Deji Peak
1.00-2.00pm	Lunch	Idris-Adeniyi
2:00-3.30pm	Blending Anglophone and Francophone teams	Marco Rondon
3:30-4pm	Health break	
4:00-5.00pm	Lessons learnt from the business of the day: summary and key decisions	Bosede Lawal
6:30 onwards	Dinner	Idris-Adeniyi/Oloyede
DAY 3 (27th May, 2015)		
9:00-10:30	Feedback from SIAB members	VIHOTOGBE-SOSSA Carole
10:30-12:00	- Project management and governance: -Project governance including national agreements, - IDRC guidance and expectations including budget/ finance and reporting, - Key points about ethics	Pascal Sanginga
12:30-1:30pm	Lunch	Idris-Adeniyi/Oloyede
1:30-3:30pm	- Project strategic documents - Detailed review of project targets for first 6 months and first 12 months, and final project targets	Dr Pascal Sanginga, IDRC Dr. Pascal Sanginga, IDRC
3:30 pm	Closing	
6:00-8:00 pm	Working dinner	Idris-Adeniyi
DAY 4 (28th May, 2015) (Field Visit)		
8.00 - 10:00 am	Travel	Team
10:00-3:00 pm	Field visit and Interaction with Farmers	
3:00- 5:00 pm	Travel (Return to Osogbo)	

*** Each parallel group (Objective Group) will study the project proposal and do the following:

1. Draw up protocol to achieve the objective
2. Draw up the milestones in relation to the objective
3. Draw up the expected outcomes
4. Draw up the expected outputs and indicators or performance (publications-outcome stories, monographs, policy brief, scientific papers etc)
5. Draw up a list of expected problems and risks with suggestions on solutions and mitigation.

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