

A SIDE EVENT CONCEPT NOTE

Second Author Workshop for Preparing a Book on Tertiary Agricultural Education in Africa 25-30 October 2017, Lilongwe, Malawi Concept Note

Background	<p>Africa's growth and development trajectory is a bag of mixed fortunes but albeit with a greater hope than even before. The growth dynamics over the last decade have been commendable, making Africa one of the emerging positive economic discursive storylines among development practitioners. Much of this growth in Africa is driven by agriculture; an economic and livelihood undertaking of several African economies. Several development practitioners have subsequently argued that agriculture provides the best bet pathway for moving a mass of citizenry in Africa out of poverty owing. Accordingly, an agricultural-led growth strategies are being championed in several African countries as well as continental level. Amidst all this discussion for the development space and purpose of agriculture, has arisen a concern for the need for analysis to provide supporting evidence for implementation of various strategic interventions being undertaken in Africa as well as examining the what have been the successes and why, and what will the African agriculture of the future be and shaped by what. Such discussions have shaped the need for partnerships and collaborations for in the Tertiary Agricultural Education (TAE) space in Africa with a focus at shaping coherence in investments, leveraging financial and technical support as well as facilitating and guiding reform and transformation of Africa's TAE institutions so they can more effectively support transformation of the agriculture sector.</p> <p>In partnership with the Mastercard Foundation, the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) are supporting a process to develop a TAE book. The book being developed builds up from the previous World Bank Book "<i>Cultivating Knowledge and Skills to Grow African Agriculture: A Synthesis of an Institutional, Regional, and International Review</i>". The current TAE book under development does not necessarily replicate the chapters under the World Bank but rather seeks to make a basis for a transformational agriculture sector by informing policy and decision leaders of what sort of adjustments and investments are needed within Africa's agriculture, including reforms in the TAE space. The proposed meeting is a second author's workshop following the first author's workshop that was held in Gaborone, Botswana in July, 2017.</p>
Purpose of the Side Event	This second author's workshop is purposed to advance the book development from the structured chapter outlines to full chapter drafts with guided chapter development.
Objectives of the side Event	<p>The specific objectives of the writeshop are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide a platform for face to face discussions on the draft chapters for alignment and quality development; 2. Facilitate further drafting of book chapters; 3. Provide a platform for sharing updates of the drafted chapters and peer to peer review of the draft chapters.
Approach and Methodology	The writeshop shall make use of a blend of delivery approaches including plenary sessions, individual and working group sessions as well as round table discussions.



Venue and Participants	Golden Peacock Hotel, Malawi. Participants will be include the Lead Authors and Editors.
Side Event Organizers and Contact	Dr. Moses Osiru m.osiru@ruforum.org

Draft Program

Date	Time	Activity
25th October, 2017	Whole day	Arrival
26th October, 2017	8:00-1:00 pm	-Editor in Chief overview -Plenary presentations of draft chapters
27th October, 2017	8:00-5:00 pm	RUFORUM AGM
28th October, 2017	8:00-5:00 pm	Drafting of chapters
29th October, 2017	8:00-5:00 pm	Drafting of chapters Presentation of advanced chapters
30th	Whole day	Departures

