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CoS-SIS First International Conference (7th draft)

Elmina/Cape Coast Ghana, 22-26 June 2009

Objectives

- *To provide a forum at which PhD students, RAs, CoS Coordinators, scientific supervisors, domain experts, and chair persons of CoS-SIS Programme Management Teams can meet and discuss*
- *To create an opportunity for all the CoS-SIS actors to get a broad view and a common understanding of the CoS-SIS research programme and its background*
- *To begin to create a common perspective on institutional change, the Innovation Systems Approach, Multi-Stakeholder Processes and other key concepts*
- *To present, discuss and agree on the overall 'quasi-experimental' research design of CoS-SIS and its use of Causal Process Tracing (CPT)*
- *For the Research Associates (RAs) to present the results of the opportunity scoping in each of the CoS-SIS domains and for these results to be critically discussed and decided upon by the CoS-SIS actors*
- *For the CoS-SIS partners to discuss and guide the next steps of the CoS-SIS process defining the work of both PhDs and RAs.*

Programme

DAY 1 / MONDAY JUNE 22

Chairperson Morning Session: Prof. Chris Gordon (University of Ghana)

09h00-10h00: PRELIMINARIES

- Registration of the participants
- Presentation of the programme and general information

10h00-10h45: OPENING CEREMONY

- **Welcome address by Prof. Dr Kwesi Yankah, Pro-Vice Chancellor, University of Ghana at Legon, host to the Conference**
- **Her Excellency Mrs Lidy Remmelzwaal (Neth. Ambassador, Accra)**
- **His Excellency the Vice-President of Ghana John Mahama: Keynote Address**

10h45-11h15: Coffee break

11h15-13h00: FROM CoS1 TO CoS-SIS

11h15-11h45: **Dr Emmanuel Dormon (CoS-SIS RA): Lessons from CoS1**

11h45-12h15 **Dr Dominique Hounkonnou (CoS-SIS Regional Coordinator): The Innovation System Approach proposed for CoS-SIS**

12h15-13h00: **Comments by panel and the floor:**

- **Dr Judith Francis (CTA, Wageningen)**
- ****** farmer *******
- **Dr Janice Jiggins (IAASTD, Intl Assessment of Ag. Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development)**

13h00-14h00: Lunch

Chairperson Afternoon Session: Prof. Emmanuel Owusu-Bennoah (Ghana)

14h00-17h30: THE INNOVATION SYSTEMS APPROACH AND ITS RELEVANCE

14h00-14h30: (IFAD): **Why is the Innovation Systems approach important for Africa?** (to be confirmed)

14h30-15h00: **Dr Jim Woodhill (Wageningen International): The Innovation Systems approach: an international perspective**

15h00-15h30: **Dr Wenny Ho (DGIS/DCO/OC): Why we are investing in Innovation Systems through CoS-SIS?**

15h30-16h00: Coffee break

16h00-16h30: **Dr. Babacar NDAO (ROPPA): The international trade perspective**

16h30- 17h00: **Small groups** discuss and formulate questions

17h00-17h30: **Panel of speakers:** answer questions from randomly chosen groups

17h30-18h30 WELCOME DRINKS

DAY 2 / TUESDAY JUNE 23

Chairperson Morning Session: Dr. Simon ZOK (Chairman CORAF)

Whole day: THE OPPORTUNITIES IDENTIFIED BY RAS IN EACH OF THE DOMAINS

8h30-9h00: Summary of the previous day

9h00-9h30: **Dr Arnold van Huis (CoS-SIS International Coordinator): Zooming in on opportunities for small-scale farmers: the exploratory approach of CoS-SIS**

9h30-10h30: **Presentation by 2 RAs (on Oil Palm)**

10h30-11h00: Coffee break

11h00-12h30: **Presentation by 3 RAs (on Livestock, *Karité* and Food security)**

12h30-14h00: Lunch

Chairperson Afternoon Session: Dr Adama Traoré (Mali)

14h00-15h30: **Presentation by 3 RAs (2 on Water, 1 on Cotton)**

15h30-16h00: Coffee break

16h00-16h30: **Presentation by 1 RA (on Cocoa)**

16h30-18h00: Discussion in small groups around domains of opportunities presented: suitability, feasibility, relevance, appropriateness for testing IS approach.

DAY 3 / WEDNESDAY JUNE 24

Facilitator: Prof. Cees Leeuwis (WUR)

Morning Session: ZOOMING IN ON WAY FORWARD

8h30-8h45: Summary of the previous day

8h45-12h30: **Plenary participatory exercise: emerging issues are identified, clustered and systematised with focus on risks, unknowns, methodological pitfalls, opportunities for making a difference, etc.**

12h30-14h00: Lunch

14h30 to 17h30: EXCURSION

- Integrated plantation of Oil Palm and Food Security
(Interest: Observation and analysis of 3 systems: industrial plantation, out growers' plantation and small scale plantation)
- Elmina Castle and Market
(Interest: How history affected the way market operates)
- Canopy Walk
(Tourism ... but also biological and ecological interests)

DINNER IN TOWN

DAY 4 / THURSDAY JUNE 25

Chairperson Morning Session: Prof Jean Claude Codjia (Benin)

Morning: FROM OPPORTUNITY TO INSTITUTIONAL AND TECHNICAL CHANGE

8h30-8h45: Summary of the previous day

8h45-09h15: **Mr John Belt (KIT): What we can learn from Value Chain Development?**

09h15-09h45: **Dr Kofi Debrah (IFDC): The Experience of IFDC with Institutional Development**

09h45-10h15: **Dr Thom Kuyper (WUR): Technology as opportunity**

10h15-10h45: Coffee break

10h45-11h15: **Dr Niek Koning: International Trade and Markets: Opportunities and Constraints**

11h15-11h45: **Prof. Cees Leeuwis: Opportunities and Change**

11h45-13:00: **Facilitators: Prof. Cees Leeuwis, Dr Dominique Hounkonnou and Dr Jim Woodhill: Working Groups** organised around the domains. How do we move from opportunities to pro-poor change? Results to be carried to afternoon discussion

13h00-14h00: Lunch

Chairperson Afternoon Session: Dr Adewale Adekunle, Director, Partnership and Strategic Alliances (FARA)

Afternoon: DEMONSTRATING IMPACT

14h00-14h30: **Prof. Erwin Bulte (WUR): Using natural experiments, the viewpoint of institutional economics**

14h30-15h00: **Dr. Todd Crane (WUR): Causal Process Tracing (CPT)**

15h00-15h30: **Prof. Niels Röling (CoS-SIS): Proposed CoS-SIS Research Design**

15h30-16h00: Coffee break

16h00-16h30: **Dr Roch Mongbo (UAC): Reflections on Design**

16h30-18h00: **Facilitators: Prof. Cees Leeuwis, Dr Dominique Hounkonnou and Dr Jim Woodhill: Working groups** organised around domains discuss research designs for the respective domains. Prepare reports for Friday morning

DAY 5 / FRIDAY JUNE 26

Facilitators: Prof. Cees Leeuwis, Dr Dominique Hounkonnou and Dr Jim Woodhill

Rapporteurs: Prof. G. Gbehounou and Dr George Essegbey

Whole morning: REPORT AND DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION AND RESEARCH PLANS

8h30-12h30: Working Groups around the Domains report and discuss draft implementation and research plans.

NB: The Working Groups will be divided in two clusters. In each cluster, one rapporteur (**Dr Essegbey** or **Prof. Gbehounou**) use the implementation and research plans to prepare a report for the plenary in the afternoon, commenting on the plans according to criteria, which arose during the conference. Focus on e.g., integration of technological and institutional innovation, implications for experimental methodology and design, implications for comparative nature of the entire CoS-SIS Research programme, relevance for MDGs, etc.

12h30-14h00: Lunch

Chairperson Afternoon Session: Dr Adama Traoré (Mali)

14h00-15h00: FINAL PLENARY

14h00-14h20: **Dr Essegbey: Report on Cluster 1**

14h20-14h40: **Prof. Prof. Gbehounou: Report on Cluster 2**

14h40-15h00: **Prof. A. van Huis, CoS-SIS International Coordinator and Dr Dominique Hounkonnou, CoS-SIS Regional Coordinator: The way forward**

15h00-15h30: CLOSING CEREMONY, VOTE OF THANKS