Agroforestry for Food and Nutritional Security in Africa

Side Event at the 6th Africa Agriculture Science Week, Accra, Ghana

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Agenda and Speaker Biographies

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WHEN: Monday 15th July 2013
TIME: 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
WHERE: Press Centre, Accra International Conference Centre
CHAIR AND MODERATOR: Prof. August Temu
SPEAKERS:
- Zac Tchoundjeu on High-value indigenous fruit trees for nutrition
- Christophe Kouamé on Revitalizing cocoa communities through increased productivity and nutrition
- Daniel Ofori on Public-Private partnerships for sustainable agriculture and business development
- Jonathan Muriuki on Creating an Evergreen agriculture in East Africa

Engage, challenge, and exchange ideas for a brighter future for food and nutrition in Africa!

Don’t miss the savoury snacks and special Mars chocolates served with your coffee and tea!

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Professor August Temu leads the Partnerships Directorate at the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF), where he is responsible for the overall vision, strategy and management of partnerships. He leads planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting on corporate partnership activities and positioning the Centre in the context of CGIAR’S Science and Partnerships Council and other global institutions. The work involves strengthening linkages with regional initiatives (such as CAADP and the Great Green Wall for Sahel) and collaboration with regional/sub-regional institutions (such as FARA, ASARECA, CORAF, CATIE, ASEAN, ECOWAS, COMESA and EAC).

Previously, August served as a professor at Sokoine University of Agriculture in Tanzania (1973-92) where he held various senior management positions, including Deanship of the Faculty of Forestry and Nature Conservation. He also served as Chief Technical Advisor and visiting professor at Chittagong University in Bangladesh under FAO/UNDP, and was the first Executive Secretary of The African Network for Agriculture, Agroforestry and Natural Resources Education (ANAFE). He has written extensively on forestry, agricultural and natural resources education and research. In 2000 he was admitted as an International Fellow to the Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry (KSLA).

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Speaks on: *High-value indigenous fruit trees to nutrition: Experience from West and central Africa*

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Zac Tchoundjeu is a World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF) Principal Tree Scientist based in Yaoundé, Cameroon, where he coordinates the Centre’s research activities in West and Central Africa. Zac holds a PhD in Forestry (with specific emphasis on tree Improvement) from the University of Edinburgh. For the last 18 Years his research focus has been participatory tree domestication of high-value indigenous fruit trees and medicinal plants of West and Central Africa, using vegetative propagation techniques to multiply and improve them. This partnership work is transforming the lives and landscapes of over 100,000 farmers in the region, as more than 10,000 improved and early-fruiting indigenous fruit trees have been integrated into different cropping systems, which helps farmers diversify their sources of income. Integrating trees on farms also conserves precious biodiversity, already highly threatened by rampant deforestation in this part of Africa. Zac’s current research focus is on transformation/marketing of agroforestry products, as well as the development of Rural Resource Centres which help farmers to produce seedlings of desired tree species and gain relevant knowledge.

In 2012, Zac was awarded the **National Geographic/Buffet Award** for his contribution to the conservation and protection of the Congo Basin forests. Zac is author or co-author of more than 125 scientific publications and had supervised 10 PhDs and 100 Masters students.

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Christophe Kouamé

Speaks on: Revitalizing cocoa communities through increased productivity and nutrition: Vision for Change (V4C) project activities and perspectives

Christophe Kouamé is a senior scientist and the manager of the ICRAF-Mars Chocolate public-private-partnership called Vision for Change, in Cote d’Ivoire. His work aims at revitalizing the productivity of ageing cocoa farms through the delivery of improved production options. Christophe is Ingénieur Agronome (1984). He hold the Masters (1987) and PhD (1991) degrees from the University of Florida. He has worked in various capacities in Cote d’Ivoire including leading the National Vegetable Research for Development program of IDESSA (Institut des Savanes) and serving as scientific manager and leader of the international cooperation unit of CNRA. Christophe joined ICRAF in 2010 from AVRDC, where he managed the Centre’s programs in the humid zones of West and Central Africa. Christophe has mentored more than 20 doctoral students and published more than 100 articles.

In 2010, Christophe was awarded the honorific distinction of Chevalier de l’Ordre du Mérite de Cote d’Ivoire.

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Speaks on: Public-Private partnerships for sustainable agriculture and business development: Allanblackia species as a case study

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Daniel Ofori, a native of Ghana, is a tree domestication specialist with the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF). He holds a PhD in Forest Genetics from Aberdeen University, a BSc in Agriculture from the University of Ghana, and an MPhil in Tree Improvement from Edinburgh University. Daniel’s research interest is genetics and conservation biology. He has 22 years of research experience working with timber trees, indigenous fruit trees and medicinal plants.

Before joining ICRAF in 2011, Daniel was the Deputy Director of CSIR-Forestry Research Institute of Ghana and part-time Lecturer at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi, Ghana. He was also the Ghana focal point for SAFORGEN-Fruit Trees Network. He has managed local and international research projects and has work experience with public-private partnerships. Currently, he is the coordinator of the Allanblackia domestication project being conducted in Eastern, West and Central Africa, with support from Unilever.

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Speaks on: Making Agriculture Evergreen in East Africa: Early observations from pioneer projects

Jonathan Muriuki, a Kenyan, is passionate about research and development in agroforestry and related sustainable development fields. He is an agroforestry scientist with over 10 years of work experience in various aspects of the field. Jonathan holds a PhD in Agricultural Sciences (Forest Ecology/Agroforestry) from the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU) in Vienna. He has been engaged in different aspects of programme design, implementation and management, and has conducted research for development activities in agroforestry systems. These range from tree seed and seedling supply systems; farm productivity research with various categories of tree species (notably fodder, medicinal, and fertilizer trees); aspects of timber and fruit trees; as well as market research for tree products. His research activities have spanned the entire East Africa region and he has had brief assignments in some countries of southern and western Africa as well. He has experience in handling diverse stakeholders involved with implementation of projects: farming communities, non-governmental organizations, the private sector and national government partners. His work involves constituting and managing project teams as both team leader and team player, and preparing reports, projects finances and budgeting.

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