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CONCEPT NOTE

EVENT	A SIDE EVENT ON POST-HARVEST MANAGEMENT DURING THE AFAAS-AFRICA WIDE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION WEEK
Theme	<i>The role of private sector in delivery and servicing of equipment, and providing Rural Advisory Services (RAS) in Post-harvest Management (PHM)</i>
Date	12TH OCTOBER, 2015
Venue	HILTON HOTEL¹, ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA
Background	Reduction of Post-Harvest Losses (PHL) along food chains can provide a cost-effective means of promoting food and nutrition security. A number of major constraints impede effective reduction of PHL including absence of Post-Harvest Management focused Rural Advisory Services (PHM-RAS). The Post-Harvest Management in Sub-Saharan Africa (PHM-SSA) is one of the three initiatives under the Global Programme for Food Security (GPFS) of Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). The aim is to increase food security of smallholder farmers in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) through reduced PHL at farm and community level. The PHM-SSA project has three outcomes. Outcome two focuses on compilation, dissemination and scaling up of good PHM-RAS approaches and practices for reducing PHL in Africa. AFAAS is therefore organizing a PHM-RAS round table meeting of different value chain actors in PHM, and this will contribute to the sub-theme “Capacity development in agricultural extension for enhancing resilience of livelihoods and production systems to risks” of the Africa wide Extension Week. The participants shall also participate in the 2nd AFAAS extension week through; exhibition, field visits, plenary & parallel sessions and networking.
Main Objective	To take advantage of the existence PHM-RAS experts, institutions and other agricultural value chain actors to share experience on dissemination and scaling

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	up of good PHM-RAS approaches, tools, practices and innovations for reducing PHL.
Specific Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disseminate emerging results of the PHM-SSA project to RAS stakeholders and other value chain actors. • Exchange on business models for dissemination of PHM innovations. • Provide a platform for partners to share experience on how to work with the private sector to promote PHM. • Share and discuss PHM-RAS tools, practices and approaches with other actors.
Outputs	<p>The expected outputs of the roundtable side event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emerging results of the PHM-SSA project disseminated to RAS stakeholders and other value chain actors. • Participants discuss and agree on approaches to PHM-RAS including business models. • Discuss and obtain feedback on PHM-RAS tools, practices and approaches that have been so far elaborated. • Partners share experience on how to work with the private sector to promote PHM through imbedded services.
Approach and methodology	<p>The PHM side event will feature the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speed dating for Networking • Keynote presentations • Showcasing PHM-RAS tools, practices, approaches and innovations • Group work • Plenary discussions • Networking and knowledge exchange • Reflections and synthesis
Participants	The participants will be drawn from, but not limited to; the PHM-SSA consortium; other PHM projects; the private sector including Grain pro, CLUSCA; Universities e.g. Jima, Purdue and Illinois etc.; and other RAS actors
Organisers	AFAAS Secretariat, Agridea and SDC Ethiopia
Partners	HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation (HSI), FANRPAN (Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network) and Agridea as further partners.
Duration	One (1) day
Contact persons	<p>Mr. Egessa Jerry Tingle, AFAAS Secretariat, Kampala Uganda Email: jegessa@afaas-africa.org.</p> <p>Mr. Max Olupot AFAAS Secretariat, Kampala Uganda Email: molupot@afaas-africa.org</p>



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Draft Programme

Monday 12 October 2015		
Theme	<i>The role of private sector in delivery and servicing of equipment, and providing Rural Advisory Services (RAS) in Post-harvest Management (PHM)</i>	
Time	Activity	Responsible
08.00 - 08.30	Registration	Jerry
08:30-08:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of the participants • Objectives and overview of the side event 	Max Olupot
08.45 - 09.00	Opening remarks	Dr. Silim Nahdy- ED AFAAS
09.00 - 09.30	Speed dating (One to one exchange to quickly get to know each other and share about the project)	Simon Degelo
09.30-10:00	Keynote presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Embedded services by the private sector in promoting Post Harvest Management among smallholder farmers. The experience of the ever green project (Kick start)/Sasakawa Africa Association/Purdue PICs bag project etc. • Q/A 	TBI
10:00-10:30	Group photograph and Break Tea	Jerry/Faith
10.30 – 10:50	Introduction to the PHM-SSA project.	AFAAS
10:50.-.11:20	Approaches and activities to involve the private sector in promoting PHM among smallholder farmers (materials). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion 	Simplice &Evelyne
11:20-11:50	Approaches and activities to involve the private sector in promoting Post-Harvest Management of smallholder farmers (materials). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion 	Licinia &Mauricio

11.50 - 12.20	<p>Policy perspectives of private sector participation in Post-Harvest Management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions 	FANRPAN
12:20 – 13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share experiences; SDC, SAA, WFP-Uganda, FAO, Purdue and Jima University, etc. • Discussions. 	Simon/Max
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch	
14.00-15:10	<p>Group work on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is the interest of the private sector in providing Rural Advisory Services in Post-Harvest Management? 3. What is the interest of the private sector in providing equipment for PHM? 3. How the policies need to be adapted to involve the private sector in delivery of equipment and RAS in PHM? 	Simon/Max
15.10 - 15.50	Group presentations and Plenary discussions.	Simon/Max
15.50 - 16.30	Conclusions and Call for action	Simon/Max
16:30-17:00	Evening Tea and Networking	All