

Workshop on Tomato Value Chain in Ghana, June 25-26, 2015
West Africa Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI) Lecture Hall,
University of Ghana, Legon

Programme

Day	Time	Activity
Day 1 Thursday, June 25, 2015	<i>Opening Session (Moderator: Prof. Pangirayi B. Tongoona)</i>	
	8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Arrival of Participants / Registration
	9:00 - 9:05 a.m.	Welcome Address / Opening of Workshop - Prof. Pangirayi B. Tongoona , Deputy Director, WACCI - Prof. Ebenezer O. Owusu , Provost, College of Basic and Applied Sciences, University of Ghana
	9:05 - 9:20 a.m.	Presentation by WACCI: “Training the next generation of Plant Breeders and Seed Scientists & Technologists” - Prof. Eric Y. Danquah , Director, WACCI
	9:20 - 9:25 a.m.	Statement by SFSA - Dr. Vivienne Anthony , Senior Scientific Advisor, Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture (SFSA)
	9:25 - 9:55 a.m.	The Global Tomato Industry: “The Syngenta Tomato World” - Dr. Peter van der Toorn , Global Head Breeding Vegetables, Syngenta Seeds B.V.
	9:55 - 10:15 a.m.	Overview of Tomato Industry in Ghana - Mrs. Esther Agyekum & Mr. Harry Blappony , Crops Services Directorate, Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MoFA)
	10:15 - 10:30 a.m.	Group Photograph / Cocoa break
	<i>Working Session (Moderator: Dr. Vivienne Anthony)</i>	
	10:30 - 12:30 a.m.	<i>National Tomato Breeding Programme</i> - Mr. Offei Bonsu , Research Scientist, Crops Research Institute <i>Needs of the Tomato Processing Industry</i> - Mr. Caleb Blassey , QA Manager, Nurevas Food Ghana Limited - Mr. Kwabena Adu-Gyamfi , Manager, Agri Commercial Services <i>Needs of Fresh Tomato Market in Ghana</i> - Mr. Chris Lartey , PRO, Tomato Traders Association <i>Needs of the Tomato Seed Industry</i> - Mr. Rowland Quaye , Wienco Ghana Limited <i>Overview of GhanaVeg R&D Fund and Opportunities within the Tomato Industry</i> - Mr. Hanson Arthur , Fund Manager, GhanaVeg - Mr. Joep van den Broek , Project Leader, GhanaVeg

	12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
	Working Session (Moderator: Dr. Harry Amoatey)	
	2:00 - 3:30 p.m.	<p>Presentation on findings of the commissioned report: “Ghana tomato value chain preliminary study report: Gaps and key considerations to revamp the tomato industry”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Irene S. Egyir, Senior Lecturer, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, University of Ghana
	3:30 - 4:00 p.m.	Cocoa break
	4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Follow-up discussions
<p style="text-align: center;">Day 2 Friday, June 25, 2015</p>	Working Session (Moderator: Prof. Eric Danquah)	
	9:00 - 9:30 a.m.	<p>Presentation: “WACCI’s Vegetable Innovation Lab (VIL)”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Agyemang Danquah, Coordinator for Teaching Programmes & Curriculum Development, WACCI
	9:30 - 10:00 a.m.	<p>Panel Discussion: Opportunities for public-private sector funded partnerships for R&D</p> <p>Panelists: Pangirayi Tongoona, Offei Bonsu, Vivienne Anthony, Irene Egyir, Hanson Arthur, Kwabena Adu-Gyamfi, Rowland Quaye</p>
	10:00 -10:30 a.m.	<p>Panel Discussion: Decisions to drive R&D - Setting priorities in breeding programme</p> <p>Panelists: Beatrice Ifie, Michael Osei, Peter van der Toorn, Agyemang Danquah, John Eleblu, Caleb Blassey</p>
	10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Cocoa break
	11:00 - 12:30 p.m.	Open Discussion: Market research on the tomato industry in Ghana
	12:30 - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch
	2:00 - 2:30 p.m.	<i>Establishment of a consortium on tomato value chain in Ghana for the accelerated development of the tomato industry</i>
	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.	<p><i>Conclusions and agreed actions by participants</i></p> <p>Dr. John Eleblu, Coordinator, Partnership, Resource Mobilization and Visibility, WACCI</p>
	3:30 - 4:00 p.m.	<p>Wrap up and closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Vivienne Anthony, Senior Scientific Advisor, SFSA - Dr. Peter van der Toorn, Head of Breeding, Syngenta Company - Prof. Eric Danquah, Director, WACCI
	4:00 p.m.	Cocktail / Departure

