

STRENGTHENING COMPLIANCE AND EXPANDING MARKETS FOR KENYA'S AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE

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| Day One- 28 March 2023 | | | | |
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| Master of Ceremony: Johnson Mwakazi | | | | |
| 07.30-09.00 | Registration by participants/early morning tea | Rootooba | | |
| 09.00-09.10 | Preliminaries and welcome remarks | MC | | |
| 09.10-09.30 | Keynote: The status of the export market for fresh produce in Kenya and highlights on new market frontiers, untapped markets | Apollo Owuor, Technical Director, Sustainable Farming Africa and board member ASNET | | |
| 09.30-10.00 | Keynote: Looking into the future-Our engagement with Africa | Dr. Kristian Moeller, Managing Director, GLOBALG.A.P. | | |
| 10.10-10.20 | Statement by Key sponsor | Michael Michener, Deputy Assistant Administrator, USAID's Bureau for Resilience and Food Security. | | |
| 10.20-10.30 | Position statement by the Standing Committee of Trade Industry and Tourism; Standing Committee of Agriculture Livestock and Fisheries. | Hon. Senator Seki Lenku Ole Kanar, Chairman Standing Commitee of Trade Industry and Tourism. | | |
| 10.30-10.50 | Official Opening by Chief Guest | The Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Hon. Mithika Linturi | | |
| 10.50-11.20 | Pitching for exhibitions –Cohort 1; health break; tour of exhibitions | MC, TOURSTOP Secretariat | | |
| | Media Briefing | MC, Murimi Gitari | | |
| Session 1: Upda produce | ates on standards and creating synergy t | o aid trade in Kenya's agricultural | | |
| 11.20-12.00 | Keynote: The New IFA standard, IFA V6 SMART & GFS | Christi Venter, Team Leader Training and Development, GLOBALG.A.P. | | |
| 12.00-12.30 | Keynote: Aligning local regulations with international standards | Dr Andrew Edewa, Director, Standards and SPS measures, Trademark Africa (TMA) | | |
| 12.30-13.00 | Keynote: Understanding The Africa Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) –what is in it for Agricultural Trade? | Prof. Seth Gor, Associate Professor of Economics University of Nairobi | | |
| 13.00-14.30 | Pitching for exhibitions-Cohort 2; health break and exhibitions | MC | | |

| | Break out one: Making standards work without increased burden on producers | | |
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| 14.30-14.40 | Benchmarking vs Local gap: when is each necessary | Christi Venter, Team Leader Training and Development, GLOBALG.A.P. | |
| 14.40-14.50 | Presentation on KS 1758-who needs the code of practice? Progress. | Josephine Simiyu, Agriculture and Food Authority-Horticultural Crops Directorate | |
| 14.50-15.05 | The cost of compliance: exprience as a small food processor working with small scale farmer groups | Johnathan Bamber, Director Burton & Bamber Co. Ltd | |
| 15.05-16.00 | Discussions and recommendations | Moderator: Hosea Machuki, CEO Fresh Produce Exporters Association of Kenya (FPEAK). | |
| | | Contributors: Christi Venter-GLOBALG.A.P | |
| | | Josephine Simiyu-AFA-HCD | |
| | | Wambui Mbarire, Retail Traders Association of Kenya (RETRAK) | |
| | | Johnthan Bamber, Burton & Bamber Co. Ltd | |
| Break out two: Flandscape | Remaining competitive in the midst of th | e changing SPS global | |
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| 14.30-14.45 | Compliance to MRL thresholds as a prerequisite to accessing markets | Eric Kimunguyi, CEO - AAK | |
| • | | Eric Kimunguyi, CEO - AAK Stella Simiyu Wafukho, Director, Regulatory Affairs and Stakeholder Relations, CropLife Africa Middle East A.I.S.B.L | |
| 14.30-14.45 | Prerequisite to accessing markets Navigating MRLs, consumer safety and trade | Stella Simiyu Wafukho, Director, Regulatory Affairs and Stakeholder Relations, CropLife | |
| 14.30-14.45 14.45-15.00 | Prerequisite to accessing markets Navigating MRLs, consumer safety and trade challenges through eLearning | Stella Simiyu Wafukho, Director, Regulatory Affairs and Stakeholder Relations, CropLife Africa Middle East A.I.S.B.L | |
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| Day Two-29 March 2023 | | | | |
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| Master of Ceremony: Johnson Mwakazi | | | | |
| 07.30-08.45 | Registration/early morning tea | Rootooba | | |
| 08.45-09.00 | Preliminaries | MC | | |
| Session 2: Role of | of public sector in supporting consumer | health and agricutural trade | | |
| 09.00-09.40 | Scene setting by moderator | Prof. Jane Ambuko, Lukachi | | |
| (10 minutes each) | The Hidden Gem: Improved fresh produce technologies | Dr Lusike Wasilwa, Director Crop Systems, KALRO | | |
| | Kenya's response to emerging issues – PCPB Pesticide regimes for horticultural produce and MRLs | Dr Esther Kimani , CEO, PCPB | | |
| | Impact of lifting the GMO ban on Kenya's fresh produce trade - special talk | Dr Roy Mugiira, CEO National Biosafety Authority | | |
| 09.40-10.30 | Q&A with Audience | Moderator: Prof. Jane Ambuko, Lukachi | | |
| | | Respondents: | | |
| | | Dr Lusike Wasilwa-KALRO | | |
| | | Dr Esther Kimani-PCPB | | |
| | | Dr Roy Mugiira-NBA | | |
| 10.30-11.00 | Exhibition pitching for cohort 4 and health break | MC | | |
| Session 3: Supp markets | orting the crops sector to meet require | ments for international and local | | |
| 11.00-11.15 | NCBA | William Muguima, Head of Agribusiness, NCBA | | |
| 11.15-11.30 | Equity | George Macharia, Food and Agri Banking, Equity Bank | | |
| 11.30-11.45 | Britam | Lisa Maru: Head of emerging Consumer Innovation Department Britam. | | |
| 11.45-12.15 | Q&A session | Okisegere Ojepat, CEO. Fresh Produce Consortium. | | |
| 12.15-12.25 | Mark-Up Kenya-impact on kenya's trade competitiveness and market access | Christine Misiko, Knowledge Management and Partnerships Expert, UNIDO | | |
| 12.25- 12.45 | Gaps to market access for Kenya's agricultural produce: how is COLEAD intervening sustainably? | Wester Schepers, Senior Project Manager, COLEAD | | |
| 12.45-13.00 | Q&A session | Okisegere Ojepat, CEO. Fresh Produce Consortium. | | |

| 13.00-14.00 | Pitching for exhibitions-Cohort 5; health break and exhibitions | MC | | |
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| Session 4: Enhancing markets for Kenya's fresh produce - Focus on the US market | | | | |
| 14.00-14.40 | Key note: GLOBALG.A.P. solutions for the regulatory and market requirements in North America • FSMA requirements (from US regulatory authorities) • GFSI requirements from the market (retailers, food service and restaurant chains) • Sustainability and social requirements from the market (retailers, food service and restaurant chains) | North America GLOBALG.A.P. staff: Jane Bi, Buyer Relations Manager and Alejandra Pistagnesi, Technical Key Account Manager Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay, Uruguay. Knowledge Management and Partnerships Expert | | |
| 14.40-15.00 | *The role of financing in agribusiness: access to coaching and mentorship, access to information; access to markets; access to finance | Elizabeth Wasunna -Ochwa Business Banking Director, Absa Bank Kenya PLC. | | |
| 15.00-15.30 | Panel: Unlocking US-Kenya agricultural trade opportunities | Moderator: Professor Hamadi Boga, Microbiologist and former PS, Crops Development and Agricultural Research | | |
| | | Contributors: | | |
| | | John Muthure, CFO Kentegra BioTechnology Ltd | | |
| | | Equity Bank | | |
| | | Geoffrey Odero- Ministry of Trade | | |
| | | Eric Were: KEPHIS | | |
| Session 5: Closin | ng Session | | | |
| 15.30-15.50 | Reading out of communique/next steps | Rootooba | | |
| 15.50-16.00 | Briefing on exposure tours; pitching for exhibitions-last cohort/evaluation | MC | | |
| 16.00-16.15 | Call to action and closing Remarks | Dr Robert Mwadime, Chief of party, Kenya Crops and Dairy Market Systems (KCDMS); RTI, USAID | | |
| 16.15-16.30 | Official closing | Madam Beatrice Nyamwamu, Director General, Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA) | | |
| 16.30- onwards | Tea, and networking at exhibition area. | | | |

| | Day Three -30 March 2023 | |
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| | Exposure Tours | |
| 08.00-08.30 | Assembly in transport vehicles and departure from Safari park Hotel | Roy Kemboi |
| | 1. KALRO Thika (PTC and HRI) | Jeff Mwangemi |
| | 2. Kakuzi | Mahinda Wahome |
| | 3. Plantech Kenya Limited | Murimi Gitari & Carol Ngure |
| | 4. Cropnuts Laboratories | Michael Kinonga |
| | 5. Mitchell Cotts | Roy Kemboi |
| 17.00 (or before) | Return to Safari Park to onward destination and end of exposure visit | |

Rapporteurs: Dr Maina Wagacha and team

SPEAKER PROFILES



Harry K. Kimtai, CBS Principal Secretary, Livestock Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development.

Mr. Harry Kachuwai Kimtai is the Principal Secretary, State Department for Livestock, in the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperative. Born on 13th December, 1968.

Mr. Harry Kimtai holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics, Master of Arts in Economics and Master of Philosophy Economics, in Regional Planning and Economic Development from Bhopal University, India (1989 – 1995).

Mr. Kimtai served the Government of Kenya in various capacities. He has been a Director at the Capital Markets Authority between 2016 – 2017. Between 2008 and 2014, Mr. Kimtai was a General Manager at Branded Fine Foods Ltd. Prior to joining Branded Fine Foods Ltd, Mr. Kimtai had started his career at Kenya Revenue Authority as a management trainee in 1996 and rose through the ranks to the position of Principal Revenue Officer in the period 2003 – 2006.



Michael Michener
Deputy Assistant
Administrator, Bureau
for Resilience and
Food Security

Mike Michener currently serves as Deputy Assistant Administrator in the Bureau for Resilience and Food Security, where he oversees the strategic direction and implementation of USAID's work on agriculture-led growth and the bureau's efforts to engage and build partnerships with the private sector and research community in support of the U.S. Government's Feed the Future initiative.

Prior to working at USAID, Mr. Michener most recently served as Vice President for Product Policy and Innovation with the United States Council for International Business in Washington D.C., and just prior to that as Director of Multilateral Relations for CropLife International in Brussels, Belgium. Mike represented these trade associations before a range of international organizations – including the United Nations, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation forum.

Previously, Mr. Michener served with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, first as Administrator of the Foreign

Agricultural Service and then as Minister Counselor at the U.S. Mission to the UN Agencies in Rome. Mr. Michener has also worked for the U.S. Department of State in several roles, including senior governance advisor and strategic planner for stability operations, civil-military affairs specialist, and senior advisor for democracy and human rights programs in Iraq. Mike also worked for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security as an Asylum Officer and USAID as a Democracy Advisor in Bosnia and Kosovo. Mr. Michener began his career with the United States Army, serving in Europe as a military intelligence specialist.

Originally from Iowa, Mr. Michener has a master's degree in public administration from Bowie State University. Mr. Michener earned a bachelor's degree in East European studies from the University of Maryland by taking night school classes while serving on active duty in Munich, Germany. He speaks fluent Romanian and several other languages.



Dr. Kristian Moeller Managing Director GLOBALG.A.P. c/o FoodPLUS GmbH.

Dr. Kristian Moeller is Managing Director at GLOBALG.A.P. c/o FoodPLUS GmbH. Having grown up on a crop farm in Northern Germany, he went on to study Agricultural Economics at Paderborn University in Germany and at Purdue University in Indiana, USA. He then completed a PhD at Kiel University, Germany, in the field of Agribusiness Management. In his role as Manager of European Projects and Senior Consultant Quality Assurance for food, fresh produce, meat, and dairy products at EHI-EuroHandelsinstitut e.V. in Cologne, Germany, Kristian Moeller started the EUREP initiative, which later transitioned into FoodPLUS GmbH in 2001, and to which he was appointed first Managing Director. FoodPLUS GmbH owns the GLOBALG.A.P. brand and 100% of GLOBALG.A.P. North America, INC, which he founded as President in September 2010.



Dr Robert Mwadime Chief of Party for the USAID-funded Kenya Crops and Diary Market Systems Project

Dr. Robert Mwadime is a distinguished professional who has dedicated his career to tackling some of the world's most pressing issues. With over 20 years of experience in academia and international organizations, Robert is a leading expert in food-market systems, agri-economic growth, and nutrition resilience.

As an innovative and strategic thinker, Dr. Mwadime has developed multidisciplinary solutions that have delivered tangible results in the fight against poverty and hunger. He has made outstanding contributions in these areas due to his vast experience in program design and management, institutional capacity development, and policy analysis and reform.

Dr. Mwadime's expertise in food technology and agri-food systems development is unparalleled. He has shared his knowledge by teaching biostatistics and analytical techniques to programming at the University of Nairobi and Makerere University. His passion for education and training has also led him to become a motivational speaker, coach, and trainer, inspiring others to make a positive difference in the world.

Dr. Mwadime is known for using participatory approaches in learning and adaptive management, empowering communities and organizations to take ownership of their development. His dedication and passion for creating a better world is truly inspiring, and his multidisciplinary solutions have touched countless lives.



Prof.Hamadi Boga Microbiologist

A professor of microbiology and microbial ecology, he holds a Post-Doctoral Research Stay at the Max Plank Institute for Terrestrial Microbiology. He also acquired his Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Training at the University of Konstanz, Germany. He has a Bachelor's degree in Botany and Zoology from Kenyatta University where he also undertook is Master's degree in Microbiology With his skills, Prof Boga has played a big role in nurturing and mentoring numerous philosophy (PhD) and Masters of Science (MSc) students who today work in institutions of high repute in Europe, the Gulf region and America.

The scientist-turned-policy maker is a former lecturer who left the academic sphere where he rose through several ranks including holding the position of Dean, faculty of science at the Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT). He however, still supervises postgraduate students in the area of Microbiology.

Prior to his appointment to serve in the government as a Principal Secretary, Prof Boga had taken the herculean task of setting up the Taita Taveta University in the coastal region offering unique courses such as mining and environmental engineering that brought forth the Centre of Excellence for Mining and Mineral Processing Engineering (CEMEREM).



Christi Venter
Team Leader
Training & Development
GLOBALG.A.P.

Christi joined GLOBAL G.A.P. in 2007 and became a full-time member of the Product Development Management team in 2013. She holds an MSc in plant Pathology from the University of Pretoria, South Africa, and has more than 20 years of experience in food safety, certification and auditing systems, and good agricultural practices.

As the Team Leader of the Training Material Development team, she aids in technical tasks like technical reviews, maintenance-related tasks, and technical queries.

She is also the product manager of the LOCAL G.A.P. program and manages the GLOBAL G.A.P. product list. She acts as a trainer for registered trainers and audits the system. Christi has audited BRC, HACCP, GLOBAL G.A.P., and retail-specific audits. She worked at Food Safety Assessment (FSA) (now Intertek) as a lead auditor for Food Management Systems,

She began her career at the Agricultural Research Center at Roodeplaat as a technical research assistant in the Fungal Plant Diseases lab. Introduced to GLOBAL G.A.P. while at Fisher Foods as the tech liaison manager, she became responsible for establishing good agricultural practices at the farming level.

Christi is married and has one daughter.



Hosea Machuki

Hosea has over 22 years' experience in various fields, including in agricultural research, horticulture, natural resources management, biodiversity conservation, food security, irrigation technology, agronomy, agricultural extension and value chains development. He has extensive knowledge and experience in organizational management and administration. Previously, he has worked at the Ministry of Agriculture and for NGOs namely; Self Help Africa, Solidaridad Network and Rainforest Alliance. He has also served as a consultant for many international organizations. He has vast experience working with private sector players both in Kenya and within the East and Southern Africa region. He holds an MSc in Agricultural Extension from Egerton University and a BSc in Agriculture from the University of Nairobi.



Dr Mugiira CEO National Biosafety Authority (NBA),

Dr Mugiira, CEO National Biosafety Authority (NBA), joined the organization in August 2021 as the Director of Technical Services (DTS). He holds a PhD in plant viral infections diagnosis, an MSc in Plant Pathology, and BSc in Science from Egerton University, Kenya.

Dr Mugiira has more than fifteen years of experience in science and technology and has played a key role in developing Kenya's Biotechnology Policy and the Biosafety regulatory framework for Genetically Modified Organisms.

He has served as acting Technical director and CEO of the National Biosafety Authority (NBA) on deployment from the Ministry of Higher Education, Science, and Technology (MoHEST), Research director, Ministry of Education, and Director of Scheduled Sciences at the National Commission for Science, Technology and Innovation (NACOSTI).

He was involved in building organizational, institutional and human resource capacity for effectively enforcing the Biosafety Act, 2009.

His adequate research experience in cloning viral DNA genomes into gene silencing vectors for application in functional genomics has propelled further research over the years.

He is a member of the Royal Society of Biologists and the Biosafety Risk Assessment Panel of Experts for the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. He has experience in policy advisory for the governance of Science, Technology and Innovation and Biotechnology Development.



Josephine Natecho
Simiyu
Deputy DirectorRegulations and Compliance
at the Horticulture Crops
Directorate-Agriculture and
Food Authority

Josephine is Deputy Director- Regulations and Compliance at the Horticulture Crops Directorate-Agriculture and Food Authority where she is in charge of Licensing of dealers and enforcement of Horticulture standards.

She has a bachelor's in horticulture and an Msc. International horticulture from the University of Essex. She has served the Directorate in various capacities before joining the management team in 2013. She has over 15 years' of experience in the horticulture sector with expertise in food safety, traceability, policy and regulatory affairs.



Okisegere Ojepat CEO, Fresh Produce Consortium (FPC)

He is currently a Director at Centre for Fresh Produce (CFP), member of the National Horticulture Task Force (NHTF), Member of National TBT and SPS Committees and an Advisory Council Member at One Acre Fund.

He previously worked as a Director at The Kenya Horticultural Council (KHC), Director at Fresh Produce Exporters Association of Kenya (FPEAK) and Director at Tamlega Farm Care Limited. A Food Security and Safety Expert, Private Sector Association Leader and Management Specialist with extensive hands-on professional experience in the management and execution of agricultural value chain development: supporting rural farmers/communities, private sector, Governmental Institutions/Agencies, development partners/Non-Governmental Organizations and Finance institutions. With focus designing and implementing agricultural systems at National, Regional, and international levels for Food and Nutritional Security, Food Safety, Food Loss & Waste, Trade and Development.

A strong lobbyist, negotiator and a passionate positive change agent who has shaped the Kenyan and African Agricultural value chain. Currently involved in market and market linkages nationally and globally having embarked in the Global Business engagements with recent travels to Australia, Belgium, Germany, France, Switzerland, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, Turkey, UAE, Qatar, South Africa, Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania. This coupled with his involvement in the TBT and SPS nationally and at WTO meetings in Geneva.



Apollo Owuor
Technical Director,
Sustainable Farming
Africa and board
member ASNET

Apollo is an Agri-Business Expert with more than 25 years of experience in the Horticulture Value Chain at Senior Management Level including over 6 years in Senior Consulting Assignments on Value Chain Analysis, Sanitary and Phyto-Sanitary (SPS) assignments, Agribusiness Projects and agribusiness plan development. He is well versed in the supply chain dynamics in the Fresh Produce industry in the EAC region having played a significant part in drawing the strategic plan for the Regional Fruits and Vegetables Strategic Plan.

His areas of interest and expertise are Fresh Produce supply Chain Management and solutions, Value chain analysis, Project Management, Agri-Food Systems, Business development among others. He is the outgoing Chairman of the board of Fresh Produce Exporters Association of Kenya (FPEAK) and Board member Agriculture Sector Network (ASNET) and until recently board member of COLEACP.

My Message:

"We welcome you to experience world-class talent, Connect with industry leaders and entrepreneurs from around the world, and Be part of a transformative event that will shape the future of global Agri-food business."



Rikki Agudah Agricultural specialist & Chairman for SOCAA

Rikki Agudah, BSc Agriculture, is a qualified agronomist, with 20 years' experience in the agriculture sector. He holds UK BASIS and FACTS qualification in addition to being a COLEAD accredited consultant. His professional experience includes management of multi-stakeholder projects, development of export market supply chains for biological controls and training and advisory on crop protection, food safety and implementation of sustainable farming systems.

He has undertaken assignments in Kenya, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Rwanda, and other countries in Africa as well as the Caribbean.

Rikki is the lead consultant at Sustainable Farming Services Africa Ltd, a farmer focused advisory services firm. He Chairs the Board of the Society of Crop Agribusiness Advisors of Kenya and provides advisory oversight to the Secretariat in the implementation and review of the organization's strategy towards facilitating effective participation of private sector advisory professionals in agribusiness technical and advocacy programs.

In his advisory capacity he has led the implementation of advocacy projects in the food and nutrition security and climate smart agriculture thematic areas and gained experience in the management of national and subnational advocacy projects with multi-stakeholder partners. He currently advises on strategic implementation and monitoring and evaluation as well as financial reporting aspects of project management.



Elizabeth Wasunna
-Ochwa
Business Banking Director,
Absa Bank Kenya PLC.

In her present role at Absa Bank Kenya Plc, Elizabeth is responsible for leadership and growth of Commercial and SME Banking, Business banking Trade and cash management, Islamic Banking, Vehicle and Asset Finance and Agri Business.

Under SME She is spearheading women in business proposition with proactive partnerships including ITC (International Trade Centre) under SHE Trades, Kenya National Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KNCCI), Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) & Kenya Association of Manufactures (KAM) just to name a few.

Elizabeth's banking experience spans over 25 years having started off her career in Barclays Bank of Kenya as a trainee. She has worked in two other Tier 1 banks in different capacities, most recently as the Head of Business Banking at Standard bank in Malawi.

Elizabeth holds a BSc. in International Business Administration and an MBA in Marketing and Strategic Management both from USIU. She is a recipient of the following awards:

- Top 10 finalist of the Angaza Awards acknowledging Women to Watch in Banking and Finance in East Africa.
- Acknowledged by Kayana News publication in Kenya year 2021 as Top Women to watch in 2021.



Andrew Edewa Ph.D, Director Standards and SPS, TMA

Dr. Andrew Edewa has more than 2 decades experience developing and implementing quality and SPS systems for in Africa, having worked in various technical capacities at the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), as Food Safety Officer at the African Union and, as Food Safety Advisor at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO). He has practical experience in implementing standards and SPS programmes with private sector, having worked as food systems expert for various food business operations in East Africa.

Dr. Edewa holds a B.Sc. (in Agriculture) degree from the University of Nairobi and Graduate Certificate in Plant Pathology and in Crop Protection from ICIP. He also holds advanced Diploma in Food Safety from the Royal Institute of Public Health (UK); M.Sc. (Food Safety and Quality); and Ph.D. (Sanitary and Phytosanitary Standards) from the University of Greenwich, UK. Dr. Edewa is also a Post-Doctoral Fellowship in TBT and SPS matters at the University of Missouri, USA. Dr. Edewa is also a guest lecturer supporting postgraduate programme in food safety and quality at the University of Nairobi.



Dr. Lusike Wasilwa
Director of Crop Systems
at Kenya Agricultural &
Livestock Research
Organization (KALRO).

Dr. Lusike Wasilwa is the Director of Crop Systems at Kenya Agricultural & Livestock Research Organization (KALRO). She holds a PhD in Plant Science and an MSc in Horticulture from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and a post-doctorate from Rutger University, New Jersey in the US.

She has over 35 years of experience in research and has authored and co-authored scientific articles, papers, and publications with emphases in molecular plant pathology, horticulture, and industrial and food crop product value chains.

Dr. Wasilwa is part of the International Advisory Board of the Horticulture Innovation Lab. She serves on the Research Grant Management Committee of the Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Project, the Kenya Avocado Project advisory board, and Tupande (One Acre Fund) advisory council. She is also a board member of USTADI and the African Journal for Horticultural Science, the East African Science & Technology Commission (EASTECO); an advisory board member of Emerge Africa (PICO East Africa) and the Pest Control Products Board, Kenya National Accreditation Service (KENAS) with vital roles in other boards in the Horticultural space.

In 2010, she was recognized by the African Women in Agriculture Research Development (AWARD) for her dedication and commitment to excellence in mentoring from 2008 to 2010. Dr Wasilwa is a recipient of 3 medals from the International Society for Horticultural Science (ISHS) in recognition of service.



Wester Schepers
Senior Project Manager
COLEAD

Wester Schepers holds a Master's degree in Rural Economics & Management from Ghent University. Prior to joining COLEAD in 2017, he was involved in the expansion of a beverage business in Burkina Faso, Togo and Mali. In his work for COLEAD, he has led agribusiness projects in support of capacity development of the horticultural sector across Kenya, Uganda, Ethiopia, Tanzania and Nigeria, with a focus on market requirements. Wester is based in COLEAD's Brussels office, where he is the liaison person with COLEAD's Nairobi office. He currently coordinates programme activities in Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia and Nigeria



Ms. Beatrice Nyamwamu Ag. Director General of Agriculture and Food Authority (AFA).

Ms. Nyamwamu holds a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture and a Masters' Degree in Agricultural Recourse Management both from the University of Nairobi. She is also currently a PhD student at the Nairobi University in the field of Agricultural Science and Food Safety. She has also attended extensive trainings in Agriculture, Food Policy and Legislation both in and outside the country.

Ms. Nyamwamu has a vast experience in Public Sector Management having worked in the Ministry of Agriculture in various capacities for over 25 yrs. She worked at Ministry headquarters in the Food Security Department before joining Agriculture and Food Authority in 2014 as one of the pioneers of the newly establish Food Crops Directorate. At the Directorate, she worked as a Deputy Director in charge of Regulations and Compliance before being promoted to the position of the Director in charge of the Directorate. At the Food Crops Directorate, she was instrumental in the development of The Crops (Irish Potato) Regulations, 2019 and The Crops (Food Crops) Regulations, 2019 as well as the establishment of the Crops Inspectorate at the Authority.

Ms. Nyamwamu was appointed the Ag. Director of Agriculture and Food Authority in 2022, a position she holds to date. She is involved in coordination and overseeing regulation of the crops sub-sector in Kenya through the implementation of the AFA Act, 2013 and the Crops Acts 2013 as well as the enforcement of commodity specific regulations and implementation of the Authority's Strategic Plan and other priority programmes.



Rose Nyakundi Technical expert, Crop Nutrition Laboratory Services (CropNuts)

She holds an MSc in Crop Protection from the University of Nairobi and has worked for Dudutech, Syngenta, and currently Cropnuts as a technical expert in plant pathology.



Erik Kimunguyi CEO AAK

Eric Kimunguyi is a tenacious, accomplished and self-motivated Commercial, Business Development, & Regulator affairs specialist offering 17 years of proven experience working for global and local organisations. My career started in Dudutech as a Research and development officer in 2003-2006 which evolved to new products development. Later I joined Syngenta East Africa as Area Sales responsible for Ornamentals sales before taking a regional role as Area Manager East Africa for Cheminova (now FMC). I later joined Arysta Lifescience as Marketing manager East Africa in 2018.

He is the Current CEO of AAK/CropLife Kenya.

Kimunguyi hold a bachelors degree in Horticulture from Jomo Kenyatta University, Master of Business Administration University of Nairobi and most recently finalising PHD innovations and technology management at the Jomo Kenyatta University.

Kimunguyi is an innovation and stewardship enthusiast and keen on ensuring that even as we drive innovations, we must build trust and have genuine commitment to stewardship with all the stakeholder.



Wambui Mbarire C.E.O The Retail Trade Association of Kenya (RETRAK)

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Nigeria, is a member of the Rotary Club of Lavington Eco where she is currently serving as The Club President. Wambui seats on the Governing Council at the Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) and is a board member at the Kenya Producer Responsibility Organization (KEPRO), amongst others.



Stella Simiyu
Director Regulatory Affairs
and Stakeholder Relations
at CropLife AME

Stella Simiyu is a Director Regulatory Affairs and Stakeholder Relations at CropLife AME, the regional association representing leading global manufacturers of crop protection products, seeds, and biotechnology products.

Her role in leading and managing regulatory pillar is focussed on promoting the application of science and evidence-based decision-making processes. She oversees KNOWLEDGE SHARING & CAPACITY BUILDING efforts to enhance the understanding and application of evidence and science in risk assessment, registration processes and MRLs and consumer safety. As well as POLICY AND REGULATORY TRANSFORMATION programs to enhance the development of enabling regulatory and policy environment, including harmonisation to facilitate uptake of innovative solutions to climate change and pests and disease pressure.

Her role involves engaging collaboratively with global, regional and national stakeholders including regulators, policy makers, industry, and farmers on actual policy and regulatory issues critical to secure farmers access to plant health innovations including crop protection products and related technologies, particularly in the context of sustainable agriculture.

Her background is in public policy analysis, biosafety in agriculture, regulatory compliance for crop protection products, including biologicals; regulatory harmonisation, scenario-planning and entrepreneurship development. She has over 20 years cumulative experience in agriculture sector development.



Almut Van Casteren
CRO of eProd Solutions Ltd

Almut studied Business Administration in Germany, with a specialization in Marketing. She has been working in Europe, North and South America as well as Africa over the last twenty years, specifically in food production and processing, linking small holder farmers to export markets and general supply chain management.

Currently, Almut van Casteren is the CRO of eProd Solutions Ltd and director of an exporting company that contracts eight thousand outgrowers along the Kenyan coast. Almut was Vice Chair of the Stanford University SEED network in East Africa.

eProd Solutions provides an ERP for supply chain management to aggregators, cooperatives and food processors to manage the entire supply chain while working with a large numbers of farmers. eProd coaches companies to optimize their operations. The tool is currently being used in Africa, Asia and Latin America in over 30 value chains.



Prof. Jane Ambuko
Associate Professor and
Head of Horticulture
at the Department of
Plant Science and Crop
Protection, University of
Nairobi

Jane Ambuko holds a BSc in Agriculture and MSc in Horticulture from the University of Nairobi; and a PhD in Agricultural Sciences (Pomology and Postharvest Major) from Tsukuba University, Japan.

She currently holds the position of Associate Professor and Head of Horticulture at the Department of Plant Science and Crop Protection, University of Nairobi. Her training, research and outreach activities focus on postharvest management in fruits and vegetables. Prof. Ambuko is the team leader of the University of Nairobi Postharvest Research team, a multi-disciplinary research team that includes Horticulturists, Agronomists, Food Scientists, Nutritionists, Agricultural Economists, Biosystems Engineers and Sociologists. Prof.

Ambuko and the team work closely with smallholder farmers and other food value chain practitioners in efforts to scale up innovations for postharvest management. The team is credited with scale up of several technologies from adaptive research including Coobot™ cooling technology, improved zero energy brick cooler, improved charcoal cooler, solar-powered refrigerated box on wheels, solar tunnel dryer among others. Alongside the technologies, the team is credited with development and scale- up of high-quality processed products from fruits and vegetables. The team is credited with various community engagement and outreach initiatives including in establishment of smallholder aggregation centers, organization of stakeholder platforms such as the All-Africa Postharvest Congress and Exhibition. Outside the classroom, the team engages in training and capacity building activities in postharvest management targeting producers, processors and other horticultural value chain actors. Prof. Ambuko and her team have published widely in peer reviewed journals and showcased their research in conferences. She is a champion of food loss and waste reduction in horticultural value chains.



Dr. Esther Kimani, OGW CEO, Pest Control Products Board (PCPB).

Dr. Esther Kimani, OGW is the CEO, Pest Control Products Board (PCPB). She was formerly the Managing Director, Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS) and has founded the Kovifood International Ltd., a company offering agricultural consultancy on best practices in selected agricultural value chains, sustainable agriculture and market access; besides other services that promote access to quality seeds, Plant health, food safety, and quality of agriculture produce.

Dr. Kimani holds a Ph.D. in Crop Protection, an MSc. in Plant Pathology and BSC. In Agriculture from the University of Nairobi. She has over 30 years of experience in research and regulation, crop protection, plant pest control products, plant quarantine, standard setting, and agricultural trade having been a member of the International Plant Protection Standard Setting Committee for 6 years.

She has contributed to SPS standards, pesticide registration and seed trade standard setting in East Africa, the COMESA region, and internationally. Dr. Kimani has contributed to agricultural markets opening in China and USA. In the area of biosafety, she has served as a Board Member at the National Biosafety Authority and played a key role in the introduction of BT cotton in Kenya.



Prof. Seth Gor
Associate Professor
of Economics at the
Department of Economics
and Development Studies of
the University of Nairobi

Prof. Seth Gor is an Associate Professor of Economics at the Department of Economics and Development Studies of the University of Nairobi. He served as a senior consultant on Trade in Goods to the AfCFTA Implementation Unit of the African Union and was instrumental in coordinating and providing technical buck-stopping to Tripartite Partner/Member States in the AfCFTA negotiations process. He developed several position papers to support negotiations on AfCFTA Rules of Origin. He has served as a Trade Expert at COMESA Secretariat, and as Program Coordinator of the EAC-SADC-COMESA Tripartite Capacity Building Programme. Additionally, he has served the EAC Secretariat as lead consultant in various tasks. Notably, he was the lead consultant in formulation of the EAC Regional Industrialization Policy and Strategy, and the EAC Regional Trade Policy. Currently he is serving as the co-consultant in formulation of EAC Regional AfCFTA Implementation Strategy. He has extensive experience in trade and economic policy research and is widely published in refereed journals.



George Macharia General Manager -Food & Agriculture Banking, Equity Bank (Kenya) Limited

George is a career banker of over 20 years having worked in Equity Bank since 2001 and holding different positions during his tenure.

Over the years, he has worked with rural and agricultural communities and contributed immensely in development of a vibrant Food & amp; Agriculture Department at Equity Bank Kenya. He has been involved in key activities relating to critical resources mobilization and organization and was key in establishing the current Food & Damp; Agriculture Strategy for the Bank. He is also involved in development of agricultural value chain financing products and solutions for the Bank. As the General Manager, Food & Danking, he oversees building and coordinating a strong human capital to deliver the Food & amp; Agriculture aspirations of Equity Bank. George is passionate about financing of agricultural value chains, strengthening smallholder financing and championing of food security through engaging of Medium and Large investments in Agriculture sector. George is a trained Accountant, he has a BCom in Entrepreneurship and a Diploma in Enterprise Development. He is currently undertaking MBA in the University of Cumbria. George has gone through several certifications as an Agricultural Value Chain Finance Expert, among others.



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Lisa Maru Head Of emerging Consumer Innovation Department Britam.

Lisa currently heads the Emerging Consumer Innovation department at Britam. She is passionate about promoting inclusive insurance by creating relevant products for those uninsured and underinsured. She is a well-rounded actuarial professional with a decade experience in the Kenyan insurance industry and the specialized skill to develop innovative products that tackle the varied challenges in the insurance industry.

ABOUT THE EXPOSURE VISITS



CROPNUTS COMPANY PROFILE

CROPNUTS GROUP, established in 1998, is a private, independent agricultural laboratory, soil mapping and precision agronomy service company with offices in UK, Kenya, Zambia and Nigeria.

We are committed to the long term profitability of Africa's farmers by promoting a healthy, integrated approach to soil fertility and crop nutrient management. We also offer quality food safety testing and advisory services to stakeholders in the commodity and fresh produce value chains.

As a site tour, the participants will get an opportunity to understand the overall operations of the organization and their target clientele. They will also get an opportunity to visit various labs including; Soil/Leaf/Fertilizer Testing Lab, water testing lab, food safety testing lab and the plant pathology lab. The participants will be taken through the various samples tested, the parameters analysed, the analysis methods and the impact all this has on the producers and their produce.



KAKUZI COMPANY PROFILE

Kakuzi PLC is a Kenyan agricultural company engaging in the cultivation, processing and marketing of avocados, blueberries, macadamia, tea, livestock and commercial forestry.

They operate in two separate locations in Kenya, with the main operation and Head Office based at Makuyu and our tea estates are situated in Nandi Hills.

Kakuzi is GLOBALG.A.P. Certified confirming that it's avocado and blueberry farming operations adhere to sustainable approaches to water resources management. The firm also received the GLOBALG.A.P. "SPRING" Certificate, a farm-level certification that helps producers, retailers, and traders demonstrate their commitment to sustainable water management.

The participants will have an overview on the scale of operations highlighting all that Kakuzi does and the products that are handled at the facilities. There will be a field visit with a focus on the crops whose operations are certified. Additionally, they will visit the packhouse to see the operations from the beginning up until the produce is ready for transportation.



MITCHELL COTTS COMPANY PROFILE

Mitchell Cotts Freight Kenya Limited (part of Mitchell Cotts Group of Companies) is a leading, regional one-stop freight and logistics services provider headquartered in JKIA, Nairobi, Kenya. We have over 90 years of experience in facilitating exports and imports of cargo globally.

They have physical presence in Nairobi, JKIA (Head office), Mombasa Port, Kampala, Entebbe Airport, Kigali and Malaba – Kenya & Uganda's key exit point by road.

Mitchell Cotts is accredited in AEO, ISO 22000, HACCP and GMP certification respectively.

The target clientele are Exporters of Flowers, Herbs and Vegetables through their air cargo terminal facility including: vacuum cooling services, perishables handling, storage, distribution, processing import / export documentation, security screening and last mile delivery within Eastern Africa.

The participants will have an opportunity to tour the facility, see and learn how fresh produce is handled from the reception to the loading.



PLANTECH COMPANY PROFILE

Plantech Kenya Ltd (2014) is a seedling nursery located in Naivasha Kenya. We propagate seedlings of vegetables, herbs, cut flowers and trees, for growers of all sizes, and throughout all of Kenya. The company is renowned for being at the forefront of knowledge-based propagation. Its innovative approach that combines horticulture expertise and industry awareness with the benefits of cutting-edge technology results in production of the healthiest plant material.

The participants will have an opportunity to see, learn and understand the process of propagation in details. This will entail the varieties propagated in the facility, kind of materials used in the process, the control measures in place to ensure safe, healthy, clean, quality seedlings and the timelines required to achieve this. Additionally, they will be exposed to some of the technologies in place.



KALRO HRI THIKA COMPANY PROFILE

KALRO HRI Thika is mandated to undertake research in all aspects of production, management, postharvest and value addition of horticultural crops. The mandate includes development and dissemination of appropriate technologies for fruits, vegetables, flowers and macadamia nuts. Activities undertaken in the last five years included:

- Development of superior varieties with emphasis on introduction and evaluation of new varieties.
- Development of crop production technologies with emphasis on plant population and plant soilnutrition studies.
- Development of pest control methods with emphasis on integrated crop and pest management (ICPM).
- Postharvest handling and value addition.
- Validation and transfer of superior technologies in collaboration with the Regional Research Centres, extension staff, CBOs and individual farmers.

The participants will have an opportunity to tour the facilities, and interact with a number of technologies that including; Fruit tree nursery structures with seedlings which include avocado, mangoes, macadamia, passion fruit, Tissue culture bananas, fruit tree mother blocks, micropropagation of bananas and pineapples, various fruit tree propagations processes that include media preparation, potting, grafting and product displays. They will also see various crops in the field like maize, beans, cowpea, green gram, sunflower, wheat, rice, cassava, sweet potato among others learn about plant health and diagnostic procedures, buy clean seedlings.







The Feed the Future Kenya Crops and Dairy Market Systems (KCDMS) Activity is a six-year (2017-2023) USAID-funded program that works to increase agricultural production and incomes, and reduce malnutrition in Kenya by spurring competitive, inclusive, and resilient market systems in the horticulture and dairy sectors. KCDMS is currently implemented by RTI International in partnership with East Africa Market Development Associates (EAMDA) and Farm Input Promotions (FIPs).

Since 2017, KCDMS has partnered with private sector actors to transform agricultural market systems, create an enabling environment for businesses to thrive, and encourage government-level reforms that promote investment. Working in 12 of Kenya's 47 counties, KCDMS has partnered with over 200 agribusinesses and 300,000 farmers, improved the policy enabling environment for private sector growth, increased access to finance, promoted food safety practices, and strengthened the capacity of small and medium sized enterprises in the dairy and horticulture sectors for sustained economic growth.

In December 2022, KCDMS received funding from the Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act (AUSAA) to mitigate the effects of the Ukrainian War in Kenya. The program is supporting local private sector partners that work with vulnerable smallholder households and is working in close collaboration with relevant stakeholders, national and 12 county governments to facilitate interventions to cushion smallholder farmers from macroeconomic shock and impact mitigating the global fertilizer shortage and enable increased agricultural capacity and resilience investments for smallholders.



GLOBALG.A.P. - Putting Food Safety and Sustainability on the Map

GLOBALG.A.P. is a brand of smart farm assurance solutions developed by FoodPLUS GmbH in Cologne, Germany, with cooperation from producers, retailers, and other stakeholders from across the food industry. These solutions include a range of standards for safe, socially and environmentally responsible farming practices. The most widely used GLOBALG.A.P. standard is Integrated Farm Assurance (IFA), applicable for fruit and vegetables, aquaculture, floriculture, livestock, and more. This standard also forms the basis for the GGN label: The consumer label for certified, responsible farming and transparency.

The GLOBALG.A.P. brand began its journey as EUREPGAP in 1997. Two decades later, over 200,000 producers are under GLOBALG.A.P. certification in 134 countries. Nearly 150 team members around the world are dedicated to the mission of spreading responsible farming practices to ensure safe food for future generations.



FROM FARM TO MOUTH

Rootooba Limited offers uniquely tailored solutions for people working in and interested in increasing food production and improving its accessibility, nutrition and safety on the African continent. It is committed to ensure that efforts to increase yields are not reversed by preventable waste through post-harvest handling, food safety and quality lapses and lost opportunity to capitalize on nutritious food sources produced through climate responsive approaches.

Its major mandate is thus in strengthening capacity of agricultural enterprises, along the food value chain. To deliver in its core mandate it uses a multi-pronged approach that includes structured formal training, convening and networking, mentoring and on-site exposure. The company's activities are anchored on three pillars, namely, Knowledge, Partnerships and Empowerment. Rootooba has internal capacity of a registered trainer under GLOBALG.A.P. and continues to partner with the organization to deliver in-country Kenya Tourstops.



