

## **Title: Africa-UK AgriFood Innovation Mission 2020**

### **Subtitle: Innovation and Collaboration Opportunities**

Series of virtual missions brought to you by the GCRF AgriFood Africa Programme

The virtual missions are the next stage in the delivery of the GCRF AgriFood Africa programme. These missions continue the effort to build a community of stakeholders from numerous African countries and the UK, to realise sustainable management of the food production systems in Africa in a way that alleviates poverty, enhances economic prosperity and delivers improved well-being. These missions will highlight some of the challenges and trends within African AgriFood systems and provide members networking and collaboration opportunities. We will also be announcing the next round of funding calls, giving you updates on some of the activities happening across the network and time to connect with and present to other members.

These missions will be specific to three geographical regions<sup>1</sup> across Africa and are split across two weeks of activities.

- a. Monday 1st June – Week 1 (Southern and Central regions)
- b. Monday 8th June – Week 2 (Eastern region)
- c. Monday 15th June – Week 3 (Western region)
- d. Monday 13th July – Week 4 (Southern and Central regions)
- e. Monday 20th July – Week 5 (Eastern region)
- f. Monday 27th July – Week 6 (Western region)

The first week will feature a variety of morning and afternoon activities and a draft agenda for week 2 Eastern regions is included below.

The second week of regionally specific activities will provide further opportunities to engage with members of the GCRF AgriFood Africa programme. Aiming to address any points raised during the first week of virtual missions, specific activities for the second round will be published after the first week. This will enable further collaboration and dissemination of the GCRF AgriFood Africa programme.

The first day will outline the week's activities and give an overarching view of the context in which this programme is being delivered. The funding mechanisms supporting this programme will be outlined and there will be opportunities for questions.

---

<sup>1</sup> See the table at the bottom of the page for a breakdown of African countries and their respective regions.

### **Monday AM Programme Overview**

- 10.05 – 10.15: Welcome and overview, Jayne Brookman, AgriFood Specialist, KTN
- 10.15 – 10.25: Project overview and funding, Kathryn Miller, Innovation Lead, Innovate UK
- 10.25 – 10.35: Keynote speaker, Susie Kitchens, British Deputy High Commissioner for Kenya
- 10.35 – 10.45: Regional economic and sector description, Prof William Otim-Nape, AFRIL
- 10.45 – 11.15: Q&A

### **Monday PM Funding mechanisms**

- 14.05 – 14.15: Innovation Awards, Debbie Tully, Knowledge Transfer Manager, KTN
- 14.15 – 14.25: Agri-Tech Catalyst 10, Kathryn Miller, Innovation Lead, Innovate UK
- 14.25 - 14.35: Knowledge Transfer Partnerships, Richard Lamb, Programme Manager for Knowledge Transfer Partnerships, Innovate UK
- 14.35 – 14.45: Q&A

Tuesdays sessions will address some of the challenges and opportunities for growth in specific countries and provide some areas of future development. The afternoon session will provide the first formal networking event of this programme.

### **Tuesday AM Profiles**

- 10.05 – 10.20: Insights from a manufacturer and supplier of biorational pest control technologies, Nayem Hassan, Managing Director, Russell Bio Solutions Ltd
- 10.20 – 10.35: Intra-African Agricultural Trade: why doesn't Africa feed itself?, Ben Bennett, Deputy Director, Natural Resources Institute, University of Greenwich
- 10.35 – 10.50: Overview of the Financial options open to AgriFood producers in Eastern Africa, Rishi Raithatha, Insights Manager, GSMA AgriTech programme
- 10.50 – 11.00: Q&A

### **Tuesday PM Networking event**

- 14.05 – 14.45: Online networking event where attendees can book slots to speak and interact with each other.

Wednesday activities will focus on previous experiences and innovative ideas from UK-based stakeholders, highlighting opportunities for future collaboration. There will be presentations from UK academics, businesses, and a range of short pitches of key case studies.

### **Wednesday AM Showcasing the UK**

- 10.05 – 10.15: Academic landscape in the UK, Tim Messeder, Knowledge Transfer Manager, KTN
- 10.15 – 10.25: The UKs Agri-Tech centres, Ian Cox, Innovation Lead, Agri-Tech Centres, and Mark Young, CIEL Livestock
- 10.25 – 10.35: Experiences from an innovative sweet potato manufacturer, Perez Ochieng, CEO, Sacoma Foods
- 10.35 – 11.00 Q&A

### **Wednesday PM Pitches**

14.05 – 14.45: Pitch Competition

An opportunity to vote and participate in an online competition, with the winner selected by you and showcased across the KTNs online profile.

Thursday sessions will highlight innovation and previous experiences from African stakeholders. The day will include presentations from academics and different-sized businesses, contributing towards building a network to facilitate future collaborations.

### **Thursday AM Showcasing Africa**

10.05 – 10.15: Academic landscape in Kenya, Professor Izael Da Silva, Deputy Vice-Chancellor - Research and Innovation, Strathmore University

10.15 – 10.25: Project Case Study - Powered by Climate Edge, Gabriel Bruckner, Lead Designer, Climate Edge Limited

10.25 – 10.35: Insights from an East African agronomy and laboratory advisory services company, Jeremy Cordingley, CropNuts

10.35 – 10.45: Experiences from a supply chain company based in Kenya, Nicholas Ambanya, Chief Production Officer, Twiga

10.45 – 11.00: Q&A

The last day will include a platform for online networking, giving an opportunity to engage with different stakeholders and explore potential collaborations. There will be time for questions and future actions will be discussed.

### **Friday AM Networking and Panel session**

10.05 - 10.40: Online networking event

10.40 - 11.00: Short break

11.00 - 11.30: Panel Q&A session and next steps

#### **Panel:**

Mike Shaw, Managing Director at Wellspring

Calum Murray, Head of Agriculture and Food at Innovate UK

Professor Izael Da Silva, Deputy Vice-Chancellor - Research and Innovation, Strathmore University

Nicholas Ambanya, Chief Production Officer, Twiga

Tristan Eagling, Regional Technical Adviser on Science, Technology and Innovation (East Africa) at DFID

#### **Chair:**

Jayne Brookman, AgriFood Specialist, KTN

We understand that unreliable internet connectivity can prohibit engagement, and so we will make all sessions available on YouTube and Facebook after the live event. Additionally, the event will be live streamed to ease internet connectivity issues. Audience participation will be encouraged through chat functionality and email. Live and submitted questions will be answered live. Pre-recorded pitches and presentations will be used to curtail connectivity issues, but some segments will be live to provide a more engaging experience for participants.

| <b>Southern and Central</b>  | <b>Eastern</b>        | <b>Western</b>             |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| Angola                       | Eritrea               | Benin <i>David</i>         |
| Burundi                      | Ethiopia              | Burkina Faso               |
| Cameroon <i>Gavin</i>        | Kenya <i>David</i>    | Cote d'Ivoire <i>Gavin</i> |
| Central African Republic     | Madagascar            | Ghana                      |
| Chad                         | Rwanda                | Guinea                     |
| Democratic Republic of Congo | Somalia               | Guinea-Bissau              |
| Equatorial Guinea            | South Sudan           | Liberia                    |
| Gabon                        | Sudan                 | Mali <i>David</i>          |
| Lesotho                      | Tanzania <i>David</i> | Niger                      |
| Malawi <i>Gavin</i>          | Uganda                | Nigeria <i>David</i>       |
| Mozambique                   |                       | Senegal                    |
| Republic of the Congo        |                       | Sierra Leone               |
| Sao Tome and Principe        |                       | the Gambia                 |
| South Africa                 |                       | Togo                       |
| Zambia <i>Gavin</i>          |                       |                            |
| Zimbabwe                     |                       |                            |