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[1] 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 3 the 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.

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[1] 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, Hon. Amie Faburay, Agriculture Minister for the Gambia
10.35 – 10.45: Regional economic and sector description, David Akana, CORAF
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: Intra-African Agricultural Trade: why doesn't Africa feed itself?, Ben Bennett, Deputy Director, Natural Resources Institute, University of Greenwich
10.20 – 10.30:Overview of the Financial options open to AgriFood producers in Western Africa, Rishi Raithatha, Insights Manager, GSMA AgriTech programme
10.30 – 10.40: Project case study: Sandra Hill, Technical Director, Bioploymer Solutions Ltd
10.40 – 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 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 Ghana, Ernest Teye, Senior Lecturer, University of Cape Coast Ghana

10.15 – 10.25: Project Case Study - Rob Ogden, Head of Conservation Genetics, Roslin Institute,
10.25 – 10.35: Experiences from a global farming and food company, Harry Wilder, Head of Supplier Development & Agronomy, Barfoots UK
10.35 – 10.45: Insights from an agribusiness social enterprise, Edwin Zu-Cudjoe, Executive Director, Socialfarm
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 event 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:
Calum Murray, Head of Agriculture and Food at Innovate UK
Ben Bennett, Deputy Director, Natural Resources Institute, University of Greenwich
Edwin Zu-Cudjoe, Executive Director, Socialfarm

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.

Southern and Central	Eastern	Western
Angola	Eritrea	Benin *David*
Burundi	Ethiopia	Burkina Faso
Cameroon *Gavin*	Kenya *David*	Cote d'Ivoire *Gavin*
Central African Republic	Madagascar	Ghana
Chad	Rwanda	Guinea
Democratic Republic of Congo	Somalia	Guinea-Bissau
Equatorial Guinea	South Sudan	Liberia

Gabon	Sudan	Mali *David*
Lesotho	Tanzania *David*	Niger
Malawi *Gavin*	Uganda	Nigeria *David*
Mozambique		Senegal
Republic of the Congo		Sierra Leone
Sao Tome and Principe		the Gambia
South Africa		Togo
Zambia *Gavin*		
Zimbabwe		