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Stakeholders and Experts Planning Workshops for the Development of a 10-year Strategic Plan (2013-2023)

Information for participants

1. Background

The International Trypanotolerance Centre (ITC) will carry out two planning workshops designed to consult and obtain the inputs, advice and suggestions of its various stakeholders and partners working in the area of livestock genetic resources management for the development of a new 10-year strategic plan, including programme content and delivery mechanisms.

The first workshop will be held on 6-8th June 2012, and will bring together representatives of livestock farmers' organizations, non-government organizations that work for or with the farmers, national agricultural research systems, development partners and experts. The second workshop will be held a few days after the first one, 11-12th June 2012, and will be a dialogue session reserved for the ultimate stakeholders and targets of ITC: livestock farmers' organizations and non-governmental organizations working for or with livestock farmers.

2. Venues

The first workshop (6-8th June 2012) will be held at Kairaba Beach Hotel, Kololi, The Gambia, about 15 km from Banjul International Airport. While the second one (11-12th June 2012) will be held at the Ocean Bay Hotel and Resort, Bakau, The Gambia also some 25 km from the Banjul International Airport.

3. Workshop Languages

English and French will be used with simultaneous translation from one to the other during both workshops.

4. Travel arrangements

ITC will provide sponsored participants with a return economy electronic ticket. If for any reason a participant can no longer travel after receiving his/her air ticket, he/she should notify it as soon as possible to Dr Arss Secka (arssecka@yahoo.com) with copy to Mr. Lamin F. Janneh (lfjanneh@yahoo.com).

5. Welcome and Airport Transfer

Participants will be received at the airport after clearing immigration and customs formalities, and will be taken to the workshop venues (Kairaba Beach and/or Ocean Bay hotels). All self-sponsored participants should communicate their flight details to the workshop secretariat (arsssecka@yahoo.com) copied to (lfjanneh@yahoo.com) so that they can be welcomed on arrival and taken to the hotel.

6. Visa Requirements

Citizens of **ECOWAS** do not need a visa to enter into The Gambia. All other participants who will require an entry visa which can be obtained from The Gambian Embassy/Consulate in their country of residence should make some effort to obtain the required visa. Visa fees will be reimbursed on the presentation of a receipt.

The Organizing Committee will however make arrangements for issuing visas upon arrival at Banjul Airport for participants with no Embassy or Consulate in their country. A letter to that effect will be sent to all such participants. All such participants should come with the letter and two (20 passport size photographs).

7. Accommodation

Rooms have been reserved for both ITC sponsored and self-sponsored participants at Kairaba Beach Hotel at US\$80 per night for the first workshop, and the Ocean Bay Hotel and Resort at US\$40 per night for the second workshop. Self-sponsored participants should confirm their participation latest by May 31st when the final number of rooms required will be determined.

For self-sponsored participants who may wish to stay at hotels other than the ones where the workshops will take place, we recommend two other hotels near the first workshop venue:

i) The Baobab Hotel

Formally known as Baobab Lodge, the hotel is located in Bijilo on the main coastal road. There are 12 bungalow apartments with own shower rooms & WC as well as a small kitchenette for self-catering, double bed, seating area, ceiling fans, A/C (Air conditioning) in 6 rooms, cable satellite TV, and room cleaning. Facilities and services include Bar & Restaurant, Baby-sitting service, Currency exchange, Internet cafe & telecentre, Mobile phone rental, and 2 air-conditioned conference halls seating 90 and 120 people, respectively.

Room Rates (Bed and Breakfast):

- Single room at D1000.00 equivalent to US\$37 per night (US\$1=D27)
- Double room at D1300.00 equivalent to US\$48 per night

ii) The Dandimayo Hotel

The Dandimayo self-catering suites are located on the Senegambia Highway in a well-developed, modern residential part of Kololi near the Tourism Development Area. It offers guests a relaxed and enjoyable stay. Facilities include meeting rooms, boutique and internet cafe. There are also laundry facilities, as well as a hopper type swimming pool, back-up power generator, and safe at reception. Offered services include daily housekeeping, doctor/nurse on call, laundry/ironing, security guard (24 hrs), and vehicle hire/car rental can be arranged.

Room Rates (Bed and Breakfast):

- Single room at D850.00 equivalent to US\$31 per night (US\$1=D27)
- Double room at D950.00 equivalent to US\$35 per night

Such participants should inform the workshop secretariat (arsssecka@yahoo.com with copy to lfjanneh@yahoo.com) of their choice of hotel latest by May 31st 2012 so that reservations could be made for them.

8. Daily subsistence allowances

Lunch will be provided for all participants during the workshop days (6-8th and 11-12th June 2012). ITC sponsored participants will receive a daily subsistence allowance to cover: dinner during the workshop period, local transportation, and other expenses incurred during travel based on their travel itinerary.

9. Miscellaneous

9.1. Weather

The rainy season would probably have started by early June with infrequent rains. Temperature may vary from 24° Celsius at night to 35° Celsius during June, and mostly cloudy (The Weather Channel, www.weather.com).

9.2. Useful Contacts

- Dr Ibrahima Mara, Mob: (220) 9966774
- Dr Arss Secka, Mob: (220) 9845904
- Mr Lamin F. Janneh, Mob: (220) 9911147
- Prof Ola Smith, Mob: (220) 3570678

Welcome To The Gambia

“Ekkseelen Ak Jaama Si Gaambiya”