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AICCRA SIDE EVENT CONCEPT NOTE

MAINSTREAMING THE DEVELOPMENT OF CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE AND CLIMATE INFORMATION SERVICES RELEVANT CURRICULA IN AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES

Date: 15th August 2024 (8:30-12:30 SAT)

Venue: Mercure Hage Geingob Campus, Room TBC, Windhoek, Namibia

Organizers: RUFORUM and WASCAL

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Background:

The Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) is working in close collaboration with the West African Science Service Centre on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL) as regional partners in the AICCRA project. Their focus under the AICCRA project is on mobilising African universities, creating awareness and enhancing the use of CSA and CIS knowledge and products developed by the CGIAR Centres and other research institutions engaged in CSA and CIS. Enhancing the use of CSA and CIS involves capacity, knowledge and technology audits at the national and institutional level, mobilise CGIAR and other research centres to provide CSA and CIS knowledge, technology and skills and training of faculty to deploy the CSA and CIS products in training, research and outreach. Knowledge transfer and capacity-building activities, therefore, form the central part of RUFORUM's and WASCAL's participation in the AICCRA project.

After conducting scoping studies to identify gaps in CSA and CIS in Ghana, Mali, Senegal, Benin, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe, RUFORUM and WASCAL have developed training modules targeting priority CIS/CSA areas as defined below:

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No	Module
1	Climate information service basics
2	Climate Smart agriculture basics
3	Climate smart nutrient and water management in crop production.
4	Climate smart crop-livestock-aquaculture integration
5	Indigenous and local tree-based agroforestry systems
6	Soil Carbon Sequestration and Crop Production Course
7	Policy framework to support implementation of CSA and CIS
8	Abiotic and biotic (pest and diseases) management in crop, Fish and livestock production-
9	Disaster risk management in crop production livestock and aquaculture
10	Clean energy in water resources and agriculture nexus under climate change

The design and development of the modules adopted a generic and robust approach that enables the curriculum to be offered in various formats. Specifically:

1. As a stand alone, short term training course that can be offered to university staff and students or adopted for practitioners – extension workers and or farmers.
2. As a fully fledged university course at undergraduate or graduate level. These courses when adopted will be customised to fit within the curricula development/review process of the member universities.
3. As an extract that can be adopted as a course unit within an existing university program.

Objectives:

The overall objective of side event is to create awareness of training curricula developed by the AICCRA project among university leaders, lecturers and students with a view of integrating the developed CSA and CIS curricular in the training programmes of universities.

OUTPUTS AND OUTCOMES

1. Course modules mainstreamed into member university curricular
2. Roadmap for the consolidated / sequential CIS-CSA training where member universities are expected to offer bundled courses

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PROGRAMME

THURSDAY 15 th August, 2024	
SIDE EVENT	
Chair: Dr. Alice Mweetwa: University of Zambia	
Rapporteur: Waswa Moses, Yamungu B., Selma	
Time	
9:00-9:05	Remarks From The Chair- Dr Alice Mutiti Mweetwa - University of Zambia
9:05-9:10	Welcome Remarks - Dr Florence Nakayiwa- RUFORUM
9:10-9:30	Key Presenter 1: CSA and CIS materials available with AICCRA for adoption by RUFORUM Member Universities- Dr. Alcade Segnon Alliance -Bioversity International & CIAT
9.30-10.00	Q and A
10:00-10:30	Health Break
10:30-11:00	Key presenter 2: Consolidated overview of CSA and CIS modules developed under RUFORUM –WASCAL networks: Prof Majaliwa Mwanjololo Panel: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chabi DJAGOON – University of Abomey Calavi 2. Zelalem Bekeko - Haramaya University 3. William Agyare - WASCAL- KNUST 4. Agboka Komi- WASCAL -University of Togo
11:00-11:30	Q and A
11.30-11.45	Opportunities and experience of integration of CIS/CSA modules in the university curriculum: Dr. Amuri Nyambilila Sokoine University of Agriculture
11:45-12:15	Q&A
12:15-12:30	Closing remarks and expectations from AICCRA Dr. Robert Zougmore: Alliance -Bioversity International & CIAT- AICCRA WA Cluster Lead
12:30	Lunch

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