



2nd RUFORUM TRIENNIAL CONFERENCE

CONCEPT NOTE

TRANSFORMING AFRICAN AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES TO MEANINGFULLY CONTRIBUTE TO AFRICA'S GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

TAGDev 2.0 STAFF ORIENTATION

Date: 9th-10th August 2024 (08.30-4:00 AM GMT)

Venue: Hilton Gardens Hotel, Windhoek, Namibia

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BACKGROUND

The Mastercard Foundation in partnership with the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM), Global Confederation of Higher Education Associations for Agricultural and Life Sciences (GCHERA), and 12 African universities to implement the Transforming African Agricultural Universities to Meaningfully Contribute to Africa's Growth and Development (TAGDev 2.0) program. This 10 year program (2023-233) seeks to skill and empower Africa's young people and their Institutions to drive inclusive, equitable and resilient socio-economic development in their societies. It focuses on transformation of agricultural tertiary education to boost and engage Africa's youth, especially women and other disadvantaged demography, in its economic renaissance and growth. The program has three specific outcomes:

1. Expanded equal work opportunities for young women and men in the agricultural sector;
2. Improved climate adaptive agricultural production and productivity and;
3. Strengthened quality of higher agricultural education outcomes in training, research and innovation.

These three outcomes will define and guide the program delivery over the period of 10 years. In order to ensure efficient and effective coordination and operations, the Mastercard Foundation has supported the establishment of a Program Management Unit at the RUFORUM Secretariat and the Agri-Food Systems and Entrepreneurship Centers (ASECs)/TAGDev 2.0 Coordination Offices at the Universities. In both, staff have been recruited and are therefore commenced guiding the implementation of the program activities. In order to

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ensure that they have a proper understanding of the program and the partnership, staff orientation program has been collaboratively organised by RUFORUM and the Mastercard Foundation.

OBJECTIVES

The main purpose of the TAGDev 2.0 immersion workshop is to provide staff in the program with an orientation to the Mastercard Foundation and RUFORUM partnership. The specific objectives are:

1. Conduct a staff orientation to the TAGDev 2.0 partnership between Mastercard Foundation & RUFORUM, & Implementing Universities.
2. Orient staff on key program management tenets, indicators of performance and other delivery on the look requirements
3. Converge TAGDev 2.0 implementing universities for a common program appreciation, creation of networks and operations teams.

APPROACH

The event will utilise lectures, plenary discussions and participatory engagement methods.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

1. Appreciation of the Mastercard Foundation and the nature of the partnership between Mastercard Foundation and RUFORUM, and Implementing Universities.
2. Coherent understanding of the key program management tool and approaches, performance measurement system and indicators as well as other delivery mechanism
3. Team coherence across the 15 lead implementing universities of the TAGDev 2.0 program.

PARTICIPANTS

Participants will include TAGDev 2.0 staff including coordinators from 12 universities in Tier 1, 2, and 3 as well as 3 coordinators from Tier 4 universities. It will also include contact persons from Tier 4 universities supporting the delivery of various segments of the program activities.

ORGANIZERS

The event is organized by RUFORUM Secretariat in partnership with the Mastercard Foundation.

PROGRAMME

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Wednesday 9th August, 2024	
08:00-08:30	Arrival and In-person conversions
08:30-08:50	Welcome Remarks. Dr. Florence Nakayiwa, Deputy Executive Secretary, RUFORUM Secretariat Opening Remarks. Dr. Aster Minwyelet Addamu, Lead, Higher Education Programs - Education and Transitions, Mastercard Foundation.
08:50-09:10	Setting the Scene: Orientation Objectives, Purpose and Expected Outcome. Prof. Anthony Egeru, Program Manager-Skilling and Engagement for Community Development.
09:10-09:40	Understanding the Mastercard Foundation and its strategic programming in africa for africa. Dr. Aster Minwyelet Addamu, Lead, Higher Education Programs - Education and Transitions, Mastercard Foundation.
09:40-09:50	Plenary Discussion on Strategic Programming of the Mastercard Foundation
09:50-10:20	Mastercard Foundation and RUFORUM Foundational Values: Ms. Kolli Harriet, Mastercard Foundation and Mr. Emmanuel Okalany, RUFORUM Secretariat
10:20-11:00	Developing Overarching education impact measures and needed change to be measured from Education Collaboratives. Ms. Carol Nuga, Mastercard Foundation
11:00-11:30	Tea Break
11:30-12:00	Delivering Value and Create Jobs and Wealth in Agri-food Systems in Africa. Mr. George Apaka, Mastercard Foundation
12:00-12:15	Plenary on value creation, wealth and jobs by who and for what?
12:15-12:45	Inclusive Programming in Development: Why Gender Matters for Success. Joyce Muchena, Mastercard Foundation.
12:45-13:00	Plenary on Gender and Gender Matters in Development
13:00-14:00	LUNCH BREAK
14:00-14:30	Identifying, Placement, and Educating Persons with Disability: A Shared Responsibility. Anneke Maarse, Light for the World TBC and Prof. Corli Witthuhn, University of Free State, South Africa.
14:30-14:45	Plenary Discussion on Disability Inclusion
14:45-15:15	Creating Opportunity and Opening Avenues for a fulfilling Life through Refugee Integration. World University, Canada, and Prof. Duncan Ongeng, Gulu University, Uganda
15:15-15:30	Plenary Discussion on Refugee Inclusion
15:30-16:00	Creating a Conducive Environment for All in Higher Education Institutions: Relevance of Safeguarding. Oluranti Adetoye & Harriet ???, Mastercard Foundation

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16:00-16:20	Experiences in Implementing the Safeguarding Process and Interventions through the Scholars Program. Prof. Justine Namaalwa, Lead Scholars Program at Makerere University.
16:20-16:40	Plenary on Safeguarding Matters
16:40-17:00	Day One Wrap-up
10th August 2024. DAY TWO	
08:00-08:30	Arrival & personal catch-up
08:30-08:40	Day One Recap. Prof. Flora Chadare
08:40-09:20	With or Without Education. What Next? Deliberate Planning and Programming of Transitions Support. Ms. Virginie Dias, Mastercard Foundation and Mr. Eلول Samuel, Gulu University.
09:20-10:00	Plenary Discussion on Transitions and Co-creating common pathways for collaborative programming
10:00-10:30	Inviting the Private Sector to a Common Purpose for Jobs & Wealth Creation and Transitions. Bunmi Akinyemiju, GreenHouse Capital, USA.
10:30-11:00	Plenary Discussion on Private Sector Engagement
11:00-11:40	Mental Health and Lack of it: Implications for TAGDev 2.0 Program Performance. Chantal Mudahogora, Solid Minds, Rwanda.
11:40-12:00	Plenary on Mental Health and Wellness
12:00-12:40	Communication, Branding and Advancement. Julie W/Chiemeli, Program Communication Team. & Evaline Acan, Communication Officer, RUFORUM Secretariat.
12:40-13:00	Plenary Discussion on Communication.
13:00-14:00	LUNCH BREAK
14:00-14:40	Finance, financial guidelines and required alignments. Mr. Kevin Egan, Mastercard Foundation and Mr. Moses Eriyau, RUFORUM Secretariat.
14:40-15:00	Plenary Discussion on Finance and Financial Processes
15:00-15:20	RUFORUM Audit and Audit Processes. Ms. Meri Siaka, Internal Auditor, RUFORUM Secretariat.
15:20-15:30	Plenary Discussion on Audit and Audit Processes
15:30-16:00	Program Implementation Manual. Senior Program Officer, Institutional Strengthening, RUFORUM Secretariat.
16:00-16:30	Program Learning, Adaptive Management and Planning: When everything is said and Done, where is the evidence of progress?





16:30-17:00	What is the Opportunity Cost of Not Rejecting the Null Hypothesis. Dr. Leonard Oruko, MEL & Development Expert.
17:00-17:20	Wrap-up
19:00-21:00	Joint Staff and Mastercard Foundation Team Dinner

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