



1st ASARECA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Program

**Theme for the 1st ASARECA General Assembly:
“FEEDING OUR REGION IN THE 21ST CENTURY”**

14th - 16th December 2011, Entebbe - Uganda



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DAY 1 Wednesday 14 December 2011 (Morning)

Plenary

Venue: ZIBA

8.00- 9.00 Registration

8:30 – 9:00 Ndere Troupe

Master of Ceremony Dr. Emily Twinamasiko, Director General, NARO

Opening Ceremony

Facilitators Dr. Paul Kibwika and Dr. Maria Nassuna Musoke

Reporters Dr. Florence Birungi Kyazze and Mr. Ahmed Zziwa

09.00 – 09:10	Master of Ceremony Introduction of the Agenda
09.10 – 09.25	Welcome Address and briefing on ASARECA by Prof. Dr. Lala Razafinjara, Chairman, ASARECA Board of Directors
09:25 – 09:45	<i>Key Note Address: Prof. Calestous Juma</i>
	<i>Agricultural Science, Technology, and Innovation: Feeding Eastern and Central Africa in the 21st Century, Prof. Calestous Juma, Harvard Kennedy School</i>
09:45 – 10:05	Managing current and future climate induced risk in Eastern and Central African Agriculture by K.P.C. Rao, Principal Scientist, ICRISAT/ICRAF
10:05 – 10:15	Master of Ceremony, Permanent Secretary MAAIF/Director General, NARO
10:15 – 10:30	ASARECA Strategy Regional Challenges and Opportunities in the context of the theme feeding our region in the 21 st century by <i>Dr. Seyfu Ketema, Executive Director, ASARECA</i>
10:30 – 10:45	Official Welcome Address, Hon. Tress N. Bucyanayandi, Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF)
10:45 – 11:05	<i>Official Opening of the 1st ASARECA General Assembly: Guest of Honour</i>

11:05 – 11:35 Group Photo/ Visit to the exhibition and Tea/ Coffee Break

11:35 –13:00	Minister’s address to the 1 st ASARECA General Assembly from the ASARECA founding member countries on Challenges, Opportunities and the Way Forward in Feeding our Region in the 21 st Century: National Efforts
	<i>Hon. Jean-Pierre Bokole Ompoka,</i> Minister for Scientific Research, Democratic Republic of Congo, <i>Hon. Arefaine Berhe</i> Minister for Agriculture, Eritrea <i>Hon. Tefera Derbew</i> Minister for Agriculture, Ethiopia <i>Hon. Japheth K. Mbiuki</i> MP, Assistant Minister for Research & Extension Services, Ministry of Agriculture, Kenya <i>Hon. Roland Ravatomanga</i> Minister for Agriculture, Madagascar, <i>Represented by Prof. Dr. Lala Razafinjara</i> <i>Hon. Agnes Kalibata</i> Minister for Agriculture, Rwanda <i>Hon. Abdelhailm I. Almutaafie</i> Minister for Agriculture, Sudan <i>Represented by Dr. Mamoun Dawelbeit</i> <i>Hon. Jumanne A. Maghembe</i> MP, Minister for Agriculture, Food Security and Cooperatives, Tanzania

DAY 1		Wednesday 14 December 2011 (Afternoon)	
13.00 – 14.30		Lunch break	
Sub-theme I:		Agricultural Development Challenges and Opportunities	
Plenary			
Venue:		ZIBA	
Chairperson:		Prof Elly Sabiiti, President of the General Assembly	
Master of Ceremony:		Dr. Eldad Tukahirwa, Deputy Executive Director, ASARECA	
<i>Facilitators</i>		<i>Dr. Paul Kibwika and Dr. Maria Nassuna Musoke</i>	
<i>Reporters</i>		<i>Dr. Florence Birungi Kyazze and Mr. Ahmed Zziwa</i>	
14:30 – 15:15		PRESENTATIONS	
14:30 – 14:45	The Emerging Impact of CAADP as a Planning and Partnership Platform to Accelerate Growth and Poverty Reduction by Dr. Ousmane Badiane <i>Director for Africa, International Food Policy Research Institute(IFPRI),</i>		
14:45 – 15:00	High and Volatile Food Prices: Drivers and Impacts on Food Security in Eastern and Central Africa by Joseph Karugia, Coordinaor, ReSAKSS-ECA		
15:00 – 15:15	Governance and Policy Imperatives for Transformation of Agriculture in Eastern Africa by Godber W.Tumushabe, Executive Director and Policy Analyst, Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE).		
15:15 – 16:00		Panel Discussions on Sub-Theme 1	
	<i>Agricultural Science, Technology, and Innovation: Feeding Eastern and Central Africa in the 21st Century, Panelist: Prof. Calestous Juma, Harvard Kennedy School.</i>		
	<i>The Emerging Impact of CAADP as a Planning and Partnership Platform to Accelerate Growth and Poverty Reduction. Panelist: Dr. Ousmane Badiane IFPRI, Dr. Boaz Blackie Keizire AU, Dr. Sam Kanyarukiga COMESA, and Dr. Fatumbi Oluwol, FARA,</i>		
	<i>High and Volatile Food Prices: Drivers and Impacts on Food Security in Eastern and Central Africa Panellists: Joseph Karugia, ReSAKSS-ECA, Prof. Wilfred Mwangi CIMMYT; Dr. Michael Hailu, CTA</i>		
	<i>Governance and Policy Imperatives for Transformation of Agriculture in Eastern Africa, Panellist: Godber W.Tumushabe, ACODE</i>		
16:00 – 16:20		Coffee/ Tea Break	
16:20-16:35		PRESENTATIONS	
16:20 – 16:35	Harnessing livestock resources for food security in pastoral areas of Eastern and Central Africa by Dr. Polly Ericksen, ILRI		
16:35 – 16:50	Proven Technologies for Feeding the Eastern and Central African Region by Mr. Morris W. Ogenga-Latigo, farmer		
16:50 – 17:30		Panel Discussions on Sub-Theme 1 continued	
	<i>Managing current and future climate induced risk in Eastern and Central African Agriculture. Panellist: K.P.C. Rao, Dr. J.B. Okeyo Owuor, Prof. Fisseha Itanna</i>		
	<i>Harnessing livestock resources for food security in pastoral areas of Eastern and Central Africa. Panellists: Dr. Polly Ericksen and Dr. David M Mwangi</i>		
	Proven Technologies for Feeding the Eastern and Central African Region, Panellist: Mr. Morris W. Ogenga-Latigo farmer and Dr. Silim M Nahdy,		
18:30 - 22:00		Cocktail	

DAY 2 Thursday, 15 December 2011 (Morning)

Plenary

Venue: ZIBA

Chairperson: Prof Elly Sabiiti, President of the General Assembly

Master of Ceremony: Dr. Eldad Tukahirwa, Deputy Executive Director, ASARECA

Facilitators Dr. Paul Kibwika and Dr. Maria Nassuna Musoke

Reporters Dr. Florence Birungi Kyazze and Mr. Ahmed Zziwa

8:30- 8:45	The Role of Mainstreaming Gender in Agricultural Research and Development and its Contribution to Feeding our region in the Twenty-First Century, Dr. Henry Manyire, Makerere University
8:45 – 9:00	Discussion

Parallel Session I: Sub-theme II: National and Regional Institutions Perspectives

Venue: PRINCESS

Chairperson Mr. Philip Kiriro, Farmers Representative, ASARECA Board

Facilitators Dr Maria Gorreti Nassuna

Reporters Mr. Richard Batte

09:15 – 09:30	Role of farmers, the regional FO and their strategic partners in feeding our region in the 21st century by Mr. Steve Muchiri, Eastern African Farmers Federation (EAFF)
09:30 – 09:45	Participatory Radio Campaign Model by Mr. Kevin Perkins, Farm Radio International
09:45 - 10:45	Discussion

Venue: KAMA

Chairperson Prof. Dr. Lala Razafinjara, Chairman, ASARECA Board

Facilitators Dr Prossy Isubikalu

Reporters Mr. Ahmed Zziwa

09:15 – 09:30	Emerging Issues underlying Food Insecurity in the ASARECA Region by Prof. Joseph Mukiibi, Consultant.
09:30 - 09:45	Role of agriculture in overall regional economic transformation by Prof. Calestous Juma, Harvard Kennedy School
09:45 - 10:45	Discussion

Venue: ZIBA

Chairperson Prof. Kallunde P. Sibuga, University Representative, ASARECA Board

Facilitators Dr Maria Gorreti Nassuna

Reporters Mr. Richard Batte

09:15 – 10:45	The role of universities and their strategic partners in attaining food security in the eastern and central Africa [ECA] region in the twenty first century by Geoffrey C. Mrema, Consultant
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10:45 – 11:15 Coffee/Tea Break

Parallel Session I: Sub-theme II: National and Regional Institutions Perspectives (continued)

Venue: ZIBA
Chairperson Mr. Richard Sahinguvu, NGO Representative, ASARECA Board
Facilitators Dr Maria Gorreti Nassuna
Reporters Mr. Ahmed Zziwa

11:15 – 12:45	Quels Rôles des ONG's , du forum Regional des ONG's et de leurs partenaires stratégiques dans l'alimentation de la sous Region de l'Afrique du Centre et de l'Est au 21ème siècle Par Pascal Baridomo
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Venue: PRINCESS
Chairperson Prof. Nafisa E. Ahmed, Extension Representative, ASARECA Board
Facilitators Dr Prossy Isubikalu
Reporters Mr. Ahmed Zziwa

11:15 – 12:45	Role of Extension, the Regional Extension Association, and their strategic partners in feeding the region in the 21st Century by Dr. Silim M. Nahdy
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Venue: KAMA
Chairperson Mrs. Lucy Muchoki, Private Sector Representative, ASARECA Board
Facilitators Dr Maria Gorreti Nassuna
Reporters Mr. Richard Batte

11:15 – 12:45	Role of the Private Sector, the Regional Private Sector Association, and their Strategic Partners in feeding our region in the 21st Century by John Kashangaki, Executive Director, Strategic Business Advisors [Africa] Ltd
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12:45 – 14:00 Lunch Break

DAY 2 Thursday, 15th December 2011 (Afternoon)

Sub-Theme III Partner Institutions Perspective

Plenary

Venue: ZIBA
Chairman: Prof Elly Sabiiti, President of the General Assembly
Facilitators Dr Maria Gorreti Nassuna
Reporters Mr. Ahmed Zziwa

14:00 – 14:10	Hon. Mrs. Odette Kayitesi's statement on Burundi
14:10 – 14:25	CGIAR Perspective by Dr. Jimmy Smith, Director General, ILRI
14:25 – 14:40	Integrated Bio-economy System for Food Security and Sustainable Development in Africa. Dr. Getachew Tikubet, Director of Operations, Bio-economy Africa
14:40 – 14:55	The East African Agricultural Productivity Program Perspective by Mr. Assaye Legesse, The World Bank
14:55 - 15:10	ICIPE's Perspective By Prof. Christian Borgemeister, Director General, ICIPE
15:10 - 15:30	Discussion

**Parallel Session II: Sub-Theme IV: Advances in Research for Development:
ASARECA Success Stories**

Venue: ZIBA

Participants: Ministers and all Invited Guests to the General Assembly Except members of the Business Committee

Chairperson Dr. Solomon Assefa Vice Chairperson ASARECA

Facilitators Dr Maria Gorreti Nassuna

Reporters Mr. Ahmed Zziwa

15:30 – 15:40	Overcoming seed potato quality constraints to tackle food security and poverty in Eastern and Central Africa in the 21st Century” by Dr. Z.M. Kinyua (from KARI / NARL/Kenya)
15:45 – 16:00	Utilization of Beans for Improved Health and Nutrition by Dr. Michael Ugen
16:00 – 16:15	Crop-Livestock Integration for Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Eastern and Central Africa by Dr. Jolly M. L. Kabirizi, NaLIRRI, NARO
16:15 – 16:30	Genetic Engineering of maize for drought tolerance in Eastern and Central Africa by Jesse Machuka
16:30-16:45	Discussions and Recommendations
16:45 – 16:55 Coffee/Tea Break	
16:55 – 17:10	Promoting sustainable natural resource management through effective governance and farmer-market linkages: Lessons and opportunities by Dr Onesmus Semalulu
17:10 – 17:25	Evolution of seed sector policies in eastern and central Africa by Dr. Evans Sikinyi.
17:25 – 17:40	Promoting farmer-led seed enterprises of African indigenous vegetables to boost household incomes and nutrition in Kenya and Tanzania, by Dr. Daniel Karanja (from CABI Africa, Nairobi)
17:40 – 17:55	Improving capacity for Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa: The SCARDA approach at ARC Sudan by K. Elsiddig
17:55 – 18:10	Harnessing Agrobiodiversity for Food Security and Sustainable Development: Conservation and Sustainable Utilization of PGR in Sudan, by Dr. El tahir Ibrahim Mohammed.
18:10 – 18:25	Discussions and Recommendations

Parallel Session III: BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING

Venue: KAMA

Chairperson: Prof Elly Sabiti, President of the General Assembly

Participants: Business Committee Members and ASARECA Board Members Only

Facilitators Dr Maria Gorreti Nassuna

Reporters Mr. Richard Batte

15:15 – 15:30	Progress in the Implementation of the ASARECA Operational Plan by Dr. Seyfu Ketema, Executive Director, ASARECA
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15:30 – 15:45	ASARECA Annual Performance Report by Dr. Enock Warinda
15:45 - 16:00	ASARECA Annual Work Plan and Budget for 2012 by Dr. Eldad Tukahirwa
16:00 – 16:15	Presentation and discussion on Recommendations from Sub-Theme I: Agricultural Development Challenges and Opportunities
16:15 – 16:30	Presentation and discussion on Recommendations from Sub-Theme II: National and Regional Institutions Perspectives
16:30 – 16:45	COFFEE/TEA BREAK
16:45 – 17:00	Discussion and approval of the General Assembly Rules of Procedure
17:00 – 17:45	Decision on recommendations to be made to the General Assembly by the Business Committee

DAY 3 Friday, 16th December 2011 (Morning)

Open Space for Side Meeting and Networking

Venue: PRINCESS, KAMA, ZIBA

8:30 – 10:00	Open space for side meetings and Networking
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10:00 – 10:30 Coffee/ Tea Break

PLENARY SESSION

VENUE: ZIBA

Chairman: Prof Elly Sabiiti, President of the General Assembly

Facilitators Dr. Paul Kibwika and Dr. Maria Nassuna Musoke

Reporters Dr. Florence Birungi Kyazze and Mr. Ahmed Zziwa

10:30– 11:20	Recommendations from Business Committee to the general Assembly
11:20 – 11:50	Discussion and Adoption of the Recommendations
11:50 – 12:10	Vote of Thanks by Dr. Emily Twinamasiko, Director General, NARO
12:10 – 12:30	Closing Ceremony

12:30 – 14:30 LUNCH BREAK

END OF THE 1ST ASARECA GENERAL ASSEMBLY