

AFRICA LEAD LEARNING EVENT

LEADERSHIP FOR AFRICA'S FOOD SECURITY: THE HARD FACTS ABOUT THE SOFT ART OF FACILITATIVE LEADERSHIP

Date: Wednesday, August 7, 2019

Time: 9 a.m. (registration begins at 8 a.m.)

Location: Trademark Hotel, Gigiri, Nairobi Kenya

Event Summary

The objective of this Africa Lead learning event is focused on sharing best practices and lessons learned across the continent from Africa Lead's central approach to transforming food security leaders and institutions through "facilitative leadership". The purpose of this event is to define facilitative leadership and demonstrate how it is used to get multiple stakeholders to collaborate in solving complex development challenges. The event will almost entirely feature counterparts and partners that have participated in or led facilitative leadership processes. We are holding this event on the third and final day of the closing event of Africa Lead's Executive Leadership Course for Africa's Food Security, a 6-month training program for leaders in East and Southern Africa. The learning event will feature several course participants who will share their recent facilitative leadership experiences.

Background

Africa Lead is one of USAID and Feed the Future's primary capacity building programs for advancing food security and resilience across the continent. The event is part of Africa Lead's multi-month Final Program Year Learning Series (learn more at www.africaleadftf.org/learning). The series, spanning June - November 2019 includes a variety of learning events that delve into Africa Lead's six years of program work across the continent. The series targets a wide-range of audiences including our African institutional partners in government, regional intergovernmental organizations, and non-state actor groups, as well as our USAID counterparts and partners at every buy-in level (Washington D.C., regional, and bilateral).

Agenda

8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Arrival, Registration, Networking & Coffee

9:00 – 9:15 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
 Welcome Remarks – USAID Mission (5 minutes)

9:15 – 9:30 a.m.	Scene setting: What is Facilitative Leadership and why is it important? Steve Smith, Chief of Party, Africa Lead II
9:30 – 10:15 a.m.	Keynote Speaker – H.E. Prof Kivutha Kibwana- Governor, Makueni County (20 minutes) <i>“My philosophy as a leader: Leadership principles and practices that have helped me unite Makueni around a common vision”</i>
	Q&A (20 minutes)
10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break
10:30 – 11:00 a.m.	Facilitative Leadership of Multi-Stakeholder Projects and Processes in Action: Lessons from the Field. <i>A Panel Discussion Featuring Experiences & Lessons in Facilitative Leadership Under Africa Lead</i> Kinyua M'Mbiijiwe – Strengthening Seed Trade Systems for Increased Seed Trade in the Common Market for East and Southern Africa (COMESA) Region
	Anne Onyango – Fostering Inclusive National Agriculture Policy and Strategy Development
	Catherine Mbindyo – Helping the Tanzanian Government socialize the Agriculture Sector Development Program.
11:00 – 11:20 a.m.	Table Group Discussions – Our Reflections on Facilitative Leadership
11:20 – 11:50 a.m.	Learning Facilitative Leadership – A conversation with participants of the “Executive Leadership for African Food Security” Program. Victor Odero - Regional Advocacy Coordinator, International Rescue Committee, (IRC)
	George Wamwere – Livestock Value Chain Manager, International Livestock Research Centre, (ILRI)
	Rosemary Nyoka - Deputy Chief of Party, Fintrac, Zimbabwe
11:50 – 12:10 p.m.	Q&A and discussions
12:10 – 12:20 p.m.	Closing: Main takeaways and closing comments from the audience
12:30 p.m.	Lunch