AGENDA

Friday 29 February

12:30 – 2:00 pm  Registration (Meeting room- Hassankhani)

2:00 pm  Welcome and Introduction of Participants (Widders/Director)

2:15 pm  Technical Vision of Dry Grain Pulse CRSP (Widders)

3:00 pm  Coffee Break

3:30 pm  USAID Expectations Regarding the Dry Grain Pulses CRSP (Oweis)

4:00 pm  Overview of Dry Grain Pulse Program (Maredia)

4:30 pm  Meeting Agenda and Arrangements

5:00 pm  Adjourn

Saturday 1 March

8:30 am  Presentations of Projects  (Bob Mazur- Moderator)

8:45  Modern Cowpea Breeding to Overcome Critical Production Constraints in Africa and the U.S.  Lead PI- Philip Roberts, University of California-Riverside.  Collaborators- Instituto de Investigacao Agronomica (IIA), Angola; Institut de l’Environement des Recherches Agricoles (INERA), Burkina Faso; Institut Senegalais Recherches Agricole (ISRA), Senegal.

9:15  Biological Foundations for Management of Field Insect Pests of Cowpea in Africa.  Lead PI- Barry Pittendrigh, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.  Collaborators- Institute for Agricultural Research, Zaria, Nigeria; Institut de l’Environement et de Recherches Agricoles (INERA), Burkina Faso; l’Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique du Niger (INRAN), Maradi, Niger

9:45  Combining Conventional, Molecular and Farmer Participatory Breeding Approaches to Improve Andean Beans for Resistance to Biotic and Abiotic Stresses.  Lead PI- James Kelly, Michigan State University.  Collaborators- Institut des Sciences Agronomiques du Rwanda (ISAR); National University Rwanda (NUR); Instituto Nacional de Investigaciones Agropecuarias (INIAP); Cornell University.

10:15  Enhancing Nutritional Value and Marketability of Beans through Research and Strengthening Key Value Chain Stakeholders in Uganda and Rwanda.  Lead
PI- Robert E. Mazur, Iowa State University. Collaborators- Makerere University, Uganda; National Crops Resources Research Institute, Uganda; Volunteer Efforts for Development Concerns, Uganda; Kigali Institute of Science and Technology, Rwanda.

11:00 Coffee and Snack Break

11:30 Using Improved Pulse Crop Productivity to Reinvigorate Smallholder Mixed Farming Systems in Western Kenya. Lead PI- Julie Lauren, Cornell University. Collaborators- Kenya Agriculture Research Institute (KARI); Egerton University Moi University, and University of Nairobi, Kenya; Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical (CIAT).

12:00 pm Development, Testing and Dissemination of Genetically Improved Bean Cultivars for Central America, the Caribbean and Angola. Lead PI- James Beaver, University of Puerto Rico. Collaborators- Escuela Agricola Panamericana-Zamorano (EAP), Honduras; National Seed Program, Ministry of Agriculture, Haiti; Instituto de Investigacao Agronomica (IIA), Angola; USDA-ARS Tropical Agriculture Research Station, Mayaguez, PR.


1:30 Lunch

3:00 pm USAID Foreign Assistance Framework (FAF) and Initiative to End Hunger in Africa (IEHA): Requirements for CRSP Reporting (Widders and Oweis)

4:00 Guidelines for Preparation of Workplans and Budgets (1 April 2008 – 30 September 2009): Importance of Benchmarks, Indicators of Progress and Deliverables. (Maredia and Hassankhani)

5:30 Adjourn

Sunday 2 March

8:30 am Breakout into Project Teams for Preparation of Workplans and Budgets

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 Continued Planning and Preparation of Workplans and Budgets

1:00 pm Lunch Break

3:00 pm Breakout into Regional Teams for Coordination among Projects

5:00 pm Adjourn
Monday 3 March

**Oral Presentations of Workplans and Budgets** (Phil Roberts- Moderator)

8:00  *Improving Bean Production in Drought-Prone, Low Fertility Soils of Africa and Latin America – An Integrated Approach.*

8:30  *Expanding Pulse Supply and Demand in Africa and Latin America: Identifying Constraints and New Strategies.*

9:00  *Development, Testing and Dissemination of Genetically Improved Bean Cultivars for Central America, the Caribbean and Angola.*

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11:00 Snack and Coffee Break

11:30 *Biological Foundations for Management of Field Insect Pests of Cowpea in Africa.*

12:00 *Modern Cowpea Breeding to Overcome Critical Production Constraints in Africa and the U.S.*

12:30 pm Adjourn for the Day

Afternoon Free for Shopping and Visits to Tourist Sites in Barcelona

Tuesday 4 March (Julie Lauren- Moderator for AM session)

8:00 am Operational Policies and Guidelines for Dry Grain Pulses CRSP (Widders)

9:30 Contractual Arrangements and Financial Management/Reporting (Hassankhani)

10:30 Technical Management Advisory Committee: Election of Representatives

11:00 Snack and Coffee Break

11:30 Finalize Research and Training Workplans and Budgets

12:30 pm Submit Final Project Workplans and Budgets to MO

1:00 Lunch Break
Moderator for PM Session- Emmanuel Prophete

3:00  Institutional Capacity Building: Identifying needs of Host Country institutions. (Maredia)

3:30  USAID Country Mission Relationships and Associate Awards (Widders)

4:00  Technical and Geographical Gaps and Future Foci for possible RFP

4:30  Concluding Remarks

5:00 pm Adjourn Meeting

**Wednesday 5 March**

Participants Depart for Home