**Dry Grain Pulses CRSP**

**Technical Management Advisory Committee Meeting**

**August 29 -31, 2011**

**(25 August 2011 version)**

**AGENDA**

**Sunday, August 28**

PM TMAC members arrive into East Lansing and check into the Townplace Suites by Marriott, 2855 Hanna Blvd., East Lansing (517 203-1000)

**Monday, August 29**

**7:45 am** Pick-up at the Townplace Suites for transport to the Henry Center, 3535 Forrest Rd.

8:30 am Welcome and Review of Agenda (Doug Maxwell, Chair)

8:40 am Comments on Status of Pulse CRSP and Tasks of TMAC (Widders, Director)

9:00 am Report from the Office of Agriculture Research, Technology and Policy, Bureau of Food Security, USAID-Washington. Dr. Larry Beach, AOTR for the Dry Grain Pulses CRSP.

9:45 am Financial Report of the Dry Grain Pulses CRSP (Hassankhani)

10:15 am Break

10:40 am Report of TMAC site visit to projects in Uganda (Minnaar, Brink)

11:00 am Review of FY 11 Workplans

 Theme: Increasing Pulse Productivity (via Genetic Improvement)

PII-UCR-1 *Modern Cowpea Breeding to Overcome Critical Production Constraints in Africa and the U.S.* (Pittendrigh)

PII-UPR-1 *Development, Testing and Dissemination of Genetically Improved Bean Cultivars for Central America, the Caribbean and Angola* (Beebe)

PII-MSU-1 *Combining Conventional, Molecular and Farmer Participatory Breeding Approaches to Improve Andean Beans for Resistance to Biotic and Abiotic Stresses in Ecuador and Rwanda* (Pittendrigh)

12:00 (noon) Theme: Increasing Productivity (via Integrated Crop Management)

PIII-ISU-2 *Enhancing Biological Nitrogen Fixation (BNF) of Leguminous Crops Grown on Degraded Soils in Uganda, Rwanda and Tanzania* (Maxwell)

PII-UIUC-1 *Biological foundations for management of field insect pest of cowpea in Africa* (Maxwell)

12:30 pm Lunch at Henry Center with MSU administrators and faculty who participate in Pulse CRSP projects

2:00 pm Theme: Increasing Productivity via Integrated Crop Management, Continued

 PII- PSU-1 *Improving bean production in drought-prone, low fertility soils of Africa and Latin America – an integrated approach*. (Beebe)

2:20 pm Theme: Improving Nutrition and Increasing Pulse Utilization

PIII-MSU-3 *Improving Nutritional Status and CD4 Counts in HIV-Infected Children through Nutritional Support* (Minnaar)

PII-TAMU-1 *Increasing Utilization of Cowpeas to Promote Health and Food Security in Africa* (Donovan)

PII-ISU-1 *Enhancing Nutritional Value and Marketability of Beans through Research and Strengthening Key Value Chain Stakeholders in Uganda and Rwanda* (Minnaar)

2:20 pm Theme: Strengthening Pulse Value Chains

PII-MSU-2 *Expanding Pulse Supply and Demand in Africa and Latin America: Identifying Constraints and New Strategies.* (Coulibaly)

PIII-KSU-1 *Pulse Value Chain Initiative- Zambia* (Donovan)

3:00 pm Theme: Impact Assessment

PIII-MSU-4 *Impact Assessment of Bean/Cowpea and Dry Grain Pulses CRSP Investments in Research, Institutional Capacity Building and Technology Dissemination in Africa, Latin America and the U.S*. (Donovan)

General issue: Communication/dissemination of CRSP successes

3:30 pm Summary comments on Workplans FY12

3:45 pm Break

4:15 pm Report of PSU Research Priority Setting Workshop (Maxwell)

4:45 pm Opportunities for partnership and coordination of activities (CRP3.5 Grain Legumes) (Beebe)

 Comments on BeanCAP, Generation Challenge Grants, McKnight Foundation grants, N2 Africa, etc.

5:30 pm Adjourn for the day

7:15 pm Dinner, prepare summary comments on Workplan by Lead reviewer

**Tuesday, August 30**

**7:45 am** Pick up at Townplace Suits and transport to Henry Center

8:15 am Review of Proposals and Recommendations on FY 12 Supplemental Funding

10:00 am Break

10:30 am Thoughts on Pulse CRSP contribution to FTF and research foci, program structure and host country collaboration for next five years (2012-17) (Widders) also, Beach, if appropriate

12:00 noon Lunch

1:30 pm TMAC advisement on Dry Grain Pulses CRSP technical performance (2007-12) and future program structure and technical directions for the future

3:00 pm Break

3:30 pm TMAC advisement of future technical directions and program structure of the Dry Grain Pulses CRSP

5:00 pm Global Pulse CRSP Meeting: Objectives and effective use of time

5:30 pm Adjourn and transport back to Townplace Suits

7:30 pm Dinner at the home of Irv and Romelia Widders, 1895 Live Oak Trail, Williamston

**Wednesday, August 31**

**7:45 am** Pickup at Townplace Suits and transport to Henry Center

8:15 am Global Pulse CRSP Meeting: Objectives and effective use of time (Widders)

9:00 pm Report on Associate Award - Dissemination of Bean Technology Package in Honduras, Nicaragua, Guatemala and Haiti (Luis Flores, Project Manager)

9:45 am Continue discussions of Future direction and structure for Dry Grain Pulses CRSP

10:15 am Break

10:45 am Unfinished business

11:30 am Closing comments and adjournment

12:00 noon Lunch at Henry Center

1:00 pm Tour of bean plots on Campus or visiting MSU departments of interst

PM Departure to Airport

**Thursday, Sept. 1**

AM Departure to Airport