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RAEIN-Africa announces the following activities scheduled for the first quarter of 2010.

### **1. "The Biosafety Socio-economic Risk Assessment training workshop" to be held from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at the University of Pretoria in South Africa.**

#### **COURSE FOCUS**

The workshop will be held in Pretoria and facilitated by the University of Pretoria, the department of Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural development. Trainers will be from IFPRI, UP, OXFAM and UNEP-GEF and other related institutions. The course will be facilitated and certified by the Continued Education Branch of the University of Pretoria.

The main objective of this workshop is to capacitate RAEIN-Africa Partners on how to institutionalize and implement Article 26 of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety. The workshop will also be a forum for partners to develop a shared understanding of the international expectations. Partners from the participating countries will also present their preliminary findings on the "Un-packing socio-economic biosafety considerations" studies.

#### **PARTICIPANTS**

Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa – (Limpopo Province), Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe will each nominate 3 participants representing the following:

- Biosafety Focal Point
- The RAEIN-Africa supported Biosafety Socio-economic research team
- The potential Biosafety risk assessors as nominated by the Biosafety Focal Point

All the three participants should be endorsed by the RAEIN-Africa National Working Group.

Angola, DRC, Madagascar, Mauritius and Lesotho should nominate a representative (1) from National Biosafety Focal Point.

Names of participants resume (not more than 1 A4 paper, on times new roman, font 11) should be submitted to the RAEIN-Africa latest by the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2010.

More details about the course content will be circulated in January

### **2. "Conference on "Innovation, Mitigation and adaptation Strategies to Climate Change in Southern Africa.", to be held in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 15<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

#### **Conference Focus**

The conference will be an experience sharing forum and will shape the future interventions for the network on Climate Change coping and adaptation strategies and the alternative energy sources projects. The major expected outputs of the conference is a clear understanding of the impacts of Climate Change with specific reference to vulnerable communities in Southern Africa, the status of Climate Change coping and adaptation strategies and efforts to enhance these in the region and a well defined and clear role of the network in addressing the existing gaps. Issues of awareness creation and mobilizing community participation on Climate Change and Biofuels related decision making will also be discussed.

The Climate Change and alternative Energy conference will take stock of community adaptation

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strategies in southern Africa based on specific cases currently being investigated by RAEIN-Africa and its partners and other identified national and regional research programmes. The concept note for the conference is hereby attached.

### PARTICIPANTS

RAEIN-Africa will support the attendance of 3 participants from :

#### GROUP "A" COUNTRIES:

- The Principal investigators of the RAEIN-Africa supported Climate change studies currently being implemented or the authors of the Country status papers on Climate change, and
- The authors to the bio-fuel Country papers or the Principal Investigators of the bio-fuels case study and
- Representatives of a few selected projects currently working on similar issues – who should be prepared to present papers at the Conference to share their own experiences and findings.

#### GROUP "B" COUNTRIES:

- One participant from Group B to be nominated by the NCIs in consultation with the RAEIN-Africa Secretariat - should be prepared to present a paper on either the Country Status on Climate Change issues or share experiences on are relevant projects in their country. (See attached Concept note for further details)

### ***3. Call for articles to the next Building Bridges newsletter***

The theme for the next newsletter to be published by May 2010 is "Climate Change Impact and Adaptation Strategy in Southern Africa. Partners are invited to submit articles as per attached description to the Secretariat by the **24<sup>th</sup> of March**.

Building Bridges has a wide readership internationally. We circulate both hard and soft copies to over 4 000 readers of all backgrounds. Articles should be submitted in word format and should not be longer than 2000 words with a font size of 11. The preferred font is Calibri for the text and Cambria for the heading. Pictures should be send seperately as high quality jpegs. RAEIN-Africa pays a nominal fee for selected and published articles.

You are urged to share your ongoing or completed research and/or findings were they are there on the selected theme. The RAEIN-Africa's focus is on role of Science and Technology, IKS and innovation systems approach to addressing the above issues in sustainable development, (food security, agriculture, environment and health). Interfacing science, technology, policy and society in Climate Change coping and adaptation issues are also of interest to the Network. Articles on the creation of an enabling environment for innovation addressing poverty issues are also welcome as this is a cross cutting issue and the network will continue to engage partners.

### ***4. Follow-up in-country trainings on Innovations system for selected countries***

Countries will be selected on merit for follow-up training based on awarded projects – for further information on this ***see attached call for proposals***.

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**5. Submission of proposals for Public Awareness and Public Participation and Appropriate Biotechnology Innovation platforms – introducing technology for sustainable development (see attached the call) due date 5th February 2010**

Only the Group "A" Botswana, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa – Limpopo Province, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe countries qualify for this call. All proposals should be endorsed by the RAEIN-Africa National Working Group (NWG). For the contact details of the NCI please see visit our website [www.raein-africa.org](http://www.raein-africa.org)

Proposals should be implemented through innovation platforms which clearly elaborate on the roles and responsibilities of parties.

The Deadline for submission is 10 February 2010.

***(see attached call for proposals.)***

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