

INNOVATION SYSTEMS FOR POVERTY REDUCTION AND SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS DEVELOPMENT IN SADC COUNTRIES

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Date/time/session	Activity
Monday 22 June 2009	
0730-0830	Registration
Session 1:	Opening Session: Setting the scene Session Chair: Elmo Thomas Rapporteurs:
08.35 – 08.50	Welcome Remarks by Vice Chancellor, University of Namibia
08.50 – 09.00	Introductions
09.00 – 09.20	Introducing the conference: background, objectives and expected outcomes – D. Shumba-Mnyulwa RAEIN Africa RD
09.20- 09.50	Keynote address 1: Contextualizing the global development and innovation challenge – Dr. P. Robbins – Open University UK
09.50 – 10.20	Official opening remarks – Mr. A. Van Kent Director Research and Science and technology Directorate, Ministry of Education
10.20-10.50	Break and Group Photograph Tea Break
Session 2: The Science and Technology in Development : Global, Continental and Regional Experiences Session Chair: Prof F. Mucavele	
10.50 – 11.20	Key Note Address 2: An overview of the potential of Science and Technology to address African development challenges: Creating an enabling environment for science technology - Lukovi Seke - NEPAD Science and Technology Unit
11.20- 11.50	Opportunities for Livelihoods Development in Small holder Agriculture: –The Change Required for science and technology to have a role. Patricia Masanganise Khanya AICDD
11.50-12.20	Overview on technological and policy challenges and opportunities for the SADC region — Dr. Kevin Urama ATPS
12.20-13.00	Open plenary discussion moderated by Prof Mucavele
13.00-14.00	Lunch Break
Session 3: Approaches to technology and policy development and governance Session Chair: Patricia Masanganise	
14.00-14.30	Keynote address 3: Tracing the paradigms shifts in development approaches from top-down - technology transfer,- participatory approaches - Innovation Systems approach— Patricia Masanganise Khanya AICDD
14.30-14.50	Kenya experiences with Participatory Approaches in Research for Development - Kenya- Mr Joseph Wekunda Biotechnology Trust of Africa
14.50-15.10	BTZ experiences with participatory approaches – farmer's experiences Mrs. Mashonganyika and Mr Mupfupi Farmers from Buhera District
15.10 – 15.40	Innovation systems in Science and Technology – taking care of gender issues –

	Dr U. Ushewokunze- Obatolu Women in Science and Technology
15.40-15.50	Break
15.50 – 17.30	Panel discussion – Matching development challenges/opportunities to responses – why is Africa failing? Panelists — Prof Firmino Mucavele (EUEM- MZ), Charles Mugoya (ASARECA) Andrew Mushita, Van Kent, Ernesto Fernández Polcuch, UNESCO Windhoek – Moderated by Prof Elenimo Khonga
TUESDAY 23 JUNE 2009	
SESSION 4: INNOVATION SYSTEMS APPROACH IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION: Conceptual and methodological developments in innovation systems Chairperson - Immolatrix Geingos Onegbou	
8.00-8.40	Agriculture, science technology innovation (ASTI) system: its applications and lessons from the maize sector in Malawi - Andy Safalaoh
8.40-9.20	PICO experiences in facilitating innovation platforms – Edward Chuma PICO
9.20 –10.00	Plenary Discussion on innovation systems approaches in Science and technology and policy - Moderated by I. Geingos Onegbou
10.00 – 10.30	Tea Break
10.30-11.10	Innovation indicators in developing countries with application to Agricultural systems Ernesto Fernández Polcuch , UNESCO Windhoek
Session 5: Opportunities for Modern Science and Technology for Development in SADC countries: Innovation Systems Approach in Management and Application of Technologies Chairperson: Dr Wilson Mwenya	
11.10-11.30	Keynote address 4: Innovation systems in Biotechnology – Addressing Africa’s challenges How we can make Biotechnology sustainably address the needs of the poor? Prof Jane Morris -African Centre for Gene Technologies
11.30-11.50	“Biosafety Capacity Gaps how can these be addressed – Does Innovation System approach have a role to play? – Prof Chris Viljoen University of the Free State
11.50-12.10	Strengthening Capacity for Safe Biotechnology Management in Sub-Sahara Africa (SABIMA)”. Prof Walter Sandow Alhassan (FARA)
12.10-12.30	The African Biosafety Strategy Mahlet Teshome Kebede – AU Biosafety Expert
12.30-13.00	Discussion and identification of areas of convergence and divergence among the programme – Moderated by Dr. Wilson Mwenya
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch Break
SESSION 6: Mainstreaming Biosafety and Policies for other Emerging Technologies into National Systems of Innovation Chairperson: Prof Akwillin Tarimo	
14.00-14.40	National system of innovation and science and technology the RAEIN-Africa plans to contribute to the creation of an enabling environment: Introduction of the ISP-TEESA – Doreen Shumba-Mnyulwa
Subtheme A – Opportunities for Enhancing Development and Implementation of NBFs with Innovation Systems Approach	
14.40-15.00	Implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety provisions on Socio-economic considerations and Public participation– Dr Phumzile Dlamini
15.20-15.30	Tea Break
15.30 – 17.30	Progress towards implementation of the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety in SADC

	<p>countries – specific focus on national Biosafety frameworks - provisions on Socio-economic Considerations and Public Awareness and capacity Gaps – Sharing on progress on the implementation of these articles (article 23 & Article 26) or on the interpretation of the two at national levels will be appreciated.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Botswana - Namibia – - Madagascar - Malawi – - Mauritius - Mozambique - South Africa - Swaziland - Tanzania - Lesotho - Zambia - Zimbabwe
Wednesday 24 June, 2009	
Session 6 continued	Facilitator : Patricia Masanganise
8.00 – 9.00	<p>Group Discussion on Opportunities for enhancing Development and implementation of national Biosafety Frameworks with Innovation Systems approaches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Participation • Socio-Economic Consideration <p>Plenary and consolidation of emerging issues</p>
Subtheme: B Other Emerging Issues	
9.00-9.45	Addressing Climate Change Impacts for the Developing Countries Can Innovation Systems make the difference Viviane Kinyaga Desert Research Foundation Namibia
9.45-10.30	Biofuels- A friend or foe to Africa (enhancing or aggravate sustainable development in Africa – what Policy development process should take note of) – How can Innovation systems help? Jephias Gwamuri – National University of Science and Technology
10.30-11.00	Tea Break
11.00-12.15	<i>Group discussions – what are the main weaknesses of National Systems of Innovation in SADC countries? What lessons can we learn from the experiences shared How can they be addressed? How can the RAEIN-Network contribute to enhancement of National Systems of Innovation in Science and technology for development – from research agenda setting to delivery of end product to ensuring supportive policy frameworks and their effective implementation – Specific issues to be identified during the workshop</i>
12.15-13.00	Group Presentations and synthesis
1300 –1400	Lunch Break
Session 8:	Reflecting, Consolidating and prioritizing emerging issues Chairperson: Dr Daniel Mtetwa
14.00-14.30	Challenges, opportunities and options for regional governance of innovations – Dr Julius Mugwagwa – Open University – UK
14.30-15.45	Way forward: Key issues for sectors, partners, programme management unit &, workshop delegates – Patricia Masanganise and Phumzile Dlamini and Dorothy Mulenga
15.45 -16.00	Tea Break
16.00 – 16.15	Donors’ views on the innovation systems approach – Theo Van de Sande DGIS, The Netherlands
16.15 -16.30	Final key note address: looking back and ahead – Andrew Mushita - RAEIN-Africa Chairperson
16.30 -16.40	Closing remarks – Mr. Sheehamandje Ipinge . Ministry of Agriculture Water and

	Forestry
Launch - Programme 24 June 2009 – Dinner Programme	
18 :30 – 22 :00	Session Chair: MOE Alfred Van Kent
	Arrival of Guests while the cultural group performs
	Arrival of the Minister and his entourage
	Welcome Remarks - Chairperson Mr Van Kent
	RAEIN-Africa ISP-TEESA programme – Why Innovation Systems approach – Doreen Shumba-Mnyulwa
	Reciting a Poem – Christie Warner
	First course served
	An International Speaker on Systems of Innovation – contextualized – Dr Peter Robbins
	A statement from the Donor- Theo Van de Sande DGIS of the Netherlands
	Second Course served
	Official opening and launch of the ISP-TEESA programme Honorable Nangolo Mbumba Minister of Education
	Main Dinner meal while Cultural group performs

25 June 2009	Tour
	Ministry of Education – Directorate of Research Science and Technology
	Innovation systems approach – challenges for Namibia – Immolatrix Geingos-Oneugbou Overview of the proposed National Science Technology and Innovation System – programmes and Activities - Thomas Elmo Katutura Habitat Research and Development Centre
	Windhoek Municipality