

**Draft Agenda**  
**Pilot Regional ARD-Alliance Event for Africa**  
**11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> October 2011, in Seeta near Kampala and Kayunga / Uganda**

**Tuesday, Oct 11<sup>th</sup> - Field Day**

Agenda (chair)	Description
<b>9 am to 4 pm</b> <b>Farmers' Voice</b> <b>(Patrick Kasangaki,</b> <b>REN Uganda)</b>  <b>See separate program</b>	<b>Visit local farmers around Kayunga:</b> Contextualizing farming systems in Africa showing examples on how research outputs can strengthen agriculture community knowledge systems and in particular individual farmers (packed lunch). Expected outcome: improved understanding on how research and universities can contribute towards effective and efficient advisory service delivery.
<b>1 pm to 6 pm</b> <b>Registration (ERA-ARD II WP4 team)</b>	Conference registration
<b>6pm</b> <b>Welcome addresses</b> <b>(Josef Schmidt,</b> <b>ERA-ARD)</b>	H.E. the Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, Uganda, tbc European Commission, <b>N.N.</b> tbc FARA <b>Prof. Monty Jones</b> tbc ERA-ARD II Chair <b>Sander van Opstal</b>
<b>6:30 pm</b> <b>Keynote lecture</b> <b>(Sander van Opstal,</b> <b>ERA-ARD)</b>	Capacity Development / R4D towards Rural Innovation for Welfare. <b>Washington O. Ochola</b> , RUFORUM
<b>7:30 pm</b> <b>Dinner</b>	

**Wednesday, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> - Science Day**

Agenda	Description
<b>9 am to 12 am</b> <b>Regional Perspective</b> <b>(Myra Wopereis-Pura, FARA)</b>	<b>"Sustainable agricultural intensification through increased productivity and commodity value of major food crops"</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Crop resources management / breeding for sustainable production systems. <b>Ashura Luzi-Kihupi</b>, Tanzania</li> <li>○ Genetic improvement of crops and ecosystem intensification. <b>Irie Zoro Bi</b>, Ivory Coast</li> <li>○ Concepts for participatory integrated management of crop disease and pest management. <b>N.N.</b></li> <li>○ Processing/storage/marketing - how to generate additional income for farmers. <b>J. Ambrose Agona</b>, KARI, Uganda</li> <li>○ Developing novel products and quality assurance - connecting farmers to (new) markets. <b>Christine Akoth Onyango</b>, Kenya</li> <li>○ Building research management and valorization capacities in food security in West Africa. <b>Ablasse Bilgo</b>, Burkina Faso</li> <li>○ Strengthening African Universities to support agricultural and</li> </ul>

	rural innovations. <b>Paul Kibwika</b> , Makerere Univ. Uganda <b>Expected Results:</b> <i>Regional experts will address critical gaps within the research and development continuum and present integrated network approaches for improving crop production value chains in a changing environment</i>
<b>Lunch</b> <b>12 am to 1:30 pm</b>	
<b>1:30 pm to 3 pm</b> <b>Positioning of the ARD-alliance (Anne-Marie Schelstraete, ERA-ARD)</b>	<b>Research and Training Programmes (policies, strategies, project samples) for potential alignment / claims of in kind contributions to the new programme in discussion.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Sebastián Huber</b>, IRD, AIRES Sud Programme WS series</li> <li>○ <b>Washington O. Ochola</b>, RUFORUM PhD Programmes</li> <li>○ <b>Marc Bernard</b>, BLE, Structured evaluation of regional project catalogs for the agenda of "Sustainable agricultural intensification through increased productivity and commodity value of major food crops"</li> <li>○ <b>Expected output: eEvaluate ongoing research and training programmes in the context of ERA-ARD Alliance ambitions. Shared vision of the value added by this process.</b></li> </ul>
<b>3:30 pm to 5 pm</b> <b>Interaction with stakeholders (Marc Bernard, ERA-ARD)</b>	<b><i>View info corners / posters of stakeholders (farmers and producers associations, regionally operating university, research, and training institutions.</i></b> Reflect on the interaction of programmes with stakeholders, links and gaps in the research – development continuum. Group Discussion (brokerage of programme managers & stakeholders) & concluding summaries. Group 1: Farmers', producers' and processors' organisations Group 2: Certification, Quality Assurance, Marketing Group 3: Regional university networks & programmes Group 4: Research, training and extension institutions <b>Expected result:</b> Conclusions addressing key issues to be considered for future programming – investment opportunities.
<b>Plenary Session</b> <b>5 pm to 6 pm</b>	<b>Presentation of group reports</b> <b>Discussion</b>

#### Thursday, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> – Programming Day

<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b>9 am to 12 am</b> <b>Programme Response (N.N. FARA)</b>	<b><i>Statements and discussion among &amp; with programme owners / managers</i></b> <b><i>Status quo</i></b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>National programmes</b> (Governance, structure, and priorities)</li> </ul> <b>Ministerial representatives (Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, Southern Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe) - African countries priorities and programs for agricultural research and innovation</b> MAAIF, Uganda <b>Vincent Rubarema</b> , inv.

	<p>MoARD, Ethiopia, <b>Tefera Derebew</b>, inv  MA Kenya, <b>Foustine Peter Wandera</b>  MAFS, Malawi: <b>Wilfred Lipita</b>  MAAR, Rwanda: <b>Daphrose Gahakwa</b>  MoA, South Sudan, <b>Beda Machar</b>, inv  MAFSC, Tanzania, <b>Mohammed S. Muya</b>, inv  MAC, Zambia, <b>John Musanya</b>  MAMID, Zimbabwe, <b>Joseph LN Sikosana</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>National Research Organizations, Extension Services, RUFORUM, NGOs (short statements upon request to the organizers)</b></li> <li>○ ERA-ARD and partner programmes  <b>European Commission, National Ministries, R4D funding institutions</b>  <i>N.N. (EC), Elfriede Fuhrmann (BMLFUW,AT), Andreas Obrecht (ERAFRICA, KEF, AT), Manfred Kaufmann (DEZA, CH), Tuula Pehu (FI), Joachim Hornung (GE), Sander van Opstal (MILNV, NL), ES, TR, BE a.o. tbc.</i></li> <li>○ ARD &amp; Training programmes willing to contribute (PS a.o. foundations, national governments, agencies, NGOs etc  <b>N.N.</b> invitations sent</li> <li>○ Programmes aligning their running/planned investments (following the ARD-alliance principles)  <b>N.N.</b> invitations sent</li> </ul>
<p><b>12 am to 12:30 pm</b>  <b>Introduction to Programme Negotiations</b>  <b>(Marc Bernard, ERA-ARD)</b></p>	<p><b>Evaluate Options for Joining forces</b>  Structure for afternoon group work  <b>R&amp;D</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Optimizing resource efficiency for effective inputs</li> <li>○ On farm verification of research results</li> <li>○ Optimizing the value addition process</li> </ul> <p><b>Accompanying Measures &amp; Extension</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Improved knowledge management and transfer along the value chain</li> <li>○ Alignment of ongoing initiatives and establishment of collaborative transnational thematic networks.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Lunch</b>  <b>12:30 pm to 2 pm</b></p>	
<p><b>2 pm to 5 pm</b>  <b>Programme Negotiations</b>  <b>(Manfred Kaufmann, ERA-ARD)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Multilateral negotiations (small groups)</li> <li>○ Presentation of group work</li> </ul> <p>Conclusions: Priority Issues for Joint Programming and for other joint transnational activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Draft communiqué on programming joint activities</li> </ul>
<p><b>5 pm to 6 pm</b>  <b>Closing</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Final statements of the organizers</li> <li>○ Farewell</li> </ul>