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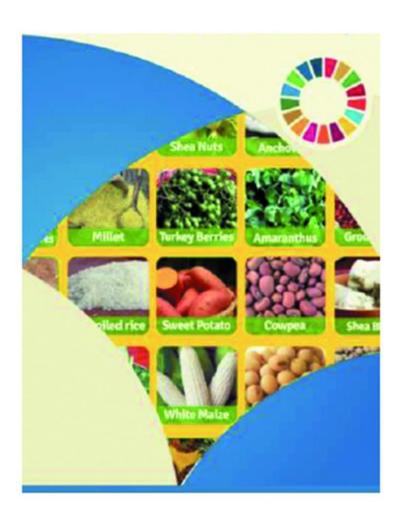






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Transforming Agribusiness in Northern Ghana

The Future Starts Now

Pre-Harvest Background and Themaric Focus

The event seeks to promote business partnerships among value chain actors, particularly farmers, buyers, processors, transporters, input dealers, equipment dealers, financial institutions, telecom companies and policy makers. It is a major interventional Exhibition and Conference aimed at accelerating the transformation of agribusiness in Northern Ghana through emphasis the Government's Planting for Food and Jobs policy.

Furthermore, the Pre-harvest Agribusiness Exhibition and Conference aims at getting the Agribusiness sector to influence transformation, though a heightened focus on public-private partnerships, investment opportunities and creation of an action-driven blueprint for an increasingly sustainable agricultural movement.

For the first time since its inception in 2011, the 8th Pre-harvest Event will be held for 3 days. It is expected to attract 2000 participants and exhibitors including farmers. commodity traders, brokers, input companies, machinery and equipment providers, transporters, financial institutions, ICT, Innovations, Poultry and Livestock companies, packaging and processing companies, development practitioners and government agencies, among others. Today the number of Exhibitors has increased

For the first time, the scope of the event has been expanded to include livestock and poultry. The top priority would be to provide the right environment for networking, learning, sharing of ideas and discussing the season's outlook on production; identify critical policies to support competitive marketing and to establish firm marketing relationships, as well as providing solutions to the challenges and issues within agribusiness.

The 8th Pre-harvest event is by far, the largest gathering of value chain actors and agribusinesses in Northern Ghana.

The Pre-harvest event has over the last seven (7) years, been fully organized by the USAID ADVANCE project. To scale up and sustain the event, USAID ADVANCE, has handed over the organization of the event to Agrihouse Foundation with World Food Program, as organizing Partner.

USAID ADVANCE, World Food Program, Agrihouse Foundation, Ministry of Food and Agriculture, Northern Development Authority are all aboard as organizing partners.

Event Objectives

As an interventional programme, the prime motivation behind the 8th Pre-harvest Agribusiness Exhibition and Conference is to:

- Assist farmers and agri-businesses to expand their businesses before and after harvesting, and create an enabling environment for new partnerships to promote the growth of Ghana's agricultural sector.
- Help farmers adopt best practices to ensure that achievements attained within the industry are sustained.
- Create an effectual interactive avenue that will enable business share innovative ideas and partner for progress.

Event Focus

Farming with purpose

The Focus is on understanding the purpose of farming; be it for direct consumption, pleasure/hobby or for commercial purposes. Farming should and is moving from subsistent levels to a level that does not only feed the farmer but serves as a source of income for him/her.

Policy dialogue

There is the need for guiding policies on developing agriculture and agribusiness in Ghana. The said policies would help shape the practice of the vocation. Discussions to be held by stakeholders in the sector including government sector institutions will be on best practical policies to drive agriculture and agribusinesses in Ghana

Custom/contract farming

Should farming be a career, be limited to one or for the purpose of commercial benefits? To what extent can farming be taken beyond the personal level?

Business to business

The Pre-harvest Exhibition and Conference 2018 will provide the unique opportunity for businesses in the agric and agric related sectors to interact and strike business deals for expansion.

Agritech workshop

Support systems such as technology are the driving forces of modern agriculture. Focus is on the role of technology in agriculture, training workshops in technology application. A showcase of positive examples of how much technology has helped in achieving positive results in the sector.

New developments in agribusiness financing

Right sources of agriculture funding; meeting the required criteria to qualifying for financial assistance and best ways of putting sourced finances to use in the sector

Improving the quality of locally produced seeds

Interactive sessions will discuss ways of ensuring that the quality of seeds produced locally is high enough to meet acceptable standards.

Development partner discussion - investing in the right people: youth in Agribusiness

How best can the vocation be made attractive to the youth to want to invest energy, time and financial resources into? How do they see agriculture as an occupation that can be taken up as full time job? How best can development partners in the agric sector collaborate and support this agendum?

Field demo /model farm visit

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Exhibition

Showcasing farm produce of all categories and acceptable standards; equipment of various kinds applicable to the sector as well as points of ideas sharing on improving the practice.

Introduction

Despite a significantly slow growth rate in recent years, Ghana's agriculture sector is showing promising signs of growth. Having refocused on factors which largely revolve around a renewed approach, the sector has benefitted immensely from a collective national effort to do things right.

This commitment is seen in the conception and implementation of the governments "Planting for Food and Jobs" initiative which in only two years has contributed enormously to the growth of the country's agricultural sector.

Agriculture is a fundamental area that supports the economy through the provision of formal and informal employment for millions of Ghanaians.

Despite this apparent centrality to national life however, the youth who are so often referred to as leaders of tomorrow have developed an inexplicable apathy for a vocation that has proven its credentials as an area with inexhaustible opportunities.

Youth apathy for agriculture is easily one of the most documented challenges that have plagued the agricultural sector. Refreshingly, there appears to be a crop of young Ghanaians who have seen the endless possibilities in the sector; and are working to take full advantage.

While this is refreshing, deliberately structured avenues like the Pre-harvest Agribusiness Exhibition and Conference are worthy initiatives that have been tailored to woo the youth into taking up roles within the sector.



The Future Starts Now

Pre-harvest 2018 presents key groups like youth and women, an exceptional opportunity to appreciate and embrace contemporary trends that open a window to the future of agriculture. Through the numerous modules that have been structured with youth and women in mind, there exists very little doubt that the limited roles of youth and women in agriculture will be reversed swiftly enough for the collective output of the two to cause a much needed renaissance.

Exploring the core of the Pre-harvest event

The 8th Pre-harvest Agribusiness Exhibition and Conference is hinged on key thematic areas where we are optimistic that participants will benefit greatly from.

Linkages for expansion

The event was conceived as an avenue for establishing business linkages that will systematically help to expand farmers' marketing opportunities. This will go great lengths to help farmers and agro-processors expand business opportunities and forge new and profitable partnerships that will see agribusiness thrive rapidly.

A window of opportunities

The Pre-harvest Agribusiness Event will expose participants to agro-economic opportunities. The expansive list of investors, policy-makers, business leaders, academics, finance professionals, corporate bodies, farmers, investors, financial institutions, input dealers, and other relevant stakeholders will savour the rare opportunity of tapping into the pool of business opportunities available through this event.

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Inclusive engagement

In consonance with the theme of the event, we are relishing the prospect of working practically and actively with all stakeholders for the rapid transformation of agribusiness in the country to reflect more inclusiveness, equitability, climate sensitivity and a generally positive narrative that will culminate in the visible improvement of society.

Focus on technology and best practices

An agriculture sector anchored on the efficiency of modern technology is akin to a Ferrari on a race track-there are no impediments on its path-and rapid milestones are guaranteed.

We are on all fours with proponents of increased sophistication and technology use in agriculture and have aligned the core of the event to reflect same.

Instituting a resolve for excellence

The ordinary seldom inspires any meaningful enthusiasm. This truism is critical to the core of what we hope to achieve with this event; that is why we have modeled avenues deliberately intended to help youth and women aim for a new dimensions of excellent delivery in all their operations. We see this as the panacea for the malignant challenge of poor value for services and products.

Youth and women penetration

Inarguably the future of agriculture, we are staunch believers of the incredible output that could result from a solid partnership between youth and women. This is why this event seeks to give flight to the willing wings of participating businesses that are youth and women centered or are led by persons directly linked to either of the groups.



Alberta Nana Akyaa Akosa Executive Director

Agrihouse

Agrihouse Foundation and the Pre-Harvest Planning committee welcomes you all to Tamale and to the 8th Pre-harvest Agribusiness Exhibitions and Conference under the theme "Transforming Agribusiness in Northern Ghana: The Future Starts Now."

This event represents a significant milestone in our collective resolve to catapult agriculture a notch higher, and it is absolutely refreshing to know that we are together on this journey with key stakeholders whose arm of support have been immense so far.

Like every incredible story of conquest, the idea of this event was born by USAID ADVANCE in 2009 with a little over 200 participants, as a platform for primary and secondary actors to learn and share ideas on critical actions to build competitive and sustainable agribusinesses, establish firm marketing relationships, network with suppliers and buyers as well as enter into contractual agreements with one another.

From a modest beginning, the event has over the years created opportunities for businesses, strengthened existing business relationships and built new ones.

What stands Pre-harvest out?

Pre-harvest is one of the very few and major interventional events in the country that help farmers and agro-processors expand busines oportunities and build new partnerships. It serves as a dynamic platform for commodity buyers and farmers to discuss contracts; thus improving linkages, enhancing food safety and value chains. It supports farmers adopt best practices to ensure that the achievements made within the industry are sustained. It also highlights and promote business partnerships and agro-economic opportunities among value chain actors, especially farmers, buyers, procesors, transporters, input dealers, equipment dealers, financial institutions, investors, international agencies, government, non-governmental institutions, policy makers, civil soceity and others.

It is worthy to note that, from evaluation reports, put together by UDS over the years, this one thing has stood out clearly; "The Pre-harvest event has created opportunities for businesses, trained, shared and imparted knowledge, assisted the technical and financial growth of businesses, strengthened existing business relationships and built new ones".

The Agrihouse impact

Since assuming the helm as organizers with the backing of the World Food Program, Agrihouse Foundation has infused a great deal of zest into the 8th edition of the event by courting over 2000 Participants who are set to feature in the annual agric-showpiece.

To achieve and sustain the budding momentum inspired by the Pre-harvest event thus far, it is crucial that it is given the needed attention and supported to grow in leaps and bounds. Particularly, because it has shown every indication of being capable of causing a whirlwind of positive change for the fortunes of Ghanaian agriculture and all who are directly and indirectly linked to the sector.





Event Fundamentals

While there are more positives than negatives to be reported of our agriculture, we must recommit to aiding the active and effectual participation of our women who have proven time and time again, that given adequate support, stellar results are attainable.

Similarly, we cannot afford to let the energies of our vibrant youth seep away into other ventures while the avalanche of opportunities in agriculture remains marginally exploited.

With the threat of climate change looming large over the globe, an initiative like these which seeks to create a cloud of business opportunities for all-and-sundry whiles also exposing businesses to modern operational techniques is key.

Ghana's large youth population presents an opportunity for a decisive youth/women policy that will ensure that we saddle our youth and women with the responsibility of manning the future of agriculture for increased output and eventual development.

Gratitude

We are very much indebted to all who have supported in diverse ways in making this year's event a great success. With your support, the event which hitherto spanned only a day now runs for three days.

Your Excellency the Vice President of the Republic, Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia, we are profoundly grateful for graciously accepting to grace the opening of the event with your presence. We acknowledge and appreciate your readiness to personally support any venture that seeks to advance our dear nation. You are an inspiration! To our esteemed sponsors, Yara Ghana, Ecobank, Mel Consulting, Tata John Deere, Kosmos Energy, Dizengoff, LK International, Interplast, RMG and Hatoum Trading. We say a very big 'thank you' to you for seeing wisdom in our idea and deciding to commit technical knowledge, funds and other resources towards its success.

We applaud your commitment to this noble cause, particularly in committing to equip and grow professionals for a life time. Imagine if we are able to groom and train 30 agro-mechanics from Pre-harvest annually for the next five to ten years or build 20 agro professionals in different fields annually? What will our agric sector turn to be? Then you can feel our heart beat, for we know that, we have arrived at the tipping point. We have converted words to actions. We have launched ourselves on a trajectory that should guarantee a positive destination for agriculture.

To all Exhibitors and other Participants, we welcome you to a platform where opportunities abound for growth and business expansion. Please network and strike deals while you also take advantage of progressive ideas and innovations accessible through this event.

It is our expectation that your businesses will thrive and assume new positive dimensions owing to your participation in this event.

To our key organizing partner, The World Food Programme, we acknowledge your incredible support and partnership that has made an otherwise tough journey, a seamless ride to fulfillment. Your decision to hand the organization of this mammoth event to us, is for us a catalyst that has incited in us a resolve to shine bright in our efforts to propel this event to even loftier heights.

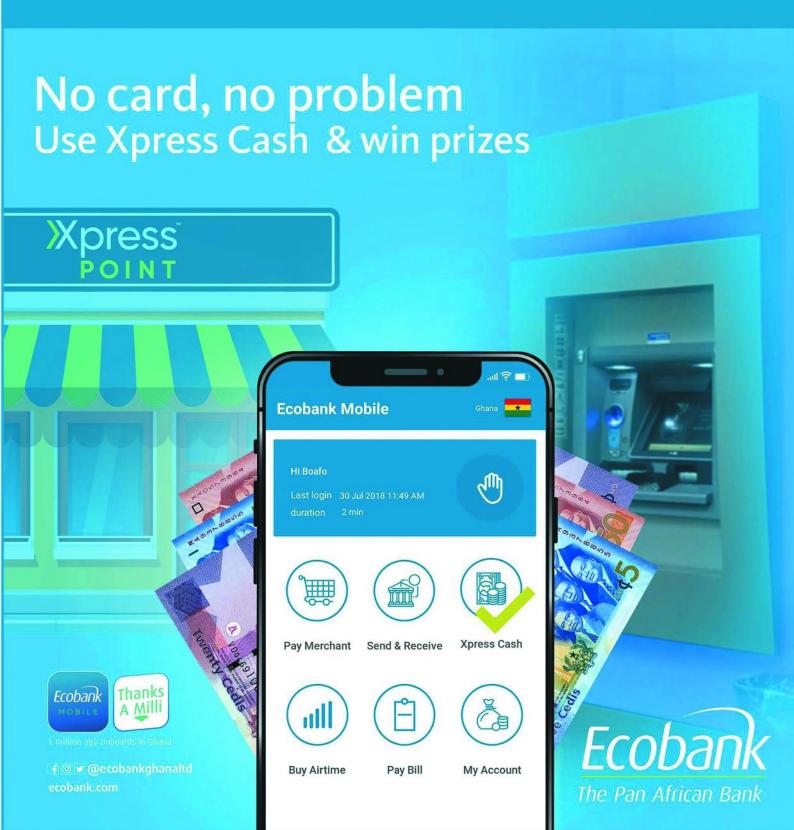
To the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, the Northern Regional Coordinating Council and the Northern Development Authority, we very much appreciate your commitment to seeing the success of this event. Your facilitating roles among others could not have come at a better time. Your doors were always opened to us while your ideas were all the time shared without hesitation. A commitment to excellence puts results within reach.

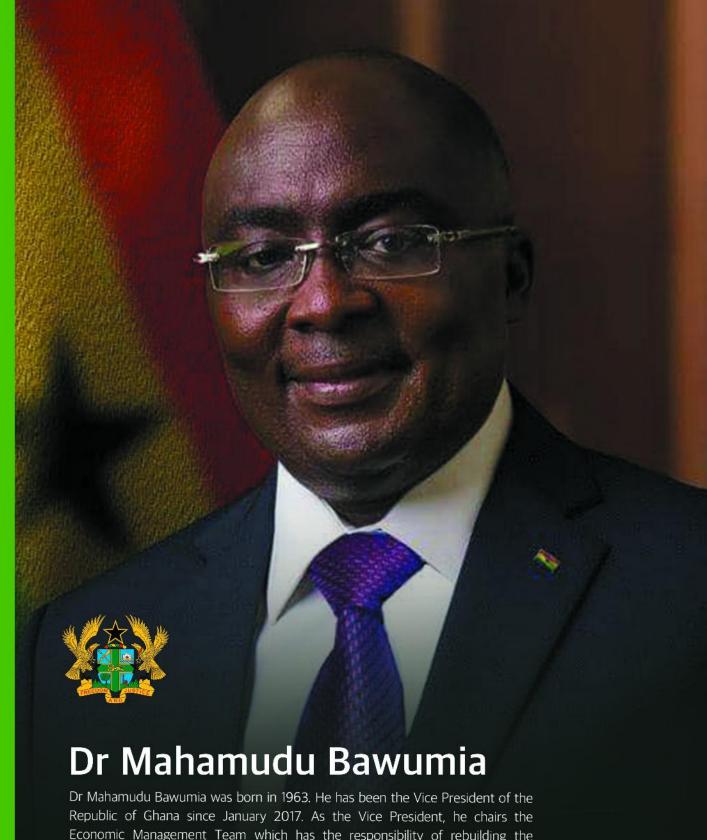
The onus therefore lies on us all to harness the endless potential available to us to ensure that the propeller for our agriculture never runs out of steam. The verdict is this: it is in us to do great for agriculture-lets commit to doing just that!

We wish you all well and look forward to seeing you again next year.



The Pan African Bank





Dr Mahamudu Bawumia was born in 1963. He has been the Vice President of the Republic of Ghana since January 2017. As the Vice President, he chairs the Economic Management Team which has the responsibility of rebuilding the Ghanaian economy. He holds a First Class Honors Degree in Economics (Buckingham University, 1987), a Master's Degree in Economics (Oxford University 1988); and a Ph.D. in Economics (Simon Fraser University, Canada in 1995).

He has had a prestigious career which includes serving as the Deputy Governor of the Bank of Ghana in 2006 and the Resident Representative of the African Development Bank in Zimbabwe in 2011. He has numerous publications to his credit, including "Monetary Policy and Financial Sector Reform in Africa, Ghana's Experience".

He is married to Samira Ramadan and they have four children.



WEDNESDAY 3RD OCTOBER, 2018 - FRIDAY 5TH OCTOBER, 2018 ALIU MAHAMA SPORTS STADIUM. TAMALE

PROGRAMME OUTLINE

DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY, 3RD OCTOBER 2018

TIME ACTIVITY

7.30AM - 9.00AM

9.00AM - 10.30AM

REGISTRATION/BREAKFAST

OPENING CEREMONY

- · Opening Prayer Our Regional Chief Imam
- National Anthen
- Welcome Remarks by Agrihouse Foundation Alberta Nana Akvaa Akosa
- Remarks by Mel Consulting Ltd. Ms. Lucy Quainoo
- Remarks by Ecobank MD Dan Sacker
- Remarks by TATA / John Deere Aashish Rastog
- Remarks by Yara Ghana MD Danguah Addo-Yobo
- Cultural Display
- Statement by Country Representative, World Food Programme Ms. Rukia Yacoub
- Statement by the Netherlands Ambassador H.H Ron Strikker
- Address by the Canadian High Commissioner H.E Heather Cameron
- Statement by Hon, Minister of State at the Presidency, In-charge of Food & Agriculture Dr. Gyiele Nurah
- Remarks by Host and introduction of H.E. Vice President Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia by
- Cultural Displa
- Keynote Address by H.E. Vice President Dr. Mahamudu Bawumia
- Closing Prayor Prochytorian Poy
- Opening of Exhibitions and visit of stands by H.E Vice President, Minister of State, dignitaries and protocol
- Photos with H.E Vice President, dignitaries, partners and sponsors
- Media Briefing (Sponsors and Partners)
- Refreshments/Snacks and Networking

12:00NOON - 2.00PM

10.30AM - 12.00PM

Commodity Break-out Sessions / Farming with Purpose

- A conversation with Purpose-Driven Agribusiness Actors Knowledge, Priority, Specialization, Valuation with respect to commodity of choice (Maize, Rice, Soybean, Cowpea, etc.)
- It will also provide an interactive platform for commodity buyers (processors and aggregators) and farmers (as suppliers) to discuss and establish prospective purchase and sale terms for future dealings. These sessions typically improves understanding between participating businesses and helps facilitate swift and informed business deals during and after the event.

Buyers & Farmers Maize Rice

Soyabean

AFAP

Dizengoff

Facilitator- WFP

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Transforming Agribusiness

TIME	ACTIVITY		
2.00PM - 3.00PM	VIP LUNCH (ARRANGED BY PARTNERS/SPONSORS FOR THEIR GUESTS)		
3.00PM - 4.00PM	BUSINESS TO BUSINESS SESSIONS Each Business to Business (B2B) session will provide an opportunity for a key private sector company in agribusiness (input dealer, financial institution, equipment dealer, or service provider) to share goods, equipment and service offerings with farmers and other agribusiness entrepreneurs. The companies will also rely on the sessions to obtain feedback from participants on their business needs, and how they can better respond to it. ECOBANK Business to Business - Agri-finance YARA Business to Business - Fertilizer	ECOBANK YARA GHANA	
A COMMITMENT TO ACTION What Players(Partners/Sponsors/Farmers) bring to the table of Transforming Agribusiness & what must be achieved before the next			

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POLICY DIALOGUE: PLANTING FOR FOOD AND JOBS PROGRAMME (PFJ)

This dialogue session will seek to stimulate ideas and proposals for the improvement of the government's flagship programme on agriculture - Planting for Food and Jobs (PFJ). A senior official of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture will brief participants on the gains made since the policy was launched two years ago.

A researcher from the University of Development of Studies will also present findings from a recent assessment of PFJ. After which the listening audience will have the opportunity to share their perspectives on the way forward for the policy.

- · Presentation by Ministry of Food and Agriculture: Goals, Targets, Progress to date
- Presentation by University of Development Studies (UDS): Assessment of Implementation PFJ - Lessons and Way Forward
- · Panel Discussion: Opportunities for Improvement

FACILITATOR: RAZAK CARLOS ALHASSAN

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what must be achieved before the next gathering





MS RUKIA YACOUB COUNTRY DIRECTOR - WFP

MESSAGE FROM WFP

The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), is pleased to sponsor the 8th Annual Pre-Harvest Conference and Exhibition in Tamale, ensuring that this event continues to link actors in the food value chain. We are particularly interested in its benefits to smallholder farmers who produce majority of the food in Ghana but remain among the most food-insecure livelihood groups.

Globally, WFP focuses its support to national governments on Sustainable Development Goals 2 - Zero Hunger and 17 - Partnerships. The national Zero Hunger Strategic Review which was launched by His Excellency Nana Akufo-Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana in May 2018, identifies the triple burden of malnutrition, reduction of post-harvest losses, improvement of linkages between smallholder farmers and markets, enhancement of food safety in value chains, and mapping of food-insecure populations, as key gaps which need to be addressed to enable Ghana to achieve zero hunger by 2030. These gaps which are also reflected in the Government's policies, such as the Planting for Food and Jobs and One District One Factory initiatives, will be WFP's focus areas from now until the end of our new Country Strategic Plan in 2023.

WFP has phased out of its traditional programmes in Ghana into a new chapter of innovative integrated food security and nutrition programming, with the private sector at the centre. Two Ghanaian-owned industrial agro-processors in Kumasi and Sunyani have been funded and provided with technical expertise to enable them produce specialized fortified nutritious foods of international standards which help prevent malnutrition, particularly stunting among children.

Ten thousand smallholder farmers in the Northern, Upper East, Upper West, Ashanti and Brong-Ahafo regions, have been identified for linking to these agro-processors as a market for their produce.

COUNTWFP is also focused on strengthening smallholder farmers' capacities in post-harvest management and food safety and quality. They have been profiled to determine their capacity and identify those immediately capable of meeting the requirements of food processors and other institutional buyers. Ultimately, we hope that the food systems in Ghana will operate optimally, whilst the factories will be able to produce special nutritious foods for the West Africa sub-region and other markets.

This will translate into increased markets and income for smallholder farmers, offering opportunities for them to break out of the cycle of poverty, food insecurity, and malnutrition

It is my ardent hope that the 8th Pre-harvest Agribusiness Event will indeed highlight agro-economic opportunities for farmers, agribusiness, input dealers, investors and financia institutions, sister UN agencies, civil society, government and non-governmental institutions, policy-makers, municipal and district chief executives, and others

Let me also use this occasion to invite you to participate in discussions on Sustainable Agricultural Warehousing and Storage, Post-harvest Management, and Food Safety & Quality standards, which WFP will lead during the 3-day conference.

WFP looks forward to working with all stakeholders for the transformation of agriculture and agribusiness into a more inclusive, equitable, climate-smart sector, oriented toward the improvement of the lives of rural poor food-insecure people.



DR NURAH GYIELE

MINISTER OF STATE AT THE PRESIDENCY IN CHARGE OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE





FOREWORD H.H. RON STRIKKER

AMBASSADOR OF THE NETHERLANDS TO GHANA

Message from MOFA

The Ministry of Agriculture is delighted to be a Partner of this year's Pre-harvest Exhibition and Conference. As the key government agency responsible for the development of agriculture in Ghana, the Ministry hats over the years facilitated numerous activities that have led to remarkable strides in the agricultural sector of Ghana's economy.

At the Ministry of Food and Agriculture, we are always pleased to receiving suggestions and contributions from the generality of the public aimed at advancing the cause of agriculture and national economic development.

It is in line with this that we wish to commend Agrihouse Foundation, organizers of the Pre-harvest Exhibition and Conference for contacting the Ministry and collaborating with to enhancing the quality of agriculture in Ghana through the hosting of this event

We wish to assure many others, public or private who have ideas and are willing to implement them to the benefit of Ghana to contact the Ministry for possible collaborations of this nature.

It is our hope that the take away from this event would go a long way in developing and sustaining agriculture as the backbone of Ghana's economy.

Thank you



Message from NETHERLANDS EMBASSY

The journey from maize to flour, from yam to yam fries, from cow to meat or from any agricultural product that moves from the farm to fork is in our world of today a long one. The produce we see on our fields and on our farms goes through much processing before it turns into the food we have on our plate. This long journey is in fact a value chain, consisting of numerous links or steps, which create additional value at every stage of the process. Here comes agribusiness!

The agricultural value chains need to be strong, competitive, resilient, sustainable and innovative. As such, they can ensure that the produce of the farm lands timely and in top quality on our tables, and that the nutritional value is of the highest standards. Moreover, well functional value chains should enhance the income of the farmer optimal and should ensure that all stages of the chain, the links, are efficient and profitable

Ghana has embarked on an ambitious path to modernize agriculture to boost production. Much of the food imported at present can and should be produced in Ghana itself. Modernization entails also establishing a solid base of processing industry in the country. In doing so, much of the added value will be kept in Ghana itself and many jobs will be created here, we know all how much that is needed. Such modernization has been for a long time taken place in the Netherlands and has proven to be very successful.

However, the chain is as strong as the weakest link. Therefore, it is crucial that every single link is strong and functions well. For that purpose it is essential that all actors in the chain know each other well, understand exactly what the other is doing and will identify areas of cooperation.

The Pre-harvest Agribusiness Exhibition and Conference, which will take place this week in Tamale, provides the opportunity to do just that. It offers a business platform for all actors in the value chain i.e. growers, processors, aggregators, input dealers, extension agents, co-operatives, marketers and policy makers.

Let me conclude by congratulating Agrihouse Foundation, and in particular the General Manager, Mrs. Alberta Nana Akyaa Akosa, for having organized this important event.

I wish all participants success in the coming days.



DANQUAH ADDO-YOBO

MANAGING DIRECTOR, YARA GHANA LIMITED

Message from YARA

Your Excellencies, Honourable Ministers of State, Distinguished Chiefs, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen; Yara Ghana welcomes you to the 8th Annual Pre-Harvest Agribusiness Exhibitions and Conference Event. We are honoured by your presence at this all important event, which we have been a key partner of for some years now.

Knowing how possible it is to transform agriculture in Ghana, sometimes one is sad about the state of agriculture in Ghana after 61 years of independence. Sad, not because there hasn't been any progress, but the progress made after so many years, is not good enough. Many government programs by different governments and over decades have not produced the transformational results expected. What have been the lessons?

How are they being addressed to ensure we can have the agricultural transformation we all hope for as a country? The ongoing Planting for Food & Jobs program by the Ministry of Food & Agriculture has the potential to drive that transformation with private sector. According to the Ghana Statistical Service data, the agriculture sector has grown by 8.4% in 2017 - this is the highest growth recorded in 10 years. The momentum is now and all stakeholders must contribute to a transformation of the sector.

The average maize yield per hectare for Ghana is at 2.05t/ha. With Yara fertilizers and Yara Crop Nutrition solutions, we have been able to show on farmer demonstration fields managed by the farmer, maize yields of 6t/ha plus. We have had many demonstration fields (on farmer's own fields) around the country on different crops, some in collaboration with USAID ADVANCE project, Ministry of Food & Agriculture (MoFA), Crop Research Institute (CRI), Cocoa Research Institute of Ghana (CRIG), Savanna Agricultural Research Institute (SARI) etc, where results show that it is possible to substantially increase the national production and make the farmer more profitable without necessarily increasing the farmland areas.

The Yara fertilizers and crop nutrition solutions indeed are able to deliver high productivity and profitability for the farmer which is essential for agriculture value chain partnerships to be sustainable, creating opportunities and business for other partners in the entire agriculture value chain such as Input suppliers, farmers, marketers, manufacturers, traders consumers, etc. The transformation we talk about is possible From the cost benefit analysis on the many demonstration fields, the farmer can indeed be made more profitable.

Yara has a long term commitment to Ghana, and is keen on strengthening its operations in Ghana to be a hub to some West Africa countries. Northern Ghana would be an interesting hub for businesses to neighbouring Burkina Faso and northern parts of Togo for instance, creating jobs to transform the agriculture value chain in Northern Ghana. Is Ghana indeed positioning itself to be a successful hub to the sub-region? We have had the potential for decades. The transformation must start now!!

I challenge Ghana, and especially players in the agricultura value chain not to re-invent the wheel. It is possible if we can build the right partnerships and support at all levels towards transforming the agricultural sector.

I urge all present to take an active part in the programs lined up over the next days. Have the mind set to use this opportunity to create something beneficial for the transformation of agriculture in this beautiful region. Build value chain partnerships that create value and growth in the sector.

The Northern regions have been the nation's food basket for years. Yet about USD2billion is spent on food imports annually into Ghana. We cannot continue to fail Ghana. We cannot fail this region. The transformation is possible.

Once again, I welcome you to this 8th Annual Pre-Harvest Agribusiness Exhibitions and Conference Event

Yara, Knowledge Grows. God bless our homeland Ghana.



SALIFU SAEED

NORTHERN REGIONAL MINISTER

Message from Northern Regional Minister

On behalf of the chiefs and everyone in the northern region I extend to you the warmest welcome to the 8th annual pre-harvest exhibition and conference.

As the "Food basket of the nation" agriculture remains the greatest of the northern region in turning it social-economic around.

We in the northern region see this pre-harvest event as a great opportunity to attract major stakeholder in agriculture to deliberate on relevant issues in promoting good harvest.

It is also a rare occasion for stakeholders to exhibit their potentials and the progress they have made on agricultural machinery etc. we welcome great opportunity and pledge to provide the best hospitality for every one of you to feel at home and to participate fully in this pre-harvest event.

Thank you and welcome to the northern region thus the region of agriculture.

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JOE MENSAH

VP AND COUNTRY MANAGER

Message from KOSMOS ENERGY KOSM®S

A Partner in Energizing Ghana!

Kosmos as an oil and gas production company continues to look for the right opportunities to help grow its reserve base and build a sustainable exploration, development, and production portfolio for Ghana. Whilst we will continue to work with the government and our partners to ensure that we deliver on our operational objectives towards the attainment of name-plate Kosmos' vision, we have an ongoing commitment to engage in social investment initiatives, supporting Ghana's economy to grow in more ways than one. Therefore, we launched the Kosmos Innovation Center (KIC). This is our way of investing in Ghana's future beyond oil and gas.

Through business training, mentorship and much more, the KIC nurtures the next-generation of young entrepreneurs. Through the Center, we want to share our entrepreneurial ethos and inspire young people to develop new businesses; and create innovative solutions that address some of the key socio-economic challenges in Ghana. In doing so, we are also helping to tackle youth unemployment. While the programme is multi-sectored, we decided in 2016 to focus on the agriculture value chain

This is because agriculture has historically been the bedrock of the economy and the sector touches on many Ghanaian livelihoods. However, agricultural practices are lagging the times in terms of both processes and technology and need to be upgraded. Equally, young people have traditionally not been attracted to agriculture as an area where they can grow their career. We need to turn that around. In the two years since the KIC was established in 2016, we have nurtured and funded the creation of six ambitious agribusiness startups. This year, we are nurturing more companies.

Sponsoring this conference is our way of providing more support for the development of agriculture in Ghana whilst at the same time providing a platform for our youth-led agribusiness to interact with players across the value chain and to find business opportunities for their new products.

We believe agriculture is the best sector to move the country forward and we will continue to look for more opportunities to support this sector. We take this opportunity to thank the Development Partners for taking the lead on this and Agrihouse Foundation for putting together this wonderful platform!



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Message from MEL Consulting

We,at MEL Consullting Ltd, together with our sister companies namly-Shinkaafa Buni Rice Farmers' Association and Agribusiness Value Chain Federation, Ghana are proud to e associated with this event.

Harvest time marks the a joyful event when we reap the fruits of our labour. But is this the case for the rural smallholder farmer in Ghana and in fact for all microentrepreneur actors along the Agricultural Value chain in the country and indeed Africa 2

Harvesting and Post harvest activities such as marketing, distribution and selling are rife with several challenges for the Farmer and all Actors along the chain. It is in this light that such an important event, which brings key stakeholders in the Government, International Development and private sector land-scape, should make it an ultimate goal to improve the lot of the rural smallholder farmer, the nucleus farmer, the Aggregator as well as Processor and all key Actors, to make the Harvesting season a season of fruitfulness and not of futility

Zero Hunger is achievable, No poverty is achievable, Climate Smart farming is achievable all in line with the Sustainable Development Goals. The ball is in our court let's stop talking about it only. The time is now-Action speaks louder than words. Rura Transformation should not be just a hashtag or a measurable indicator- it should e a sustainable reality and a way of life. Together we can!

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TIME	ACTIVITY		
7.30AM – 6.00PM	EXHIBITIONS OPEN		
7.30AM - 9.00AM	REGISTRATION		
7.00AM- 10.00AM	MODEL FARM VISIT Two batches (of 45 persons each) will separately visit two maize and soybean model farms of nucleus farmers at Cheggu and Sung in the Northern region, both within 1 hour drive from Tamale. The visit is expected to help participants appreciate the immense benefits of participating in out-grower schemes and the inherent potential for wealth creation. The scheduled tour	ECOBANK YARA GHANA	
8:30AM - 9:30AM 10.00AM - 11.00AM	is timely, as the crop is expected to be at the cob development and flowering stage. PRESENTATION BY THE APEX BODY OF WOMEN IN POULTRY VALUE CHAIN SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEM (SUPPLY CHAIN -	Apex Body of Women in Poultry Value Chain.	
	LOGISTICS - FOOD SAFETY & QUALITY - WAREHOUSING & STORAGE) AGRIBUSINESS Post-Harvest Management (Agricultural Warehousing &Storage) to support of Agribusiness	World Food Programme	
	(Supply Chain & logistics & Food Safety) Management to support of Agribusiness STRATEGY FOR THE MODERNIZATION PLUS TRANSFORMATION OF AGRICULTURE IN THE NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT ZONE	Food and Drug Authority Northern Development Authority	
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11.00AM - 12.30PM

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The companies will also use the sessions to obtain feedback from participants on their business needs, and how they can better respond to it.

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TIME ACTIVITY

12.30AM - 2.00PM

DEVELOPMENT PARTNER ROUNDTABLE: YOUTH IN AGRIBUSINESS:

Creating job and entrepreneurship opportunities for the youth is arguably the single most important development agenda for government, civil society and development partners.

This session will create an avenue for exchange of ideas between development partners and the youth, who will constitute the audience. The former will share high level perspectives on their "Youth in Agribusiness" agenda.

The youth will in turn ask questions, express their needs, and share ideas on what will benefit them.

- Presentation by Development Partners: Agenda for the Future
- Gender equality/ women empowerment in Agribusiness
- Youth in Agribusiness
- Agribusiness & climate change
- People with disability in agribusiness
- · Open Forum with Youth: Ideas for the Future

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3.00PM - 4.00PM

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4.00PM - 5.00PM

PRESENTATION/OPEN DISCUSSION: DISTRIBUTION OF LOCALLY PRODUCED SEED

15 MINUTES BY RMG

The reluctance of farmers to trust locally produced seeds owing to past negative experiences is a longstanding challenge. This session seeks to get to the core of the "seed problem in Ghana" and find solutions lasting solutions that work.

- What is the problem?
- · How do we resolve them?

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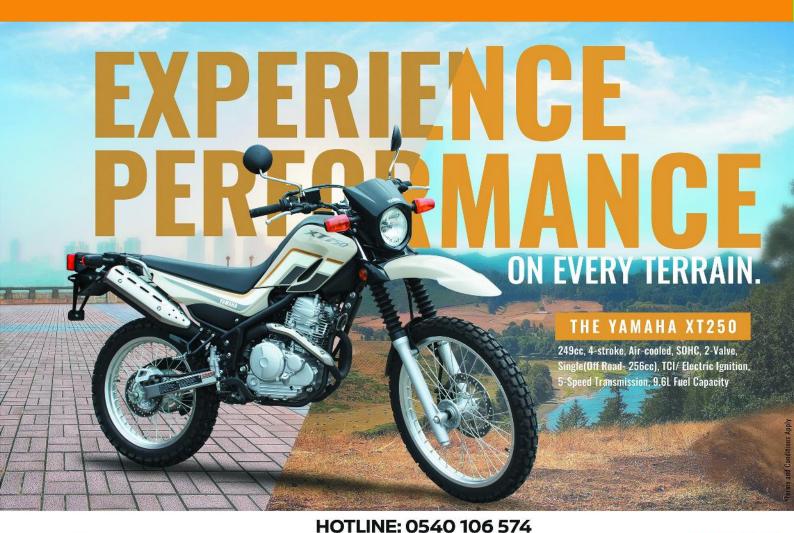
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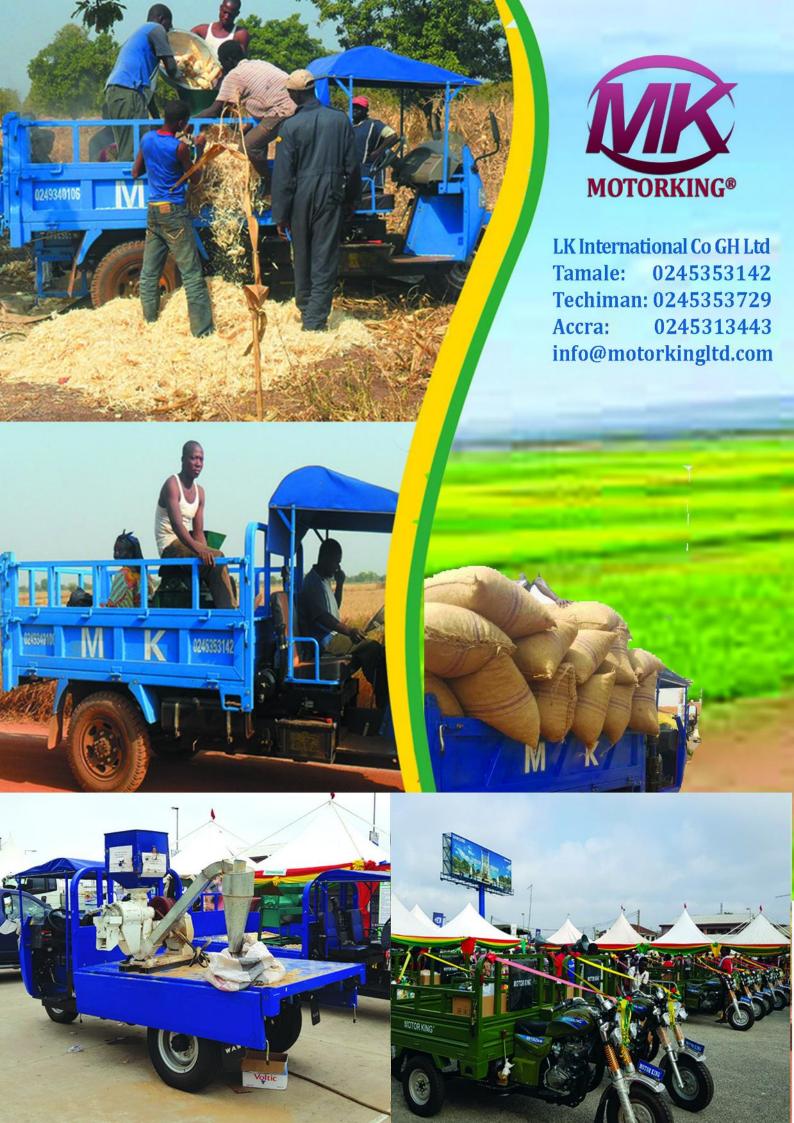
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DAY 3

FRIDAY, 5TH OCTOBER 2018

TIME

ACTIVITY

7.30AM - 6.00PM 7.30AM - 9.00AM 9.00AM - 10.00AM

EXHIBITIONS OPEN

REGISTRATION

AGRITECH WORKSHOP- NEW TECHNOLOGIES

This activity enables a special focus on specific technologies and services in the agricultural value-chain. They include managing incubator programs for developing agribusiness entrepreneurs, mobile soil testing vans, aflasafe to control aflatoxin, and ripping as a climate change mitigation measure.

- · Agri incubation
- Soil Testing Van
- Aflasafe

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11.00AM - 12.30PM

BRIEFING SESSION: NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN AGRIBUSINESS FINANCING

New sources and mechanisms for agribusiness financing are emerging beyond traditional bank loans. This session seeks to expose participants to these new developments and how to take full advantage of such opportunities.

- Brief Presentations
- Questions and Answer (Q&A)
- -ECOBANK Agribusiness
- -Ghana Incentive-Based Risk-Sharing System for Agricultural Lending
- -Crowd funding
- -Impact Investors
- -Ghana Commodity Exchange (GCX)

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TIME	ACTIVITY		
1.00PM - 2.00PM	LUNCH		
2.00PM - 3.00PM	Custom & Contract farming modules		
	Exploring youth driven post-harvest management & Technology entrepreneurship	World Food Programme	
	Hub Tamale will hold its final agtech start-up competition during the closing day of the Pre-harvest event. Hub Tamale will welcome 10 early-stage agrtech start-ups from Upper East, Upper West, Northern Region to pitch their innovative business ideas for a chance to win over GHC10,000 worth of prizes	Hub Tamale	

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3.00PM - 3.30PM	FORMAL CLOSING CEREMONY / MEDIA BRIEFING Announcement of Raffle/ Competition Winners A statement of Commitment to Action by Sponsors Final Remarks & Summary on way forward: CEO - Northern Development Authority Closing Remarks: Northern Regional Minister Vote of Thanks: Agrihouse Foundation Closing Prayer / Refreshment	Agrihouse Foundation		
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A CURSORY PEEK AT THE GHANA ZERO HUNGER

STRATEGIC REVIEW REPORT

A recent Aljazeera report dubbed "1,000 Days of Hunger" captured the hunger situation in Ghana thus: "Child malnutrition is a silent tragedy jeopardising the future of more than one million children across

Many Ghanaian children under the age of five suffer the irreversible effects of mal-nutrition in their critical first 1,000 days of life.

This is the time in children's lives that determines their health as adults, their ability to learn in school and to perform at a future job.

Over a quarter of children under the age of five in Ghana suffer chronic malnutrition. These children will never reach their full potential in physical or intellectual milestones. This is not a new pattern. Nearly 40 per cent of Ghanaian adults grappled with stunted growth as chil-

This damp narrative of Ghana's struggle with hunger has loomed large over the country despite spirited attempts by successive governments to combat hunger and malnutrition. As a result, the local economy is estimated to have lost over two billion dollars (6.4 per cent of the country's GDP) as a result of the impact of malnutrition of Ghanaian Buoyed by the need to help Ghana reverse the hunger situation and consequently achieve Sustainable Development Goal 2, the World Food Programme commissioned the John Agyekum Kuffour Foundation (JAKF) to undertake the Zero Hunger Strategic Review on behalf of the Government of Ghana in 2016.

The Zero Hunger Strategic Review in Ghana was undertaken by a research team from the University of Ghana, University for Development Studies and the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technolo-

The report advocates for an expansive approach that hinges on advances in agriculture, and other sectors including nutrition, water, sanitation, health, and hygiene, gender and social protection that directly or indirectly affect food and nutrition.

According to the report, despite substantial reductions in food shortfalls since the 1990s, hunger and malnutrition remains a lively threat to the wellbeing of Ghanaians, particularly in the northern regions and among rural and peri-urban communities.

tide of hunger and malnutrition by the year 2030 and specifically recommended for a food security and nutrition advisory board at the Office of the President to help inculcate it as a cornerstone of national The report's emphasis on food nutrition is corroborated by Former President Kufuor who during the official launch of the report, said: "As we seek to achieve zero hunger in our country, we should always remember that food production must be nutrition-sensitive. It is more important for food to nourish the body than simply fill the stomach", the venerated erstwhile leader said.

In his address, President Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo noted that Ghana had performed very well in alleviating hunger. "Indeed, we were the first country on the African continent to attain the Millennium Development Goal No. 1 of halving poverty and hunger, for which the country received an award 'for reducing the level of its malnourished population from 7 million in the early 1990s to less than 1 million today", he said.

The President praised the effort and stressed that efforts like it will facilitate rural development and help achieve SDG 2 by 2030. "Government's vision is to modernise agriculture, improve production efficiency, achieve food security, and profitability for our farmers, all aimed at significantly enhancing agricultural productivity," he said.

The President continued, "The basic objective of the policy is to guarantee food self-sufficiency, i.e. that we can feed ourselves and wean us off the disgraceful dependence on the importation of foodstuffs we can grow ourselves. We are determined to stand on our own feet - hence our mantra, Ghana beyond Aid."

The launch of the report further underlined the enormous commitment of the World Food Programme (WFP) to Ghana. The global body hopes that the report will act as a roadmap that will guarantee hunger eradication and culminate in the attainment of Sustainable Development Goal 2 in Ghana.

Mr Abdou Dieng, WFP Regional Director for West and Central Africa, explains that the review endeavour is geared towards propelling governments agricultural interventions that have shown potential "We are using this review as the basis for WFP's five-year country strategic plan in Ghana which is built to support the government's excellent flagship programmes and agricultural policies."

He further stressed that as part of this collaboration with government, the WFP works more closely with the private sector to reduce post-harvest losses and malnutrition using a market-based approach which would be self-sustaining

Background

The Zero Hunger Strategic Review in Ghana is a country-led, open and all-inclusive process involving the input and expertise of key stakeholders. The outcome of the review established a standard that helps explain the challenges and gaps in the country's response to food and nutrition security, leading to a joint agreement and consensus on priority actions required to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 2.Sustainable Development Goals (SDG2) is targeted at ending hunger, achieving food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture by 2030. The five broad aims of SDG's are:

• By 2030, end hunger and ensure access by all people, in particular the poor and people in vulnerable situations, including infants, to safe, nutritious and sufficient food all year round.

- By 2030,end all forms of malnutrition ,including achieving ,by 2025 ,the internationally agreed targets on stunting and wasting in children under 5 years of age ,and address the nutritional needs of adolescent girls ,pregnant and lactating women and older persons.
- By 2030, double the agricultural productivity and incomes of small-scale food producers, in particular women, indigenous peoples, family farmers, pastoralists and fishermen, including through secure and equal access to land other productive resources and inputs , knowledge, financial services, markets and opportunities for value addition and non-farm employment.
- By 2030,ensure sustainable food production systems and implement resilient agricultural practices that increases productivity and production, that help maintain ecosystems ,that strengthen capacity for adoption to climate change ,extreme weather, drought, flooding and other disasters and that progressively improve land and soil quality.
- By 2020, maintain the genetic diversity of seeds, cultivated plants, and farmed and domesticated animals and their related wild species, including through soundly managed and diversified seed and plant banks at the national, regional and international levels and promote access to and fair equitable sharing of benefits arising from the utilization of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge, as internationally agreed.

Relevance

With a central objective of creating a national report and roadmap to zero hunger, the Ghana Zero Hunger Strategic Review is timely and hugely relevant. The reason for this assertion is not far-fetched-Ghana was only four years ago, cited for lagging in the fight against hunger. In 2014, Ghana failed to achieve the target of halving hunger before the target year of 2015, after the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) announced the list of countries that had made exceptional headway in the fight against hunger.

Ghana could not make the list of thirteen countries recognised by the FAO for outstanding progress in fighting hunger.

The FAO that year, honoured achievements of Brazil, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Gabon, the Gambia, Iran, Kiribati, Malaysia, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, the Philippines and Uruguay.

Brazil, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Gabon, the Gambia, Iran, Kiribati, Malaysia, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, the Philippines and Uruguay were tipped by the FAO to make great strides in combating malnutrition.

Conclusion

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Ending hunger and malnutrition is a possibility. Indeed the examples of developing countries who have successfully achieved this feat are a clear indication that it is not beyond Ghana to soon consign hunger and malnutrition to history.

While the battle in winnable, a collective national resolve will be required. One can only hope therefore that the inspiring rhetoric by the president and other stakeholders will reverberate across the country so that together we can work to see the back of the malignant canker of hunger and malnutrition in Ghana.

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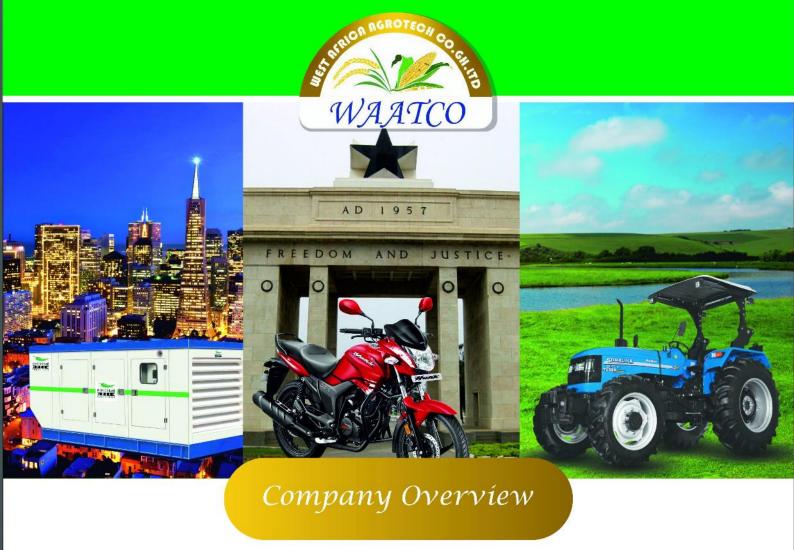


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It should offer opportunity for farmers to receive feedback from an impressive range of actors such as, Financiers, Plant manufacturers, Input dealers andMechanisation service providers. At the Northern Development Authority, we are deeply focused on bringing a transformation in the agri-business landscape in the Northern Development Zone. Our core mandate is to catalyse the modernisation of agriculture in the three Northern Regions; this we shall tackle from all possible angles as per the law. Most especially, we shall be keen to ensure the following:

- 1. Adequate training and capacity building for farmers
- 2. Development of systems and structures to ensure sustainable farmer livelihoods.
- 3. Creating market linkages
- 4. Aggressive promotion of Youth in Agriculture and
- 5. Development of infrastructural support to farmers

It is due to our focus above that makes us to attach so much importance to the pre-harvest event, hence our excitement that you have been able to make it to the event.

We wish you success in whatever you have come to accomplish at this 8th pre-harvest event, and we at the NDA remain keen to hear of your feedback after the event. Your feedback will only make us organise successively better events to address your specific need.

Do have a successful time at this event!

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Storage in sand and sprouting:

producing quality planting material and keeping fresh orange-fleshed sweetpotato (OFSP) roots for food in drought-prone areas

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BACKGROUND

Vitamin A deficiency (VAD) is still a big problem in Sub-Saharan Africa. The orange-fleshed sweetpotato (OFSP) crop has been documented to significantly contribute to combat this VAD. Erratic rainfalls, poor soil fertility, virus diseases, weevil incidence, and animal destruction are often experienced by farmers in drought-prone areas. Sprouting in stores can contribute to rapid weight loss of roots (Chakraborty et al. (2017). All of these can disrupt crop production. Many sweetpotato farmers live in drought-prone areas and are often resource-poor. Food insecurity can be a problem. Lack of high quality planting material at the onset of rainy season is a major constraint to sweetpotato production. Storage in sand and sprouting technology recently introduced aims to extend the shelf-life of sweetpotato storage roots at room temperature. This is an innovative technology in the sweetpotato seed systems. Healthy and clean roots are kept in dry sand either in a basin (Namanda et al., 2013) or in a bigger container (Abidin, et al., 2016) for a few months during the dry season. At the start of the rainy season, good numbers of clean planting materials are readily available, while farmers also have fresh roots in their food stores during the hunger season. Sand storage scaling trials were conducted in Ghana from July 2017 to June 2018. The results and findings are presented.





Fig. 2. Dedza, Southern Region, Malawi, 2013 (credit Erna Abidin)





METHODS USED



Clean field with 'Good Agricultural Practices' to produce quality storage roots







Harvest the roots in time and select the best quality of medium size roots to be stored

METHODS CONTINUED



FINDINGS & DISCUSSION

Yields doubled with use of good agricultural practices.

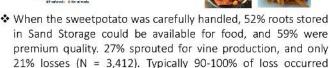


within 2-3 weeks after harvest.

Averaged β-carotene increases from 180 µg/g (fresh root) to 186 µg/g after storing for 4 months which is high (Simonne







Each sprouted root provides 40 sprouts. It is likely, farmers could generate plenty of planting material when keeping them in a big container. With respect to this, at 1st harvest, 37,120 vines could be obtained, at 2nd harvest, a month later, another 74,240 vines. Followed by a rapid multiplication technique, a lot of vines are ready for planting at the start of rains.

❖ Delaying of sprouting by removing sprouts from roots is an effective technique to reduce the number of losses, it confirmed the findings of Abidin, et. al., (2016). Sand storage can be a powerful contributor to food security in the face of climatic uncertainty.

CONCLUSION

It was recorded that 29 % of farmer participants were youth. All participants were happy to see the results from this low cost technology could serve as a tool to encourage the involvement of youth in the agricultural sector. Almost all participants (n = 382, 39% women) wanted to be vine and root producers.

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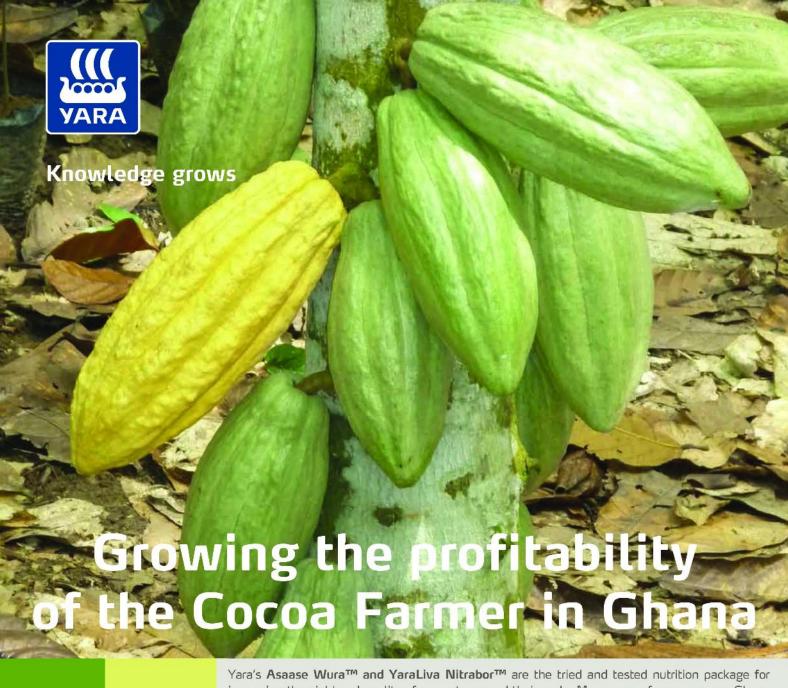
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