

FINAL PROGRAMME

FAO-UNCTAD REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON GOOD AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES: PRACTICES AND POLICIES, Nairobi, Kenya, 6-9 March 2007

Evening of 5 March 2007: Registration of international participants

DAY 1 – Tuesday 6 March 2007

Introductions and Opening (9:00-11:30)

- 8:30 - 9:00 Registration
9:00 -9:30 Introduction of participants
9:30 – 10:00 Welcoming statements by Dr. Chagema Kedera, KEPHIS MD, M. Ulrich Hoffmann, UNCTAD and M. Castro Paulino Camarada, FAO Representative in Kenya
10:00- 10:15 Opening of the workshop by M. Kipruto Arap Kirwa, Minister for Agriculture, Kenya
- 10:15-10:30 Tea/Coffee break**
- 10:30- 10:45 *Key conceptual and policy issues on implementing GAP in developing countries.* UNCTAD/FAO
- 10:45-11:30 **Brainstorming:** *What are the main issues and opportunities related to GAP? Which key elements should be considered in implementing GAP in East and Southern African countries?*

Session 1 Costs of compliance to GAP Certification programmes (11:30-13.00)

- 11.30-11.45 *Institutional Strengthening and Investments needed to meet EurepGAP requirements for Fresh Fruit and Vegetables. Case Studies from South Africa, Kenya, Chile and Malaysia'. P. Santacoloma, FAO*
- 11.45-12.00 *Underlying cost structure and options for reducing costs of compliance to EurepGAP: the case of Kenya. R. Nyagah, Africert*
- 12.00-13.00 Facilitated panel:** *Costs of compliance, country level perspectives and initial solutions.* Panellists: Ethiopia (EHPEA), Zambia (ZEGA), Uganda (UEPB) Tanzania (MAFC), Kenya (FPEAK).

13:00-14:00 Lunch

Session 2 Concrete actions to enhance smallholder competitiveness and support GAP implementation (14:15-17:45)

- 14:15-14:15 *Experiences of the Kenyan Horticulture Development Programme (KHDP) in supporting small holder certification.* Steve New, KHDP/USAID
- 14:20-14:35 *Supporting smallholder certification and building an Internal Control System for Eurepgap Certification in the Horticultural Sector.* Kevin Billing, BSMDP
- 14:40-14:55 *Private Voluntary Standards- how can we make them more accessible to the smaller players?* Morag Webb, ColeACP-PIP.
- 15:00-15:15 *Presentation of the Kenyan Country Case, benchmarking of the KenyaGAP document with EurepGAP and discussion of progress to date,* Cosmas Kyengo, FPEAK
- 15.20 – 16.00 Facilitated discussion.
- 16:00-16:30 Tea/Coffee Break**
- 16:30-17:30 **Working groups:** 3 or 4 working groups to discuss and identify specific actions to support smallholder in terms of Institutions, strategies, business development services and support from exporters and donors.
- 17:30-17:45 Summary of day 1**

DAY 2 – Wednesday 7 March 2007

8:30-9:00 Plenary: report from Session 2 Working Groups and brainstorming on key issues

Field Assignments

Groups will take technical excursions to farms, packing facilities, laboratories and/or export facilities, and will investigate issues for discussion in plenary.

Time	Activity
9.00	Departure from Nairobi
9.00 – 10.30	Travel to Ndura farm
9.00 – 12.30	Ndura farm
12.30 – 13.00	Travel to Kabati farm pack house
13.00 – 14.00	Packed lunch at Kabati farm
14.00 – 15.00	Visit Kabati pack house
15:00	Travel back to Nairobi

Questions:

What were the main challenges the farmers or group faced in the process of compliance? What are the benefits from GAP? What are the main issues regarding health and safety and working conditions? What struck you most in the pack house facility you visited? Participants can report their personal and professional impressions on the field day.

Notes

- Travelling from Nairobi to the farm or the pack house takes one and a half hours.
- Travelling from the pack house (Kabati) to the farm (Ndura) takes 30 – 40 minutes.
- We will divide into two groups, one starts with the farm and the other starts with the pack house to save on waiting time (Two team leaders – Timothy Mwangi and Appollo Owour).
- Crops in the farm include – Beans, Broccoli, Avocado, baby corn.

DAY 3 - Thursday 8 March 2007

8:30-9:45 Report and discussions of findings from field assignments

Session 3 – GAP and Sustainable Agriculture for Rural Development (SARD): improving natural resource use at farm level, working conditions and workers health and safety (9:45-15:00)

- 9:45-10:00 *How can GAP contribute to Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development? Environmental and social welfare issues.* Paola Termine, FAO
- 10:00-10:15 *Impact of GAP on working conditions and workers health and safety – a study on Kenyan Horticulture,* Maggie Opondo, University of Nairobi
- 10:20-10:35 *Economic impact of EurepGAP standard on small- to large-scale production and farm worker welfare in Kenya.* Dagmar Mithoefer, ICIPE
- 10:40-10:50 Recap of the issues and questions for clarifications

10:50-11:05 Tea/Coffee break

What are possible approaches and solutions?

- 11:10-11:25 *Good Social Practices in Agriculture – proposals for social criteria based on lessons from the GRASP project.* Jenni Heise, GTZ
- 11:30-11:45 *Bridging the GAP with IPM.* Louise Labuschagne, Real IPM

11:50 – 12:05 Facilitated discussion

- 12:10-13:00 **Working groups:** 3/ 4 working groups: How to improve environmental and social aspects of GAP in ways that are meaningful and realistic in developing countries? What are affordable and appropriate solutions based on small-farmers' experience?

13.00-14.00 Lunch

- 14:00-15:00 Plenary: Presentations from working groups and discussions

Session 4 – Strategies for GAP implementation and relevance to domestic food safety and quality and to enhance market access (15:00-17:30)

Implementation and impact of GAP standards in export and domestic markets

- 15:00-15:20 *An exporter's view: demand for GAP in export markets - which GAPs, which markets?* Appollo Owuor, Kenya Horticulture Exporters (KHE)
- 15:20-15:40 *A supermarkets' view: what is the demand for GAP in the domestic market: procurement standards and feasibility of sourcing from smallholders.* P. Nderu, Fresh Produce Manager, Uchumi
- 15:40-16:00 *A government's view: feasibility of implementing GAP to improve domestic food safety-challenges and benefits from a government perspective.* Tom Bonyo, Ministry of Agriculture, Horticulture Crops, Kenya
- 15:30-16:00 Facilitated discussion

16:00-16:30 Tea/Coffee break

Strategies for implementation of GAP at national level

- 16:30-16:50 *'Issues of importance identified in the development of national strategies for the implementation of GAP and lessons learned from global FAO GAP projects'* AS. Poisot, FAO
- 16:50-17:10 *Experiences on developing national GAP programmes in Asia: a comparative perspective.* Ulrich Hoffmann, UNCTAD
- 17:15-18:15 **Mini workshops:** 'Ask the resource person':
 MW1: Key issues to design inclusive national GAP strategies?
 MW2: What are GAP standards, accreditation & certification options, and what will an auditor check on your farm?
 MW3: How to implement food safety and traceability systems and Quality Management systems at farm and exporter level?
 MW4: How to organize outgrowers' and farmer group schemes to help smallholders comply?

DAY 4 - Friday 9 March 2007

Session 5 -Development of national country programme on GAP: Key conceptual and policy issues (8:30-13:00)

Country cases

8:30-8:50 Ghana Country case: *Reflecting national conditions and Development priorities in National Codes on Good Agricultural Practices*. Augustine Adongo, Federation of Association of Ghanaian Exporters

8:50-9:10 Uganda Country case: *Development of a strategy for implementation of a National GAP programme in Uganda*. Musa Muwanga, National Organic Agriculture Movement of Uganda (NOGAMU) and Umram Kaggwa, Horticulture Promotion Organization of Uganda (HPOU)

9:10-9:30 Zimbabwe Case study: *Upgrading HPC's code of Practice into Zimbabwe-GAP: objectives and strategy*. Basilio Sandamu, Horticultural Promotion Council of Zimbabwe (HPC)

9:30-10:00 Questions and facilitated discussion

10:00-10:15 Tea/Coffee break

10:15-12:00 **Working groups:** Country Situation Analysis and Action Plans
In country-specific working groups, identify current country policies, institutions etc involved in GAP, food safety and quality and market access. Identify a number of concrete areas where national capacity building is needed to strengthen country CAP Activities, identify what nature of support would best address these needs and draw up a realistic action plan.

12:00-13:00 **Plenary:** Feedback of Working groups and Country level action plans

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14.00-14.30 **Open discussion:** On-going Regional activities

14.30-15.00 **Facilitated panel** of International agencies and EurepGAP: Feedback on the country action plans; Views of on possible coordination, activities of interest and possible future areas of collaboration.

15:00-15:30 **Conclusions and Closing:** Workshop wrap-up and identification of next steps
