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Expanding Rural & Agricultural Markets Amid Climate Change

Monday, March 2, 2015			
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Welcome and Introduction to Conference – Anita Campion (Connexus)		
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Keynote: Preparing for Climate Change Impacts on Global Agriculture , Martin Bwalya, Head of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP)		
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Coffee Break		
10:15 AM – 11:45 AM	STRENGTHENING RURAL & AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE	EXPANDING FINANCIAL SERVICES TO RURAL AREAS	IMPROVING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
	Partnering with the Private Sector to Improve Rural Infrastructure – Alex Pavlovic (ACDI/VOCA)	Mitigating Risks in a Changing Climate: Low Cost Insurance for Smallholders – Lemmy Manje (FSD Zambia), Rob Munro (Musika)	Farm Business Advisors: Comprehensive Extension Services to Enhance Productivity and Improve Resiliency – Duncan Rhind (iDE Zambia), Bob Nanes (iDE Global)
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	“First Come, First Serve” Lunch Session: SMART Approaches to Supporting Smallholder Engagement in Agricultural Markets, Presented by CRS, Murdoch University & Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources		
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Microinsurance as a Natural Disaster Management Tool: The Philippines Experience – Julia Graham & Manoj Pandey (Microinsurance Network)	Game-Changing Financing: Leveraging Private Investment in Forest Conservation and Sustainable Agriculture – JP Gibbons (USAID), Christian Del Valle (Athelia Climate Fund)	Macadamia Nut, Vanilla and Cashew Value Chain Partnerships: Wins for People, Planet and Profit – Jefferson Shriver (CRS), Cheryl Pinto (Ben & Jerry’s), Kalifa Belem (Caro Nut Co.)
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	Coffee Break		
2:45 PM – 4:15 PM	Evaluating and Strengthening Local Veterinary Businesses – Polly Compston (The Brooke)	An Emerging Blueprint for a Commercial, Scalable Approach to Financing Smallholder Farmers – Jason Wendle & Ravi Chhatpar (Dalberg), Hillary Miller-Wise (Grameen Foundation), Jane Abramovich (TechnoServe), John Magnay (Opportunity International)	Tools, Technologies and Practices of Desert Farming: Lessons in Adaptive and Profitable Farming from the Sands of Abu Dhabi – Kristen Turra & Chris Gillitt (GRM International)
4:15 PM – 4:30 PM	Coffee Break		
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM	Plenary Panel: Improving Sustainable Agricultural Production with Public-Private Partnerships – Facilitator: Lexine Hansen (USAID); Panelists: Cheryl Pinto (Ben & Jerry’s), Eduardo Mendias (The Toro Company), Dale Lewis (Community Markets for Conservation)		
5:30 PM – 5:45 PM	Day 1 Wrap-Up		

Tuesday, March 3, 2015

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Breakfast Session: Introducing CFI's Africa Board Fellowship – Hosted by ACCION		
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Welcome Remarks		
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Plenary Panel: Facilitating and Financing Infrastructure – Faciliator: Anita Campion (Connexus); Panelists: Jenn Pryce (Calvert Foundation), Innocent Rutamu (Erasmus Investment International), Felix Tembo (MRI Syngenta)		
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	Coffee Break		
10:15 AM – 11:45 AM	STRENGTHENING RURAL & AGRICULTURAL INFRASTRUCTURE	EXPANDING FINANCIAL SERVICES TO RURAL AREAS	IMPROVING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
	The Agricultural Investment Opportunities Map – Amanda Grevey (CARANA), Dominic Ansah (Connexus)	Catalyzing Cocoa: Aligning Multi-Party Incentives to Deliver Input Credit to Farmers – Jessica Antista (TechnoServe)	Improving Nutrition and Agricultural Production with Zero Risk Innovations for Small Farmers – Todd Crosby (NCBA/CLUSA)
11:45 AM – 1:00 PM	Lunch & Networking		
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM	Promoting Responsible Coffee Farming, Production and Consumption – Catherine Ng'ang'a, Ambrose Kirobi & Peter Kimata (Coffee Management Services Ltd)	Financing the Missing Middle: Facilitating Long- and Short-Term Capital for Agricultural SMEs – Chris Isaac (AgDevCo), Jenny Scharrer (KfW Development Bank), Greg Snyders (Dalberg)	Partnering with the Private Sector: Scaling Adoption of New Technologies – Vanessa Adams (ACDI/VOCA)
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	Coffee Break		
2:45 PM – 4:15 PM	Evolving Seed-Security Strategy in the Face of Climate Stress: How Research Advances are Shaping Investment Strategy – Louise Sperling, Margaret Mwenya & Geoffrey Heinrich (CRS)	Innovating Access to Agricultural Inputs and Extension through Savings Groups – Waringa Kibe, Emmanuel Niyongira & John Ames (Global Communities), Paineto Baluku & Teddy Ithungu (Bukonzo Joint Cooperative Union)	Understanding Farming Households and their Capacity to Adopt Agricultural Technologies – Johannes Chikarate (Concern Worldwide), Lingela Lingela (SDACSS), Carl Wahl (Concern Worldwide Zambia)
4:15 PM – 4:30 PM	Coffee Break		
4:30 PM – 5:30 PM	Plenary Panel: Scaling Climate-Smart Innovation to Overcome the Effects of Climate Change – Facilitator: Shaun Ferris (CRS); Panelists: John Magnay (Opportunity International), Douglas Griffith (Chemonics International), Reuben Banda (Musika)		
5:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Closing Remarks – Nikolaus Eichman (Connexus)		