

Innovative Agricultural Research Initiative (iAGRI)

Feed the Future Innovation Labs
CRSP Council Meeting
Morogoro, Tanzania
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Objectives

- Training



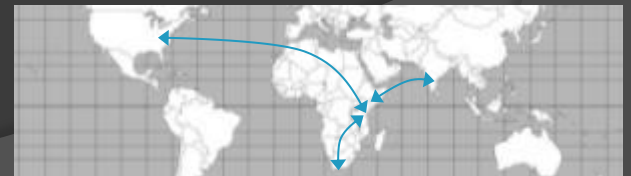
- Collaborative research



- Institutional capacity building



- Tripartite university linkages



Stakeholder Institutions

◎ Tanzania

- Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA)
- Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security, and Cooperatives (MAFC)
- Private sector

◎ US

- Ohio State University (OSU)
- Michigan State University (MSU)
- Virginia Tech (VT)
- University of Florida (UFL)
- Tuskegee University (TU)
- Iowa State University (ISU)

TRAINING

Degree Training: Overview

- ◎ 2 cohorts in training, 1 cohort in selection
 - Cohort 1 – began 2011
 - Cohort 2 – began 2012
 - Cohort 3 – will begin in 2013
- ◎ Trainees currently in training: 64
- ◎ Level
 - PhD - 20
 - Masters - 34
 - Bachelors - 10

Degree Training: Venues

- 6 consortium universities in US
- Sokoine University of Agriculture
- Other African universities (via RUFORUM)
- Asia

Degree Training: Advising

- ◎ For each student
 - U.S. advisor
 - Tanzanian supervisor
 - Joint monthly meeting of US advisor, TZ supervisor, student via videoconference



Degree Training: Research

- ◎ Thesis/dissertation research is an important part of iAGRI's research output
- ◎ Attempting to place some trainees with
 - CRSP (Innovation Labs)
 - Africa Rising
 - CG centers

Short-term Training (STT)

- ① Workshops
- ① Short courses
- ① Faculty exchanges
- ① Student internships



RESEARCH

Three Research Programs

① Thesis/dissertation research

- Carried out by iAGRI-funded degree trainees

② Collaborative Research Program

- Competitive grants for teams from SUA, MAFC, and OSUC

③ Agricultural Policy Seminar Series

- Joint activity of iAGRI and SERA
- Carried out by researchers from SUA

INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING

Categories of Capacity Building

- ⦿ Teacher/learner development
- ⦿ Classroom facilities
- ⦿ Gender mainstreaming
- ⦿ Leadership development
- ⦿ Procurement / asset management
- ⦿ Private sector linkages

THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?