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Registration

Mason Inn Conference Center and Hotel – Fairfax, Virginia, Metropolitan Washington, DC
Prefunction Area

Registration Hours

Tuesday, September 17

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 18

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Thursday, September 19

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Friday, September 20

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Name Badges

Your name badge serves as proof of your registration and is required for entry to all sessions, events, and meals. Please wear your name badge so it can be easily seen as you enter any symposium space. If you lose your name badge, contact the registration desk.

Lost and Found

If you find an item that has been left behind, please bring it to the registration desk.

InnovATE Goal

The goal of the Innovation for Agricultural Training and Education (innovATE) project is to cultivate the human and institutional capacity of education systems necessary for developing countries to promote rural innovation, achieve sustainable food security, reduce poverty, and conserve natural resources.

InnovATE Symposium Objective

This symposium brings together educators, administrators, and development experts whose interest lies in capacity building of agricultural education and training systems in developing countries. The symposium will collect and disseminate examples of good practices and lessons learned during the course of planning and implementing projects dedicated to efficient, effective and financially sustainable agricultural education and training institutions and systems.

DAILY PROGRAM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. **Registration**
Prefunction Space

Sign in at the registration desk to receive your name badge and packet.
Set up your poster on the empty tables in the prefunction area.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. **Registration and Breakfast**
Prefunction Space & Boxwoods Restaurant

Sign in at the registration desk to receive your name badge and packet.

8:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. **Opening Session – Session I**
Grand Ballroom

Welcome and Introduction

Welcome Remarks	Guru Ghosh, Vice President for Outreach and International Affairs, Virginia Tech
Symposium objectives:	Tom Hammett, InnovATE Project Director, Virginia Tech
Perspective:	<i>Charting future directions for AET capacity building investments</i> , Charles Maguire, independent consultant
Keynote Address:	<i>Educational capacity building in environments of conflict: Vocational and technical training in Afghanistan</i> . Hans Van Otterloo, Project Manager, Wageningen University and Research Center for Development Innovation
Community of Practice:	<i>Establishing the AET Community of Practice: a tool for collaboration, change, and capacity building</i> , Donna Westfall-Rudd, Virginia Tech,

9:50 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. **Break**
Prefunction Space

Coffee and refreshments – ongoing poster session

10:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Gender Issues in AET – Session 2**
Grand Ballroom

Session Objective:	To develop a shared understanding of priority gender issues in AET capacity building, and develop criteria for discerning good practices.
Presentation 1	<i>How much is enough?: Thinking about education for gender-responsive agriculture</i> , Deborah Rubin, Director, Cultural Practice LLC.
Presentation 2	<i>Good practices to attract and retain women in long-term training</i> , Anne-Claire Hervy and Andrew Gilboy, Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
Presentation 3	<i>Cross-cutting report, Lost in the education roadmap: Gender roadblocks from primary school through agricultural vocational training</i> , Rebecca Williams, University of Florida
Presentation 4	<i>Cross-cutting report, Gender, higher education, and AET</i> , Maria Elisa Christie, Director of Gender and Women in International Development, Virginia Tech

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. **Lunch**
Prefunction Space

Lunch speaker	<i>Promoting Economic Growth and Food Security through Improved Agricultural Education</i> , Paul Weisenfeld, Assistant to the Administrator, USAID Bureau for Food Security
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1:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **AET in Post-Conflict Environments – Session 3**
Grand Ballroom

Session Objective:	To learn about a variety of post-conflict AET experiences, and develop criteria for discerning good practices.
Presentation 1	<i>Lessons from post-conflict AET capacity building efforts in Liberia</i> , Yark Kolva, Chief of Party, Director, Excellence in Higher Education for Liberian Development
Presentation 2	<i>Lessons from post-conflict AET capacity building efforts in Iraq</i> , Lori Mason, Director, Iraq University Linkages Program, International Research and Exchanges Board
Presentation 3	<i>Lessons from post-conflict AET capacity building efforts in Guatemala</i> , Maria Ramos, Guatemala Director of Development. Del Valle Education Group

Presentation 4

Cross-cutting report AET in post-conflict environments, Ntam Baharanyi, Tuskegee University

**3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Prefunction Space**

Break

Coffee and refreshments – ongoing poster session

**3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Grand Ballroom**

World Café Mini-Presentations – Session 4

Session Objective:

To broaden participants' understanding of the three themes by exchanging experiences during multiple, simultaneous dialogues.

Participants will rotate through facilitated discussions emerging from simultaneous five-minute presentations. Participate in four discussions.

**5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Junior Ballroom A**

Community of Practice Focus Group (optional)

Session Objective:

Provide an opportunity for you to initiate your participation in the AET community of practice.

Donna Westfall-Rudd will guide you through a focus group on the AET Community of Practice. You will explore the tools for sharing ideas and resources, and examine how the CoP may be useful in your capacity building work.

**6:00 p.m.
Boxwoods Restaurant**

Dinner

Wear your nametag to receive your meal. Be ready to network and discuss AET capacity building. (Dinner is only for attendees lodging at the Mason Inn.)

**7:00 p.m.
Junior Ballroom A**

AET Video Screening (optional)

After dinner, AET videos will be shown.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. Registration and Breakfast Prefunction Space and Boxwoods Restaurant

Sign in at the registration desk to receive your name badge.

8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in AET – Session 5 Grand Ballroom

Session Objective:	Develop a shared understanding of priority TVET issues in AET, and develop criteria for discerning good practices.
Presentation 1:	<i>Agricultural training and education in Cambodia</i> , Chandary Keo, Country Representative, East-West Seeds Ltd., Cambodia
Presentation 2:	<i>Developing and Strengthening Input Service Providers</i> , Giselle Aris, Land O'Lakes Incorporated International Development
Presentation 3:	<i>Cross-cutting report: The Role of Agricultural Technical and Vocational Education and Training in Developing Countries</i> , Kristal Jones, Penn State University

9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. AET Challenges – Session 6 Grand Ballroom

Session Objective:	Identify and prioritize challenges to AET capacity development
	Attendees will break into three small groups to discuss challenges in AET capacity building. Group findings will be used to select themes for future AET symposia.

10:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. Break Prefunction Space

Coffee and refreshments – ongoing poster session

10:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Conversation Space I – Session 7
Grand Ballroom

Session Objective:

Identify and prioritize challenges to AET capacity development as the basis for a learning agenda.

Taking advantage of the prior presentations and attendees' experience, participants will self-assemble according their interests to develop, within the symposium's three themes, an agenda for the community of AET practitioners and development professionals.

Part 1. Propose topics for discussion
Part 2. Initiate working group discussion

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Lunch
Prefunction Space

Lunch speaker

Capacity Building in Agricultural Higher Education in Developing Countries – A West African Perspective, Oumar Sock, Director General, Senegal Minister of Higher Education

1:15 p.m. –3:00 p.m. Conversation Space 2 – Session 8
Grand Ballroom

Session Objective:

Identify and prioritize challenges to AET capacity development as the basis for a learning agenda for AET.

Taking advantage of the prior presentations and attendees' experience, participants will self-assemble according their interests to develop, within the symposium's three themes, an agenda for the community of AET practitioners and development professionals.

Part 3. Consolidate results of work groups' discussion and prepare a panel presentation

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Break
Prefunction Space

Coffee and refreshments – ongoing poster session

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Conversation Space 3 – Session 9
Grand Ballroom Highlighting the main insights of workgroup members

Session Objective: Form consensus across groups on priority areas of AET capacity development.
Part 4. Group panel presentations

5:15 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Community of Practice Focus Group (optional)
Junior Ballroom A

Did you miss yesterday's session? Here is another opportunity to engage in the new AET Community of Practice.

6:00 p.m. Dinner
Boxwoods Restaurant

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7:00 p.m. AET Video Screening (optional)
Junior Ballroom A

Did you miss yesterday's session? After dinner, AET videos will be shown.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. Registration and Breakfast Prefunction Space & Boxwoods Restaurant

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8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Regional Networks for AET Capacity Building Junior Ballroom Session 10

Session Objective:	Using Team-Africa as an example, learn how regional networks can be used to collaborate on AET capacity building
Moderator:	Hamidou Boly, Coordinator, Team-Africa
Presentation 1	<i>Setting the scene</i> , Carl Larsen, Team Africa
Presentation 2	<i>How to assess the current governance structure within universities and other TAE institutions and improve the efficiency (e-Capacity initiative)</i> , Irene A. Frempong, FARA
Presentation 3	<i>How to attract and retain highly qualified staff in TAE/AET</i> Frans Swanepoel, Stellenbosch University
Presentation 4	<i>How to attract motivated students of high quality: particularly youth and women</i> Hamidou Boly, TEAM-Africa Coordinator
	Discussion

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break Outside Meeting Room 4

Coffee and refreshments

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Regional Networks 2
Junior Ballroom Session I I

Presentation 1

How to secure adequate funding and financial management and how to build synergies from different initiatives,
David Nielson, World Bank

Presentation 2

Contribution of Diaspora in supporting TAE in Africa,
Andrew Manu, Iowa State University

Presentation 3

Panel Discussion: The way forward,
Carl Larsen, Team Africa (moderator)

Closing Remarks

Clara Cohen, Senior Science Policy Adviser, USAID Bureau for Food Security
Tom Hammet, InnovATE Project Director, Virginia Tech

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. Lunch
Boxwoods Restaurant



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