

Partner's Meeting Announced to the TU Community:

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Universities collaborate for agricultural education and training

TUSKEGEE, Ala. (February 25, 2014) – Starting today, Tuskegee University will host a two-day annual meeting to bring together all the partners of the InnovATE (Innovation for Agricultural Training and Education). The project is a consortium of four U.S. Universities (Virginia Tech, Tuskegee, Penn State and Florida) and seeks to cultivate the human and institutional capacity necessary for developing countries to promote rural innovation needed to achieve sustainable food security, reduce poverty, conserve natural resources and address other rural problems.



The project will define and disseminate good practice strategies, approaches, and investments for establishing efficient, effective and financially sustainable agricultural education and training institutions and systems. InnovATE will support country programs for agricultural education and training reform and investment. Read more information, www.oired.vt.edu/innovate.

As a part of this meeting, two events aimed at a wider audience are planned. One is a seminar at Henderson Hall with a top-ranking USAID official aimed at faculty and students, while the other is a workshop to teach about the nuances of international scoping visits for those interested in overseas development work. The seminar speaker is Clara Cohen, a senior science policy adviser at the USAID/Bureau for Food Security in Washington, D.C. Cohen will speak on “The Feed the Future Initiative of USAID: Overview and How Can You be Involved?” The seminar is from 2-3 p.m. on Wednesday at the Henderson Hall auditorium.

A workshop entitled, “International Scoping Visits,” is from 1-5 p.m. on Thursday, at the Kellogg Conference Center and will be facilitated by Tom Hammett of Virginia Tech University and Ntam Baharanyi of Tuskegee University. The workshop is aimed at faculty and technical staff interested in international development work through the



InnovATE Partners and
Program Advisory Committee (PAC) Meetings
Theme: Report, plan, and build internal capacity
Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, Tuskegee University
Tuskegee, AL
February 25-27, 2014

Meeting Focus

- Empowering the innovATE partners
- Establishing the PAC
- Priority setting and intellectual leadership

February 25, 2014

AM to Early PM: Travel to Tuskegee, AL

Check in, set up, and Campus tour for early arrivals

5:00PM – 6:30 PM

Meeting Room B

InnovATE & Tuskegee University Networking Meeting

7:00 PM

PAC Dinner at Dorothy's restaurant in the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center

- Initial PAC orientation
- Presentation of PAC material

February 26, 2014

7:30 AM

Breakfast in Meeting Room A at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center

8:30 AM-9:00 AM

Meeting Room B

Introductions

- Welcome and Introductions – Consortium partners, PAC members (led by Ntam Baharanyi) (5 minutes)
- Presentation and Discussion: *Empowering innovATE : The goals for this meeting* (led by Tom Hammett) (10 minutes)

- Presentation and Discussion: USAID, InnovATE and other BFS related programs (led by Clara Cohen) (15 minutes)

9:00 AM-10:15 AM

Meeting Room B

Title: Operationalizing the FY2014 work plan to align with core functions and goals for innovATE 2014: Part 1

Facilitator: Kurt Richter

Session Goal: Create a detailed list of activities and a time line that will meet innovATE's FY14 goals

- Which activities are priorities?
- Is the work plan timeline accurate?

- Break out talking points:
 - Strategies for priority setting
 - What are the operational "choke points"

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM – AM Break

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Meeting Room B

Title: Operationalizing the FY2014 work plan to align with core functions and goals for innovATE 2014: Part 2

Facilitator: Sandra Russo

Session Goal: Evaluate FY 14 activities in terms of:

- Do assignments need to change?
- Are the resource allocated correctly?

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Meeting Room B

Report Back: Participants report back on previous session findings

Facilitator: Tom Hammett

Desired session outcome: Clarified planning, implementation, thought development

12:00-1:00 PM - light lunch at Meeting Room B

1:00-1:50 PM

Meeting Room B

Title: Balancing mining lessons learned and creating new knowledge

Facilitator: Tom Gill

Session Goal: Clarified planning, implementation, thought development

- Tool Review
 - Revisit Innovate Assessment Tools
 - Is there a role for an RFA?
 - What will the RFA request?

- What will the RFA reward?
- Utilization of the PAC

2:00 –3:00 PM

Henderson Hall

Campus-wide Seminar, Topic: USAID and the Feed the Future Programs

By Clara Cohen, Senior Science Policy Adviser, USAID/BFS, TU faculty and students encouraged to attend

3:00 – 3:15 PM Coffee Break

3:15-4:30 PM

Meeting Room B

Title: Communications and Knowledge Sharing for the Stakeholder Communities

Facilitator: Donna Westfall-Rudd

Session Goal: Solicit ways to expand innovATE’s communications with innovATE stakeholders

Desired Session Outcome: Better understand how we can use the Community of Practice and innovATE’s communications strategies

- Presentation of innovATE stakeholder communications tools: An Introduction to the Community of Practice, Donna Westfall-Rudd
- Discussion on innovATE-USAID mission communications, Clara Cohen
 - Break-out talking points:
 - How can we actively solicit mission engagement/interest?
 - How is the project doing in terms of cultivating mission and bureau interest and being responsive? What could be improved? How is the engagement with stakeholders going?
 - Ideas on how to use the CoP

4:30-5:30 PM

Meeting Room B

Title: Defining intellectual leadership in AET

Session Goal: Better understand the intellectual body of AET scholarship

- Presentation: *Defining the current landscape of AET intellectual leadership*, Rick Rudd
- Roundtable discussion

6:00 PM - Dinner meeting in Meeting Room A at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center

- After dinner presentation: “Tuskegee University CAENS International Programs and InnovATE” By Conrad Bonsi and Ntam Baharanyi, TU

February 27, 2014

7:30 AM

Breakfast in Meeting Room A at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center

8:30-9:00 AM

Meeting Room B

Recap of previous day's discussion

9:00-10:15 AM

Meeting Room B

Title: How can innovATE earn the title of AET Intellectual Leader

Facilitator: Kurt Richter & Rick Rudd

Session goal: Gain PAC member's perspective on role of innovATE

- Solicit feedback from PAC

10:15 -10:30 AM – coffee break

10:30 AM -11:50PM

Meeting Room B

Bringing the pieces together

Facilitator: Tom Hammett

Discussion points:

- Operational Plan
- Communication Pathways
- Earning the title of Intellectual Leader

11:50 AM -12:00 PM

Meeting Room B

Closing comments – Clara Cohen and Tom Hammett

12:00 – 1:00 PM – light lunch at Dorothy's restaurant in the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center

1:00 - 2:00 PM

Meeting Room B

Scoping Workshop

1. Engaging TU faculty in scopings
 - What is it?
 - Why the use of scoping methodology?
 - How is it conducted?
 - Selected tools and examples
 - Expected contribution from each scoping trip participant

1:00 - 2:00 PM

Meeting Room A

Side meeting for PAC members

PM - for those who can stay: campus tours, meetings and discussion with small groups of TU faculty and administration, class visits

Departure late PM or on February 28, 2014

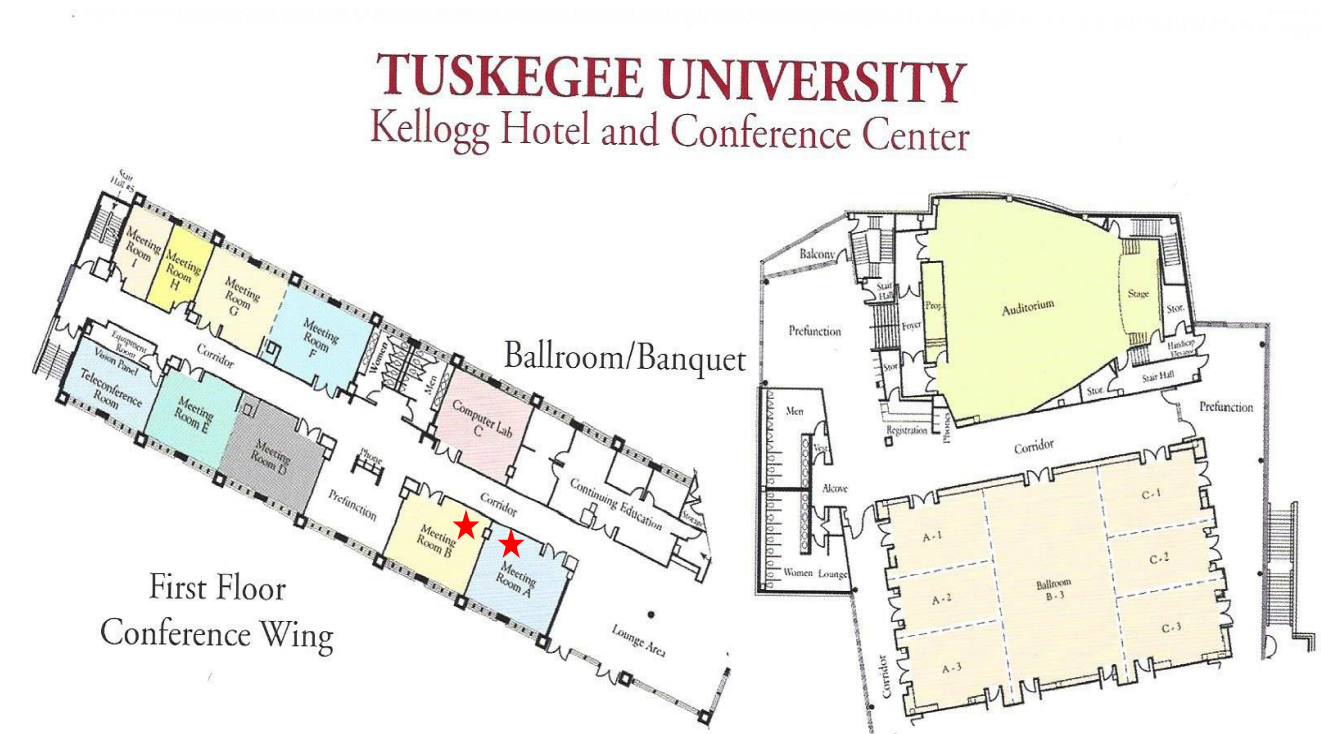
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Map of Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center



InnovATE Workshop on 2/27/14

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USAID/InnovATE project with a focus on strengthening agricultural education and training (AET) systems in developing countries.

To RSVP for the workshop, contact Baharanyi at baharany@mytu.tuskegee.edu. For more information about the meeting, contact Baharanyi or C.S. Prakash at prakash@mytu.tuskegee.edu or 334-727-8023.

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Scoping workshop: (by Ashi Agbogun)

The scoping workshop which was held on the 27th of February, 2014 at Tuskegee University's Kellogg conference centre had in its attendance TU students and faculty members cut across various faculty and departments.

The workshop was divided into two sessions to enable potential attendees pick the time that best fitted into their schedule.

The speaker, Dr. Ntam Baharanyi began by giving an overview of innovATE and the meaning as well as essence of scoping in AET. Amongst other topics the speaker highlighted included

- What is it?
- Why the use of scoping methodology?
- How is it conducted?
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This enabled attendees to fully grasp the essence and meaning of scoping in innovATE . During both sessions which the speaker delivered in a symposium style, participants were allowed to ask questions which the speaker took time to painstakingly explain .

The sessions ended with participants delighted in what they had learnt, while some offered suggestions on better practices and an overall pledge to offer their services to the innovATE cause.

Campus wide seminar: (by Ashi Agbogun)

The campus wide seminar held in TU's Henderson auditorium and was aptly delivered by Clara K Cohen of USAID. The capacity filled auditorium comprising of InnovATE personnel, TU's faculty, staff and students listened in awe as the speaker delivered a well thought out lecture on the importance of sustainable agriculture to world economy and humanity in general as well as USAID's mission to meet

this important objective through various initiatives which incidentally is the bedrock from which innovATE emerged.

The loud ovations from participants signaled the end of the intriguing one hour seminar, titled “USAID and the feed the future programs”. The overall response from participants showed that they were better able to articulate the meaning and importance of this USAID mission while also directly or indirectly understanding the true meaning of innovATE, its essence, objectives and importance which sparked a renewed interest in the innovATE cause.

TU Workshop Participants and Overall Agenda Partners Meeting Below: