



Side Event

Scaling up Aflatoxin Mitigation Technologies: Lessons from the Field

15:30–17:00, 2nd October 2018

During the



Background

Research into technologies and solutions that can mitigate the spread of the *Aspergillus* species and the subsequent reduction of aflatoxins have been on-going for several years across agricultural research institutions in Africa. The International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) in collaboration with the USDA/ARS and national partners developed the pre-harvest bio pesticide called Aflasafe as part of the suite of solutions available for aflatoxin control in Africa. It reduces aflatoxin concentrations in maize and groundnut by 80–99%. Since 2013, IITA has been implementing a couple of models involving private sector players and national Government aimed at scaling up the use of Aflasafe by actors in the maize and groundnut value chains across Africa. Scaling up Aflasafe has involved a combination of various critical factors and actors ranging from research and technology development, policy, legislation and standards to capacity building and public awareness. Thus, the side event feeds into all the major themes highlighted above. In order to practically cater to this diversity of critical success factors, the panel discussants have been drawn from different stakeholder groups who can speak specifically to the key questions under each theme. This will afford participants at the side event an opportunity to learn how these factors work together and could be properly managed for the successful scaling up of other technologies currently being developed for the continent.

During this side-event, partners leading the effort will share their experience, challenges, lessons learned and perspectives.

Objectives

- To share the practical experiences in the commercialization of Aflasafe at country level
- To discuss the role of public and private sectors and development partners to improve the accessibility of Aflasafe to farmers

Panelists

- Mr Goule Gueye, BAMTAARE SA, Senegal
- Dr A Ndarubu, Harvestfield Industries Limited, Nigeria
- Mr Colley, Gambia Groundnut Corporation, The Gambia
- Mr Abib Thiam, Processor, Senegal
- Mr Birama Niane, Comité national interprofessionnel de l'arachide
- Dr Lamine Amadou Sengor, IITA

Agenda

15:30–15:45	Scene Setting Presentation – Africa’s Aflatoxin Challenge: The Case for Scaling available Solutions <i>Dr David Githanga, Chairman, WHO Regional Commission for Elimination of Measles in Africa</i>
15:45–16:45	Panel Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr Goule Gueye, BAMTAARE SA, Senegal- Dr A Ndarubu, Harvestfield Industries Limited, Nigeria- Mr Colley, Gambia Groundnut Corporation, The Gambia- Mr Abib Thiam, Processor, Senegal- Mr Birama Niane, Comité national interprofessionnel de l'arachide
16:45–17:00	Question and Answer Session

Facilitator: Peter Okomoh