

Guiding Investments in Sustainable Agricultural Markets in Africa (GISAMA)

Grantee visit to BMGF by Michigan State University's Food Security Group:

August 10-11, 2010

Agenda:

TUESDAY, August 10 (all day)

- 8:50AM Arrive at the Foundation
- 9:00 - 10:00: Introductory meeting with Sherry Abrahams and Ellen McCullough (planning, feedback on pre-reads, project management updates)
- 10:00 - 11:30: **Learning Session 1: *Working with Farmers and Traders to Develop Staple Food Markets: Emerging Insights from the Regional Maize and Cassava Value Chain Studies*** (Market Access, & Farmer Productivity, and Policy and Statistics team).
Thom Jayne and Steve Haggblade
- 12:00 - 1:30: **GD Ag Extended Lunch Learning Session 2: *Guiding Investments and Policies to Support Productivity Growth and the Transition out of Poverty for Smallholder Farmers***
Thom Jayne, Steve Haggblade, Duncan Boughton
- 2:00 - 3:00: **Learning session 3: *Poverty trends and pathways out of poverty/emerging data from the field (Policy & Statistics team)***.
Background reading: *Pathways into and out of Poverty: A Study of Determinants of Rural Household Wealth Dynamics in Kenya*.
Thom Jayne
- 3:30 - 4:30: **Learning session 4: *Structured trading systems (e.g., Warehouse Receipts & Commodity Exchanges): What is needed to bring these to scale?*** (Market Access and other interested team members).
David Tschirley
- 6:30 PM **Small Group Dinner: MSU team, Prabhu, Arlene, Ellen, Sherry (others TBD as available)**

WEDNESDAY, August 11 (to noon)

- 9: 00 – 10:30: **Learning session 5: *Modernizing Africa’s Fresh Produce Supply Chains without Rapid Supermarket Takeover: Towards a Definition of Research and Investment Priorities***
David Tschirley
- 10:30 – 11.45: Consultations between MSU and Policy & Statistics team
regarding MSU’s plans for building capacity in African universities.
- 11.45: MSU team departs to airport