



# Strengthening Support for Small-Scale Farmers' Seed Systems: Knowledge Exchange, Collaboration and Innovation between Formal and Farmer-led Seed Systems

## SEMINAR PROGRAMME

### WEDNESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2014

Arrival in Stellenbosch

19:30 **Group dinner at Mont Fleur**

### THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2014

8:30	<b>Welcome, purpose and introductions</b>	<b>Associate Prof Rachel Wynberg (UCT)</b> <b>Seed and Knowledge Initiative Team</b>
9:00	<b>Keynote</b>	<b>Patrick Mulvany</b> (Senior policy advisor, UK)
9:30	<b>Keynote</b>	<b>Dr Melaku Worede</b> (Founder of the first African genebank, Ethiopia)
10:00	<b>Discussion</b>	All
10:30	<b>TEA</b>	
11:00	<b>Whose innovation counts?</b>	<b>Prof Doris Schroeder</b> (ProGReSS, UK)
11:30	<b>Research perspectives: How can research achieve social impact and address needs of small farmers?</b>	<b>Dr Mwananyanda Lewanika</b> (STEM University, Zambia) <b>Dr Isiah Mharapara</b> (Agricultural Research Council, Zimbabwe) <b>Dr Kingston Mashingaidze</b> (Agricultural Research Council, SA)
12:45	<b>LUNCH</b>	
13:45	<b>Bringing genebanks to farmers: Perspectives and examples from Zimbabwe, Zambia and South Africa</b>	<b>Kudzai Kusena</b> (Genetic Resources and Biotechnology Institute, Zimbabwe) <b>Charles Nkhoma</b> (Community Technology Development Trust, Zambia) <b>Natalie Feltman</b> (Department of Agriculture, SA)
15:15	<b>TEA</b>	
15:30	<b>Enabling policy frameworks for small farmers, seed sovereignty and security</b>	<b>Dr Regassa Feyisa</b> (Ethio-Organic Seed Action, Ethiopia) <b>Godfrey Mwila</b> (Agricultural Research Institute, Zambia) <b>Kudzai Kusena</b> (Genetic Resources and Biotechnology Institute, Zimbabwe) <b>Joan Sadie</b> (Department of Agriculture, SA)
17:00	<b>Closure</b> (Mountain walk for those interested)	
19:00	<b>DINNER</b>	



**FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2014**

8:30	<b>Reflections on previous day</b>	All
9:00	<b>Views from the ground: Seed systems and farmer innovations</b>	<p><b>Chester Chituu</b> (Chikukwa Ecological Land Trust, Zimbabwe)</p> <p><b>Patrick Kasasa</b> (Community Technology Development Trust, Zimbabwe)</p> <p><b>Lawrence Mkhaphi and Jaci van Niekerk</b> (Biowatch and UCT, SA)</p> <p><b>John Nzira</b> (Mupo Foundation, SA)</p>
10:30	<b>TEA</b>	
11:00	<b>Civil society engagement: Strategies, support and lessons</b>	<p><b>Fassil Gebeyehu</b> (African Biodiversity Network, Kenya)</p> <p><b>Bright Phiri</b> (Commons for EcoJustice, Malawi)</p> <p><b>Nelson Mudzingwa</b> (La Via Campesina, Zimbabwe)</p> <p><b>Elfrieda Pschorn-Strauss</b> (AFSA)</p> <p><b>Rose Williams</b> (Biowatch, SA)</p>
12:00	<b>Discussion</b>	
13:00	<b>LUNCH</b>	
14:00	<b>Strategies for strengthening research engagement with and support for smallholder farmers and informal seed systems</b>	All
15:30	<b>WAY FORWARD AND CLOSURE</b>	