

# AFRICAN UNION (AU) / PAN AFRICAN QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE (PAQI) CASSAVA CONFERENCE

18 – 20 OCTOBER 2023

NIGERIAN AIR FORCE (NAF) CONFERENCE CENTRE, ABUJA, NIGERIA

**THEME: STIMULATING AFRICA'S INDUSTRIALISATION THROUGH DEVELOPMENT OF AND ASSURING QUALITY ALONG THE CASSAVA VALUE CHAIN**

DAY 1: 18 October 2023		
Time	Activity	Responsibility
<b>Session 1- Opening Ceremony</b>		
<b>Session Moderator:</b> <i>Directors of Ceremony- Ms Ron Osman &amp; Mr. Simeon Mukoro</i>		
08:30 - 08:35	Welcome Remarks /Workshop objectives	PAQI Chairperson – Celestine Okanya
08:35 - 08:40	Remarks by the Representative of the AgriBusiness Community in Nigeria	Dr. Emmanuel Ijewere - President of Nigeria Agribusiness Group, NABG
08:40 - 08:45	Remarks Organised Private Sector	Chairman of Organised Private Sector.
08:45 - 09:05	Remarks by Cooperating Partners <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PTB</li> <li>• Afreximbank</li> <li>• Africa Development Bank, (AfDB)</li> <li>• African Union Development Agency - New Partnership for Africa's Development (AUDA-NEPAD)</li> <li>• International Trade Centre (ITC)</li> <li>• United Nation Economic Commission for Africa, (UNECA)</li> </ul>	
09:05 - 09:15	Remarks by AfCFTA Secretariat	Representative of AfCFTA Secretariat

09:15 - 09:25	Remarks by the AUC Commissioner - ETTIM	Commissioner Albert Muchanga
09:25 - 09:45	Remarks by the Ministers of Trade & Industry/Agriculture	Minister (s)
09:45 - 10:05	<b>Keynote</b> presentation on the Role of National Governments and National Quality Infrastructure institutions in the development of the Cassava Value Chain.	Chairperson, National Quality Council NQC – Office of the President, Federal Republic of Nigeria.
10:05 - 10:30	Discussions, Q&A	Moderated by Program Director – Simeon Mukoro / Ron Osman
10:30 - 10:40	Group Photo	Event Photographers - Patience
<b>10:40 - 11:10</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>	
11:10 - 12:30	Exhibition - Viewing by high level team. Media interviews	Moderated by Program Director
<b>12:30 - 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>Host Team</b>
<b>Session 2 –Economic opportunities in the Cassava Value Chain</b>		
<b>Session Moderator:</b> <i>PAQI Chairperson, Celestine Okanya</i>		

14:00 -15:00	<p>Panel discussion on investment opportunities in the Cassava Value Chain</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Director, AUC-IMET</li> <li>• AfCFTA Secretariat</li> <li>• Harvest Plus</li> <li>• Representative of Nigerian Investment promotion Council (NIPC)</li> <li>• ITC</li> <li>• NABG</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Session 3 – The role of Quality Infrastructure in economic development of the Cassava Value Chain</b></p> <p><b>Session Moderator:</b> AUC- Snr TBT Advisor, Dr O. Chinyamakobvu</p>		
15:00 -16:00	<p>Panel discussion on the role of PAQI in the Cassava Value Chain</p> <p><b>Panellists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AFRAC,</li> <li>• AFRIMETS,</li> <li>• AFSEC &amp;</li> <li>• ARSO</li> </ul>	
16:00 -16:30	<p><b>Tea/Coffee / Exhibition</b></p> <p><b>END OF DAY 1</b></p>	

<b>DAY 2: 19 October 2023</b>		
<b>Session 3 – The role of Quality Infrastructure in economic development of the Cassava Value Chain</b>		
<b>Session Moderator: ARSO</b>		
09:00 - 09:10	Recap of Day 1	<i>PAQI Chairperson, Dr. C. Okanya</i>
09:10 - 09:30	Presentation on the Cassava Value Chain Project in ECCAS by UNECA	UNECA Representative
09:30 - 10:30	Panel discussion on the role of NQI & private sector in the Cassava Value Chain  <b>Panellists:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SON</li> <li>• Uganda</li> <li>• <i>NIPRD LABORATORY</i></li> <li>• <i>NAFDAC FOOD LABORATORY</i></li> <li>• INTERCONFORMITY (NIG) LTD</li> </ul>	
10:30 - 11:00	<b>Health break</b>	
<b>Session 4 - Sharing experiences on challenges &amp; success stories of value addition/product development in the Cassava Value Chain</b>		
<b>Session Moderator: AFSEC</b>		
11:00 - 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investment Promotion Agencies (IPAs) of Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire.</li> <li>• Barbados/ITC- experience with value addition</li> </ul>	

12:00 - 13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strengthening bio fortified Cassava Value Chain for Nutrition and food security</li> </ul>	HarvestPlus
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application of Cassava in the Pharmaceutical Industry and biomaterial Innovations</li> </ul>	PMAN-Nigeria
13:00 - 14:00	<b>Lunch break</b>	Host Team
<b>Session Moderator: AFRAC</b>		
14:00 - 15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ghana experience with value addition</li> </ul>	<i>Ghanaian delegation Representative</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nigeria's Agribusiness experience with cassava value addition</li> </ul>	<i>Cassava Processing Company based in Nigeria</i>
15:00 - 16:00	Role of Proficiency Testing in Cassava Value Chain.	AFRIMETS
	The PAS Standards and application of fortified Cassava species for African Union efforts to achieve food and nutrition Safety.	HARVEST PLUS
16:30 - 17:30	Tea/coffee / exhibition visits	Host Team
	<b>End of Day 2</b>	
19:00- 22:00	<b>Dinner Gala &amp; Award ceremony</b>	Host Team

<b>Day 3: 20 October 2023</b>		
<b>Session 4 - Sharing experiences on challenges &amp; success stories of value addition/product development in the Cassava Value Chain continued.</b>		
<b>Session Moderator: AFRIMETS</b>		
09:00 - 09:10	Recap of Day 2	<i>PAQI Chairperson, Dr. C. Okanya</i>
09:10 - 10:10	Cassava Development and Food Systems in Africa: <b>The Role of IITA</b> PANEL with NIPC of Nigeria, Sierra Leone, and Benin Republic (sponsored by ITC)	Dr Simeon Ehui, Director General IITA and CGIAR Director for Africa
10:10 - 10:40	Role of Mutual Recognition Arrangement in Cassava Value Chain	AFRAC
10:40 - 11:10	<b>Health break</b>	
11:10 - 12:10	Key recommendations & way forward	Cassava Project Coordinator -Margaret L. Lungu
	Vote of Thanks	AUC Director
12:30 - 13:00	Closing remarks	National Quality Council PAQI Chairperson Director
13:00 - 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	Host Team