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Name: Dr. Ntawuruhunga Pheneas

Cassava Breeder at the IITA Southern Africa Regional Hub

He graduated in 2000 from Makerere University with Ph.D. in Agronomy majoring in crop breeding. In 1992, he obtained a Master of Science in Agronomy majoring in breeding at University of Ibadan, Nigeria. 1987: He obtained the Agricultural Engineer's Degree in General Agricultural Science, National University of Rwanda. 1983: Diploma in Agronomy at the National University of Rwanda, Rwanda

He started working with the "Institut des Sciences Agronomiques du Rwanda" (ISAR) and become the national team leader the cassava national programme in 1989 where he developed, released and promoted pest and diseases resistant highly yielding varieties. In 2001, he joined IITA team at the East and Southern Africa Regional Research Centre (ESARC) in Uganda to mitigate the cassava mosaic disease (CMD) by developing and deploying resistant cassava materials in the region. From 2004 to 2008, he was the Regional Coordinator of the Eastern Africa Root Crop Research Network (EARRNET) implemented by IITA in collaboration with the Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA) working with the National Agricultura Research Systems (NARS) of the ten countries of the region. He contributed to the development and release of different CMD resistant varieties in Burundi, DRC, Madagascar, Ethiopia, Kenya, Southern Sudan, and Uganda. In 2005. he initiated the screening work for cassava brown streak (CBSD) resistance in Uganda where the disease was spreading for the first time in the high land altitude. From 2008 to 2011 he was the Regional Coordinator of the Southern Africa Root Crops Research Network (SARRNET) and strengthening the regional cassava breeding in the SADC region. From 2012 up to date he is the cassava breeder of the IITA Southern Africa Regional Hub.

He has acquired a lot of experiences in designing projects programs, coordination/leadership in the implementation of project activities and in monitoring milestones towards achieving projects objectives. He has helped to develop, implement, and establish participatory variety selection approach working through Innovation Platforms designed to link farmers with markets along the value chain to facilitate technologies adoptions. Pheneas has a broad experience in breeding and agronomy of cassava as well as in capacity building and partnership development. He developed or in partnership with colleagues and won different projects. He has supervised MSc and Ph.D. students in collaboration with different universities, UNZA included.

He is a member of the International Society for Root and Tubers Crops -Africa Branch (ISTRC-AB) since 1988. He is current the Secretary General of ISTRC-

AB, the position for which he was elected for two consecutive terms: (2013-2016) and (2017-2020)

Recently nominated the Team Leader of the Cluster (CA2.3: Added value cassava varieties) of the Root Tubes and Banana (RTB) program under the CGIAR Crops Research Program (CRP).

Details:

2004-2007:

Regional Coordinator of the Eastern Africa Root Crops Research Network (EARRNET), ASARECA network implemented by IITA. Main duties as coordinator were to facilitate and coordinate all the activities of the EARRNET in Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Southern Sudan, Rwanda, Uganda and Tanzania.

2008:

Cassava breeder based at IITA-Uganda and at the same time consultant `for CRS in the Great Lake Cassava Initiative (GLCI) Project implementing the participatory variety selection component in the six countries of Burundi, DRC, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda.

2009 to 2013: SARRNET Regional Coordinator in SADC region and Cassava Breeder
 2014 to date: Regional cassava breeder, coordinating different cassava project developments

Education:

- 2000: PhD, Agronomy (Breeding), University of Makerere, Kampala, Uganda
- 1992: MSc, Agronomy, University of Ibadan, Nigeria
- 1987: Agricultural Engineer's Degree in General Agricultural Science, National University of Rwanda, Rwanda
- 1983: Diploma in General Agronomy, National University of Rwanda, Rwanda

Positions Held:

1988-1990: Researcher, Root Crops National Programme, Institut des Sciences

Agronomiques du Rwanda (ISAR), Rwanda

1990-1991: MSc at University of Ibadan in collaboration with IITA 1992-1994: Team leader of the Rwanda Cassava National Program

1994-1995: Consultant, "Seeds of Hope" Project, International Institute of Tropical

Agriculture (IITA/ESARC), Uganda

1996- 2000: PhD Student

2001- 2003: IITA Consultant with the following responsibilities

- Assist the IITA -Uganda cassava breeding program in the developing germplasm for the region
- Provide backstopping to the team of cassava program in the Republic of Congo, Brazzaville
- Develop a cassava project for Republic of Congo and assist in the restoring the cassava national program

• Lead the diagnostic survey on the cassava mosaic disease in the country

2004-2007: Regional Coordinator of the Eastern Africa Root Crops Research Network (EARRNET), ASARECA network implemented by IITA.

My main duties as coordinator are to facilitate and coordinate all the activities of the EARRNET in Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Southern Sudan, Rwanda, Uganda and Tanzania. Specifically:

- To ensure that all guidelines issues by ASARECA Committee of Directors (CD) with regard to the planning, implementation and reporting of the Network activities are adhered to.
- To ensure that all functions of the network, as decided by the CD and/or stipulated in the ASARECA Bylaws are carried out.
- To coordinate the research and the scientific information gathering activities envisaged to be carried out by the network, with particular emphasis on the maintenance of high-quality standards.
- To help members of the network to obtain, and disseminate information, and to provide such information as necessary to other ASARECA stakeholders.
- To assist participating partners in the preparation of progress reports and in the publication of their results.
- To organize internal monitoring and evaluation of the network activities.
- To monitor programme implementation and to compile for the Executive Secretariat and the CD, monthly reports of the networks as well as quarterly.
- To prepare and organize network meetings, field visits, workshops and seminars training courses for capacity building, as well as peer reviews of new activities, in accordance with network plans and budgets as approved by CD and authorized by the Executive Secretariat
- To maintain contact with relevant professionals, national institutions, IARCs, regional and international research institutions.
- To keep the Executive Secretary and the ASARECA CD fully informed of all relevant happenings and
- To undertake such other tasks in pursuit of the terms of reference of the network or objectives of ASARECA.
- Provide technical backstopping of the NARS cassava program projects of the above countries
- Assist country programs in designing proposals for Competitive grant System of ASARECA and other donors.
- To strengthen partnerships between IITA, CRS, NARS, Privates, Farmers Groups, ASARECA, NGOs, and Ministries of Agriculture

2008

Scientist cassava breeder and Consultant for Catholic Relief Services (CRS) in the Great Lake Cassava Initiative (GLCI) and cassava breeder with the following responsibilities

- Develop and screen germplasm resistant to the major pest and diseases with agronomic characteristics preferred by end-users
- Establish regional training plan and budget for PVS

- Ensure that annual detailed action plans and budges are established for PVS in line with the project documents and budget, in each participating country at the appropriate time of each year
- Develop best modules/guidelines for PVS in English and French
- Ensure that all training modules are adapted (language, style and format) for applicability to different targets areas
- Identify and trains NARS partners in each country for PVS establishment and implementation
- Ensure the identification of appropriate skills farmers groups for PVS
- Ensure that "best bet" varieties for PVS trails are accessed for selected Agro ecological Zones in targets areas in each country
- Ensure that the NARS monitor and support PVS trials
- Ensure that the NARS share results of PVS trials with local stakeholders
- Participate in the regional workshops
- Facilitate annual learning alliance sessions for PVS with NARS and CPMs
- Monitor and report PVS progress reports in each country (2 visits per country in years one and two, one visit per country in years 3 and 4) and
- Ensure the publication and sharing of the results with local stakeholders including GLCI local NGO partners and farmers

2009 to 2013: SARRNET Coordinator/ Cassava Breeder and partially consultant to GLCI project

IITA has been involved in the leadership of SARRNET for many years. It is an important root and tuber network for many years in Southern Africa. The main focus for SARRNET was to develop cassava sub sector along the value chain. The role of the coordinator was:

- Coordinate the SARRNET network of countries, including developing long term strategy or plans, development/approval of annual workplan/budget plans, monitoring and evaluation of technical and financial activities, organization and facilitation of joint workshops or meetings, representation of IITA/SARRNET as needed, resource mobilization for SARRNET, capacity building for SARRNET as needed, and any other business as needed to insure the success of the network.
- Establish and strengthen the cassava breeding program with a focus on improved productivity, adaptation, and consumer/industrial acceptability within the middle Altitude agro-ecology. This included germplasm evaluation, crossing, selection, and multiple locations testing of advanced and elite breeding material. It was done in collaboration with the cassava breeder in Malawi, our host Institute. The collaboration was extended to other IITA cassava breeders, other CG Centers, NARS, ARI, and other private partners as appropriate.
- Contribute to the testing and promotion of yams and other root crop germplasm in Southern Africa and the Middle Altitude agro-ecology
- Contribute to proposal development and project implementation for cassava and other root crops in Southern Africa.
- Contribute to research teams within and outside of IITA as needed
- Timely publication and communications of results, outcomes, and impact of SARRNET and IITA R4D

• Contribute to capacity building in root crop improvement and other relevant R4D areas

2014-till now: Regional cassava breeder of IITA based at its Southern Africa Regional Hub, Lusaka, Zambia

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