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**UN expert group meeting on
“Sustainable land management and agricultural practices in Africa:
Bridging the gap between research and farmers”
April 16 – 17, 2009, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.**

THURSDAY, APRIL 16	
	Opening session
09.00	Welcome speech. <i>Chantal Line Carpentier/David Le Blanc</i>
	Objectives and expected outputs, <i>Chantal Line Carpentier/David Le Blanc</i>
	Agenda overview, <i>Gunnar Köhlin</i>
	Setting the stage: Current knowledge and interventions <i>Chair: Chantal Line Carpentier</i>
09.30	The evolution of Sustainable Agriculture – time for a new paradigm?, <i>Anita Ingevall</i>
09.50	Presentation of the Innovation brief on Sustainable Agriculture, <i>Precious Zikhali</i>
10.10	Discussion: “The need for a new paradigm in African agriculture?”
10.30	Coffee/Tea
10.50	Improving country investment programming through advocacy, alliances and alignment, <i>Steve Danyo</i>
11.10	Constraints and opportunities for SA, <i>Berhanu Gebremedhin and Festus Murithi</i>
11.30	Discussion:
12.15	Lunch
13.10	NEPAD-CAADP sustainable land and water management experiences, <i>Martin Bwalya</i>
	From data accumulation to modeling to help decision-making: where are we? <i>Chair: Gunnar Köhlin</i>
13.30	Agro-bio-climatic models: a primer on synthesis on data requirements, <i>Andrew Gillison</i> .
14.00	From soil erosion research to modeling impacts of interventions. <i>Gete Zeleke</i>
14.30	Discussant: <i>Anna Tengberg +discussion</i>
15.00	Coffe/tea
15.30	Economic analysis for targeting SA interventions <i>Mahmud Yesuf</i>
16.00	Linking climate data to adoption of sustainable agricultural practices, <i>Salvatore di Falco</i>
16.30	Discussant: Economic tools to guide SA interventions <i>Stein Holden</i>
17.00	Discussion: Do we know enough to advise governments, extension agents and farmers? What can researchers contribute with? Can we do better than in the past due to new knowledge / methodology/data (GIS etc)?
19.00	Dinner at River Café

FRIDAY, APRIL 17	
	From research to implementation of extension services <i>Chair: Menale Kassie</i>
09.00	Introduction: Current extension service models, what works and does not work, <i>Ephraim Nkonya</i>
09.30	Country experiences regarding agricultural research and agricultural extension: The Ethiopian experience: <i>Tolessa Debele and Beshir Abdulahi</i> The Kenyan experience: <i>Festus Murithi and Kenneth Ayuko</i>
10.10	Discussion
10.30	Coffee
11.00	The role of institutions for SA
	Role of social networks/capital, <i>Wilfred Nyangena</i> ;
	Role of agricultural marketing, market access and profitability, <i>Bekele Shiferaw</i>
	Role of private/commercial standards, <i>James MacGregor</i>
	Discussion
12.00	Lunch
13.00	Breakout sessions: brainstorming on prerequisites/ building blocks for upscaling of SLM/SA (final decision on themes during session)
	1: <u>Data and Modeling</u> : Chair: <i>Andy Gillison</i> Data: minimal requirements - collection infrastructure - collection system – external data - exchanges between institutions – upward and downward dissemination and treatment? Modeling: what type – what scale - who does it – who runs it – what is the nature of the output information? Rapporteur: <i>David le Blanc</i>
	2: <u>Institutions and Infrastructure</u> : Chair: <i>James McGregor</i> Institutions: what type of institutions – how to create/ manage flows of information? Infrastructure: physical – legal and regulatory – market? How can we ensure proper evaluation of SLM/SA innovations? Rapporteur: <i>Mahmud Yesuf</i>
	3. <u>Policy and Capacity building</u> : Chair: <i>Kenneth Ayuko</i> Policy: How do policies help/impede adoption of SA practices? How can positive policies be identified and implemented? Capacity building: What kind of and how much capacity is needed to accelerate and scale up adoption of SA? Rapporteur: <i>Chantal Line Carpentier</i>
	Concluding session: How to bridge the divide between research and extension/farmers? <i>Chair: David Le Blanc</i>
15.00	Restitution of breakout groups. <i>Rapporteurs of breakout groups</i>
15.45	Reflections on institutions to guide up-scaling successful practices and interventions, <i>Gunnar Köhlin</i>
16.00	Next steps: How can we support each others in our work towards a more sustainable agriculture?
17.00	Conclusion of workshop <i>Chantal Line Carpentier and David Le Blanc</i>
18.30	Dinner on ship in the harbor (Barken Viking)