Partnership for Aflatoxin Control
A Strategic Approach to Improving Health, Food Security, and Incomes in Africa

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Building Momentum for a PAC

Partners to date include: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USDA, USAID, World Bank, COMESA, African Union, and many others, including companies, NGOs, and research institutions.

Activities include:

• **Outreach** to stakeholders about partnering (more than 40 interviews conducted)

• Supporting **World Bank workshop** for information exchange

• Developing a **Concept Note** (Rationale for a PAC; guiding principles; options for objectives, activities and structure; role of various partners)

• Organizing a meeting to **discuss PAC during the CAADP Partnership Platform meeting on March 23-25** in Cameroon
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Holistic Approach for Aflatoxin Control: General Findings

- Widespread interest in controlling and abating aflatoxin
- High level of complexity requires holistic approach:
  - In the field
  - Among regulatory agencies
  - Across all disciplines
- Many activities ongoing or being planned
- Partnership approach is needed/required to develop and implement a coordinated, holistic strategy
Guiding Principles for a Potential Partnership for Aflatoxin Control

1. Must be Africa-led and address African priorities.
2. Link to existing processes and institutions, and engage a full range of organizations with relevant expertise and resources.
3. Enable inter-disciplinary collaboration across agriculture, food safety, nutrition, and health.
4. Start with aflatoxin, then expand PAC and/or replicate to help control other mycotoxins, and perhaps other food-borne pathogens.
5. Focus on sub-Saharan Africa, with strategies and experiences that might apply to other regions.
6. Create nimble and efficient mechanisms for action.
Potential Elements of a PAC Strategy

1. Raise awareness on aflatoxin impacts on health, food security and incomes
2. Improve access to practical tools and technical resources that cover the entire value chain
3. Support creating incentives for adoption of aflatoxin control strategies
4. Support creating enabling policy environments for controlling aflatoxins
5. Support sound decision-making regarding contaminated crops
6. Facilitate coordination across activities, information exchange on cross-cutting issues
7. Identify gaps and catalyze action
Questions for Discussion

- Do you see value in creating a PAC? If so, why?
- What actions should be priorities?
- What efforts to learn from in creating a PAC?
- What do you think are options for an organizational structure for a PAC?
  - What existing organizations or programs could provide institutional support for a PAC?
  - Would a steering committee with ad hoc technical working groups be sufficient?
  - Should a new institution be created?
- What other advice do you have for us as we go forward?
Thank You!
Next Steps

- Circulate meeting highlights and recommendations.
- Continue outreach to stakeholders in Africa and world-wide in January, February, and March.
- Develop PAC Concept and solicit input from key stakeholders.
- Discuss aflatoxin issues and the PAC with African stakeholders during the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Partnership Platform meeting in Cameroon on March 23-25, 2011:
  - Need, Purpose and Structure
  - Specific actions, including forming a working group to define a comprehensive, holistic approach for aflatoxin control in Africa.