

Africa2Ag Symposium 2012

Wednesday, 29 August

Theme: Youth in African agriculture: engaging the future

The primary objective of this symposium is to identify means through which we can continue to build the capacity of youth (both in Africa and at Penn State) in African agricultural development.

Location: Ball Room, Nittany Lion Inn

- 1:00 Welcome & introduction of keynote speaker:
Michael Adewumi, Vice Provost for Global Programs, PSU
- 1:10 Keynote: Strengthening young peoples' skills through civic engagement in Zambia
Pat Dolan, UNESCO Chair in Children, Youth and Civic Engagement, National University of Ireland, Galway
- 1:40 Q&A with keynote speaker
- 2:00 Coffee and networking break
- 2:20 Panel: Engaging youth in African agriculture (Moderator: **Janelle Larson**, Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics, PSU-Berks)
Eunice Bonsi, Associate Professor and Program Leader/Specialist Foods & Nutrition Education, Tuskegee University – engagement in Ghana
Paul Maina, Director, Children and Youth Empowerment Centre, Nyeri, Kenya
Nicole Webster, Associate Professor of Agricultural Education, PSU – engagement in South Africa
1. *Please describe your engagement with youth in African agriculture*
 2. *What are the challenges of engaging youth effectively?*
 3. *How have you overcome these challenges to foster youth engagement in agriculture?*
- 3:30 Speaker: Using International Evidence to Build Young Leaders: What works?
Sue Redmond, Foroige, Ireland
- 4:00 Breakout sessions
- 4:20 Feedback from breakout groups
- 4.40 Lessons learned and symposium wrap-up
Mark Brennan, Associate Professor of Agricultural Education, PSU
- 5:00 Adjourn