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Farmer-to-Farmer



“To the people of poor nations, we pledge to work alongside you to make your farms flourish and let clean waters flow; to nourish starved bodies and feed hungry minds.

President Obama Inaugural Speech

The John Ogonowski and Doug Bereuter Farmer-to-Farmer Program

- ◆ Fosters sustainable economic growth, food security, and agricultural development worldwide
- ◆ Helps private farmers, cooperatives, community groups, rural credit institutions, extension services, input supply firms, agribusinesses, and others improve productivity and increase revenues
- ◆ Promotes international goodwill, understanding of US foreign assistance programs, and private involvement in development activities through a people-to-people approach
- ◆ Places volunteers who are generally individuals with domestic careers in universities, farms, and agribusinesses, or are retired and want to participate in development efforts
- ◆ Covers all transportation and support costs for assignments that are typically 20 to 30 days in the host country
- ◆ Has placed volunteers from all 50 U.S. States and the District of Columbia in over 12,000 assignments in 103 countries

Named in honor of one of the pilots killed September 11, 2001 and of former Congressman Bereuter, the John Ogonowski and Doug Bereuter Farmer-to-Farmer Program (FTF) sends U.S. volunteers to assist with programs that will foster sustainable economic growth, food security, and agricultural development worldwide.

Volunteer assignments often involve technology transfer, business planning, organizational strengthening, marketing or environmental conservation. Local offices of the volunteer program identify hosts and plan assignments, provide logistics and translation services when needed, and follow up with host organizations and help host organizations implement volunteer recommendations. Often the volunteer's work is related to a larger on-going development program.



At the request of a private consulting firm in Belarus, Dr. David Kammel from the University of Wisconsin-Madison introduced modern ventilation system and facility design principles during a two-week course. Dr. Kammel also advised on management of a consulting service, helping the firm improve its operations and impact the Belarusian agricultural design industry

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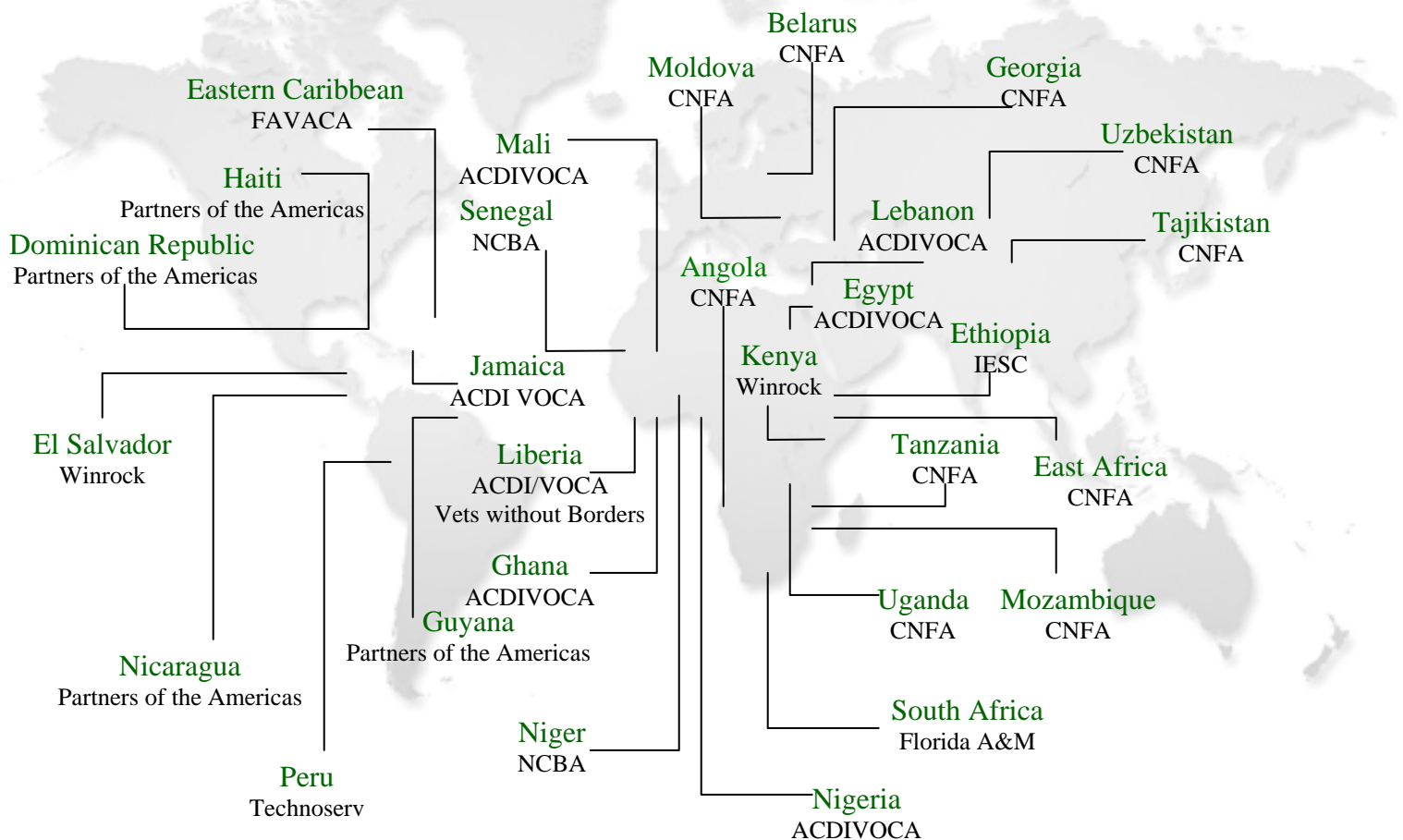
University Faculty and Staff: A Proven Track Record of Success

University faculty and staff have a proven track record in undertaking FTF assignments. They bring direct experience and skills in teaching, extension, and research, along with an understanding of how agricultural sector institutions are organized, operate, and inter-relate. Knowledge of production and processing technologies is especially valuable, as is experience with the private sector and marketing. Though single assignments are common, the flexibility to permit recurrent assignments to work with a specific country program or host can be useful to university staff in developing long-term working relationships and expertise in specific country or topic. Participation of recent graduates as volunteers, where they have specific skills and knowledge can give valuable experience with international agriculture.



In May 2009, Ms. Matilde D'Urzo from Purdue University assessed Angolan local markets to identify products most in demand. Ms. D'Urzo developed a farm marketing strategy and trained 100 farmers and farm workers on improved production techniques, building host profitability.

Where We Work



Cooperative Coffees-various locations

U. of Arizona- aquaculture in various locations

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