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Foreword

The use of animals, particularly cattle and donkeys as a source of farm power is still extensive in Africa and can only be expected to spread further and get more intensive. Over 25% of cultivated land in Africa is worked with animal traction. Farming is still largely smallholder in character with numerous small plots, the majority only achieving a subsistence production.

In the face of the general stagnation or declining agricultural performance in Africa, attributed to degradation in the natural resource base – soil and water, it is imperative that we re-think the way we farm. A radical revolution is now vital and there are considerable efforts being made throughout the continent to promote conservation agriculture as a sustainable means to alleviate poverty whilst conserving the natural resources of the region. Such an approach has already achieved a dramatic impact in the Americas and in Brazil alone, it is estimated that conservation agriculture is now practised on some 17 million hectares.

In most areas using animal power, animal traction remains the lifeline for food security and reduction of poverty. Animal power is also a critical resource in rural and peri-urban transport with marked social and economic benefits. In the application of conservation agriculture, draft animal power will find a new role. The time has now arrived to discard the thinking that animal traction implies use of the plough and the practice of conventional tillage. We are challenged to revolutionise the idea of draft animal use and let it be a valuable input and indeed the source of motivation to apply adopt widely, the principles conservation farming.

Various experiences in Africa indicate that tractor and other farm power sources have and will continue to have an important role in the performance and development of agriculture and indeed the economies in most countries. The workshop, hence, also looked into hand and tractor powered tools and equipment appropriate for Conservation Agriculture applications.

Successful introduction and consequent adoption of Conservation Agriculture (CA) depends upon the availability of suitable and appropriate equipment in the country and the financial and physical accessibility of farmers to this equipment. While the theory of CA is quickly advancing even in Africa and a wealth of information is already available, the actual introduction of CA into smallholder farming practices is lagging behind. One important reason for this is the lack or inaccessibility of equipment. For now, major challenges are in equipment for direct-seeding, weeding or herbicide application and cover crop/mulch management.

For the host country, Uganda, consideration of these matters is timely as the country implements its national *Plan for the Modernisation of Agriculture (PMA)* and the *Poverty Eradication Action Plan (PEAP)*. It accordingly welcomed the suggestion to host an international workshop at Jinja from 19 to 25 May, 2002 in order to analyse in depth these matters of both national and international concern.

The joint convenors of the workshop were the Uganda Network for Animal Traction and Conservation Agriculture (UNATCA), the Animal Traction Network for Eastern and Southern Africa (ATNESA), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Africa Conservation Tillage Network (ACT) and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ).

The workshop was further enhanced by exhibitors of hand-operated, animal drawn and tractor mounted equipment from Brazil, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, South Africa, Uganda, Zambia, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

It is my pleasure to present below the report covering the activities and results of this workshop, for which the full proceedings containing the complete papers will be published separately.

J.J. Otim

Presidential Advisor on Agriculture and

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- FITARELLI, Brazil
- IADEL, Brazil
- TRITON, Brazil,
- HÄSTT, Zimbabwe,
- Micron, South Africa
- ZAMWIPE/CFU, Zambia.

Exhibitors

Following companies or organisations participated in the equipment exhibition:

<u>Brazil</u>

• SEMEATO: Tractor-mounted direct planter

- FITARELLI: Hand and Animal Traction direct planters (demonstrated equipment)
- IADEL: Ripper/weeder, direct planter, boom sprayer, knife roller for manual and animal traction (demonstrated equipment)
- TRITON: Direct planters, boom sprayers for manual and animal traction (demonstrated equipment)
- KNAPIK: Direct planter, wheelbarrow-boom and shielded sprayer

Ghana

• Kaddai Engineering: Manual planters

Kenya

- Triple W Engineering: Animal draft planter and cultivator
- KENDAT: Harnesses and panniers for donkey, animal mulch planter

Malawi

• Chitedze Research Station: Wooden cart

South Africa

• Micron Sprayers: Rotary nozzle sprayers

Uganda

- Design Centre YWAM: Manual planter, donkey cart, harness, cultivators
- SAIMMCO: Animal drawn plow, cultivator, cart, scoop

Zambia

• CFU: ZAMWIPE: Weed wiper

Zimbabwe

• HÄSTT: Animal traction cultivators

Commercial Manufacturers Present

The following commercial equipment manufacturers where present at the workshop:

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SEMEATO: André Verardi

• FITARELLI: Ataides Fitarelli

• IADEL: Elias Beltrame

• TRITON: Fausto Centofante

• ZENITH: Tiago Bombasaro

Ghana

• Kaddai Engineering: Appiah Kwame

Kenya

• Triple W Engineering: Thomas B. Muckle

South Africa

• Micron Spayers: Mike Burgess

Uganda

• SAIMMCO: M.B. Asubo

Zambia

• ZAMWIPE: Dutch Gibson

Zimbabwe

HÄSTT: Ivan K. Savala

 ZIMPLOW: Vimal Naik and Tony Rowland

• SRP Marketing - BAIN New Holland: Peter Hickman

List of abbreviations

ACT Africa Conservation Tillage Network

AT Animal Traction

ATNESA Animal Traction Network for East and Southern Africa

BASED Broadening Agricultural Services for Extension and Development Programme

CA Conservation Agriculture

CIRAD Centre Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement

FAO Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
GTZ Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit

MOLG Ministry of Local Government (Uganda)

NAADS National Agricultural Advisory Service (Uganda)

NARO National Agricultural Research Organisation (Uganda)

NEPAD New Partnership for Africa's Development

PACODEF Poverty Alleviation and Community Development Forum (Uganda)

PEAP Poverty Eradication Action Plan (Uganda)

PMA Plan for the Modernisation of Agriculture (Uganda)

RELMA Regional Land Management Unit of SIDA

SAIMMCO Soroti Agricultural Implements and Machinery Manufacturing Company Ltd.

SG2000 Sasakawa Global 2000

SIDA Swedish International Development Agency

UNATCA Uganda Network for Animal Traction and Conservation Agriculture

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of Plenary or Opening Sessions

Overview of the Workshop

This was the first international workshop to link themes concerning both animal traction and conservation agriculture. It was organised jointly by ATNESA, FAO-ACT and the Ugandan National Agricultural Research Organisation (Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries). The workshop combined ATNESA's plan for a thematic workshop and plans by FAO-ACT to organise an international workshop on conservation agriculture equipment.

The main theme of the workshop was "Modernising agriculture: Visions and Technologies for Animal Traction and Conservation Agriculture".

The sub-themes were:

- i. Work animal nutrition, health and welfare management
- ii. Socio-cultural and Gender issues in Animal Traction and Conservation Agriculture
- iii. Animal powered transport in rural and peri-urban areas
- iv. The role of Animal Traction in the context of Conservation Agriculture
- v. Equipment for Conservation Agriculture
- vi. Organisation of machinery use and other farm services.
- vii. Entrepreneurship development in manufacturing, marketing and service provision.
- viii. Micro-finance in Animal Traction and Conservation Agriculture development
- ix. Policy issues on Animal Traction and Conservation Agriculture

The workshop addressed the themes focusing on animal traction use in conservation agriculture and rural transport and also considered the needs for conservation agriculture equipment in all the main power source categories. The workshop reviewed experiences and lessons on the themes from the over 120 participants who attended the workshop. A special selection of conservation agriculture equipment from Brazil and from a number of countries within Africa, were exhibited at the workshop. Some of the equipment was also demonstrated.

Participants included practitioners, regional and international specialists involved in research, rural development, training and extension for Animal Traction (AT) and Conservation Agriculture (CA). Also present were private small and large scale farm equipment manufacturers from Brazil, Uganda, Zimbabwe and Ghana.

Workshop Objectives

The workshop's main objectives was to "Develop Animal Traction and Conservation Agriculture Strategies for Modernizing Agriculture through Multi-Sectoral Interaction and Experience Sharing". The specific objectives were:

- i. Identify, analyse and consolidate information and experiences on AT and CA for the region
- ii. Facilitate contacts between African and Brazilian CA implement manufacturers and suppliers
- iii. Elaborate on issues and elements on the roles of AT and CA in the modernization of Agriculture in the Region and Uganda
- iv. Propose appropriate strategies and activities on AT and CA

Workshop Procedure

Interactive discussions, facilitated by a specialized moderator, characterized the process adopted in addressing the set workshop objectives. The process involved plenary presentation of three keynote papers and a number of thematic papers, a poster and implement exhibition, field visits, group discussions, field demonstration of some of the equipment and intensive group discussions. The workshop also facilitated numerous informal contacts and discussions and evening programmes where participants exchanged information. The workshop ended with the development of strategic plans recommendations in the general context of the sub-region and other also specifically focused on Uganda.

Problem analysis and intensive discussions were undertaken in small, multi-disciplinary groups while specialised output-oriented teams tackled the key emerging issues. The workshop identified issues and practical actions for

strategic interventions in AT and CA advancement.

Official Opening and Keynote paper presentations

Three keynote papers were presented. The three, respectively, addressed animal traction, conservation agriculture equipment and the Ugandan animal traction and conservation agriculture status and issues. The keynote papers highlighted key concerns and issues in the development and promotion/application of animal traction and conservation agriculture contributing to the modernization agriculture in the region. Additionally, eighteen thematic papers were presented in five sessions, each focused on one element in the workshop theme.

The workshop was arranged in a total of seven sessions. The first and second sessions were devoted to the official opening ceremony and presentation of the keynote papers.

Three other sessions involved field visits, implement demonstration and the implement-poster exhibition. Following are some briefs on the sessions:

Thematic Session One: Equipment for Conservation Agriculture

Focusing on conservation agriculture equipment, four papers were presented during this session. These covered general status and trends in farm mechanisation in general and specifically conservation agriculture mechanisation in Africa. The papers also addressed specifically CA equipment in smallholder and in largescale farming systems. A paper was also presented on manufacturing. marketing and provision of back-up services in an African scenario.

Thematic Session Two: Machinery Demonstration

A selected number of animal and hand powered CA equipment was demonstrated during this session. Those demonstrated included the Fitarelli animal drawn direct-planter, the IADEL knife-roller, the triton pull and animal drawn sprayers. The demonstrations were undertaken at the Source of the River Nile agricultural showground.

Thematic Session Three: Animal traction in the context of conservation agriculture

The session addressed animal issues in animal power use and management. The papers presented also addressed issues on integration of livestock in CA cropping systems and also the use of animal power in rural and peri-urban transport.

Thematic Session Four: Policy Issues on Animal Traction and Conservation Agriculture

The three papers presented in this session addressed policy experiences and issues in sustained input (farm equipment) supply systems; the benefits of a liberalised and decentralised development model in enhancing farmers' accessibility to farm equipment.

Thematic Session Five: Entrepreneurship Development in Manufacturing, Marketing and Service Provision

The session covered issues on entrepreneurship and micro-enterprise, including the role and empowerment of rural and peri-urban artisan in the development and supply of animal traction and conservation agriculture technologies (hardware). A special paper which highlighted elements for conducive environment for internationally operating implement manufacturers and suppliers was also presented.

Thematic Session Six: Organisation of Machinery Use and Services

Two papers highlighting farm level experiences and applications of private multifarm use as a way of enhancing farmers' accessibility to machinery services were presented. The papers were presented in the context of two case studies; one from the Limpopo province (formally Northern Province) of South Africa and the other from northern Ghana.

Thematic Session Seven: Micro-finance in animal traction and conservation agriculture development

In this session a paper on experiences of a World Bank supported project on micro-financing in Uganda was presented. The paper highlighted issues and concerns relevant to applications of animal traction and conservation agriculture in smallholder farming systems and, in particular, the role and related factors that would enable micro-finance play its role in enhancing farmers' financial

accessibility to farm inputs including draft animals and equipment.

Thematic Session Eight: Equipment and Poster Exhibition

This involved an exhibition of farm implements, ranging from hand jab-planters to tractor drawn high-tech no-till planters. These came from Brazil and also others from a number of countries in the region. Most of the equipment related to conservation agriculture. There were, however, also a number of rural transport carts and other conventional farm equipment.

On the other side, over fifteen attractive and informative posters were exhibited. Various institutions and organisations present also distributed an assortment of information sheets, books, flyers and posters.

Workshop Discussion Sessions

Brief plenary discussions were held at the end of each thematic session to both clarify issues raised in the presentation and beginning to identify and focus the emerging concerns.

Additional to these, the workshop had three main plenary discussion sessions, which followed small group work discussion. Three sessions of small group work discussions were held.

After the presentation and some discussion in the first one and half days, the participants went into smaller groups to identify emerging issues along the workshop's themes and in relation to what policies, strategies and actions would be required to enhance farm level application (adoption) of animal traction and conservation agriculture.

In the second session of group work, the participants went further to analyse specific identified issues. This involved identification of constraints and opportunities in relation to specific circumstances in the region.

The third and final session of group work came on the last day of the workshop. In this session, the following issues were noted as having emerged in the proceedings of the workshop:

- animal powered transport in rural and peri-urban areas
- the role of animal traction in the context of conservation agriculture

- equipment for conservation agriculture awareness in Uganda and beyond
- organisation of machinery use and other farm services multi-farm use
- entrepreneurship development in manufacturing, marketing and service provision – policy issues
- micro-finance in animal traction and conservation agriculture development.

Participants were divided into smaller groups along these six issues. Using a flowchart framework provided, the groups further analysed the six issues (each group dealing with one issue), identified at most three priority areas and made recommendations both for general application by the various partners in the regions and some specific to Uganda.

Field visits

This was a whole day event designed to expose participants to real-life scenarios and experiences (case studies) so as to ensure feet-on-the-ground analysis and also to provide learning experiences. Three visits were arranged and participants selected one of their interest. These were:

- a visit to Kawanda Agriculture Research Institute (KARI) and the Agriculture Engineering and Appropriate Technology Research Institute (AEATRI – Namalele) and Makerere University all located in Kampala.
- ii. a visit to eastern Uganda (Tororo) where the group was able to see farmer fields and farming operations. This also included a visit to the one-stop-centre in Iganga.
- iii. to Soroti and Kumi where the group visited SAIMMCO the sole largescale manufacturer of animal drawn implements in Uganda. The group also visited a local blacksmith involved in fabrication of various steel tools and farm implement parts. After see a farmer group using draft animals in ploughing, the group proceeded to the Steel Rolling Mills Company on the outskirts of Jinja.

Details of the field visits are presented later in this report.

Special participant-organised sessions

Special interest talks, videos etc. brought by participants were presented in near-informal evening sessions. A number of special interest or thematic groups meetings also took place, which are also listed later I this report.

Launch of UNATCA

As part of the closing ceremony, the Ugandan Network for Animal Traction and Conservation Agriculture (UNATCA), was launched. The present members (over 40) who had met earlier, selected Mr. Wilfred Odogola as its chairperson. The launching speech presented by the Chairperson of ATNESA challenged the new Network to go full thrust in implementing collaborative work to effect farm level development and application of AT and CA in Uganda.

Opening remarks by the Director General of the National Agricultural Research Organisation, Uganda.

Prof. Joseph K. Mukiibi

Honourable Minister of State for Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, Presidential Advisor on Agricultural and Veterinary Services, FAO Representative in Uganda, Distinguished Delegates, Dear Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen.

The message conveyed by agricultural and rural livelihood statistics in Africa does not paint a good picture. In this respect per capita income for sub-Saharan Africa is very low and so are the earnings from agriculture. Tools used in agriculture are still largely primitive resulting in poor labour productivity. Similarly most smallholder farmers still utilise home saved planting materials with low production potential. There are weak strategies for conservation of the environment and natural resource base. All these factors aggregate into causing the high level of poverty that prevails in most rural areas in sub-Saharan Africa.

For purposes of this conference however the issues of labour productivity coupled with the environmental impacts of engineering technologies should form the major focus. As regards the former, it is worth noting that there

is still predominant use of the hand hoe, machete and axe in most parts of sub-Saharan Africa. According to available statistics, Uganda annually imports nearly three million hand hoes explaining why over 90% of the production in the country is hand-tool based. Animal traction for tillage accounts for only 8% of the production while tractor use is rather insignificant in most districts of the country.

The main challenge to scientists and workers in AT and CA is making farm tools and implements more efficient, comfortable to use yet affordable by the majority of our farmers. We must also cause a significant shift by farmers away from rudimentary technologies to better and more productive tools and implements.

From your program I note that the conference will also focus on conservation farming which advocates minimal or no tillage of the land and no mechanical weeding. This also poses a challenge, probably in the actual concept. All along, agricultural workers have advised farmers to properly till the soil prior to planting and that the field must be ideally weeded to achieve optimal yield. This time round we have to turn completely through 180⁰ and begin advising the same farmers not to till and not to mechanically weed. This is a challenge! Still on CA, throughout Africa there are cases of notorious weeds that have challenged farmers over many centuries and new ones keep on emerging. Your meeting should also discuss ways and means of handling such weeds. Last but not least with

the introduction of the relatively new CA tools and implements, both research and extension workers must ensure a strategy for integrated introduction of the technology so that all major constraints in the CA production processes are simultaneously addressed.

In conclusion, please allow me Mr. Chairman to convey NARO's warm welcome to all delegates to this conference and in particular to those coming from outside Uganda. NARO is proud to be associated with the hosting of this important conference and wishes you all fruitful deliberations and a pleasant stay in Uganda. I THANK YOU.

Opening remarks by the FAO Representative in Uganda Delivered by Mr. Charles Owach, National Professional Officer, FAO

Honourable Minister of State for Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, Presidential Advisor on Agricultural and Veterinary Services, Director General, NARO, Distinguished Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Allow me Honourable Minister to welcome you to this import conference and to recognise the strong leadership your ministry has during the recent years provided to the agricultural sector in Uganda in general and to the Plan for Modernisation of Agriculture in particular. It is also a great pleasure for me to welcome all participants to this international conference on "Modernising Agriculture — Visions and Technologiesfor Animal Traction and Conservation Agriculture".

I notice you are all well qualified personalities from a wide range of countries, and with a wealth of knowledge and experience ready to be shared at this forum. This is an important element which, coupled with the organised exhibition of technologies, makes this workshop unique.

Mr. Chairman, one of FAO's original mandates was the fight against hunger. This mandate is still not accomplished. The upcoming World Food Summit in Rome (10-13 June 2002) offers yet further evidence of this. Within the strategic goals to improve food security and at the same time preserve our

natural resource base, FAO considers Conservation Agriculture probably the most promising approach to sustainable agricultural development.

Some people consider Conservation Agriculture already as a new agricultural revolution. This time it is not a green one, but a blue one, as the better use of water is the secret behind it. I am sure we all know why it is a blue one. If not never mind, we shall all know by the end of the workshop. Water is the resource. which probably causes most problems in Africa. The theme of this Conference suggests therefore talking about Conservation Agriculture. I am reliably informed that the workshop will also show that Animal Traction can become an important factor for modernising agriculture in Africa and that it need not at all be a contradiction to modern technology, especially within the concept of Conservation Agriculture.

FAO is proud for having found at the very early stage of planning for this workshop, organisations active in Africa, which shared the same concerns and interests and which then joined into the preparations. In this way the workshop, more than being an FAO event, can be considered a true participatory partnership between the Uganda Network for Animal Conservation Traction and Agriculture (UNATCA), the Animal Traction Network for Eastern and Southern Africa (ATNESA), the African Conservation Tillage Network (ACT), the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ) and last but not least the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO).

I am reliably informed that during the workshop a number of presentations will be given to improve the understanding and knowledge of how to realise the contributions of Conservation Agriculture and Animal Traction in modernising agricultural visions and technologies. Software and hardware as well as tools and the socio-economic environment requires to do Conservation Agriculture will be addressed. I am confident that during the working groups' discussions, conclusions and recommendations will be developed which will hopefully lead to strategies and policies to accelerate the adoption of Conservation Agriculture in Africa.

An important element of the workshop will be CA equipment, visible in the exhibition and field demonstration, but also in the presence of representing manufacturers. the commercial sector. The full integration of all stakeholders, from the farming, public and private sectors is the key for successful agricultural development. We are therefore proud that in this workshop we can welcome equipment manufacturers for the desired modernisation of agriculture, not only from Uganda, but also from abroad, namely from Brazil and several African countries, reflecting the South-to-South co-operation in a very visible way.

Honourable Minister, on behalf of FAO, I am happy to officially announce that much of the equipment being exhibited during this conference will actually remain in Uganda and will undergo adaptive testing in various agroecological zones of the country. It is a challenge to all those scientists that will be handling the equipment to be able to generate useful information that will directly feed into research, extension and manufacturing institutions and collaborators in Uganda and beyond. In this context the collaboration of the present manufactures who have made a special effort to get their equipment in time to Jinja and who have even donated part of the equipment shown to the workshop, merits special mentioning as it is an important part of the commitment to the success of this event.

FAO hopes that the workshop will lead to fruitful discussions and produce the expected results to improve the rural livelihoods in Africa. With those few words, I wish you all successful deliberations and a happy stay in this fascinating country.

Opening Speech by the Guest of Honour

The Honourable Fabias Byaruhanga, Minister of State for Agriculture, (Representing the Honourable Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries)

Distinguished Delegates, Workshop Convenors, Dear Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen. I am greatly honoured to officiate in the opening of this very important International workshop on Modernising Agriculture with particular emphasis on visions and technologies for Animal Traction and Conservation Agriculture.

Allow me Mr. Chairman to welcome all of you distinguished delegates to Uganda and to Jinja Town –the source of the Great River Nile. You are assured of peace and tranquillity while you are deliberating in this workshop. Please, you are cordially invited to visit our rich traditional tourist sites during your stay in this country.

Ladies and gentlemen, Uganda Agriculture, just like in many other developing Africa countries, was invariably affected by political and economic instability that characterised post independent Africa. In the 1960s the agricultural sector in Uganda grew by 10% per However, the sector declined dramatically during 1970s and 1980s as a consequence of gross economic mismanagement, political and social disturbances. price and marketing disincentives, and shortage of farm inputs. Agricultural sector annual growth thus averaged minus 2%.

When the present Government came to power in 1986, we launched the Economic Recovery Programme with the aim of rehabilitating the dilapidated infrastructure and production sector. Furthermore, Government implemented Agricultural Sector Adjustment Programme (991-1995) to support financial stabilisation and to promote agricultural growth and diversification. These interventions resulted into agricultural growth of above 3.7% per annum. Currently the sector contributes about 42% of GDP: however, it still registers low farm yields, which are 30%, compared to the potentials demonstrated by research. This is due to low levels of technologies, lack of skills, inadequate extension services and low farm gate prices. Consequently 40% of Ugandans are poor with 26% living below the lower poverty line of US\$ 15 per month, as compared to the national par capita of about US\$ 330.

Government of Uganda recognises that agricultural sector is still the main source of household livelihood for 85% of the population. Like in most countries in Africa, the economy needs a vibrant agricultural sector

that provides for food security, raw materials for industries, poverty eradication through cash earnings to rural people and ready markets for industrial goods such as fertiliser, herbicides, pesticides and farm equipment including those animal traction and conservation agriculture. In order to address the abject poverty in rural areas Government has designed Poverty Eradication Action Plan (PEAP). Modernisation of Agriculture, Primary Health Care, Universal Primary Education and infra-structural development are key pillars in the plan to eradicate poverty.

The Plan for the Modernisation of Agriculture (PMA) has broad strategies and principles designed to transform agriculture from subsistence to commercial farming. The plan has identified priority areas for intervention. They include, among others, Research and Development, private extension services delivery through the National Agricultural Advisory Services (NAADS) and sustainable use of national resources.

The International workshop on Animal Traction and Conservation Agriculture has, therefore, comes at a time when Uganda is implementing the Plan for Modernisation of Agriculture. We are also deepening and consolidating the implementation of the principles of decentralisation and devolution of powers to the people at appropriate levels where they can best manage and direct their own affairs

National Agricultural Research Organisation (NARO) which was solely mandated to spearhead agricultural research is being reviewed together with other Agricultural Research systems. The review exercise aims to formulate a decentralised, farmer-owned and demand-driven National Agricultural Research System (NARS). It is hoped that all research concerns on Animal Traction and conservation Agriculture will be farmer owned and demand driven and will address poverty eradication while protecting the environment.

As regards linkages and networking in animal traction, Uganda has followed the developments of Animal Traction Network for East and Southern Africa (ATNESA) since its inception in 1990. ATNESA has advocated for improved exchange of information and regional co-operation pertaining to animal draft power. This has provided a platform for

researchers, manufacturers, development workers, institutions, donors, NGO's and users of animal traction.

Today's workshop has attracted wider participation including advocates for conservation agriculture. This is a very important event in the context of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD). Africa Leaders advocate for Africa's advancement in which all our people can fulfil their potential with effective participation in the global economy as equal partners.

Our colonial masters came and found us with our crude farm implements. However, the situation has not significantly improved since independence. Out of 17 million ha. of arable land in Uganda, only about 5 million ha. is under cultivation. The main reason is lack of accessibility and capacity to utilise appropriate farm mechanisation technologies. Consequently about 90% of farm power requirements are derived from human muscle using the hand hoe, 8% from animal traction and 2% from tractors.

Government strategic objective therefore is to target the provision of labour saving technologies to women, youths, individuals and farmer groups so as to bring more land under cultivation both for major food and cash crops. Conservation farming technologies will have a vital role in this respect.

Conservation Agriculture is not completely in new the African context. Before the on set of modern machinery, farmers used to plant crops, especially field peas, maize, cassava, bananas, in uncultivated land but followed by early weeding. Further more, conservation Agriculture is in line with the current urge by African Governments to promote sustainable development and public awareness of the need to manage land, air and water resources in a balanced and sustainable manner for the present and future generations.

Mr. Chairman, before I conclude, I would like to point out real challenges in the promotion of animal traction and conservation agriculture that this workshop must address:

(a) Availability of animal traction and conservation equipment at affordable prices to end-users.

- (b) Integration of indigenous and exotic cover crops into existing farming systems
- (c) The menace posed by weeds especially in light of declining soil fertility and water holding capacity.
- (d) Negative cultural norms and beliefs that constrain promotion of animal traction and conservation agriculture.
- (e) The need for gender mainstreaming and empowering farmers through micro finance and capacity development

In conclusion, I must observe that many African countries will still continue to depend on the agricultural sector for sometime before industrialisation takes off. The entry point for the eradication of poverty must therefore be through the modernisation of agriculture. The redress of the above challenges will lead to transformation of our agricultural systems. We are therefore looking forward to receiving concrete and practical recommendation from this workshop to modernise agriculture for poverty eradication.

I thank you for your attention.

I now have the honour and privilege to declare the workshop on Animal Traction and Conservation Agriculture open.

FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY.

Abstracts of the keynote papers

Development of animal traction, conservation agriculture and rural transport in the context of modernising agriculture in Uganda: policy and strategy

J.O.Y. Omoding (MAAIF, Uganda) and Wilfred R. Odogola (NARO, Uganda)

Agriculture is the engine of Uganda's economic growth, contributing 42% of GDP, 85% of export earnings and providing employment to 80% of the current population of about 22 million. The country has an estimated three million households each with about 2.5 ha of land. These produce 94% of agricultural output. There is inadequate and inefficient utilises of farm power countrywide: a major reason for the country cultivating only 27% of the agricultural land.

Animal traction technology was introduced into Uganda in 1909. A year later a farmer training school in ox cultivation was opened in Kumi and in 1920 the current Serere Agricultural and Animal Production Research Institute (SAARI) was established, among others, as a centre for research, testing, demonstration and training of farmers in oxcultivation techniques. Through the extension efforts of the Ministry of Agriculture as well as of the relevant institutions including NGO's, the use of work animals rapidly spread throughout the Eastern and North-eastern parts of the country where ecological and cultural conditions favoured its development. In these areas the technology created remarkable impact in increasing the acreage under cultivation. Currently more than 10 districts in the country intensively utilise DAP with another 12.districts moderately using the technology. The rest of the districts do not use work animals on the farm.

This paper outlines the processes of introducing and extending draft animal power and conservation agriculture technologies into the country as well as the research efforts to develop new equipment both for animal traction and conservation agriculture. The paper also discusses the initiation of DAP equipment manufacture in 1967 by a privately owned farm equipment manufacturing and repair workshop in Soroti. These efforts

culminated in the establishment of the current Soroti Agricultural Implements and Machinery Manufacturing Company (SAIMMCO), a privately owned venture with capacity to meet farmer needs for improved animal drawn agricultural implements, post harvest implements, and other machinery and equipment with excess for export to the neighbouring countries.

As positive developments that point at sustainability, training in Animal traction technology that used to be undertaken by the Ministry of Agriculture at its colleges, district farmer training institutes and by extension staff and private sector in various districts, has now been strengthened through inclusion of draft animal power and conservation agriculture courses in curricula at primary, secondary, tertiary and university levels.

The paper proposes a policy strategy aimed at addressing some of the major constraints that have hindered promotion of draft animal power in the country. These include cultural, political, economic, environmental, land tenure aspects as well as training and care of work animals and maintenance and repair of draught animal implements. Strategies for sustainable introduction and promotion of the relatively new conservation tillage concepts into farming systems in Uganda are also discussed.

Overview of animal traction and rural transport in development: The case of Africa

P H Starkey (Animal Traction Development, UK) and P G Kaumbutho (KENDAT, Kenya)

Animal traction remains an important and sustainable source of farm power. An overview of animal traction (AT) in development and uses around the world was presented by Paul Starkey. Pascal Kaumbutho then highlighted the case of Africa region as a reflection on the new uses for conservation agriculture (CA) was brought forward. The place for animal traction in a world of discriminative modernity and the associated urbanisation processes remains an issue. The presenters focused on how the problems remain the same, even as a new approaches or newly found uses towards enhancing animal

traction utilisation for conservation agriculture take root. They suggested that even as CA development progresses, technology transfer problems remain the same and these will remain a hindrance, unless addressed anew.

The region is only now getting word across to farmers, that ploughs can be adjusted, animals can plant, ridge and weed. The entry of CA has to be carefully introduced to be sure that resource farmers do not get discouraged and even confused. Issues of economic, social, technical and environmental nature, whether in tillage, transport or other uses such as logging need a new consideration. The region has only recently started using animal drawn rippers and direct seeders. This is building on a decade of experimental work in Zimbabwe and The Africa Conservation tillage Network (ACT) has been formed and national networks such as the Kenya Conservation Tillage Initiative (KCTI) with support form the Regional Land Management Unit (RELMA) are taking on the challenge.

Advances to CA need a system-wide view and intervention, where for example, links between CA and other components like rural transport and marketing are made real. The general absence but necessity of an AT and CA policy scenario among other development needs or tendencies will remain challenges.

The presentation captured the case of Africa and development hick-ups, centring around misplaced or under-rated development priorities. Recommendations centred on ways of meeting the new challenges to rural development and the renewed comparative advantages of animal traction technologies. This is important and the region has a new conducive environment as the region focuses on poverty reduction. Challenges are such as the eminent globalisation trends, which are likely to lead to a grossly disadvantaged consumer society in Africa.

The presenters recommended that the current shortcomings to exploitation potentials for animal traction, be met with combined national and regional efforts, be they promotional, industrial, institutional, financial or policy linked, in orientation.

More intensive and wider support at the centre, be it for farmer organisation and training or credit provision for access to inputs will remain mandatory. For sustained support regionally, organisations like Southern Africa Development Cooperation (SADC), Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), East Africa Community and now the New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD) need to become part of the support network.

Conservation Agriculture in Development: The Case of Africa

Martin Bwalya (ACT, Zimbabwe) and Theodor Friedrich (FAO, Italy)

As the world population rises, pressure increases for agriculture to produce more food. This is more so for the African continent, where it not only food supply, but also economic development, poverty alleviation and improved living standards are vital factors. But agricultural production is one of the factors contributing to the degradation of natural resources in Africa. Conservation Agriculture (CA) however, offers proven agricultural production options, which combine production with sustainability.

CA can be characterised superficially by three main principles:

- Permanent maintenance of a soil cover of live or dead vegetal material on the soil surface. No burning of residues is allowed.
- Permanent no-tillage and direct seeding or planting of crops through the cover using special equipment.
- Planning of crop rotations over several seasons to minimise the build-up of pests or diseases and to optimise plant nutrient use by synergy between different crop types and by alternating crops with different rooting characteristics.

These three principles bring about the full benefits of CA while minimising the need for farm inputs, particularly agro-chemicals. Non observance of only one of these principles, for example crop rotation, makes CA more difficult to manage, less sustainable and increases the need for chemical inputs.

In the context of CA the case of Brazil is often quoted. Here particularly, there is a long history of farmers who practice no-till farming. They have managed to create a mass movement; indeed they have developed out of no-till farming, a farming concept which can be considered a real revolution in agriculture.

Obviously Africa is not Brazil; agro-ecological conditions are usually different. The socio-cultural framework is also different. However, CA in Brazil has allowed the solution of many problems, which are also very common in Africa. These include:

- Soil degradation,
- Lack of water,
- Drought and unreliable rainfall,
- Labour shortage,
- AIDS pandemic,
- Lack of farm power and appropriate implements

CA as a concept should be able to solve similar problems in Africa but the practical solutions, the actual field practices, have to be developed locally by farmers and researchers, as was the case in Brazil.

The terms Conservation Agriculture or conservation tillage are not entirely new to African agriculture. In Africa's agricultural development, the 1960s and 1970s could be described as the mechanisation era when many countries embarked on extensive agricultural mechanisation to increase agricultural output from increased area under cultivation. In the 1980s, as limitations to sustain these interventions become apparent, efforts moved to embrace other technologies, various of which relate to CA.

However, with the current rising demand for food in particular and agricultural productivity in general, coupled with less predictable rainfall, it is increasingly being realised that much more needs to be done.

While experience through a number of initiatives has shown that the principles of CA are feasible in the African environment, one must be aware that apart from technical aspects, success in their application and adoption must conform to the specific local socio-economic and cultural factors

One critical benchmark in the development and promotion of CA is that the concept and principles have to be "internalised" into the African situation. The paper discusses a number of such key factors:

- Awareness and appreciation of the problem,
- Awareness on possible options and technologies to address the problem,
- Compatibility or conflicts with existing cultural habits and traditions,
- Farmers' accessibility to necessary inputs,
- Public good and public sector commitment,
- Current state of the soils and Weeds.

Although interpretations understandably vary, the term "Conservation Agriculture" is now a household name across the continent. Additional to numerous localised initiatives on Conservation Agriculture, there are some national, regional and international programmes addressing issues of Conservation Agriculture in Africa.

Whereas adoption of no-till based conservation farming practices is significant among commercial farmers in most countries, the extent of sustained adoption among smallholder communal farmers is minimum. Even with increasing focus on CA in smallholder agricultural programmes, it is still not uncommon to find heavily supported programmes focusing on conventional farming practices.

Abstracts of the invited papers

<u>SESSION 3: EQUIPMENT FOR</u> CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE

3.1 Equipment for Conservation Agriculture: general status and trends

Isaiah Nyagumbo (University of Zimbabwe)

This paper highlights current issues and trends in the development of conservation agriculture equipment in sub-Saharan Africa and analyses the factors that have been dominant in governing their developments. Prominent in agricultural development measures undertaken by most governments in the first three decades post-independence era support mechanisation interventions - initially focused on tractor powered systems and getting to embrace animal drawn systems as from the late 1970s. A large number of tractors and tractor equipment were imported into the region and supplied to farmers often at highly subsidised prices or used in government machinery hireschemes.

Very little of development/adaptation of the imported farm machinery has done in Africa. Mechanisation in this period was targeted on conventional tillage systems based on the disc or mouldboard plough. Tillage equipment marketed during this period was therefore mainly for deep ploughing and mechanical weeding. Farm equipment in hand and animal smallholder systems has remained largely undeveloped and limited in both scope and variety – the hoe and the single mouldboard plough.

Increasing concerns about land degradation and the high cost of fuels from the 1980s has led to shift in attention towards conservation agricultural practices and particularly reduced or no-tillage practices. This has placed new demands for farm equipment adapted to this kind of farming system, i.e. equipment for planting and fertiliser placement through mulch, herbicide sprayers, sub-soiling and ripping, etc.

A large range of tractor drawn notill/conservation agriculture equipment is now available. However, hand and animal drawn CA equipment is largely unavailable or where it can be found the range is very limited – essentially animal drawn minimum tillage rippers, slowly getting popular in Central and Southern Africa. The paper presents available CA equipment in all farm power ranges, but more in hand and animal power systems. Research and equipment development interventions and on-farm adaptation processes and challenges are discussed. A range of some equipment developed so far and their main features is provided. By highlighting the critical role appropriate mechanisation and farm equipment would play in widespread adoption of conservation agriculture, the paper concludes suggesting possible strategies for development and promotion of CA equipment and mechanisation systems and ensuring farmers have access to such equipment.

3.2 Smallholder equipment for conservation agriculture

Fatima Ribeiro (DMC/CIRAD, France)

The development of animal-drawn no-tillage equipment started in South Brazil in 1985 when IAPAR (the Agricultural Research Institute of the State of Parana), designed prototypes of a no-tillage planter and kniferoller for cover crop management.

With the increasing adoption of no-tillage by small-scale farmers, the private sector took over the role of designing and providing a wide range of hand-operated and animal-drawn equipment. This can be divided into three main groups: soil improvement, cover crop management combined with weed control, and planters.

For soil improvement, an animal-drawn long box gravity applicator is used. Metering device is comprised of an axle with agitators, driven by a land wheel.

Cover crops can be managed mechanically, chemically or both. Knife-rollers bend over and crush the plants. They consist of a roller with knives, a support, a traction bar and a protection structure. For chemical management and weed control, chassis-mounted knapsack sprayers are available. Land wheels drive the pump and the herbicide is applied through nozzles attached to a height-adjustable horizontal boom.

A wide range of options have been developed for direct planting, including hand-jab planters ("matracas") and animal-drawn planters for different soil and seed types. In addition, there are 2-3 row planters suitable for smaller tractors (15-25 Hp).

The performance and suitability of this equipment has been assessed according to different socio-economic and agro-ecological conditions

3.3 Equipment for large scale conservation agriculture: Status and Trends

Peter Hickman (SRP Marketing, Zimbabwe)

Conservation tillage, in its various formats, has been practised commercially in Zimbabwe for the past two decades. The agricultural machinery manufacturers, a well established industry within Zimbabwe, have developed machinery to suit the various concepts in order to provide farmers with a choice of machinery that suits his particular systems and management style. The paper covers a broad spectrum of both local and imported equipment and systems ranging from zero till through to controlled traffic and conservation farming.

The agricultural trades' parameters have generally followed the line of avoiding making recommendations to farmers on specific systems but rather providing the farming industry with a choice of equipment to suit their needs and choices. During the coarse of development, considerable experience has been gained in the preparation required to introduce new land preparation systems. Issues such as wet and dry land preparation, soil compaction, fertility levels, PH values, etc., will be discussed. In addition, subjects such as soil erosion, compaction, usage of herbicides, disease control, crop rotation, economics and comparative costs will be included.

Machinery specifically designed to maximise moisture conservation, water retention and distribution, reduction of erosion and monitoring equipment will also be included.

The paper will provide participants with a comprehensive background of the development, adaptation and usage of a broad spectrum of conservation tillage with a particular emphasis on handling systems in sub-Saharan Africa with their unique rainfall patterns and soil structures.

3.4 Manufacturing farm equipment, marketing and provision of backup services

Tony Rowland, Vimal Naik and Greg Garnie (Zimplow, Zimbabwe)

Zimplow Limited was established as a manufacturer of animal drawn farm implements at Bulawayo in 1939. It is the largest producer of animal drawn implements on the continent with extensive regional markets. Zimplow is the home of the Mealie Brand®™ range of farm implements. It is an ISO 9002 certified company and takes pride in the knowledge that its operating systems are of world class standard.

Besides the normal operational activities, Zimplow also has a research and development office to continually seek product improvement and develop new products. One result of this research is the single furrow plough whereby the original mass of 39 kg has now been reduced to 35 kg. An even lighter plough of 29 kg has also been developed specifically for use with donkeys. Besides these developments we also have a range of cultivators and planters suitable for oxen and donkeys.

One of the challenges facing Zimplow Limited is the question of standardisation and the paper describes how this is being faced.

The new challenge to established manufacturers is that of conservation agriculture. We are aware of the potential benefits and we have defined our research and development to include this aspect. We are working in collaboration with various agricultural research institutes in this regard and we are now in a position to produce the Pelabana/ILI ripper-planter attachment that fits directly behind the standard single furrow plough beam.

SESSION 5: ANIMAL TRACTION IN THE CONTEXT OF CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE

5.1 Animal as source of power (Husbandry issues)

Tammi Krecek (University of Pretoria, South Africa) and Anne Pearson (CTVM, UK)

A healthy, well-fed, well-managed draught animal is essential when providing animal power for agriculture. Previous reviews at

ATNESA meetings have identified the challenges faced, and issues and opportunities available to improve management of working animals (Pearson et al., 1999, 2002). In this paper the ways in which delivery of extension messages have been and can be presented in order to help people maintain health well-fed animals that are well managed are identified. Factors which need to be considered in developing disease control and prevention programmes for working oxen and equids including vector borne diseases, helminth disease, and vaccination programmes are Experiences in discussed. improving management of working animals including nutrition, footcare, harness related injuries and working practices worm control, in rural and peri-urban environments are reported.

Most draught animals are owned and used by smallholder farmers and transport operators, who very often lack the financial means to pay for or access the information needed on nutritional supplements, vaccinations and drug treatments. Smallholder farms are often remote from veterinary services, placing the emphasis on preventative measures and local remedies when working animals do get sick. In many areas NGO's are increasingly operating to assist farmers and transport operators care for their animals, acting as a back-up to government extension services, which are sometimes constrained in their areas of operation by a shortage of running costs. Equine charities operate in peri-urban areas in some parts of Africa. They have traditionally provided static and mobile treatment teams for equines and training courses for farriers and harness makers. The effectiveness and sustainability of these services and ways in which delivery of health care and husbandry messages could be delivered to improve impact are discussed.

5.2 Integration of livestock in conservation agriculture

Cyprian Ebong (NARO, Uganda) and David G Smith (CTVMV, UK)

The population of Uganda of estimated at 22 million people and it is projected to be increasing at a rate of 2.5% pa. The increasing population demands increasing acreage of crops to meet the increasing demand for food, fibre and wood. Analysis of available data indicates that acreage has been increasing by

approximately 94 thousand ha per annum. Over seventy percent of the land cultivated to the annual crops is in the north and eastern parts of Uganda, where animal traction technologies are very vital to food security and household cash income. A survey was conducted in 14 districts of Uganda. Estimates of draught power supply potential from the national herd were estimated. Land area cultivated to annual crops was used to estimate the demand for animal draught power. The gap between supply and demand was computed over the next 30 years. Results indicated Uganda would not be able to meet demand for animal draught power by the 2030. It is concluded that, much as animal draught power was the most appropriate technology for increasing production and labour productivity in Uganda, there is need to increase the efficiency of sustainable tractive effort derived from oxen. Available options including minimum tillage technologies were proposed.

5.3 Animal power use in rural and peri-urban transport

T E Simalenga (University of Venda, South Africa) and P G Kaumbutho (KENDAT, Kenya)

Transport is a major aspect of rural life and urban communities. Efficient transport, apart from ferrying agricultural inputs and produce, can also facilitate other income-generating activities and lessen the women's burden of carrying firewood and water. The modes of transport in Eastern and Southern Africa range from head-loading, usually by women, on farm and village paths, to pick-up trucks on metalled roads. The other common mode is the intermediate means of transport (IMT) such as wheel barrows, hand carts, bicycles, animal panniers and animal drawn carts.

The paper discusses the recent developments in the rural transport sector and the role of animal powered transport in meeting on-farm needs, improving peoples mobility, marketing and employment opportunities.

Key issues such as entrepreneurship in animal power transport, gender issues and alleviation of burden to women farmers have been highlighted and possible interventions proposed. The paper concludes that industrial as well as equipment support services is required to enable the transport sector to thrive in rural and peri-urban areas.

SESSION 6: POLICY ISSUES ON ANIMAL TRACTION AND CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE

6.1 Sustainable input supply services for animal traction and conservation agriculture - policy issues

John E. Ashburner (FAO, Ghana)

A review of the agricultural machinery and equipment industry in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) reveals significant differences between countries. In the cotton production areas, a number of medium and large-scale workshops have been established for the production of animal drawn equipment, many of the units having eventually diversified production into agro-processing equipment and supplies for rural and urban needs (fencing, furniture and other lines) so as to attempt to achieve improved profitability. Other medium and even large-scale manufacturers are located in the more humid tropical areas and in the highlands, producing in particular, handtools.

International research organisations, NGO's, technology training and development centres, some agricultural mechanisation centres and many universities have been active in many countries producing prototype equipment but bottlenecks have occurred in many cases in bringing this equipment into local production. Some of the many emergency situations in the region, together with a number of heavily financed investment projects have seen massive importations of both handtools and some animal traction equipment, on occasion to the detriment of the local fabrication industry and distribution networks.

The industry and support infrastructure will be of paramount importance as efforts continue to broaden the adoption of conservation agriculture practices throughout Africa. This paper describes the present situation and attempts to draw some pertinent observations and conclusions.

6.2 The Benefits of a liberalised and decentralised development model: experiences from Uganda

FXK Wagaba (MOLG, Uganda)

During the last fifteen years Uganda has implemented a number of reforms which were intended to strength and improve the

performance of the economy; improve public sector management and delivery of services as well as promoting good governance. The institutional reforms focused on reducing Government control and regulation development activities in the country; promoting of private sector initiative and involvement in development activities as well as creating an enabling environment for attracting both local and foreign capital investments. The expected outputs were achievement of rapid economic development through improved macro economic performance, delivery of services, public sector management as well good governance and public accountability.

6.3 Approaches for building farmers' management skills in animal traction and conservation agriculture use

Joseph Oryokot (NAADS, Uganda) and Michael Foster (SG2000, Uganda)

The Government of Uganda has adopted, amongst others, two important policies: the Poverty Eradication Action Plan (PEAP) and the Plan for the Modernisation of Agriculture (PMA). In these, the role of both the promotion of the use of animal traction and the adoption of conservation agriculture is accommodated. The role of the National Agricultural Advisory Services (NAADS) will be vital.

The vision of NAADS is a decentralised, farmer-owned and private sector serviced extension delivery system. Its mission is to increase farmer access to information, knowledge and technology for profitable agricultural production. The paper outlines the guiding principles of NAADS and the strategy for farmer capacity development for animal traction and conservation agriculture.

The institutional framework for agricultural service delivery is based upon farmer groups, Sub-County farmer's fora, District farmer's fora and a national farmer's forum. Service providers depend upon the expertise and support of the private sector, NGO's, universities and training institutions, research organisations such as NARO, UCDA and CDO, together with other governmental organisations. Linkages between these stakeholders are described, as also are the achievements to date

<u>SESSION 8: ENTREPRENEURSHIP</u> <u>DEVELOPMENT IN MANUFACTURING,</u> MARKETING AND SERVICE PROVISION

8.1 Enterpreneurship and microenterprise development for animal traction and conservation agriculture

Isaac Sakala (Africare, Zambia) and Piet Stevens (IMAG, Zambia)

Micro and small businesses are crucial for developing countries: generating up to 40 percent of rural and half or more of urban employment. Between 500 million and one billion of the world's economically active poor people run such businesses, ranging from trading and service activities to small-scale production.

Micro-enterprises assist to meet basic human needs; provide skill and entrepreneurial training; and act as a vital link with formal sector businesses. More important, they are very close to their clients, flexible in their services and main players for sustainable poverty alleviation. Yet, fewer than two percent of micro and small businesses have access to credit - other than moneylenders in the informal sector.

IMAG and Africare through the Smallholder Agriculture Mechanization Promotions Project (SAMeP) in Zambia have since 1996 been working to assist small enterprises that are involved in the supply, distribution and maintenance of animal drawn conservation tillage implements. The entrepreneurs involved include private retailers and metal workshops in rural and peri-urban areas. Since the government of Zambia liberalised agricultural sector scope for the development of such businesses largely increased. However, bottlenecks are the seasonal nature of the businesses, a widely scattered demand, low purchase power of the farmers, high lending interest rates and high costs of inputs.

This paper discusses IMAG and Africare's experience in supporting the development of a private sector based manufacturing and distribution network for conservation tillage implements and spares. It highlights the strategies used by IMAG and Africare, as well as successes obtained and lessons learned.

8.2 Empowering rural and peri-urban artisans: Uganda case study

J K Byaruhanga (Gatsby Trust, Uganda)

Uganda has recently launched the Plan for the Modernisation of Agriculture (PMA) as a key element for poverty eradication. Among the major strategies for PMA is the development and adoption of technologies for irrigation, increasing farm power and agro-processing.

Considering that most farmers are small scale (small holders), there is a role for appropriate manually operated or semi-automated technologies which will enhance mechanisation of production and agroprocessing at or near the farm. Since these are usually small machines, one can see a role for rural and peri-urban artisans who can be assisted to manufacture and maintain these technologies.

UGT works with entrepreneurs in the small scale sector of whom artisans are part. Artisans especially those in the rural area usually lack tools, technical skills, design skills, work sheds, access to credit and to electricity.

These are the problems addressed by entrepreneurs who join Gatsby Club membership and are therefore able to access services from the Trust.

8.3 Elements for a conducive environment for internationally operating implement manufacturers and suppliers

Andre Verardi (SEMEATO, Brazil)

The paper describes the organisation of the company SEMEATO S/A in Brazil and in particular, their involvement in the supply of agricultural equipment for conservation agriculture. The adoption of direct drilling techniques in Brazil was brought about to a large extent by a mixture of public pressure and financial incentives. The farmers organising themselves into associations, encouraged the movement and there has been a growing interest by FAO, World Bank, GTZ and CIRAD.

The commercial attractions for locally producing the equipment include the ability to reduce costs. There are close links with the research organisations and the distributors

have gained sufficient technical knowledge and entrepreneurial skills to assist and train farmers.

There have however, been difficulties amongst which it is noted that there has been limited government support to manufacturers, there is considerable bureaucracy and goods destined for export are subject to considerable taxation. Logistics are also complicated.

The paper notes various aspects of importance for leading export companies such as SEMEATO. High quality products are essential with continuous updating of designs. Adoption of trade marks is necessary to protect the brands and the export business must form part of the strategic plans of the company. Export now constitutes the core business of SEMEATO.

<u>SESSION 9: ORGANISATION OF</u> MACHINERY USE AND SERVICES

9.1 Multi-farm use options for enhanced farmer accessibility to machinery and services

H.Loos (GTZ, Ghana)

In line with the Poverty Reduction Strategy of Ghana, the development of the agricultural sector is a key element. In Ghana, agriculture contributes 60% to domestic product, 65% to employment and 50% to exports. Increase in agricultural production and productivity, and the subsequent introduction of agro based industries are seen as the motor for economic growth, of generation income and creation of job opportunities.

However, the majority of Ghanaian farmers still work at a very low level of mechanisation, tilling the land with hand tools and transporting their produce by head load. These labour intensive production methods limit the area under cultivation and are responsible for severe yield losses due to untimely-performed operations. Furthermore, the tedious fieldwork and low returns to labour make agriculture increasingly unattractive for the Youth, resulting in migration from the rural areas.

A concept is needed that is agronomically sustainable and economically affordable, that produces sufficient quantities and quality of produce, and that provides for efficient post harvest services. Therefore, the concept of conservation farming should be promoted for

most conditions in Ghana in order to arrest soil erosion, sustain soil fertility, reduce production costs and make services affordable to small-scale farmers. A systems model for conservation farming is being presented.

Different organisational models are being discussed to assure efficient services. The establishment of Private Mechanisation Service Centres (Model of the German Maschinenring) that receive some support through Government is being favoured as an option, because it involves the private and the public sector, but maintains private entrepreneurship and assures organised service delivery.

9.2 Multi-Farm Use: The case of tractor and machinery hire-service in the Vhembe District of the Limpopo Province - South Africa

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The Broadening Agricultural Services for Extension and Development (BASED) programme, with iointly the African Conservation Tillage Network, is working on community based development and promotion of sustainable soil and water management practices amongst smallholder farmers in the Limpopo Province (formally Northern Province) of South Africa.

In pursuing the objectives of the programme, private tractor owners operating farm machinery hire schemes, have been engaged to provide the needed power and machinery input in the operations. The paper discusses detailed experiences of about 30 private tractor owners in Limpopo province, their operators and the farmers using the service.

The paper highlights technical, socio-economic and cultural issues that influence successful management of a private farm machinery-hiring scheme, basing on the BASED project case. The paper discusses the role of multifarm use and privately owned tractor-machinery hire schemes in increased smallholder farmers' accessibility to farm machinery in general and conservation farming equipment in particular.

9.3 Manufacturing of farm equipment, marketing and back-up services

Asubo Makarios(SAIMMCO, Uganda)

The role of agriculture in the economic development of Africa is fundamental. Agriculture must be transformed to produce adequate food for the rapidly growing population. We must also increase production of export crops in an increasingly competitive world. In order to maximise yields, appropriate implements have to be used and the various field operations have to be timed well according to the crop needs and environmental requirements.

Technology involves systematic knowledge of industrial art including concerning production by machines. For any technology to be useful in a community, it should be oriented to the needs of the majority. It should also be readily available and reliable, utilising available resources, capital and labour as much as possible so as to ensure its sustainability.

Implement development programmes aim at designing implements that can realise field operations to the satisfaction of farmers. With information gleaned from implement demonstrations, an assessment of their performance and effectiveness is used to develop them according to their shortcomings.

Sales Agent, supplemented by our own Depots are aimed at facilitating the provision of the necessary hardware. They also deal with the provision of information to different target groups such as farmers, artisans and extension staff. Small traders are being supported in areas where on-farm promotions of AT have been conducted to involve them in marketing of our implements and spares. SAIMMCO, like other manufactures and importers of agricultural implements, is struggling with distribution.

SESSION 10: MICRO-FINANCE IN

ANIMAL TRACTION AND

CONSERVATION AGRICLTURE

DEVELOPMENT

10.1 Experiences with micro-finance in promoting animal traction and conservation agriculture: opportunities and bottlenecks

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In sub-Saharan Africa, typical goals of rural development include food production and poverty alleviation. Despite varying views on the best ways of achieving these goals, production intensification, exploitation of marginal lands and expansion of trade are among the options often sited. At smallholder level, accelerated adaptation and adoption of improved agricultural technologies practices is one of the driving forces for sustainable rural development. Intensification of farming must be part and parcel of the strategy for ensuring livelihood security for most countries in sub-Saharan Africa, where per capita agricultural land is continuously decreasing.

This paper focuses on a number of issues related to financial service delivery for food production and poverty alleviation aimed at enhancement of rural development. The introduction outlines the needs for microfinance in AT and CA, defines micro-finance and characterises micro-finance both formal and informal institutions that address needs of different levels of recipients.

Step-by-step procedures for preparing a borrower or group of borrowers towards timely loan repayment is given. The process includes a rapid appraisal survey to identify and catalogue borrower characteristics and their requirements in respect of AT and CA. Sensitisation of individuals, groups or associations are organised to respond to topics such as: What is credit? Why the credit? How does credit work? Who accesses it and how?

Other activities include rigorous training in business analysis and planning, registration of individuals, groups or associations, preparation and submission of business plans, lodging of loan requests and eventually, loan approval and disbursement.

In conclusion the paper outlines the case of micro-finance, which has very successfully operated under the Farmesa Project in Uganda.

REPORTS ON WORKSHOP ACTIVITIES



FIELD VISITS

Visit for Group #1: Selected Research Institute

27 participants enlisted for the field trip to two NARO research institutes: Kawanda Agricultural Research Institute (KARI) and the Agricultural Engineering and Applied Technology Research Institute (AEATRI) and later to Makerere University Research Institute, Kabanyolo (MUARIK).

KARI

At KARI, the Director of the Institute, Dr Magunda, met the team and provided an overview of the institute. The team then visited three of the four research programs at the institute:

- Postharvest
- Horticulture
- Soils & soil management
- Banana

At the Banana Research Program, the team visited demonstration plots depicting various management practices on banana which emphasise aspects related to CA. Methods of banana multiplication through tissue culture vs. suckers were also demonstrated.

At the Soils Management Department, the group saw cover crop management with generation of much discussion. At the Horticulture Program, the team visited the tree nursery where they were briefed through the different stages of preparing seedlings, including grafting and tissue culture techniques and the materials required. They toured the different shades, housing various plantlets including coffee, bananas, citrus and mangoes.

AEATRI

At the Agricultural Engineering and Applied Technology Research Institute (AEATRI) the group was given an overview of the institute: its establishment, mandate, objectives, programmes, activities and technologies developed. These included light model plough, planters, CT equipment, weeders, grass choppers, roots and tuber slicers, and maize shellers. In the water area the group was demonstrated a treadle pump, windmill, bio-gas digesters and other appliances.

Areas of concern included linkage to private sector manufacturers to multiply the technologies more so when they are interested in only those with a sure market. Widening source base for promising technologies (another model of the motorised maize Sheller available in Eriteria and willing to pass on

blue prints). There was definite interest in the relevance of the equipment to smallholder agricultural sector and enterprise. Some participants, particularly those from Ethiopia and Eritrea wanted to purchase some of the equipment like manual maize shellers but they were afraid of encountering export complications on departure to their home countries. They went on to enquire about having blue-prints for the same equipment but these were not readily available.

Kabanyolo University Farm

The team visited the Agricultural Engineering Department at this farm of the Makerere University Research Institute, holding discussions with various of the staff.

Visit for Groups # 2 & 3 : Farmer Training in Iganga & Tororo Districts

Two different groups, each of 25-30 participants were organised for this field visit, both groups visiting field sites in Iganga and Tororo districts.

Tillage demonstration, Mukulu

The sub-group that started at the Tororo end, started with a demonstration of ploughing by Sasakawa Global 2000 farmers at Mukuju Village, 8-10 km along the Tororo-Mbale road. The demonstration consisted of a two-to-three pass ploughing operation followed by a harrowing operation using cultivator attachment to a Rumptstad multipurpose toolbar. The farmers including a 13year old boy, demonstrated how to open a furrow for a plough-planting operation which needed two men while two women followed behind placing seed. The next demonstration was on weeding with an ox-drawn cultivator. The farmers were very good at what they did though were completely unaware of conservation tillage concepts. Farmers described the equipment in use as heavy and they needed lighter ploughs for smaller people and particularly for women.

Discussion with Tororo farmers

Africa 2000 farmers in Tororo were the next to be visited. These gave a tour of their gardens with cover-crop use in an agro-forestry and soil conserving system demonstrated. Cover crops in use were such as *Crotararia* and *Gliricidia*. Tree crops like *Lucerne* were also observed to be in use. Use of pits to harvest rain-water around banana trees was a practice receiving intensive use among farmers. It was not clear why water collection pits were necessary in an area with relatively high

rainfall rates. Risk of flooding was considered to be eminent.

Visit to the SG 2000 One-Stop-Centre

The One-Stop-Centre is a Sasakawa Global 2000 (SG 2000) outfit where farmers obtain all aspects of farming and community development all at one stop site. It is a centre established with participation of enterprise women groups currently involved with the following activities:

- Processing cassava to Gari and other byproducts,
- Making donuts and other snacks for sale to all,
- Stocking an assortment of agricultural inputs including farm equipment, seed, fertiliser and pesticides for sale to members and to all interested farmers within and outside the area.
- ♦ The group also conducts training on various aspect of agriculture including micro-finance.

The *One Stop Centre* is run by one of several SG 2000 projects as a means of providing a long term and sustained input and service support for women while building on their entrepreneurial capacity. SG 2000 role is to encourage women and empower them through training in business operation. This involving assistance and team and capacity building centre has the expected signs of growing to self-sustenance. After this is achieved, SG 2000 will cautiously pull out. The group initiative was a clear example of how rural people and particularly women can take control of their own development. Stockist supply systems are already being considered as some of the important ways of advancing conservation agriculture.

<u>Ikulwe District Farmer Trining Institute, Iganga District</u>

At this centre participants were demonstrated onstation as well as on-farm research work by NARO and its collaborators. This covered soil fertility enhancement aspects. The work also included integration of several cover crops into the farming system in this district. Farmers visited were very enthusiastic to receive the visiting team and could ably explain the trials in their fields.

Visit for Group #4 : Fabricators in Eastern Uganda

Visits were made by some 40 participants to manufacturers at different levels in Soroti and Jinja Districts, as indicated below.

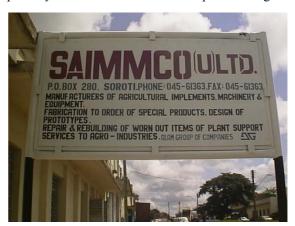
SAIMMCO The Soroti Agricultural Machinery and Implements Manufacturing Company (SAIMMCO) started as an engineering plant established by Asian entrepreneurs in 1967.

It was established to manufacture farm implements and replacement parts for ginneries and other general engineering items. Nationalised in 1972 after the expulsion of the Asian community, it was then rehabilitated and re-capitalised under a UNIDO/UNCDF/UNDP supported project, which started in 1987. It was then that the name SAIMMCO was established.

The company was privatised in 1999 and acquired by the current owners – the Alam Group of Companies. SAIMMCO is the sole large-scale manufacturer of farm implements, mainly animal drawn, in the country. The product range includes ox-ploughs, ox-carts, potato slicer, potato grader, groundnut shellers and lifters, dam-scoops, harrows, brick moulds, hammer mills, oil-press and bicycle parts.

The workshop is well equipped with versatile production machines allowing low production runs to be accommodated within its capacity.

It present, the company does not produce any CA related equipment the management expressed willingness to learn about this equipment and possibly take them on board in their product range.



<u>Uganda Veterans Association Group – Kanapa</u> Parish, Ongiino Sub-county, Kumi District

The team visited the Uganda Veterans Association Group at their base at Kanapa Parish in Ongiino Sub-county, Kumi District. These farmers use animal power and single mouldboard plough for land preparation. The Group held lengthy discussions and some also tried out the plough with the draft animals made available for the demonstration.

A local blacksmith in Ongiino Sub-county, Kumi District

The area is also known to have a number of local blacksmiths involved in the fabrication of an assortment of household and farm tools and replacement parts, including bicycle parts. The team visited Mr. Dividison Olelger who is one of the long standing and experienced blacksmiths in the area.

At now 75 years old, Mr. Olelger is still a full-time blacksmith, a practice he started at the age of 26 in 1953 learning on-the-job from his father. He indicated that he has managed to "feed" and educate his children all these years from his earnings in blacksmith.

He indicated that his major problem was sourcing of raw materials (scrap metal) for which sometimes he has to go long distances (to urban centres).

His range of regularly made tools and parts include:

- s/mouldboard plough shares
- s/mouldboard plough landsides
- s/mouldboard plough mouldboards
- kitchen knives
- axes and hoes
- bicycle saddle frame.



Jinja Steel Rolling Mills

The company, located in Jinja, is a large-scale foundry manufacturing an assortment of steel profiles, mainly from scrape steel. It manufactures a wide range of steel profiles – sizes and shapes. This includes deformed bars, flat and angle-iron profiles other made to specific user requirements. It supplies most of Uganda's steel requirements and exports mainly to Kenya, Rwanda and Congo DR.

The Company is also part of the Alam Group of Companies. The company also makes the I-steel profiles, which are cut and bent to plough beam specifications and supplied to SAIMMCO.

Equipment exhibition and poster presentations

EQUIPMENT EXHIBITION

(with a contribution from Fredrick Ochieng)

There were numerous items of agricultural equipment and accessories on display designed for both farm and transport tasks. A total of 14 companies and organisations were represented, with five from Brazil, two from Uganda and Kenya,

and others from Ghana, Malawi, Zambia, South Africa and Zimbabwe. The equipment displayed is briefly described below.

Fitarelli (contact zenith@st.com.br)

This Brazilian company specialises in hand operated and animal drawn CA equipment. The display included:

- Hand operated jab planter for seed only
- Hand operated jab planter for seed and fertiliser
- Long beam AT direct planter
- Long beam AT minimum tillage planter
- Ride-on AT direct planter (illustrated)



Direct drill for seed & fertiliser

Iadel (contact iadel@cadl.com.br)

This is another Brazilian Company manufacturing hand operated and animal drawn CA equipment.

- Long beam AT direct planter
- AT ripper/weeder
- AT sprayer with accessories
- AT Knife roller



Pamphlets (written in Portuguese) showing equipment by both IADEL and KNAPIK.

A number of products by the two Brazilian companies were on display.

Knapik (contact : knpk@net-uniao.com.br)

This Brazilian Company specialises in manufacturing sprayers for small farmers:

- Hand operated wheel-barrow boom sprayer with accessories
- AT sprayer with accessories

<u>Triton</u> (contact: triton@tritonmaquinas.com.br)

Also from Brazil, manufacturing planting and spraying equipment for small farmers. It displayed:

- Long beam AT direct planter
- AT direct planter with press wheels
- Long beam AT minimum tillage planter
- Hand pulled boom sprayer
- AT ride-on boom sprayer

SEMEATO

(contact semeato1@pro.via-rs.com.br)

This is a Brazilian company established in 1965 and has since expanded to incorporate research and development, as well as a training school for people who work in the industry. The high technology machine they displayed was a multi-crop planter:

Tractor mounted direct drill/planter

Micron Sprayers (contact micron@micron.co.uk)

Two of their sprayers were on display:

- The Handy (hand-held herbicide sprayer)
 This can apply either formulations or traditional water based products.
- The Ulva. This is a hand-held sprayer for insecticide and fungicide application, designed for low and ultra low volumes. It can apply both oil and water-based sprays.

<u>SAIMMCO LTD</u> (contact <u>alamgroup@hotmail.com</u>)

SAIMMCO is a private company run by ALAM Group of Companies in Soroti and manufactures farm implements. Some of the equipment they displayed plough, ridger, dam scoop (see photo), ox-cart with metallic wheels and Diamond spike tooth harrow.



<u>Triple W Engineering</u> (contact muckleb@africaonline.co.ke)

This is a private manufacturing company based in Kenya and producing a range of equipment. On display included donkey and ox-drawn equipment: donkey plough with weeder attachment, ox-drawn weeder, ridger attachment, single-row planter with harnessing as well as puncture-free tyres and manual weeder.



Mr. Muckle of Triple W

KENDAT (contact kendat@africaonline.co.ke)

Kenya Network for Draught Animal Technology (KENDAT) is a local non-governmental organisation resource-poor empowers that communities by advancing animal traction technologies. Current programmes focus on improving donkey welfare and utilization, promoting conservation agriculture for increased production and environmental preservation, and enhancing provisions for rural and peri-urban transport services in Kenya

A variety of harnesses and equipment were on display. They included:

- Collar harness and saddle for carting
- Saddles (locally modified and by Donkey Sanctuary)
- Pannier
- Mulch planter
- Ridgers (Victory brand)



Malawi Handcart Project

Malawi cart is quite versatile. It can carry grain to the maize mill, bricks carrying grass, water in polythene drums as well as being used as an ambulance.

The cart is made using bicycle wheels, and can easily be fabricated by a carpenter in about four days. The chassis consists of two frames, each of two planks, having a bicycle wheel sandwiched between them. These frames are held together by the wheel axles in their middle and spaced by wooden blocks.



<u>Hastt, Zimbabwe</u> (contact <u>hastto@africaonline.co.zw</u>)

Hastt Zimbabwe manufactures various tractor- and animal-drawn equipment and implements. The animal-drawn implements are manufactured under the brand name "Haka", and the following products were on display:

- Haka plough
- Spike harrow
- Cultivator



Hastt stand

<u>The Jab Planter Project in Ghana</u> (contact ebobobee@yahoo.com)

The project focuses on the production of Jab planter, which was on display, using locally available materials (wood, sheet steels and mild steel) and techniques. The production involves planning, steel rolling and drilling.

The project is part of conservation tillage research in Ghana and seeks to incorporate the introduction of Jab planter not just as a planting tool but also as an economic venture for local artisans.

Youth with a mission (YWAM) (contact work@ywam.or.ug)

This is an organisation based in Katakwi region of Uganda. Their goal is to attack poverty in this region and hold out hope to neighbours in Karamoja. The organisation has a design centre in Katakwi which trains farmers and artisans on manufacture of low-cost equipment. These include weeders, seeders, harrows, ridging ploughs, carts and donkey harnesses. The organisation displayed a weeder and a cart with double-rimmed bicycle wheels (see photo).



POSTER PRESENTATIONS

There were 15 poster presentations as indicated below:

1. Conservation tillage in Zambia: constraints and possibilities

by GART/IMAG (S. Muliokeba, W. Hoogmoed, P. Stevens, J. Simuyemba, D. Moono and D. Samazaka)

2. Conservation tillage for soil –water management under smallholder farming condition in Eastern Cape in S. Africa

by Universities of Venda and Fort –Hare (T.E. Simalenga, M. Mabi and O.J. Mandiringara)

- 3. Traction and Conservation Agriculture in Eritrea
- 4. AGROMISA (Knowledge Centre for Small-scale and Sustainable Agriculture in the tropics)

5. Worms/ Africa Horse-sickness/ Community Tick Control/ Lumpy skin disease/ Lung sickness (Contagious bovine pleuropneumonia)

by Department of Tropical Veterinary Medicine, University of Pretoria

- 6. Namibia: Land of the brave
- 7. ACT services in conservation farming by GTZ/ACT
- 8. Marketing by women
- by Technology for Rural Animal Power Trap (D. Wekesa)
- 9. The impact of ox-weeding on labour use, labour costs and returns in the Teso farming system

by NRI (D. Barton, A. Okumi, F. Agob and L. Kokoi)

10. Training in Animal Traction

by ARRADO/UVAB

11.Management of vertisols and luvisols of semi-arid Eastern Kenya using animal traction

by Kenya Agricultural Research Institute (KARI)

12. Helping communities with their own development

by Maasai Pastoralist Development Organisation (L. Sakita and D. Conroy)

13. Animal traction in action in Tororo District

by Farm Hands

- 14. The potential for conservation tillage practices to improve smallholder maize production in Zimbabwe
- 15. The development of reduced tillage systems suited to th requirements of resource poor farmers in Kwa-Zulu Natal, South Africa

by ARC LNR (R.M. Fowler, P. Hlatshwayo and J. Arathoon)

REPORT ON FIELD DEMONSTRATIONS



During the afternoon of Day 1, workshop participants, together with a number of farmers invited from the neighbouring districts of Jinja and Iganga, converged at the Agricultural Show Ground in Jinja for a demonstration of a range of CA equipment received from various Brazilian manufacturers. This was as follows:

- FITARELLI: several models of hand and animal drawn direct planters,
- IADEL: animal drawn ripper/weeder, direct planter, boom sprayer, knife roller
- TRITON: direct animal drawn planters, boom sprayers manual and animal drawn,
- KNAPIK: direct planter, wheel-barrow-boom and shielded sprayer.

Prior to demonstrating each of the equipment, its purpose and operational features were explained to participants. Manually operated direct jab-planters, wheel-barrow-boom and shielded sprayer were demonstrated one at a time. Both male and female participants took part in the actual operation of the equipment. For the animal drawn equipment, a pair of well-trained animals was used. One item of equipment after the other was demonstrated as the participants closely observed. Questions were asked and clarifications made. The Brazilian manufacturers took direct charge of these field demonstrations.

Workshop recommendations

Two days of discussions took place with six different Working Groups concerning the following topics:

Closing Ceremony

CLOSING SPEECH BY THE GUEST OF HONOUR

Dr Olaho Mukani Director of Animal Resources, MAAIF Representing the Permanent Secretary of Agriculture

Distinguished delegates Workshop conveners Dear Participants Ladies and Gentlemen,

- 1. I am greatly honoured to officiate at the closing of this very important International Workshop on Animal Traction and Conservation Agriculture with emphasis on their contribution to the Modernisation of Agriculture. As I am made to understand, this is the first workshop combining the initiatives of both Animal Traction Network for and Southern Eastern Africa (ATNESA) as well as those of Africa Conservation Tillage network (ACT).
- 2. I am happy to note that the participants to this workshop have been drawn from no less than 16 countries of the world covering the five continents. The participants do not only come from different countries but also from different institutions disciplines with strong participation from the private sector. This multidisciplinary participation is most welcome because it has provided wider base for sharing experience and knowledge that will contribute to government efforts to modernize agriculture.
- 3. To our visitors from outside Uganda, it is my sincere hope that the field tour you had on Wednesday exposed you to Uganda countryside and our efforts to promote animal traction and conservation agriculture technologies. The contacts you have established should now lay the foundation for future collaboration and networking.

- The quality papers presented and 4. discussions that followed have given a deeper understanding on the new concepts of conservation agriculture and broaden our knowledge and diversified uses of animal traction technologies. In this context I wish to thank the Brazilians, south Africans, Zimbabweans Ghanaians, Kenyans, Ugandans NGOs and SAIMMCO who brought equipment for demonstration and exposure. Special thanks goes to FAO, GTZ, UNIDO ATNESA and ACT for facilitating of the workshop and enabling the equipment to be brought to Uganda. I am particularly happy to note that some equipment will remain in Uganda and will provide "engineering germplasm" for conservation agriculture in Uganda.
- 5. Finally, I am happy that Uganda Network for Animal Traction and Conservation Agriculture (UNATCA) has been formed and I am going to launch it today. The establishment of UNATCA is the product of the long collaboration with ATNESA. I am convinced that the existence UNATCA will now promote networking with similar associations within Africa and beyond for mutual benefit.
- 6. In conclusion I must thank FAO, GTZ, ACT, NGOS, ATNESA, all participants and the National Organising Committee for the job well done.

I now have great pleasure in declaring UNATCA **LAUNCHED** and the International Workshop **CLOSED**. I wish all the participants and invited guests a safe journey back to their countries and institutions.

APPENDICES

Workshop Programme

TIME	ACTIVITY/PRESENTATIONS	CHAIR PERSONS	
Saturday/Sunday 18 th – 19 th May 2002			
	Setting up posters and exhibits (continues all day)		
12:00	Registration desk opens and continues till 18:30		
	y 20 th May, 2002	_	
SESSION 1	WORKSHOP INTRODUCTION	MACBETH JAMES	
08:30	Registration of participants continues		
09:00	Outline of workshop objectives and introduction of participants, by W.		
00.15	Odogola, Workshop Co-ordinator.		
09:15	Development of Animal Traction, Conservation Agriculture and Rural		
	Transport in the Context of Modernizing Agriculture in Uganda; Strategy		
09:30	and Policy, by J.O.Y Omoding and W. R. Odogola Tea break		
SESSION 2	KEY NOTE PAPERS/ OFFICIAL OPENING	J J OTIM	
10.00	Guest of Honour, Hon. Minister of State for Agriculture Animal Industry	JJOHN	
10.00	and Fisheries arrives F Byaruhanga		
10:05	Guest of Honour tours exhibits/Poster viewing		
10:45	Welcome remarks by Chairman of the Organizing Committee.		
11:00	Key note paper: Overview of Animal Traction & Rural Transport in		
11.00	Development: The Case of Africa by P. Starkey and P. Kaumbutho		
11:30	Key note paper: Overview of Conservation Agriculture in Development:		
	The Case of Africa, M. Bwalya and T.Friedrich		
12:00	Official remarks by the Director General, NARO		
12:10	Official remarks by the FAOR		
12:20	Official Opening of the Workshop by Guest of Honour, Minister of State	F. BYARUHANGA	
12.20	for Agriculture Animal Industry and Fisheries	T. BTIMOTH II (G)	
13:00	Lunch Break		
SESSION 3	EQUIPMENT FOR CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE	RICHARD SHETTO	
14:00	Equipment for conservation agriculture: General status and trends, by		
	Isaih. Nyagunbo		
14:20	Small-holder equipment for conservation agriculture, by Fatima Ribeiro		
14:40	Equipment for large scale conservation agriculture: status and trends, by		
	Peter Hickman.		
15:00	Manufacturing of farm equipment, marketing and provision of back-up		
	services by V. Naik and T. Rowland.		
15:10	DISCUSSION	-	
SESSION 4	MACHINERY EXHIBITION	T FRIEDRICH	
15:30	Introduction to Exhibition and field demonstration/Refreshment at the		
	Show ground.		
10.00	Visits Exhibition/demonstration/		
18:00	Workshop Cocktail (Source of the Nile)		
DAY 2: Tuesday 21st May 2002			
SESSION 5	ANIMAL TRACTION IN THE CONTEXT OF CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE	ALUMA JOHN	
08:30	Animal a source of power (Husbandry issues), by A. Pearson and T Krecek.		
08:50	Integration of livestock in conservation agriculture by C Ebong and D Smith		
09:10	Animal power use in rural and peri urban transport, by T Simalenga and P		
09.10	Kaumbutho		
09:30	DISCUSSION		
10:30	Tea Break		
SESSION 6	POLICY ISSUES ON ANIMAL TRACTION AND CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE	JOY OMODING	
11:00	Sustainable input supply services for animal traction and conservation agriculture - policy issues by J. Ashburner		
11:20	The benefits of a liberalized and decentralized development model:		
	Experiences from Uganda by Wagaba		
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11:40	Approaches for building farmers' management skills in animal traction		
10.00	and conservation agriculture use J. Oryokot and A Foster		
12:00	DISCUSSION		
13:00	Lunch Break	MODERATOR	
SESSION 7	EMERGING ISSUES	MODERATOR	
14:00 14:30	PLENARY DISCUSSION AND INTRODUCTION TO GROUP WORK		
16:15	GROUP DISCUSSION ON EMERGING ISSUES Tea break		
16:45	GROUP PRESENTATIONS		
17:45	Field day guidelines		
	Informal presentations (videos, etc)		
Evening Informal presentations (videos, etc) DAY 3: Wednesday 22 nd May 2002			
8:00	Field Visits		
Evening	Workshop Dinner		
DAY 4: Thursday 23 rd May 2002			
SESSION 8	ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT IN MANUFACTURING,	T. SIMALENGA	
DESSION	MARKETING AND SERVICE PROVISION	1. SIWITELINGA	
08:30	Entrepreneurship and micro-enterprise development for animal traction		
00.50	and conservation agriculture by I Sakala and P Stevens		
08:50	Empowering rural and peri-urban artisans, Ugandan case study by J. K.		
	Byaruhanga.		
09:10	Elements for conducive environment for internationally operating		
	implement manufacturers and suppliers by Andre Verardi		
09:30	Discussion		
09:50	Posters and exhibition		
10:10	Tea break		
SESSION 9	ORGANISATION OF MACHINERY USE AND SERVICES and	T SIMALENGA	
	MICRO-FINANCE		
11:00	Multi-farm use options for enhanced farmer accessibility to machinery and		
11.20	services by H Loos		
11:20	Multi-farm use South African experience Kathu		
11.40	Manufacture of farm equipment, marketing and provision of backup		
12:00	services, by Asubo Makarious Experiences with micro-finance in promoting AT and CA: opportunities		
12:00	and bottlenecks B Wanzira		
12:20	DISCUSSION		
13:00	Lunch Break		
14:00	Group Discussion		
15:30	Break		
16:00	Presentation of group work		
17:00	Synthesis of issues from Tuesday to Thursday		
Evening	Informal presentations (videos, etc)		
	24 th May 2002		
SESSION 10	WORKSHOP SYNTHESIS AND ACTION PLANS	JAMES MACBETH	
08:30	Propose elements that contribute to modernising agriculture in the region	MODERATOR	
	using AT and CA		
10:30	Tea break		
11:00	Apply the proposed elements to the specific case of Uganda		
13:00	Workshop Synthesis		
13:30	Workshop evaluation;		
	Launching of UNATCA and official closing of Workshop		
14:00	Lunch		
	Departure of participants		
	Editorial Committee commences Report and Proceedings		

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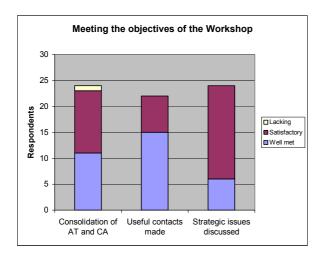
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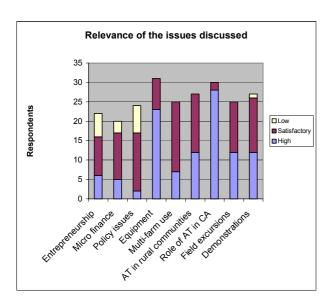
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Workshop Evaluation

An evaluation of the Workshop was undertaken on the last day, the participants being requested to mark their evaluation on flip-chart sheets. The results referring to meeting the objectives of the Workshop are indicated below.

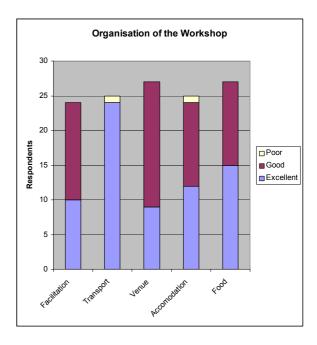


The relevance of the 9 different issues discussed during the Workshop were judged as indicated below. It is seen that the central themes of the workshop "Equipment" and "The Role of AT in CA" were deemed highly relevant.



Overall organisation of the Workshop was also evaluated, with very satisfactory results. The

transport arrangements in particular were well appreciated.



There then followed an in-depth questionnaire including 30 questions regarding the individual papers, the group discussions, field trips and again an overall view of the workshop and its organisation. The following chart illustrates the replies, all aspects being judged either useful or very useful.

