



## Bean/Cowpea Collaborative Research Support Program – East Africa

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### WELCOME REMARKS BY THE HOST-COUNTRY PRINCIPLE INVESTIGATOR

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The guest of honor Dr. A.S. Mbwana, the East Africa Bean/Cowpea CRSP Regional Chair, the US-Principal Investigators, distinguished workshop participants, ladies and gentlemen. On behalf of the Organizing Committee, I am taking this opportunity to welcome you to Arusha, and specifically to this workshop.

Over the years, the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) and Washington State University (WSU) Bean/Cowpea CRSP had a tradition of organizing annual bean workshops. In 1994, under the new regional approach of the Bean/Cowpea CRSP, the funding level prohibited such an event. Such annual bean research workshops allowed national, regional and international bean researchers to:

- Plan together for common goals.
- Identify major research constraints to be addressed.
- Avoid duplication of efforts.
- Share research methodologies and findings.
- Train both graduate and undergraduate students how to summarize and present their research results.
- Finally, proceedings of these workshops form permanent references for future planning.

It is, therefore, very encouraging that this year funding has been provided to facilitate the Bean/Cowpea CRSP Workshop for the East Africa Region to be held again. More important is the fact that this workshop is addressing a very key theme, that is, “Bean Seed Multiplication, Dissemination Entrepreneurship and Quality Concerns”. It is important because good seed supply is a crucial factor for food security.

With these few words, I now take this opportunity to welcome all of you to the workshop.

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