




# International Year of Pulses

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# Pan-African Grain Legume and World Cowpea Conference and World Cowpea Conference

- ✓ In connection with the celebration of 2016 as the International Year of Pulses (IYP), the World Cowpea and Pan-African Grain Legume Research Conference jointly organized a conference
- ✓ Theme: “Sustainable Grain Legume Systems for Food, Income, and Nutritional Security in a Rapidly Changing Climate”

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- ✓ Multi-sector representatives from around the globe engaged in various facets of cowpea and grain legume value chains research
- ✓ Scientists and researchers to farmers, academics, students, and business people – participated in this joint conference, bringing attention to the importance of pulses/grain legumes in improved nutrition and food security, the sustainability of cropping systems, and the enhanced livelihoods on the African continent, all within the context of climate change.



# Nomination Ceremony

- ✓ The nomination ceremony was organized by FAOZW and well attended by Government officials from relevant ministries including the Permanent Secretary from the Min. of Agriculture
- ✓ Present were farmers and representatives of farmer organizations and other stakeholders who came to witness this important ceremony especially learning that this was about pulses





# Central Cluster Celebration

- ✓ ZIMSOFF organized this event and invited some local authorities, FAOZW officials and farmers
- ✓ Main objective was to raise public awareness on the important contribution of pulses to food security and nutrition. Raised awareness on the positive impact of pulses to climate change, the human health and also soil management
- ✓ As the Special Ambassador, I took this opportunity to share some pulses seeds as this event took place when the Cluster was holding its annual Seed Fair.



# National Agriculture Fair

- ✓ The IYP was promoted through exhibition stand hosted by FAO and its sister agencies (WFP and UN Women)
- ✓ Advocacy messages on IYP were also relayed to patrons that included the Minister of Agriculture and other government officials, NGOs, private sector and the farming communities.



# Zimbabwe Farmers Dialogue

- ✓ Theme: Overcoming the dominance of maize by bringing back pulses into prominence
- ✓ The Food Forum organized the dialogue and ZIMSOF hosted this dialogue
- ✓ Guests were farmers around the country, Government representatives, research organizations, private sector, and other civil society organizations from South Africa, Zambia, Malawi and some donors.



# Traditional Seed and Food Festival

- ✓ This is an annual event which is organized by the Food Forum which comprised of CSOs, Private Sector, Ministries of Agriculture and Health .The Standard Association of Zimbabwe. Main objective is to raise the awareness of traditional foods and promotion of local seed systems







## Marking the International Year of Pulses through IPM-FFS learning event in Ethiopia

- ✓ A learning event was organized for farmers and extension workers from different regions of Ethiopia to share the effectiveness Farmer Field Schools (FFSs) in promoting integrated crop pest management (IPM) in smallholder agriculture.
- ✓ This learning event was combined with the ceremony to mark the International Year of Pulses (IYP2016) at the open field event. In line with supporting the global efforts to heighten public awareness of the importance of pulses, FAO Ethiopia passed on key messages to farmers, extension workers, government officials and the media about multiple benefits of pulses.

# National Nutrition Week

- ✓ The Department of Basic Education in partnership with Nestlé South Africa celebrated the National Nutrition Week (NNW) in Limpopo and Eastern Cape under the theme for 2016 is “Love Your Beans-Eat dry beans, peas and lentils”
- ✓ Theme and also reinforced the message which promotes consumption of legumes
- ✓ The National Nutrition Week is celebrated annually with the aim of raising awareness and supporting the school community by eating healthy and making lifestyle choices.



# Gastronomy Fair

- ✓ The flagship activity for the IYP was conducted on October 14<sup>th</sup>, including an exhibition with stands for public information on WFD and IYP; seminars and workshops about the benefits of the pulses, both for nutrition and for climate adaptation
- ✓ Theme of the WFD “Climate is Changing. Food and agriculture must too”; and a gastronomy fair with pulses as the key ingredient; and a facilitated interaction with key stakeholders: policy makers, government officials, academia, CSOs and media.





# World Food Day Commemoration World

- ✓ In an effort to raise awareness on issues relating to the World Food Day theme - *“Climate is changing, food and agriculture must too”*. FAO in partnership with the University of Zimbabwe organized a public lecture
- ✓ The public lecture was in form of a discussion panel consisting of representatives from the WFD partner organizations, academia and government
- ✓ FAO Sub regional coordinator David Phiri represented the Organization. More speeches were received from the Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Mechanisation and Irrigation Development, World Food Program Country representative and the Special Ambassador



# Planned Future Activities

**Goal:** Improved livelihoods and increased resilience to food and nutrition insecurity for smallholder farmers

- ✓ Food and seed fairs
- ✓ Training smallholder farmers as pulse seed growers
- ✓ Training smallholder farmers to process and conserve pulses (value addition training)
- ✓ Compilation of healthy pulse recipes
- ✓ Publicity and promotional materials development and dissemination including translation
- ✓ Pulse caravan to raise awareness





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