

**AGENDA**  
**Policy Seminar**  
**COMESA/ACTESA/MINAG**  
**"Food price variability: Causes, consequences, and policy options"**  
**25-26 January, 2010**

Day & Time		Session & Topic	Person Responsible	Duration
<b>Monday 25 January</b>				
08:30	- 09:00	Registration and distribution of materials	COMESA/ACTESA MINAG	0:30
09:00	- 09:30	<b>Session 1: Opening ceremony, welcome, and announcements</b>	<b>Chairperson: V. Xavier, MINAG, Mozambique</b>	<b>0:30</b>
		Partners Address	World Bank	
		Keynote Speech	ACTESA CEO	
		Official Address	Ministry of Agriculture Mozambique	
09:30	- 10:00	<i>Coffee break</i>	<i>AFRIN Hotel</i>	<i>0:30</i>
10:00	- 13:30	<b>Session 2: Price policy in theory and in practice</b>	<b>Chairperson:</b>	
10:00	- 10:40	Impact of global food crisis and lessons for policy	N. Minot – IFPRI USA	0:40
10:40	- 11:20	Are African food markets efficient: Evidence from spatial price patterns	A. Neggasi – IFPRI Ethiopia	0:40
11:20	- 12:00	Food price stabilization: Rationale, alternative approaches, and measurement of impacts	A. Chapoto – MSU, Zambia	0:40
12:00	- 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>	<i>AFRIN Hotel</i>	<i>1:30</i>
13:30	- 17:00	<b>Session 3: Impact of crisis, policy response and lessons – Country experiences</b>	<b>Chairperson:</b>	<b>0:20</b>
13:30	- 13:45	Mozambique	V. Xavier – MINAG Mozambique	0:15
13:45	- 14:00	Malawi	J. Mangisoni – Bunda College, Malawi	0:15
14:00	- 14:15	Zambia	S. Haggblade – MSU, USA	0:15
14:15	- 14:30	Tanzania	N. Minot, IFPRI, USA	0:15
14:30	- 14:45	Uganda	S. Rashid – IFPRI, Ethiopia	0:15

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14:45	15:00	Kenya	S. Njukia – AGRA, Kenya	0:15
<b>15:00</b>	<b>15:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	<b>AFRIN Hotel</b>	<b>0:30</b>
15:30	15:45	Ethiopia	S. Rashid – IFPRI, Ethiopia	0:15
15:45	- 16:30	General discussion		0:45
<b>17:00</b>		<b>Closure of Day 1</b>		
<b>Tuesday 26 January</b>				
<b>09:00</b>	<b>12:00</b>	<b>Session 4: Policy options for influencing prices</b>	<b>Chairperson:</b>	
09:00	- 09:30	Trade policy	T. Jayne - MSU, USA	0:30
09:30	- 10:00	Public stocks for food price stabilization	S. Rashid – IFPRI, Ethiopia	0:30
10:00	- 10:30	Food price controls	N. Minot – IFPRI, USA	0:30
<b>10:30</b>	<b>- 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	<b>AFRIN Hotel</b>	<b>0:30</b>
11:00	- 11:30	Agricultural productivity and diversification	S. Haggblade – MSU, USA	0:30
11:30	- 12:00	Promoting market efficiency	N. Minot - IFPRI, USA	0:30
<b>12:00</b>	<b>- 12:45</b>	<b>Session 5: Panel discussion, summary and synthesis</b>	<b>Chairperson:</b>	<b>0:30</b>
		Presentation of Synthesis	P. Seex - World Bank, USA	0.10
		Panel presentation	Government, Private sector, Civil Society, Academia	0.16
		Open discussion		0.20
<b>12:45</b>	<b>13:00</b>	<b>Session 6: Closure</b>	<b>Chairperson:</b>	
		Acknowledgements & Vote of Thanks	ACTESA/MINAG	0.05
		Official Closure	Development Partner	0.05
<b>13:00</b>	<b>- 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>AFRIN Hotel</b>	<b>1:30</b>