

**The Agricultural Consultative Forum (ACF) & The Food Security Research Project (FSRP)
with Zambian Collaborating Partners**

**Sharing Evidence-Based Research Results with the Parliamentary Committee on Agriculture and Lands: Selected Policy Background
Information towards More Effective GRZ and Private Sector Investment to Reduce Rural Poverty and Improve Food Security**

Ibis Garden, Lusaka, 20 and 21 February, 2009

Time	Activity	Responsible
Friday, 20 th February		
17:00 HRS	Arrive and Check in	
19:00 HRS	Dinner with introductory comments on agricultural growth challenges and investment by the	Mr. Chance Kabaghe
Saturday, 21 st February		
07:30 HRS	Breakfast	
08:30 HRS	Welcome Remarks	Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives – Hon. B. Chituwo
08:45 HRS	Agenda Setting	Mrs. Mariam Nkunika, ACF
09:00 HRS	A brief on Zambia’s rural smallholder farm sector - What does the empirical evidence tell us?	Prof. Mike Weber/Dr. Antony Chapoto
09:30 HRS	Cotton Sector Challenges: assisting a strategic smallholder cash income crop industry -Cotton Act reform background & ways forward	Chaired by: Mr. Julius Shawa Presentation by: Cotton Working Group Dr. Richard Kamona & Mr. Stephen Kabwe
10:15-10:30HRS	Tea Break	
10:30 HRS	Discussion and Answer Session - Cotton	Chaired by: Mr. Julius Shawa
11:15 HRS	Zambia fertilizer support programme reform and related issues – background and insights from a study tour	Chaired by: Mr. John Kasanga Presentation by: Mr. Coillard Hamasimbi
12:00 HRS	Review of Zambia’s experience and opportunities with the Electronic Voucher System	Chaired by: Mr. John Kasanga Presentation by: Mark Wood, Rob Munroe and Brad Magrath
12:30 -14:00 HRS	Lunch	
14:00 HRS	Discussion and Answer Session-FSP	Chaired by: Mr. John Kasanga
15:00 HRS	Zambia agriculture budget background, trends and key funding trade off issues	Chaired by: Mr. Chance Kabaghe Presentation by: Dr. Jones Govereh
15:30 HRS	Discussion and Answer Session	Chaired by: Mr. Chance Kabaghe
16:00 HRS	Open discussion linking all issues and suggestions from participants – other issues of interest	
16:30 HRS	Return to Lusaka	