



COMPETE Seminar Mexico

*organised in the framework of the COMPETE WP4
on South-South Cooperation*

1 – 7 March 2009

Mexico City, Valle del Mezquital, Morelos, Mexico

Agenda

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Seminar Objectives

The COMPETE Seminar in Mexico will foster South-South cooperation between partners from Africa, Latin America and Asia highlighting best practices as well as their replication potential in Africa.

The objective of this seminar is to provide information on potential plant resources for biofuels production in Mexico and to link Mexican researchers on (non toxic) *Jatropha* varieties with international experts. Furthermore, information will be presented on the complex interactions between agriculture, land management, environmental management, and urban development along historical and present examples within the Mexican City Valley.



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COMPETE SEMINAR MEXICO 1st – 7th March 2009

SATURDAY 28th February - SUNDAY, 1st March	
Saturday/Sunday	Arrival in Mexico City HOTEL CAMINO REAL PEDREGAL Periférico Sur 3647 - Col. Héroes de Padierna C.P. 10700 México, D.F. Tel.: (+52) 55 54 49 36 50 www.caminoreal.com.mx
21:00	Welcoming meeting at the hotel
MONDAY, 2nd March	
9:00	Departure from Hotel
9:20	Arrival to Botanical Garden (Biology Institute UNAM)
9:30 – 10:00	Welcoming speech: Dr. Javier Caballero, Dr. Omar Masera, Dr. Gustavo Best, Dr. Rainer Janssen
10:00 – 11:30	Visit to the Botanical Garden and Herbarium
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee-break
12:00 – 13:00	Jatropha genus in Mexico - M. en C. Jaime Jiménez Ramírez (Biology Institute – UNAM)
13:00 – 14:00	Biofuel production in arid and semi-arid lands – Dr. Alejandro Castellanos (Sonora University)
14:00 – 15:30	Luncheon - Azul y Oro (Centro Cultural Universitario)
15:45 – 16:45	Land use and population in the Mexican Valley – Antrop. José Rojas Loa (Anthropology and History National Institute)
16:45 – 17:45	Hydraulic and drainage building works in the Mexican Valley - Dr. Ramón Domínguez (Engineering Institute UNAM)

TUESDAY, 3rd March	
10:00 – 14:00	Xochimilco – Chinampas (prehispanic sustainable agricultural system, still practiced today)
14:00 – 16:00	Luncheon on the Trajinera (Xochimilco boat)
	To be confirmed
WEDNESDAY, 4th March	
6:30	Departure from Hotel
9:00 - 11:00	Visit to the sugar mill Zacatepec in Morelos
12:00 – 14:30	Visit to CEPROBI (Biotic Products Development Center – Instituto Politécnico Nacional) where non toxic jatropa research is being done
14:30 – 16:30	Luncheon
	Night at: HOTEL HACIENDA VISTA HERMOSA Km. 7 Carr. Alpuyecá Tequesquitengo, Puente de Ixtla, Morelos Tel.: (+52) 734 345 5361 www.haciendavistahermosa.com.mx
THURSDAY, 5th March	
8:00	Departure from hotel
11:00 – 14:00	Valle del Mezquital (world oldest waste water irrigation district)
14:00 – 16:00	Luncheon
16:00 – 18:00	CIMMYT (International Center for Corn and Wheat Improvement) – Texcoco to be confirmed
	Night at: HOTEL EMPORIO REFORMA Av. Paseo de la Reforma 124 - Col. Juárez C.P. 06600 México, D.F. Tel.: (+52) 55 5566 7766 http://www.hotelesemporio.com/esp/idt/31/hotel-emporio-cd-de-mexico//
FRIDAY, 6th March	
10:00 -13:00	Visit to the Antropology Museum -Mexico City
13:30	Luncheon in Mexico City - Restaurant Hacienda de los Morales
SATURDAY, 7th March	
	Free

The COMPETE Project

COMPETE Objectives

The Competence Platform on Energy Crop and Agroforestry Systems for Arid and Semi-arid Ecosystems – Africa (COMPETE) will establish a **platform for policy dialogue and capacity building** and identify **pathways for the sustainable provision of bioenergy**



- to improve the quality of life and create alternative means of income for the rural population in Africa
- to aid the preservation of intact ecosystems in arid and semi-arid regions in Africa
- to enhance the equitable exchange of knowledge between EU and developing countries

COMPETE Activities

COMPETE will deliver a matrix of multi-disciplinary and cross-sectoral work-packages

- to evaluate current and future potential for the **sustainable provision of bioenergy** in Africa in comparison to existing land use patterns and technologies
- to facilitate **South-South technology and information exchange** capitalising the world-leading RD&D in bioenergy in the key countries Brazil, Mexico, India, China and Thailand
- to develop **innovative tools for the provision of financing** for national bioenergy programmes and local bioenergy projects, including: carbon credits, bilateral and multi-lateral funding instruments, and the role of international trade
- to develop **practical, targeted and efficient policy mechanisms** for the development of bioenergy systems that enhance local value-added, assist local communities and address gender inequalities
- to establish the **Competence Platform** to ensure effective dissemination and knowledge exchange inside and outside the network

COMPETE Partnership

The COMPETE partnership comprises 20 European and 23 non-European partners - 11 partners from 7 African countries, 3 regional African policy and financing bodies (African Development Bank; Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network of Southern Africa; UEMOA - Biomass Energy Regional Program), 9 partners from Latin America and Asia - and the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO).

COMPETE Website: www.compete-bioafrica.net