

# TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TMAC):

## Responsibilities and Activities

### TMAC Responsibilities:

Monitor the scientific quality and production of projects, and recommend adjustments if needed

- Review annual project workplans and budgets
- Assess annual project technical progress reports, achievement of annual performance indicators and milestones
- Site visits
- Evaluate Capacity Building Awards

Serve as an external advisory committee to both USAID and the Legume Innovation Lab Management Entity (ME)

Advise on strategies for achievement of Development Outcomes

Identify potential research priorities and areas for future sub-awards (ME and USAID)

### Members:

#### External

Julia Kornegay, North Carolina State University  
Constance Gewa, George Mason University  
Johannes Lehmann, Cornell University

#### CGIAR

Ousmane Boukar, IITA, Ibadan, Nigeria  
CGIAR Research Program on Grain Legumes representative: Noel Ellis / Steve Beebe

#### Industry

Greg Varner, Michigan Bean Commission

#### Principal Investigators (elected by PIs for 2-year terms of service)

Barry Pittendrigh, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Phil Miklas, USDA/ARS, Prosser, Washington  
Mywish Maredia, Michigan State University

#### USAID \*

Jennifer "Vern" Long, Bureau of Food Security  
• USAID is a member with vote (without veto power) on the TMAC

### TMAC workload

TMAC meets once a year

Other meetings held via conference calls

Significant investment in time:

- Review of FY2015 Project Workplans / Budgets (Aug.- early Sept. 2014)
- Evaluation of FY2013-14 Technical Progress Reports
- Technical guidance to ME, USAID, and Lead PIs regarding project research and training activities in FY 2016 and 2017.
- May require participation in site visits

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## PI nominations:

2 to 3 nominees per major research priority areas

- **Breeding and genetics** (Advancing the productivity frontier)
- **Systems (Soils, IPM, value chain)** (Transforming production systems)
- **Nutrition** (Enhancing nutrition and food safety)

Election of three candidates (one per area) on Thursday, noon

- **Minimum of 1 Host Country PI**
- **Highly desirable that one be a woman**

USAID's Purpose Driven Research Themes

- Nominations due by end of breakfast on Thursday. Please send or give to Cynthia Donovan. [donovanc@anr.msu.edu](mailto:donovanc@anr.msu.edu)
- Self nominate or nominate others (with nominee's agreement)
- Voting will be done by written ballot on Thursday, 12:00 noon (right before lunch)
- New PI representatives will attend TMAC meeting on Friday, 2:00-4:00 pm

## Questions?