



## **Collaborative Research on Sorghum and Millet**

**Annual Review Meetings**  
**March 21 - 25, 2022**

**[Zoom online meeting](https://ksu.zoom.us/j/9148294309)**  
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**[Research Posters](https://smil.k-state.edu/2022-smil-annual-meeting)**  
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**[Research Projects](https://smil.k-state.edu/researchprojects)**  
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**All meetings begin:**  
**07:00 MDT, 08:00 CDT, 09:00 EDT, 13:00 GMT, 14:00 CEST & WAT, 16:00 EAT**

**Breakout rooms for each research project team are open March 21-24:**  
**11:00-15:00 MDT, 12:00-16:00 CDT, 13:00-17:00 EDT, 17:00-21:00 GMT,**  
**18:00-23:00 CEST & WAT, 20:00-24:00 EAT**

**MONDAY, MARCH 21 – OPENING REMARKS, TARGET COUNTRIES, UPDATES**

08:00 CDT	Opening Remarks	<p><a href="#">Dr. Timothy J. Dalton</a> SMIL Director and Professor of Agricultural Economics at Kansas State University</p> <p><a href="#">Dr. Ernie Minton</a> Dean for College of Agriculture and Director for Research and Extension at Kansas State University</p> <p><a href="#">Dr. Faith B. Tarr</a> USAID Agreement Officer Representative for SMIL and General Development Officer for Bureau for Resilience and Food Security</p>
08:30	SMIL target country presentations	<p><a href="#">Nat Bascom</a> SMIL Assistant Director</p>
08:45	Ethiopia	<p><a href="#">Dr. Alemu Tirfessa</a> SMIL Ethiopia Coordinator</p>
09:05	Niger	<p><a href="#">Dr. Moustapha Moussa</a> SMIL Niger Coordinator</p>
09:25	Senegal	<p><a href="#">Dr. Ndjido Ardo Kane</a> SMIL Senegal Coordinator</p>
09:45	USAID discussion about target country presentations	<p><a href="#">Dr. Faith B. Tarr</a></p> <p><a href="#">Dr. Nora Lapitan</a> Research Community of Practice Lead and Input Systems Division Chief for USAID Bureau for Resilience and Food Security</p> <p><a href="#">Dr. Robert Bertram</a> Chief Scientist for USAID Bureau for Resilience and Food Security</p> <p><a href="#">External Advisory Board</a></p>
11:00	Break	

11:15	SMIL communications	<a href="#">Dr. Benjamin Kohl</a> SMIL Program Administrator
11:30	SMIL finance	<a href="#">Kim Suther</a> SMIL Business Manager
11:40	Adjourn  SMIL Management Entity and External Advisory Board debrief	

**TUESDAY, MARCH 22 - ETHIOPIA**

08:00 CDT	<a href="#">Genetic Enhancement of Sorghum to Promote Commercial Seed Supply and Grain Market Development</a>	<a href="#">Dr. Gebisa Ejeta</a>
09:15	<a href="#">Advancing Improved Functionality and Protein Quality Sorghum Hybrids for Food Applications in Ethiopia</a>	<a href="#">Dr. Joseph Awika</a>
10:30	Adjourn  SMIL Management Entity and External Advisory Board debrief	

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23 - WEST AFRICA**

08:00 CDT	<a href="#">Seed Balls: Enhancing the Yield Effect in Pearl Millet and Sorghum and Disseminating the Technology in West Africa</a>	<a href="#">Dr. Ludger Hermann</a>
09:45	<a href="#">GENMIL: Genetic Enhancement of Pearl Millet for Yield, Biotic and Abiotic Stress Tolerance in West Africa</a>	<a href="#">Dr. Ndjido Ardo Kane</a>
11:00	<a href="#">Enabling Marker Assisted Selection for Sorghum Disease Resistance in Senegal and Niger</a>	<a href="#">Dr. Clint Magill</a>
12:00	Adjourn  SMIL Management Entity and External Advisory Board debrief	

**THURSDAY, MARCH 24 - WEST AFRICA**

08:00 CDT	<a href="#"><u>Expanding Markets for Sorghum and Millet Farmers in West Africa Through Strengthening of Women and Youth Processors and Nutrition-based Promotion of Products</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Dr. Bruce Hamaker</u></a>
09:30	<a href="#"><u>Sorghum Trait Deployment Pipeline for Improved Food and Feed Value</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Dr. Mitch Tuinstra</u></a>
10:40	<a href="#"><u>SAWAGEN: Improving Sorghum Adaptation in West Africa with a Genomics-Enabled Breeding Network</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Dr. Geoffrey Morris</u></a>
11:45	Adjourn  SMIL Management Entity and External Advisory Board debrief	

**FRIDAY, MARCH 25 – HAITI, ETHIOPIA, CLOSING REMARKS**

08:00 CDT	<a href="#"><u>Durable Adaptation to Aphid and Drought for Smallholder Sorghum in the Americas</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Dr. Gael Pressoir</u></a>
09:30	<a href="#"><u>Genetic Improvement of Sorghum for Resistance to Fungal Pathogens</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Dr. Tesfaye Mengiste</u></a>
11:00	Closing Remarks	<a href="#"><u>Dr. Timothy J. Dalton</u></a>
11:30	Adjourn  SMIL Management Entity and External Advisory Board debrief	

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