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NPCK NOVEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

Potato cyst nematode baseline survey progress

PCN baseline study which is funded by FAO through Technical cooperation program fund is on-going and is being implemented by a consortium of experts under the umbrella of NPCK. The analysis of the samples collected has been completed and the results will be released soon. The capacity building, awareness creation and Counties action plan on PCN championed by teams from KALRO, KEPHIS, MoALF and NPCK has been completed in 20 potato producing Counties. The mapping of the areas with PCN will also be done by end of December 2016.

Promotion of nutrition sensitive Potato value chains in East Africa



GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit) on behalf of BMZ (Federal German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development) is implementing the Global project “Promotion of Nutrition Sensitive Potato Value Chains in East Africa. The project is being Implemented in Kenya (Nyandarua county and Bungoma county) and Uganda and will run until June 2021.

The project, whose main objective is to support smallholder farmers in

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NPCK 2016 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NPCK hosted its 5th Annual General meeting on 24th November 2016 at Agricultural Information Resource Center Nairobi. The meeting brought together all stakeholders. The meeting welcomed the new members and deliberated on various strategies and interventions that could help improve the Council’s income. The completed and planned projects were highlighted. The Council appreciated support received from stakeholders, donors and development partners.

order to increase their potato yields and improve the food diversity, will work in three key areas of the potato value chain as follows..[Read more](#)

Increasing seed potato production: Kenya-British potato technology workshop

NPCK in collaboration with RAGIP-Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology and British institutions successively organised for a potato



technology workshop. The workshop provided a forum for exchange of information and engagement for purposes of creating partnership and businesses in seed potato production between seed potato producers in Kenya and the British. The British

also signed MoU with KEPHIS and the MoALF on the production of British varieties in Kenya. More businesses and investors are encouraged to register with KEPHIS as seed potato merchants and help develop the industry.

Partnership between Kevian Kenya Ltd and IPM Potato Group Ltd

National Potato Council of Kenya through its CEO Mr. Wachira Kaguongo witnessed the signing of a partnership between Kevian Kenya Ltd and IPM Potato Group Ltd. This partnership will see both Kevian Kenya and IPM work together in creation of farm centers within Kevian Kenya farms in

Nyandarua Potato fair coming soon on 17th February 2016 at ATC Oljorok

Exhibitors are currently booking for exhibition booths and demo plots while planting is set to commence on 1st to 8th December 2016.

We would like to appreciate the various partners who have agreed to support the planning and organizing of the fair. More partners and stakeholders are welcome to support the event.

The trade fair will create a platform for information sharing and awareness and is expected to attract the business community, NGOs, input providers, processors, agricultural machinery supplier's, financiers, insurance companies, farmers and farmer's organization from within and outside the county.

We are looking forward to a very impactful trade fair.

The standard chartered Marathon

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Kitengela, Kajiado Country.

The farm centers will enable farmers' countrywide to go through agri-business training and enhance their farming practices The IPM Potato Group Ltd (IPM) which is from Ireland, is

an international leader in potato variety innovation and in the production, marketing and distribution of seed potatoes.

The occasion was graced by Mr Joe McHugh, T.D., the Minister for Diaspora and Overseas Development Aid, of the Republic of Ireland.



participate in Standard Chartered Marathon which took place on 30th October 2016