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WCCA workshop in Namibia 2011 (July 3-7) for preparatory discussions towards a joint African IT Communication Platform in Agri-Food.

Dear colleagues,

As you all know, there are many initiatives and conference activities going on in Africa related to the utilization of new information and communication technologies (ICT). Some of you are even involved in their organization and development.

However, the initiatives miss a common platform for exchange and communication that could assure Africa a united voice towards the outside world. Such neutral platforms that are linked to the various institutions engaged in the field do exist in other regions of the world. They are supported by a.o. EFITA, AFITA, PanAFITA, IAALD, FAO, and CIGR who have joined ranks in the global network INFITA (www.infita.org) for organizing the **World Conferences WCCA** (World Conference on Computers in Agriculture) together with regional initiatives.

We invite you to meet for a WCCA workshop at the International Conference of the 'Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education' (www.iaaee.org) that is being organized in July 2011 (July 3-7) in Windhoek/Namibia. The workshop aims at preparing for a joint African platform initiative that could be carried by all interested groups and, if agreed upon by the participating initiatives, be established in 2012 during one of the major conferences. It is proposed to link this event with the African conference of IAALD next year.

Time and rooms have been reserved for these discussions during the conference. We propose that each participating organization or group prepares a 10-15 minutes overview on their organization and their relationship with issues of information systems and technology. This would provide a base for further discussions on how to move forward.

We invite you to register for the above conference for participation in the WCCA workshop. In linking up with INFITA at the registration page you get a special conference rate. Please inform us at info@infita.org about your registration so that we can prepare for the workshop well in advance.

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