### Seed Enterprise Management Institute (SEMIs)

Field Pests and Disease Diagnostics Course: 4<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 Prof. Florence Olubayo

#### Introduction to the course:

- To grow a crop successfully from planting to harvesting even up to consumption, it has become necessary for the grower to be aware of all potential dangers that may beset the plants.
- A successful grower today must know what pest, disease and weeds to expect on his crop, when and under what conditions their attack will take place
- For management purposes, the grower will need to know the weak point in the cycle of the pests and diseases and the most effective methods to use in their control.

### Introduction contd:

- The field pests and disease diagnostics training module is intended to create awareness on the pests and diseases encountered in growing crops,
- The module will emphasize, recognition of these plant dangers and the practical aspects such as how to identify and remedy pest, disease and nutritional problems in seed production fields





# **Objectives:**

- The broad objective is to equip participants with skills to identify and manage pests, diseases, weeds, nutrient, physiological, genetic and environmental disorders in seed production systems.
- The specific objectives are:
  - To enhance the understanding of the seed value chain
  - To impart knowledge on the importance/significance/negative effects of insect pests, diseases, weeds, and other disorders in seed production

# **Objectives Cont:**

- To impart knowledge/skills to identify important insect pests, diseases, weeds, and other disorders in seed crops
- To impart knowledge on the economic threshold levels and regulatory requirements for key insect pests, diseases, weeds, and other disorders in seed crops
- To enhance participants knowledge on important insect pests, diseases, weeds, and other disorders in seed crops

# **Course Outline:**

#### **Broad areas to be covered:**

Importance and Identification of insect pests, diseases, weeds, and other disorders in seed production Pest threshold levels and regulatory requirements Management of pests, pathogens and weeds

#### Outcomes

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- At the end of the course, the trained personnel will have:
  - Better understanding of the components and functions of seed value chains
  - Better understanding of the importance of the negative effects of insect pests, diseases, weeds, and other disorders in seed production

# **Outcomes Cont.**

- Ability to identify important insect pests, diseases, weeds, and other disorders in seed crops.
- Appreciate/understand the economic threshold levels and regulatory requirements for key insect pests, diseases, weeds, and other disorders in seed crops
- skills to manage important insect pests, diseases, weeds, and other disorders in seed crops.

# We look forward to an exciting week ahead. Thanks, Asanteni Sana!!