

SPIRIT PROJECT KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE AND TECHNICAL VISITS IN RWANDA, 9-12 NOVEMBER 2015



Section of the project participants (right), some of the packaging and storage technologies used in Rwanda.

The SPIRIT Project, entitled “**Strengthening the capacities for fostering innovation and technologies along potato value chains in East Africa**”, is a collaborative three-year project awarded a grant by the Secretariat of the African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Group of States under the ACP-EU Science and Technology Programme II (S&T II), which is co-financed by the European Commission. The project is being undertaken by *INKOA SISTEMAS, S.L.* (Spain, Coordinator) in partnership with *Agricultural Research Institute – Uyole* (Tanzania), *College of Agriculture, Animal Sciences and Veterinary Medicine* (Rwanda), *Makerere University* (Uganda), *University of Nairobi-Dr. Abong’* (Kenya) and *NEIKER A.B. – Instituto Vasco de Investigación y Desarrollo Agrario* (Spain). Local partners in Kenya include the National Potato Research Centre- KALRO Tigoni, National Potato Council of Kenya and KEPHIS.

The SPIRIT Project is conducted in Uganda, Rwanda, Kenya and Tanzania and aims at strengthening the capacities in scientific research and innovative technologies and practices for enhanced product quality along the potato value chain in East Africa, hence contributing to building capacities in the area of Agricultural Science, Technology and Innovation (ASTI) in East Africa. The fourth Knowledge-exchange event of the “*East Africa Potato Research and Knowledge Exchange Forum*” that focused on “*Production and post-harvest technologies*” was held on 9-12 November 2015 at College of Agriculture, Animal Sciences and Veterinary Medicine (CAVM), Musanze (Rwanda).