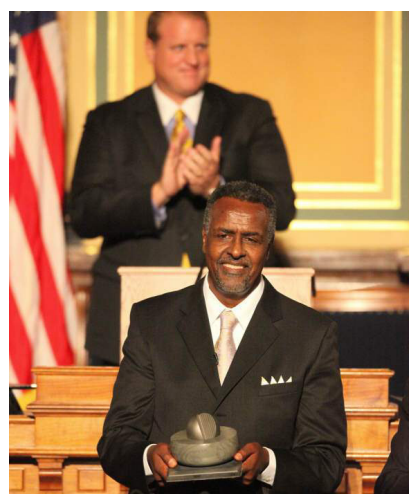


## FANRPAN represented at World Food Prize Des Moines, Iowa United States of America October 2009

**The World Food Prize** is the foremost international award recognizing -- without regard to race, religion, nationality, or political beliefs, the achievements of individuals who have advanced human development by improving the quality, quantity or availability of food in the world.

### 2009 World Food Prize Laureate

Created in 1986, the prize is awarded annually, with the 2009 laureate being Dr. Gebisa Ejeta, an Ethiopian, and only the second African after Dr. Monty Jones of the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA). Dr. Ejeta's sorghum hybrids which are resistant to drought and the Striga weed have dramatically increased the production and availability of one of the world's five principal grains and enhanced the food supply of hundreds of millions of people in sub-Saharan Africa.



2009 World Food Prize Laureate –  
Dr. Ejeta Gebisa

The Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN) was represented at the World Food Prize symposium by the Director of Communications and Policy Advocacy, Francis Hale. His attendance was sponsored by the Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa. The visit included planned pre and post World Food Prize symposia in Des Moines, Iowa and Washington DC.

### Pre – World Food Prize Symposium

Dr. Julie Howard, the Executive Director of the Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa opened the pre - World Food Prize symposium by launching a report on US Agricultural Development Assistance, a study conducted by the Partnership. This was accompanied by presentations from Keizire Boaz Blackie, the CAADP Focal Point at the African Union and Mark Cackler from the World Bank. Francis Hale presented on '*Regional Economic Integration and Agricultural Development: The CAADP Compact Process in COMESA and SADC regions*', sharing the podium with other African delegates who included Mrs. Linda Nghatshane, Managing Director of Abundant Life Skills, South Africa, Hon. Dr. Laurent Sedogo, the Minister of Agriculture and Water Resources, Burkina Faso, Dr. Bernard Bashaasha, from the Department of Agricultural Economics, Makerere University, and Mr. Matthew Armah, Chief Operating Officer of the Ghana Millennium Development Authority (MiDA)

## Congressional Briefing

The Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa also organized a special Congressional Briefing during which the report on 'Supporting Africa's Strategy for Reducing Rural Poverty' was launched. Francis Hale was amongst a panel of African representatives who had the task of demonstrating to members of congress Africa's readiness to implement the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Mrs. Linda Nghatshane, the Managing Director of Abundant Life Skills in South Africa spoke on initiatives to link agriculture and nutrition at the village Level using African women as catalysts for change. Hon. Dr. Laurent Sedogo, the Minister of Agriculture and Water Resources in Burkina Faso spoke on Innovations in Technology Transfer – Greening the Sahel, while the Chief Operating Officer of the Ghana Millennium Development Authority (MiDA), Mr. Matthew Armah explained how African farmers, civil society and Private businesses can jointly articulate their priorities through Millennium Challenge Corporation compact development and implementation processes. The FANRPAN representatives highlighted the role of sub-regional institutions in the implementation of the CAADP Compact process in COMESA and SADC regions. In his response, Dr. Franklin Moore of USAID highlighted the need for the operationalisation of CAADP through country driven approaches, further emphasising the importance of multi-stakeholder processes.



*Francis Hale (R) chats with H.E Joachim Chisano, former president of Mozambique at the World Food Prize, Des Moines, Iowa*

The attendance by FANRPAN at the World Food Prize Summit this year is the second time that the Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa has facilitated. FANRPAN CEO, Dr. Sibanda represented the network at the 2007 summit.

FANRPAN will participate in the organisation of an Africa-focussed symposium at the World Food Prize 2010, and this is under the auspices of the Kenyan High Commission in Washington.