Guiding Investments in Sustainable Agricultural Markets in Africa (GISAMA)
Grantee visit to BMGF by Michigan State University’s Food Security Group:
August 10-11, 2010

Agenda:

TUESDAY, August 10 (all day)

8:50AM  Arrive at the Foundation

9:00 - 10:00: Introductory meeting with Sherry Abrahams and Ellen McCullough (planning, feedback on pre-reads, project management updates)

Thom Jayne and Steve Haggblade

12:00 - 1:30: GD Ag Extended Lunch Learning Session 2: Guiding Investments and Policies to Support Productivity Growth and the Transition out of Poverty for Smallholder Farmers
Thom Jayne, Steve Haggblade, Duncan Boughton

2:00 - 3:00: Learning session 3: Poverty trends and pathways out of poverty/emerging data from the field (Policy & Statistics team). Background reading: Pathways into and out of Poverty: A Study of Determinants of Rural Household Wealth Dynamics in Kenya. Thom Jayne

3:30 - 4:30: Learning session 4: Structured trading systems (e.g., Warehouse Receipts & Commodity Exchanges): What is needed to bring these to scale? (Market Access and other interested team members).
David Tschirley

6:30 PM Small Group Dinner: MSU team, Prabhu, Arlene, Ellen, Sherry (others TBD as available)
WEDNESDAY, August 11 (to noon)

9:00 – 10:30: **Learning session 5: Modernizing Africa’s Fresh Produce Supply Chains without Rapid Supermarket Takeover: Towards a Definition of Research and Investment Priorities**

*David Tschirley*

10:30 – 11.45: Consultations between MSU and Policy & Statistics team regarding MSU’s plans for building capacity in African universities.

11.45: MSU team departs to airport