**Dr. Jack Elliot, Co-Principal Investigator**

Dr. Jack Elliot is Professor and Head of Texas A&M University’s Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications.

Elliot’s education includes a Doctorate in Agricultural Education, a Master of Arts degree in Agricultural Economics, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Education. His formal education is enhanced by 9 years in administration at the university level and 10 years involvement in production farming and ranching.

Elliot has served as a principal investigator or co-principal investigator for grants on rural rehabilitation, cooperation between the Universities of Namibia and Arizona (for more than a decade), global soil moisture, and education. His financial management textbook is in its second edition. His scholarship features articles on sustainable agriculture, international cooperation, and education models.

**Dr. Michelle Owens-Glenn** was the Associate Director of the Institute of International Agriculture and Director of International Extension Programs at Michigan State University. Owens-Glenn’s formal education is International Agricultural Education and Animal Science. During her role as FAO Agricultural Extension, Agriculture, and Communications Officer in Africa, she worked on a variety of health, economic development and education grant programs around the world.

**Dr. Martin Schneider, Co-Principal Investigator**

Dr. Martin B. Schneider is the Acting Executive Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Namibia.

Schneider’s education includes studies in geography, economics, soil science, environmental sciences and geology. His more than 25 years of work in South African and Namibian agriculture focusing on soil science, city planning, and water use give him a unique background for this grant project.

Fluent in German, English, French and Afrikaans; a private pilot and a former United Nations election observer, Schneider has a long association with Namibia and its people.

**Dr. Osmund Mwandemele** is the University of Namibia’s Pro-Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs & Research. Prof. Mwandemele, who holds a doctorate degree in agricultural genetics and plant breeding, was also the Founding Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture & Natural Resources as well as Founding Director of the Sam Nujoma Marine and Coastal Resources Research Centre at Henties Bay. He advises and assists the Vice Chancellor in academic research, consultancy matters, fostering standards of excellence in teaching and publication, as well as developing academic programmes and curricula which are responsive to the socio-economic development needs of Namibia, the SADC Region and Africa at large. He developed the first MOA between UNAM and the University of Arizona in 1999 while Dr. Elliot was at Arizona.
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