

## Training of Trainers in Zimbabwe

Following an intensive one-week training in Kisumu, West Kenya, Joram Tapfuma and Tarwireyi Kahiya recently trained a total of 240 lead-farmers and agricultural extension workers from the government and participating NGOs in eight districts in Zimbabwe from the 27<sup>th</sup> of September up to the 7<sup>th</sup> of October.



In each of the eight districts an intensive one-day training was conducted covering amongst others the objectives of the N2Africa project, legume-based cropping systems, the role of nitrogen and rhizobia, inoculation, and the lay-out of demonstration plots.

Farmers responded enthusiastically and are ready to train their fellow farmers. Each lead-farmer will train a group of 15 to 25 farmers around him or her with technical backstopping from the agricultural extension workers and the trainers Joram and Tarwireyi. The N2Africa project will then supply all the inputs required for the demonstration plots hosted by the lead-farmers as well as to the participating farmers to plant different varieties of soya beans, groundnuts, common beans and cowpeas with different fertilizer and inoculants treatments. In this way, farmers will be able to assess for themselves what works best for them.

