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Advancing Sustainable Agricultural Value Chains through Strengthening Transdisciplinary Skills and Cooperation in East African Doctoral Education

From 29th September to 16th October 2024 the first study trips for staff of East African (EA) universities took place at Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) and at Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (CZU) both combined with a joint meeting at CZU.

Work Package 3
International Knowledge Sharing and Capacity Building

Responsible ADVALUE partners:
Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) and Nuertingen-Geislingen University (NGU)

WP3 encompasses capacity building, which takes place through the joint development activities (working groups, pilot trainings, thematic workshops), knowledge sharing among the partners (e.g. access to online offers) and international study trips (East African (EA) staff and PhD students involced in ADVALUE visting EU partners). It includes the learning of local and intra-institutional activities as well.

Purpose

Academic staff (supervisors) and students gain competencies in transdisciplinary approaches and innovative research topics in the sphere of agricultural value chain management. The knowledge sharing and exchange involves online and offline activities, international and regional exchange and collaboration.

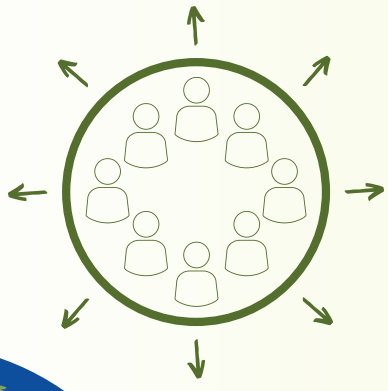
Study Trips

For staff:
aim on exchanging and learning about the didactics in scientific working, supervision of PhD students and the contents related to the modules. The findings are incorporated into the module development.

For PhD students:
aim on developing research output (e.g. concept note for a case study, poster or publication), by getting additional input and feedback from EU partners and the group exchange.

Online Trainings

Staff of EA partners attend online course offers provided by EU and other partners that are related to the planned ADVALUE modules, to collect experiences and insights in potential examples or elements to integrate into the new modules.
Where applicable, students of EA partners are offered to attend existing online courses or international collaboration platforms to complement their study courses and/or ADVALUE pilot training experiences



WP3 belongs to the core of the project, that are the four Work Packages of the category "Development".

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First Staff Study Trips & Joint Meeting for ADVALUE Module Developers

Attendants

Assoc. Prof. Jackline Bonabana Wabbi and Prof. Dr. John Tabuti from Makerere University (MAK); Dr. Rosemary Bulyaba, Dr. Martin Mutambuka from Uganda Christian University (UCU); Dr. Joshua Orungo Onono and Prof. Cecilia Moraa Onyango from University of Nairobi (UoN); Dr. Elisha Otieno Gogo and Ph.D. Rose Nyachomba Kigathi from Pwani University (PU) plus further colleagues from Nuertingen-Geislingen University (NGU), Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) and hosts from Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (CZU)

Joint Meeting

The internal coordination was supplemented by demonstrating best cases at the hosting institution: the Food Processing Training Center - opened 2022 features seven food processing facilities for local artisan food products (meat, fruit and vegetable, bakery, confectionery, beer and oil) certainly impresses with the opportunities for teaching, research and joint development.

Programme

Module 1: Scientific working and updating the related skills encompasses a lot: not only systematic literature research, but for example also the use of artificial intelligence. Also modes of cooperation with the industry and creating innovative environments are factors to be considered while conducting (PhD)research work, especially when it comes to develop outcomes for the practice.

Module 4: The development of **Sustainable Agricultural Value Chains** was examined with repect to many aspects: international cooperation, horizontal integration, ethical certifications, gender dimension and marketing.

Impressions of the Study Trips

"This study trip gave the opportunity to increase my network, for future collaboration, which was really nice. In this study we also had the opportunity to look into the module syllabi in detail and were able to come to a common understanding as a team. I also had the privilege to present one of my topics to Czech University students and faculty members."
- Dr. Elisha Otieno Gogo, Pwani University, Kenya

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