

## **Value Chain Development for Food Security in the Context of Climate Change- A contribution through strengthening capacity in higher education in Eastern Africa (ValueSeC)**

**Second Annual Workshop  
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Haramaya University – Ethiopia**

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### **Workshop Minutes**

After the opening speech by Dr. Girma Amente, the president of Haramaya University, the Project Leader Prof. Bokelmann introduces the HARU Workshop participants about the project agenda and presents briefly the state of progress of the Project (Annex 1 Workshop Programme).

The project partners report on their activities during the first Project year as follows:

#### **Activity 1- Project Management**

The tasks outlined for the management, monitoring and coordination of the Project have been successfully completed (see Annex 2 Project Monitoring Form).

The change in partnership name from Moi University to Karatina University was accepted and legalised by the EC. Bilateral Partnership Agreements were made between Humboldt University and the other partner universities. All partners received their first payment rate.

The Annual Steering Committee was held during the Workshop (see Annex 3 Annual Steering Committee Report). The Committee members assessed the progress of the Project for all Activities and draw conclusions for the next Project year.

#### **Activity 2 – Competence Network**

The first Stakeholder Meeting was conducted in the frame of the HARU Workshop (for details see Annex 4 Stakeholder Meeting Protocol).

During the Workshop the concept of the competence network was intensively discussed. HARU will take the lead and draft a concept and present it to the partners before March 2015.

Coordination desks have been established at each partner university. Desk officers have been contracted; they will simultaneously serve as country coordinators and network liaison officers.

### **Activity 3 – Student/staff Exchange**

HUB presented two student exchange projects, one with KarU as partner to be conducted between October 2014 to March 2015, the other with HARU as partner to be conducted from March to September 2015 (for details see Annex 5 Student Projects overview presentation). The staff exchange will be integrated into the projects as well as the support to one PhD project.

HUB will apply for additional funding mainly used to finance the excursion to the respective partner sites.

UoN drafts a concept for further structured activities, e.g. a summer school, and will submit to the Steering Committee by mid of November 2014.

### **Activity 4 – Training Workshops**

As part of the training activities organised during the HARU Workshop, Prof. Bokelmann gave a lecture on Value chain analysis as research tool and recent discussions (see Annex 6 Lecture presentation). The training was completed by two excursion days visiting several farms representing different farm types and ownership and production structures. Two farms were visited near to Haramaya University and another two farms close to Addis Ababa.

One day of the workshop was devoted to the desk officers training (see also Annex 7 Presentation for desk officer training). The training was made on all rules and routines of project management to make the new officers familiar with the EDULINK requirements and regulations.

PBL Training Workshops as well as Participatory-action oriented research could be organised as summer schools where students visit the places/companies/farms of investigations.

### **Activity 5 – Revision of Curriculum**

All Partners have submitted programme curricula for revision. They are uploaded at moodle.

All Partners report on their curriculum evaluation and analysis:

- UoN will send 2 revised curricula by March 2015, one for BSc and one for MSc
- HARU has revised the curricula for 2 MSc programmes. They are in the national approval process
- KarU will revise 2 master programmes in the next project year: MSc Agribusiness + MSc Geography
- Proposed: National Curriculum Presentation WS to facilitate the approval of the curricula

The compilation of an electronic handbook and its contents and chapters were discussed. HUB will make a first draft.

At the next WS, the lead institution for this activity will be determined.

In addition to the curriculum development for MSc programmes, a PhD exchange programme could be established.

### Activity 6 – Marketing and Publicity

The ValueSeC marketing and publicity activities were fulfilled according to plan (see Project activity monitoring form).

The various visibility actions taken by the individual Partners to introduce the Project at the partner universities and beyond to the academic communities and stakeholder will be reported in detail in the First Year Annual Project Report.

The Project Website has been established under the following web address: <https://valuesec.hu-berlin.de/>

A backlink to the Partner Universities' and Project Partners websites shall be established. Each partner nominates a website steward.

The presentation of the Project at conferences was discussed intensively. In line with the decisions of the Steering Committee the project members agreed to:

- Produce a ValueSeC joint paper to apply with at conferences,
- Search for conference, workshop or seminar events in Africa to participate, even at regional levels
- Upcoming international conferences for sending contributions: ICAE in 2015 in Milan, 2015 Conference on Tropical and Subtropical Agricultural and Natural Resource Management (Tropentag) in Berlin
- Applications for conference attendance shall be made to the Steering Committee

### Updated Timetable for the Second Project Year

Date	Event/Partner	Actions to be taken & Deliverable
1/12/2014	HUB with all partners	First Annual Report (progress+ financial reporting and payment request)
3/ 2015	Act. 2 Set-up Competence Network	Concept paper drafted by HARU with subsequent input from partners
3/2015	Act. 2 Study Project(s) with industry	UoN will draft a concept
11/2014-10/2015	Act. 3 Two student projects for student and staff exchange, 1 at KarU +1 PhD, 1 at HARU North-South	2 Activity reports will describe the student projects and present their results

1-10/2015	Act. 3 Staff/ student exchange South-South	UoN will draft a concept for a Summer School in 2015
5/2014 – 10/2015	Act. 5 Curriculum Development	Teaching material for 6 modules
9/2015	Second Annual WS at HUB	21-24 Sept. 2015 at HUB with pre-WS training events on 19-20 Sept. 2015
8/2015	Act. 1 Steering Committee Meeting	Annual Steering Committee Report
8/2015	Act. 4 Training WS B	Reports & posters
9/2015	Act. 3 Staff/ student exchange planned as pre-event of the next ValueSeC Workshop North-South	1 Activity report

### **Annexes**

1. Workshop Programme
2. Project Monitoring Form
3. Annual Steering Committee Report
4. Stakeholder Meeting Protocol
5. Student Project overview presentation
6. Lecture presentation
7. Presentation for Desk Officer Training