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NEWSLETTER

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

The ADVALUE partnership started its international activities. During the Kick-Off conference 7-8 March 2024 at Nuertingen-Geislingen University, Germany, the partners put into place their proposed working structure and project design. This newsletter briefly presents the partnership, its cooperational arrangements, what can be expected next and most of all:

How does ADVALUE address the quality issues of postgraduate training at universities in Kenya and Uganda?

ADVALUE addresses the need for qualified doctorates and future academic professionals in agricultural sciences who impact the research and teaching capacities of their Higher Education Institutions and contribute to local and regional achievement of SDG goals with the development of sustainable agricultural value chains.

Main objectives are modernised doctoral programmes with innovative course offers in transdisciplinary research methods and value chain approaches, strengthened stakeholder involvement to ensure needs orientation and innovation potential, capacity building of staff and students and improved quality assurance and development in doctoral education.

Who is involved?

The partnership of 9 institutions in the sphere of higher education in Europe and East Africa is co-financed by the European Erasmus Plus programme and accompanied by associated partners.



Module 1:
Scientific working in
agricultural research



Module 2:
Transdisciplinary
research



Module 3:
Sustainable Rangeland
Management



Module 4:
Sustainable Agriculture
Value Chain Development

Four doctoral modules are jointly developed and integrated in PhD-programmes in Kenya and Uganda. Crosscutting emphasis is put on stakeholder involvement, quality development and international collaboration and exchange.

- Nuertingen-Geislingen University, Germany (NGU)
- German Institute for Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture (DITSL)
- Czech University of Life Sciences Prague (CZU)
- Swedish University of Agricultural Science (SLU)
- Makerere University, Uganda (MAK)
- Uganda Christian University (UCU)
- University of Nairobi, Kenya (UoN)
- Pwani University, Kenya (PU)
- Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture, Uganda (RUFORUM)

associated partners:

- European Alliance in Agricultural Knowledge for Development, Belgium (AGRINATURA)
- National Agricultural Research Organization, Uganda (NARO)
- National Council of Higher Education Uganda (NCHE)
- Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation (KALRO)
- Ministry of Education Science and Technology Kenya (MoEST)

kick-off participants and rector Prof. Frey of NGU



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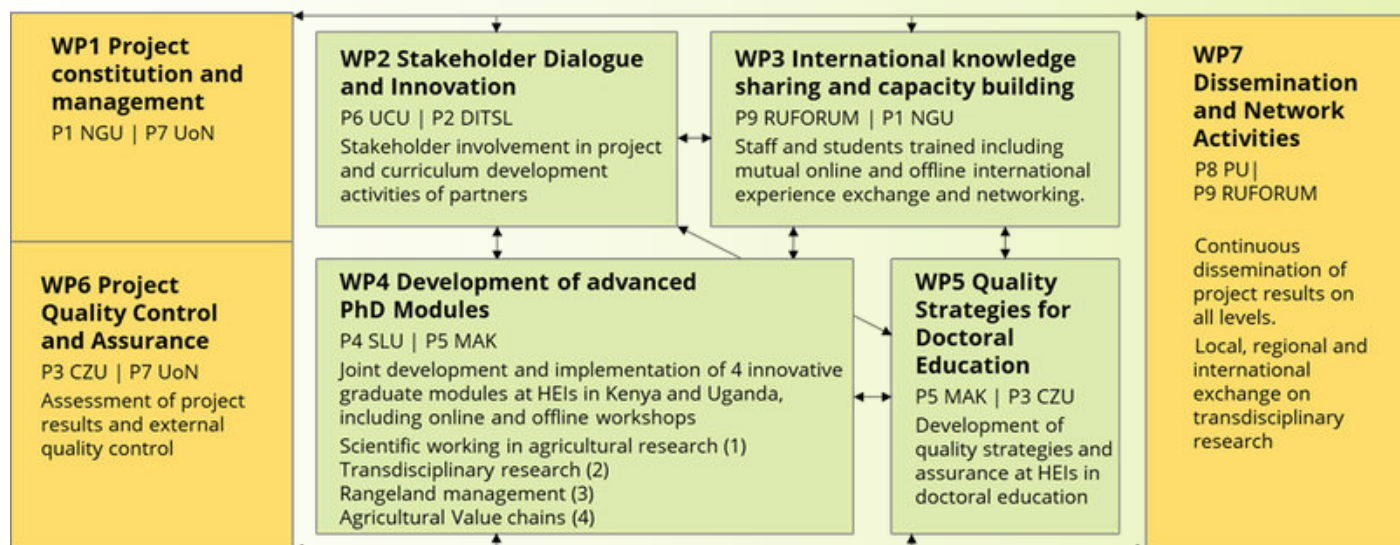
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During the kick-off the design of the working and management structure was confirmed. The green highlighted work packages encompass development activities. Following newsletters and the project website inform about the topics.



What's next?

- the Module Working Groups start with designing the syllabi
- work package 5 analyses the situation on the current situation and challenges in doctoral education in agriculture related sciences
- stakeholders at the Universities in Kenya and Uganda are contacted and invited for dialogue on their expectations towards the project
- in September/October 2024 the first study trips for staff will take place, to work on module 1 (scientific working) at P4 (SLU) and module 4 (agricultural value chains) at P3 (CZU) - combined with a joint meeting

Interested in further information and exchange?

More information about ADVALUE can be also found on the website:

www.erasmus-advalue.org



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