

Climate Change and Rural Livelihoods

Introduction & Workshop Objectives



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Introduction

▶ Tegemeo Institute

- Policy research Institute under Division of R & E of Egerton University
- Tegemeo Institute established through Statute XIX (h) of Egerton University Act, 1987 (CAP 214)
- Policy research and analysis since 1990
 - ▶ Leading centre in ag policy research
 - ▶ Reservoir of knowledge on rural livelihoods
 - ▶ Large network of collaborators/partners

Mandate

To conduct policy research and disseminate the findings in an objective manner

Vision

A people forever free from hunger and poverty

Mission

To conduct pro-active policy research and advocacy that enhance food security, create wealth and sustain the environment

Values

- ✓ *Commitment to quality*
- ✓ *Integrity, transparency and accountability*
- ✓ *Teamwork*
- ✓ *Empowerment*
- ✓ *Consultation*

Tegemeo's Main Activities

- ▶ **Research:** To generate and promote evidence-based research to inform and influence policy direction on Kenya's agricultural and rural sectors.
- ▶ **Outreach** – work with policy makers and other stakeholders to identify appropriate policy options
- ▶ **Monitoring and Evaluation:** to monitor changes in the Ag sector and assess impacts of alternative policies for Government, development partners and other stakeholders
 - Baseline Studies
 - Impact/effects assessment

Climate Change work

Objectives/components

- ▶ Integrating climate change in research agenda
 - Build institutional capacity to handle current and future climate work
 - ▶ Human capacity through training/short courses
 - Collaborate with other stakeholders on climate change research
- ▶ Inform/Influence policy on climate change-related issues
 - Requires evidence - based analysis and policy options
 - ▶ Key climate change - related indicators
 - Climate related
 - adaptation/mitigation strategies

Climate Change Work contn

- ▶ Base Research
 - Effects of climate change on agricultural production decisions and livelihood activities
 - Adaptation and mitigation measures adopted by rural households/communities
 - ▶ feed into national policy
- ▶ Interact with other partners and stakeholders in the climate change arena

Workshop objectives

- ▶ Sharing on the Institute's climate change work and proposed research
 - Elicit discussion and feedback from experts in this area
 - Identify areas of common interest and collaboration
- ▶ Bring together stakeholders in the climate change network
 - Knowledge sharing and build synergies
- ▶ Forum for open discussion among scientists, development agencies and policy-makers
 - crucial in efforts geared toward making livelihoods more diverse and resilient to effects of climate change

Programme

Session II

- ▶ Presentation of the proposed research from the Tegemeo team
 - Suggestions on areas of clarity and improvement
 - Areas of collaboration and common interest

Session III

- ▶ Initiatives/responses to Climate Change
 - Farm/Community Level
 - National Policy Level
 - Climate data and uses

Session IV

- ▶ Panel Discussion
 - ▶ Brief on their activities
 - ▶ Innovations/strategies to minimize the effects of climate change on rural communities

Recognition

- ▶ On behalf of Tegemeo team, support from various organization and institutions are recognized
 - Rockefeller Foundation for their support of this climate change work
 - ▶ Institutional capacity on climate change
 - USAID for the support of the TAPRA program under which some of the data to be used in the analysis was collected and is maintained
 - Institutional support from respective institution – Egerton University
- ▶ Most of all appreciation to you all for availing yourself today

Welcome again and thank you!



