

## FEED THE FUTURE INNOVATION LAB FOR LIVESTOCK SYSTEMS

### Innovation Platform Meeting

April 2, 2019 at the Hotel Mille Collines, Kigali

The Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Livestock Systems is a program funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and led by the University of Florida (UF) Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) and the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI). This five-year initiative (October 2015 to September 2020) works in eight countries in East and West Africa and in Asia, and involves over 35 competitively awarded projects, an Associate Award on Peste des Petits Ruminants (PPR), as well as numerous smaller, non-competitively funded activities. These efforts support USAID's agricultural research and capacity building work under Feed the Future, the U.S. Government's global hunger and food security initiative.

Since 2016, to ensure that the research we undertake has practical relevance and leads to solid developmental impacts, the Livestock Systems Innovation Lab has been hosting annual Innovation Platforms, i.e., multi-stakeholder forums for participatory priority development, dialogue and research to development linkages.

The purpose of this 4<sup>th</sup> Innovation Platform in Rwanda is to share the main findings of the two short-term Focus projects and provide an update on the long-term Reach project. We will also introduce the new project initiatives to solicit stakeholder feedback on their implementation strategies and possible synergies with existing government and non-government initiatives.

#### AGENDA

Time	Activity	Speaker
08:00 am	Registration and sign-in	
08:30 – 09:15 am	Welcome and opening remarks	Dr. T. Rutagwenda, Director General, Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources, MINAGRI Amy Beeler, Director, Economic Growth Office, USAID Dr. Adesogan, Director, Innovation Lab for Livestock Systems, University of Florida, UF
9:15 – 9:20 am	Introductions and objectives	Dr. Zeleke Mekuriaw
09:20 – 9:35 am	Overview of livestock and animal source foods (ASF) research in Rwanda	Dr. Solange Uwituze, Deputy Director General, Rwanda Agriculture Development Board, RAB
9:35 – 9:50 am	Improving early childhood development in Rwanda	Dr. Anita Asiimwe, Coordinator of National Early Childhood Development Programme, NECDP
09:50 – 10:00 am	Update on the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Livestock Systems in Rwanda and globally	Dr. Adegbola Adesogan

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10:15 – 10:45 am	Break	
	<b>Progress report and research findings from projects sponsored by the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Livestock Systems</b>	
10:45 – 11:15 am	Focus project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Milk production practices, udder health and the impact on milk quality, safety and processability in Rwanda</li> </ul>	Mr. Jean Baptiste Ndahetuye, Lecturer, University of Rwanda
11:15 – 11:45 pm	Reach project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhancing quality and consumption of milk for income and improved nutrition in Rwanda</li> </ul>	Dr. Emily Ouma, Senior Scientist, Agricultural Economis, International Livestock Research Institute, ILRI
11:45 am – 12:15 pm	Focus project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment and Mitigation of Aflatoxin and Fumonisin Contamination in Animal Feeds</li> </ul>	Mr. Kizito Nishimwe, Lecturer, University of Rwanda/Iowa State University
12:15 – 13:15 pm	Lunch break	
	<b>Introduction of new initiatives</b>	
13:15 – 14:15 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engaging men in supporting maternal and child consumption of milk and other animal source foods</li> <li>• Aflatoxin mitigation through education, intervention, and policy</li> <li>• Challenges of implementing modern milk quality standards in developing countries: Case of Rwanda</li> <li>• Rwanda enhancement for enabling policy support to the dairy sector</li> </ul>	Dr. Emily Ouma, ILRI  Mr. Kizito Nishimwe, UR/ISU  Dr. Fabrice Ndayisenga, RAB  Dr. Eugene Niyonzima, University of Rwanda
14:15 – 14:45 pm	Panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategies for effective private sector engagement</li> </ul>	Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bugesera Animal Nutrition Ltd</li> <li>• Zamura Feedmill</li> <li>• Dr. Geoff Dahl, UF</li> </ul>
14:45 – 15:15 pm	Break	
15:15 – 15:45 pm	Panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improving nutrition and strengthening the livestock sector in Rwanda and the contributions that the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Livestock Systems can make</li> </ul>	Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NECDP</li> <li>• Three Stones</li> <li>• USAID</li> <li>• Dr. Emily Ouma, ILRI</li> </ul>
15:45 – 16:00 pm	Next steps and closing remarks	Dr. Adegbola Adesogan