



The Fifth African Higher Education Week and RUFORUM Biennial Conference 2016

Integrated Natural Resources Management Agriculture, Food Security Joint production of on line MSc courses in cooperation between African and European Universities

Concept Note

Background

Agrinatura¹ and RUFORUM² jointly support the creation of a library of on-line courses that are co-produced by African and European universities in the domain of agriculture, food security and sustainable development.

Twenty (20) areas or disciplinary domains are defined. Each of the topic will lead to one course, which will be allocated to one specific consortia of African and European Universities which define the content, precise the rules for sharing the tasks of production and the resources made available for the production.

Each module is therefore produced by one specific consortium of universities, who is the owner of the course. The modules are freely accessible on a specific platform to all the Universities that contribute to the production of any of the modules of the library, as long as it is for their own teaching needs. The access rights are reserved for commercial uses to the consortium, owner of the course, which defines the economic model applied for that course. Mutualisation with other initiatives to deliver on line knowledge is highly welcome and it can lead to specific arrangements.

¹ The *European Alliance on Agricultural Knowledge for Development* brings together 31 Universities in Europe that share common concerns, teaching and research on Agriculture for Development

² The *Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture* (RUFORUM) is a consortium of 60 African universities operating in 25 countries spanning the African continent.

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Universities members of Agrinatura or RUFORUM are encouraged to list the domains in which they would be interested to contribute, provided project resources can be mobilised to cover the cost of production. External partners are welcome to join, on a case by case basis, linked with the resources they can mobilise for the joint production. Based on this list, RUFORUM and Agrinatura will explore options to leverage resources among donor organisations, using the principles above. Priority will be given to existing projects or projects in the pipe to which adding resources from the Agrinatura/RUFORUM side would allow to complement what is already available, or allow to produce a more consistent module. New projects however will also be considered.

Purpose of the Side Event

The purpose of the side event is to bring together interested parties from Agrinatura and RUFORUM to brainstorm on the proposed initiative and to explore possibility of developing a joint proposal to support the initiative. It will also provide opportunity to lesson learn and know about ongoing initiatives on e-learning for higher education.

Objectives of the side Event

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Approach and Methodology

The meeting will be informed by key presentation providing information on the current status of e-learning in Higher education in Europe and Africa. Selected case studies on the ongoing initiatives and planned ones will be presented. Subsequently a moderated discussion including group will be undertaken and consensus on the way forward will be mapped out

Venue and Participants

The Meeting, Session 5.8, will be held in Meeting Room 10 at the Century City Conference Centre, on Wednesday 19th October 2016, 1430-1730. Participants will be from Agrinatura and RUFORUM Network and other interested parties.

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Table of the on-going contacts for cooperation

Domain of the course	EU Universities potentially involved	African Universities potentially involved	
Rural Development	Ghent university (Luc d'Haese)	University of Burundi (fac agri)	Course prepared on paper (ADECEA project)
Food systems and food security	SLU Uppsalla Boku?	?	
Agrarian Diagnosis / Farming systems assessment / Rapid rural appraisal	Montpellier SupAgro	Makerere	On line Course prototype produced under ARI project
Value chains development			
Statistics and data processing			
Project management & evaluation			
Agribusiness			
Agroecology	Montpellier supAgro	U. Madagascar	MOOC produced, already on line Specialised course to be developed
Farming system development	Montpellier supAgro	?	
Plant breeding	Montpellier supAgro	Makerere	
Plant protection			
Water management & irrigation			
Food quality management			
Food processing			
Animal breeding			
Animal nutrition			
Wildlife management	CULS Prague	?	
Biodiversity management			

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Underutilised crops			
Qualitative surveys	Montpellier SupAgro/CIRAD/IAMM		Already available on line, but requires complements and traductions
Quantitative Methods and Statistical Applications	Makerere/Wageningen		started
Research Design and Instrumentation	Makerere/Wageningen		started

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