

ADVALUE project summary

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

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

In line with this, the specific objectives of ADVALUE are (i) modernised doctoral programmes with innovative course offers in transdisciplinary research methods and value chain approaches, (ii) strengthened stakeholder involvement to ensure needs orientation and innovation potential, (iii) capacity building of staff and students and (iv) improved quality assurance and development in doctoral education.

The joint development of four doctoral modules (scientific working, transdisciplinary research, rangeland management, and agricultural value chains) involves about 120 staff and 160 students in online and offline events. The online training and collaboration provide access to more persons beyond 32 EU study trip participants, 80 pilot training participants and other conference travels. After pilot testing and evaluating the new courses, the implementation in about 30 degree programmes at the four partner universities in Kenya and Uganda is possible as well as the adaptation of the project results through dissemination of the actively participating network partners to ensure sustainability of the project's outputs. Accompanying these activities, strategies of further improving the quality of doctoral education are elaborated and discussed, including the public exchange on two project conferences (multiplier events).

ADVALUE emphasises stakeholder involvement on all levels, from the local universities cooperation with working life partners up to the national exchange and support by associated governmental partners, as well as the international exchange.

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Partnership

Co-ordinator

P1, NGU Nuertingen-Geislingen University, Germany

Partner

P2, DITSL German Institute for Tropical and Subtropical Agriculture, Germany
 P3, CZU Czech University of Life Sciences Prague, Czech Republic
 P4, SLU Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden
 P5, MAK Makerere University Kampala, Uganda
 P6, UCU Uganda Christian University, Uganda
 P7, UoN University of Nairobi, Kenya
 P8, PU Pwani University College Kilifi, Kenya
 P9, RUFORUM Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture, Uganda

Associated partner

P10, AGRINATURA European Alliance in Agricultural Knowledge for Development, Belgium
 P11, NARO National Agricultural Research Organization, Uganda
 P12, NCHE National Council of Higher Education Uganda, Uganda
 P13, KALRO Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation, Kenya
 P14, MoEST Ministry of Education Science and Technology, Kenya

Work packages

