



UGANDA FORUM FOR AGRICULTURAL ADVISORY SERVICES (UFAAS)

UFAAS ANNUAL WORKSHOP AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Theme: Revitalizing Extension for Agricultural Development in Uganda

Thursday, November 23, 2017, at Mosa Courts Hotel, Kampala, Uganda

Background to the Workshop

Extension and advisory services are powerful means to enable smallholder farmers in breaking the cycle of low productivity, vulnerability and poverty. By providing farmers with knowledge and tools about modern agricultural practices and linking them to new technology, finance and market solutions, extension can be a critical force for ending hunger, achieving gender equality and promoting decent work and economic growth.

From commercial agribusinesses to government policy makers, there is renewed recognition on the important role that extension must play to empower smallholder farmers themselves. The fundamentals of sharing personalized information and engaging farmers wherever they are still remains. At the same time, digital tools and services, and the growing community of individuals and agencies involved in delivering extension, provides a catalytic opportunity to make extension better, cheaper, faster and more inclusive than it ever has been.

The Feed the Future's Developing Local Extension Capacity (DLEC) and Integrating Gender and Nutrition within Agricultural Extension Services (INGENAES, managed by the AgReach team at the University of Illinois) projects will be hosting a two-day event in Washington DC, to share and co-create innovative extension solutions that impact smallholder farmers at global scale in Washington DC, from 12th-14th December 2017.

The UFAAS Workshop/ AGM

Uganda is one of the countries selected to have an input into the above event and prior to workshop in Washington, targeted countries are required to hold a pre-event workshops to source field-level solutions on extension and advisory services topics. Hence the proposed the workshop scheduled for 23rd November 2017.

The purpose of the action-oriented workshop is to source field-level solutions on extension and advisory services topics from key stake holders and actors in Uganda, then concluded with an Annual General Meeting for 2017. The approach will be to:

1. Discuss and prioritize the most relevant topics to improve extension
2. Give tangible, concrete, specific and practical recommendations for how to solve selected topics with target audience being EAS investors (donors, governments, etc.)
3. Hold an Annual General Meeting for the Forum



The major outputs of the workshop will be:

1. A Issues for the report on "Revitalizing Extension for Agricultural Development in Uganda", for presentation at a the International Event in Washington DC, next month
2. Issues of UFAAS business discussed and way forward drawn.





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Participants: About 70 participants are expected from all regions Uganda. The Annual Workshop will target primarily members of UFAAS and other selected professional extension stakeholders (organizations and individuals) from the public (policy makers, research and extension) academia, professional associations, nongovernmental organizations, private sector, farmer organizations and farmers representatives, commodity associations, media and the development partners.



Workshop Agenda

1. Opening Remarks and Objectives of the workshop **(at 8.30am)**
2. Welcome Remarks
3. Brief update on Uganda Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (UFAAS)
4. **Presentation:** Revitalizing Extension for Agricultural Development
5. Discussion and Feedback on the presentation
6. UFAAS Achievements –Report and Video
7. Filling DLEC/ INGENAES survey form by participants
8. Hold the AGM
 - Previous Minutes
 - Reports (Chair, Treasurer, Auditor)
 - Validation of UFAAS strategic documents
 - Matters arising from the minutes and reports
 - Way Forward and Closing **(at 4.30pm)**

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