



Minutes of Advisory Committee Meeting for the 4th DDF – at ILRI, Dar es Salaam, 23 June 2014

Participants:

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Dr. Julius Bwire
Dr. Mayasa Simba
Dr. Yakobo Msanga
Dr. Aichi Kitalyi
Dr. Amos Omore
Dr. Brigitte Maass

Excused

Prof. Lusato Kurwijila
Mrs. Maria Ijumba
Dr. Henry Njankoi

Proposed Agenda

1. Opening and agree on the agenda
2. Review major achievements of the Dairy Genetics Platform meeting and the third DDF meeting
3. Set agenda to gather progress and feedback from the formed Task forces during the last DDF and Dairy Genetics Platform
4. Set agenda for the fourth DDF meeting with special focus on Feed resources availability and Milk Quality assurance
5. Identification of relevant stakeholders for the coming platform based on the agreed agenda
6. Agree on the venue and date
7. Any other business

Notes

1. **Opening and agree on the agenda**
2. **Review major achievements of the Dairy Genetics Platform meeting and the 3rd DDF meeting**

AC members highlighted achievements made:

- Reports are available for both meetings
- Six task forces were formed during Dairy genetics working group and they are working towards dairy genetics namely: Heifer/bull/semen production, AI field delivery, Recording registration system, Farmer organizations, Dairy Genetics Policy/ regulations and Platform development and leadership

- Seven task forces were formed during third DDF namely: Filling gaps in dairy technology, Artificial Insemination, Recording and Monitoring, Financial Analysis, Heifer and Bull Production and Business solutions for year round feed and Dairy Sector Facilitation

3. Set agenda to gather progress and feedback from the formed Task forces during the last DDF and Dairy Genetics Platform

- Advisory Committee Meeting observed that there are task forces formed during the Dairy Genetics meeting and task forces formed during the third DDF meeting and are confusing. The subjects of these task Forces are similar therefore the advisory Committee meeting agreed to resolve this confusion by merging them. Inform all DDF members on the changes,
- The advisory Committee observed that there is a problem on convening meetings of these Task Force groups as no funds allocated for facilitating meetings. The committee suggested the regular communication using modern IT to be adopted such a use of email and skype as it convenient, affordable and sustainable.
- Advisory committee also suggested looking on possibility to seek other sources for funding DDF, working groups and task forces. Therefore, Advisory Committee requested Dr. Aichi Kitalyi and Dr. Amos Omoro to work on the concept note that will attract funds to support DDF and related initiatives. Possible sources of funds earmarked e.g at Ministry of Agriculture (they have funds for facilitating development – Feed the Future).
- Advisory Committee suggested TDB secretariat to send letter to the chairperson for each taskforce as a reminder for them to take action.
- Advisory committee suggested DDF and task forces should discuss less technical issues but more overarching policy issues

4. Set agenda for the fourth DDF meeting with special focus on Feed resources and milk quality assurance

AC proposed the DDF to be held for two days, a first day on follow up and gather feedback and progress of the Dairy genetics task forces and a second day on focus into the feed issues.

AC suggested first day apart sharing of feedback also to be used to plan for the future actions. To decide “what next” – what future directions.

The second day on feeds resources suggested to be guided by the key paper presentation for Dr. Angello Mwilawa (ajmwilawa@yahoo.com) – a resource person who knows what is going on in terms of forages in the broad sense. Areas of focus for key presentation was discussed to be centred on opportunities and challenges that hinder year around availability of quality feeds including around feeds production, pasture seeds production, seed multiplication, seeds release and certification and other relevant issues. Note here feeds include pasture, concentrate and other types of non-convectional feedstuffs etc. TDB secretariat tasked to request Dr. Angello Mwilawa to prepare the key paper and Dr. Aichi Kitalyi, Ben Lukuyu and Brigitte Maass were requested to revise the presentation

AC suggests making use of Aichi’s and Maria’s newly learned facilitation skills (at Picoteam) for co-facilitation of the event.

AC suggested apart from key presentation other case studies/ presentations for setting the scene such as

- Intensive feeding – someone from Dar es Salaam
- Kenyan (Mr. Maina, Nanyuki) – growing hay and fodder marketing – as a business opportunity
- Street children selling fodder
- SNV involving youth
- Feed resources act –
- Standards and quality ensurance of compounded feeds
- EAAP, tree seed planting program

The DDF advisory committee plans to visit a dairy farm close to the Dar es Salaam zoo.

Identification of relevant stakeholders

Specific groups on feeds – we should compile an inventory of players who will invited to attend the 2nd day of DDF

- Tanzania bureau of Standards
- Seed multiplication farms
- Animal nutritionists from SUA and TALIRI
- Association for rangeland ...
- Feed manufacturers (Individual company and preferably a Association)
- Different feeds projects (SUA and MilkIT)
- Feeds resources Department of Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Development
- Seed Certification agency

Structure for a presentation put together latest 3 weeks from today and sent to Angello; should be returned to the advisory committee by end of July

Choice of venue and Date

Kunduchi; date: 21/22 August

Any other business

University of Wageningen wants to send students to work in Dairy in Tanzania; managing livestock and fish for value chains.

There will be a pasture seed coordination meeting in Morogoro 26-28 June 2014

Minutes and proceeding to be shared with PICO team

Facilitation work for the DDF to be given to Dr Aichi Kitalyi and Maria Ijumba

To call AC committee meeting on 21st July, 2014 and Dr. Mwilawa to be invited and share the draft of the key paper