

NJF Seminar 490: Nordic Agrifood Expertise for Development

22nd of January 2016, Helsinki, Finland

Venue: Tieteiden Talo (House of Science and Letters), Kirkkokatu 6, Helsinki

Programme

8:30-9:00 Registration and coffee (poster session opens)

Opening addresses 9:00-9:15 Chair Jarkko Niemi

NJF President Fredrik Fogelberg, Nordic Association of Agricultural Scientists (NJF)

Director Mohamed Soliman, Field Crops Research Institute Agricultural Research Center of Egypt

Session 1 EU Programmes for research collaboration with third countries and Public Private Partnership (09:15-10:15) Chair Jarkko Niemi

Horizon2020 possibilities for research cooperation in the agrifood area with developing countries – Brief of interesting upcoming calls, Virpi Rämö, Luke

Info of Tekes's BEAM programme, Programme manager Minh Lam, Tekes, Finnish Agency for Technology and Innovation

Brief of a BEAM-project: Innovative Food Concepts and Technologies Supporting Global Nutrition and Business (Nutri-Concept), Minna Kahala, Luke

Session 2 Brief of research projects in development cooperation in the agrifood area (10:25-11:30)

Chair Hannu Korhonen

Brief of projects lead by Luke, Programme coordinator Mila Sell, Luke

Brief of projects lead by University of Helsinki, Heini Vihemäki Coordinator, University of Helsinki Global South (HUGS) network

Brief of project activities by Norway and Sweden. Fredrik Fogelberg, Swedish Institute of Agricultural and Environmental Engineering, (President of NJF) & Brief of the Projectnet search service by Maj-Lis Aaltonen, MI Tietorakenteet Oy

Brief of other projects and projects presented by poster presentations

Lunch and poster viewing (11:30-12:30) (Lunch is kindly supported by the Ministry for Agriculture and Forestry)

Session 3 Egypt as a case study – current activities, needs and opportunities (12:30-14);

Chair Oiva Niemeläinen

Measures for food security in Egypt, Prof. Mohamed Soliman, Agricultural Research Center of Egypt

Info of the ICI-project: “Enhancing development of water use efficient crops and production methods to dry and saline conditions”, Dr Magdy Mohamed, Agricultural Research Center of Egypt

Brief of gene mapping of fababean in the ICI project, Prof. Alan Schulman, Luke

Brief of Production of biochar from byproducts and application of it to dry sandy soil cultivation, Prof. Kari Tiilikkala, Luke.

Brief of the ICI-project “EcoCity Bourg El Arab in Egypt”, Carmen Antuña Rozado, Senior Scientist, EcoEfficient Districts and EcoCities, VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland

Coffee break (14:00-14:30)

Session 4 EU’s Twinning and TAIEX programmes for capacity building (14:30-15:30);

Chair Kaisa Karttunen

Possibilities through EU Twinning programme, Project Adviser Heidi Lempinen, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Department for Europe, Twinning and TAIEX Team

Possibilities through EU TAIEX programme, TAIEX-coordinator Tiina Järvelä, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, Department for Europe, Twinning and TAIEX Team

Recent changes in organizational structures and in financing natural resources research in Finland, Director of Research Mikko Peltonen, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland

Brief of a Twinning proposal for Advancement of the Research in Bioeconomy by Latvia, Finland, Sweden and the Netherlands, Sandija Zēverte-Rivža, Science coordinator, Latvia University of Agriculture, Latvia

Learning Café 15:30-16:25

Group work & familiarizing with the participants. 15:30-16:25 (15+15 min plus 25 min for briefing)

Table 1: How to involve research organizations in 3rd countries in the Horizon 2020 project application process?

Table 2: Ways and possibilities to incorporate Private actors into development projects with research focus

Table 3: Initiatives and proposals for co-operation projects in Africa

Table 4: Tentative topics for Twinning project initiatives

Briefing of the group works.

16:25 Closing remarks

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