REFRESHER COURSE ORGANISED BY
VAN HALL LARENSTEIN UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES
FOR NFP-ALUMNI OF VHL, WUR, CDI, PTC+/DTC IN KENYA AND ETHIOPIA

Theme: promoting climate-smart dairy practices for food security and resilience

Course Period: 8 July to 16 July 2019, Nakuru, Kenya

1. Preamble
The Refresher Course with theme “Promoting climate smart agricultural technologies for food security and resilience” aligns well with Nuffic’s Country Plan of Implementation (CPI) of Kenya as well as Ethiopia. The Kenya CPI conducted in early 2018 focusing on Food and Nutrition security observed that about 3 million people annually are food insecure and the situation is further aggravated by effects of climate change (dramatic droughts and floods). The country experiences food deficits in most of the key agricultural commodities such as maize, rice, potatoes and as a result the food and nutrition security is one of the Government’s Big 4 agenda for the period 2017-2022. Dairy, which is a priority sector supported by Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands in Nairobi is faced with challenges of inadequate practical skills and competencies by professionals from Technical colleges and Universities / farmers and, inadequate feed resources and it is projected that by 2030 due to the growing population, demand for milk will be 12.7 billion litres per year. Hence productivity will need to double from the current level of 5.2 billion litres per annum. Increased productivity comes with the challenge of increased Green House Gas (GHG) emissions. One of the proposed CPI interventions is sustainable cooperation between knowledge organisations in Kenya and in the Netherlands through integrated capacity building (individual scholarships, group trainings and institutions) in dairy and horticulture focusing on water-smart and Climate smart Agriculture (CSA). In Ethiopia, CPI 2018-2022, focus is on disseminating new technologies to increase agricultural production (dairy/horticulture) in a gender sensitive and sustainable way and involvement of alumni to set up and strengthen linkages. Therefore the RC provides an opportunity for group training by VHL to enhance knowledge and skills of individuals who are key in organizations that support development of the sector both Kenya and Ethiopia to improve food and nutritional security.

2.0 Potential participants
In the framework of the Nuffic/Orange Knowledge Programme (OKP), Van Hall Larenstein University of Applied Science organises a refresher course for NFP-alumni involved in the dairy sector in Kenya or Ethiopia of the following Master and short courses:

- VHL - Master Agricultural Production Chain Management (12 months)
- VHL - Master Management of Development (12 months)
- WUR – MSc Animal Science, Agribusiness, social science or related
- PTC+ (DTC) – Dairy Husbandry and Milk Processing (6 months)
- WUR/CDI – Milking to potential (2-3 weeks)

The refresher course will be held in Kenya. The course is organised in collaboration with Egerton University and Agrikom Training and Consultancy from 8 July to 16 July 2019 excluding travel days.
3.0 Main objectives of the course

Participants are competent

i. To share and document experiences on impact of Dutch knowledge institutions (VHL, WUR, WUR/CDI, PTC+) on alumni, their organisations, and the dairy value chain.

ii. To discuss and promote climate-smart agricultural practices through capacity building of alumni.

iii. To analyse and mainstream the concept of inclusive value chain development in the dairy chain with emphasis on women, youth and disadvantaged groups.

iv. To discuss and identify entry points for enhancing milk quality payment systems using farmer cooperative models.

v. To prepare a Back Home Action Plan in which each participant introduces new knowledge and skills on CSA in their organizations.

The course approach focuses on developing competences i.e. knowledge, practical skills and change in attitudes of participants / their organisations so as to make impact. Proceedings of the RC/writeshop are prepared.

4.0 Location

The refresher course is organised in collaboration with above mentioned organisations. The venue will be at Egerton University, Nakuru, Kenya.

5.0 Expenses / allowances

International travel costs, board and lodging and medical insurance outside the country of residence are paid by Van Hall Larenstein. All other costs have to be met by the participant (or his/her employer). Fees paid for entry visa or other permits required by law are reimbursed upon submission of original/genuine receipts. Note: any other costs related to obtaining visa or other documents are not reimbursed; bus and taxi fares, board and lodging, etc, incurred to get to and from the airport in your home country are not reimbursed either. For more information on financial arrangements for refresher courses check the NUFFIC website.

6.0 Application

All NFP-alumni from Kenya and Ethiopia, who attended one of the Master programmes or short courses between 2008 and 2017, and having a stake in the dairy sector are eligible to apply. There is room for a few number of non-NFP alumni. The 25 selected candidates over the different Dutch knowledge organisations is: VHL alumni 50%, WUR+WUR/CDI alumni 25%, PTC+/DTC alumni 25%. During the selection, the criteria described by Nuffic in the booklet ‘Grant Obligations and Conditions’ apply. If you are interested in participating and you are in a position to attend, you are invited to return the attached form and attachments as soon as possible. Closing date: 30 March 2019.

7.0 Preparation of the programme and selection of participants

Mr. Marco Verschuur, coordinator APCM Master at Van Hall Larenstein, Dr. Robert Baars, associate professor at Van Hall Larenstein, Dr. Simon Omondi, director of AgriKom (former alumnus of PTC+ and VHL), and Prof. Abdul Faraj of Egerton University will discuss the programme, venue, accommodation, transport, etc. and select the participants.

Reference is made to ‘OKP Grant Obligations & Conditions – Group Trainings version 1.0’ or: https://www.nuffic.nl/.../grant-obligations-and-conditions-group-trainings