Title: “Promoting dairy impact models in Africa through living labs by alumni of Netherlands knowledge institutions” with theme: “Launching the Pan African Value chain development Forum”

Course Period: 1st of July to the 10th of July 2020, Ziway, Ethiopia

1. Preamble
The Refresher Course theme “Promoting dairy impact models in Africa through living labs by alumni of Netherlands knowledge institutions” aligns well with Nuffic’s Country Plan of Implementation (CPI) of Ethiopia. The CPI conducted in 2018 with stakeholders identified household food insecurity, hunger and poor nutritional status of women and children as critical issues in Ethiopia. Undernutrition is an underlying cause of 53 percent of infant and child deaths. Hence in 2018-2022, EKN prioritizes support for food security to contribute to increased access to affordable nutritious food through value-chain strengthening of the dairy sector. Ethiopia has the highest number of livestock in Africa. However, production and productivity are low and Ethiopia is not self-sufficient in milk. There is unmet demand for dairy products and hence the deficit is met through imports. The situation is further aggravated by effects of climate change on the environment (droughts) leading to scarcity of animal feeds and severe malnutrition in most households, while some youth migrate to other countries in search of better opportunities. Therefore this course will provide an opportunity for group training by VHL to enhance knowledge and skills of participants who are key in organizations that support development of the sector in Ethiopia to enhance food and nutritional security, sustainable food systems, gender inclusiveness and promotion of climate smart practices. Additionally, Addis Ababa is the seat of African Union and hence Launching the Pan African Value chain development Forum as platform for knowledge sharing across Eastern and Southern Africa by alumni and stakeholders will further strengthen the dairy sector in Ethiopia and participants’ countries. Therefore the proposed course title “promoting dairy impact models by alumni” aligns well with Ethiopia CPI. Concerning other countries of participants, being Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania and Zimbabwe, more countries indicate dairy as priority commodity in the CPI.

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 Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania or Zimbabwe 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 (24 month)
- PTC+ (DTC) – Dairy Husbandry and Milk Processing (6 months/3 months)
- WUR/CDI – Milking to potential (2-3 weeks)

3.0 Venue
The venue will be in Addis Ababa at the start and later at Haile Hotel in Ziway, Ethiopia.
4.0 Organising team
The course is organised by VHL in collaboration with Adami Tulu Agricultural Research Institute and Agrikom Training and Consultancy. The organising team consists of Mr. Marco Verschuur, coordinator APCM Master at Van Hall Larenstein, Dr. Robert Baars, professor “Climate Smart Dairy Value Chains” at Van Hall Larenstein, Mr. Shimelis Gizachew (alumni of APCM) and Dr. Simon Omondi, director of AgriKom (alumni of PTC+ and VHL).

5.0 Main objectives and outputs of the course
Participants are competent
i. To share experiences on trends and future prospects in the dairy sector in the Netherlands and lessons for Africa
ii. To create and launch the Pan African value chain development Forum for sharing knowledge and innovations across Africa on dairy between alumni and stakeholders
iii. To identify and map possibilities for scaling climate smart dairy production and chain practices as well as trade in Africa
iv. To identify and map entry points for alumni with emphasis on:
   • Food and nutritional security (SDG 2)
   • Women and youth models (SDG 5)
   • Climate smart dairy practices (SDG 13)
   • Alumni Living Labs as hubs for knowledge sharing (SDG 17)
v. To develop Back Home Action plans country impact models coordinated by alumni.

The course approach focuses on developing competences of participants / their organisations so as to make impact. The output of the course will be:
• Plans – learning agendas for living lab / country
• Launch of PA-VCD-F and learning agenda
• Proceedings

6.0 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, but taken as co-funding. For more information on financial arrangements for refresher courses check the NUFFIC website.

7.0 Application
All NFP-alumni from abovementioned countries, who attended one of the Master programmes or short courses between 2008 and 2018, and having a proofed stake in the dairy sector are eligible to apply. We will select 22 candidates – max. 4 per indicated country – divided as follows: VHL alumni 75-80%, others 20-25%. 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: 14 April 2020.

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