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UPDATED! A Guide to USDA International Programs

A Guide to USDA International Programs provides detailed information about international programs and activities within the USDA. It aims to give web-based information of potential interest to USDA partners and is organized by each agency's mission areas. Entries include a brief description of the program and a related website address.

USDA
For more information click [here](#).

Contact [Rose Gregory](#) with further questions.

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GLOBAL HEALTH, AGRICULTURE, AND NUTRITION RESEARCH:

A DISCUSSION WITH THE NIH FOGARTY INTERNATIONAL CENTER

Join us at the National Institute of Food and Agriculture for a seminar with the NIH Fogarty International Center as they present a brief overview of the mission of the Fogarty International Center (FIC) and the types of programs they support in Global Health. They will then provide some background on current successful collaboration between FIC and NIFA, the International Cooperative Biodiversity Groups, highlight some FIC awards that focus on veterinary, agricultural, or nutrition research, and discuss a few programs that may address shared interests and are possible areas for future collaboration.

APRIL 5, 2011
800 9TH ST SW, WASHINGTON D.C.
WATERFRONT CENTER 3455
12 PM

The Fogarty International Center is dedicated to advancing the mission of the National Institutes of Health by supporting and facilitating global health research conducted by U.S. and international investigators, building partnerships between health research institutions in the U.S. and abroad, and training the next generation of scientists to address global health needs.

For webinar go to <http://nifa-connect.nifa.usda.gov/fogartycip>

Remember to test your connection in advance!

Log-in under "guest" option and enter your email in the provided space. Selected questions from webinar viewers will be answered by speakers.

To submit your question, send an email to CIP@nifa.usda.gov

Non-NIFA employees who plan to attend in person, please contact us by April 4 to expedite the security check-in process. Space is limited!!

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT US AT CIP@NIFA.USDA.GOV

Seminar speakers are guests of USDA-NIFA, speaking off the record. Views expressed by speakers do not necessarily reflect those held of NIFA, the USDA, or the United States government. Webinars will be archived on our website, www.nifa.usda.gov, for future viewing.

NIFA IN HAITI...

KITTY CARDWELL

USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) and NIFA are working closely with the Haitian Ministry of Agriculture, the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank to define the ministry's role in agricultural extension in Haiti. Prior to the 2010 earthquake, the ministry was not deeply involved in the national extension system. Most agricultural extension was conducted by non-governmental organizations, that operated in absence of any larger strategic oversight or direction. A post-earthquake needs assessment and investment plan identified the objective of rebuilding the Haitian agricultural extension service with the ministry at the helm. The USDA and its donor partners are working with the ministry to define the strategic objectives of its role(s) in the national extension system.

A parallel activity is to support the development of the human resources needed to strengthen the Ministry, the agricultural extension system, and future research technicians and agricultural engineers. A program to recruit 10 top students for graduate training in the United States is developed and recruitment for the 2011 fall semester is expected. Another program to revitalize the vocational agriculture training is underway. NIFA National Program leader Kitty Cardwell went to Haiti to continue working with the Ministry of Agriculture on revitalizing two or three vocational agriculture schools. The World Bank will provide resources for needed rebuilding and infrastructural upgrades of the school campuses; the USDA will focus on working with the Haitians on modern curriculum development and training the school directors and trainers.



WEBINAR

Watch NIFA's last seminar, *Universities in International Development: Current Roles and Future Potentials*, [here](#).

View archived copies of *Global Endeavors* [here](#).

Dan Kugler Visits NIFA

NIFA staff member Dan Kugler is currently serving a 1 year detail as the enior advisor to the Minister of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock in Afghanistan. Kugler recently held an informal briefing at NIFA on his experience in Afghanistan and answered questions from NIFA and Foreign Agriculture Service employees.

We hope to provide readers of *Global Endeavors* with the highlights from this talk in a forthcoming issue.

APRIL 4TH, 2011

Scaling Up Agricultural Projects – Best Practices, Lessons Learned and Challenges

When: Monday, April 4th 2011, 9:00 – 1:00

Where: USDA Waterfront Building, Room 3455

The US Department of Agriculture/National Institute of Food and Agriculture and Catholic Relief Services are hosting a workshop to examine in depth the scale up process. We will access a range of experts, including keynote speaker Dr. Johannes Linn, who has published extensively on the topic, and others involved behind the scenes and on the ground. We look forward to audience participation following each panel with a brief question and answer period, and also at the end through a facilitated discussion on moving forward.

The agenda for the day is as follows:

Panel 1 – Behind the Scenes: Setting the stage with current knowledge and what remains to be learned

Panel 2- Looking Back: Case Studies- Success stories and lessons learned

Panel 3 – Looking Forward: Current cases of actual and potential scale-up activities

Panel/Session 4 – Pulling it all together: Opportunities and challenges of bilateral scale-up efforts and open discussion

Large Group Discussion: Next steps and moving forward

Light breakfast refreshments will be served.

More information to follow.

Please RSVP to Kerri Agee at kerri.agee@crs.org by Friday, April 1st.

NEWS FROM CAMPUS

A transdisciplinary team of Penn State educators, collaborating with community members and scholars at other universities, has created a series of 12 videos that demonstrate the importance of indigenous knowledge in developing and implementing entrepreneurial strategies to foster self-determined development.

The videos are intended for use in educational settings where locally generated knowledge generally takes a back seat to knowledge generated in institutional laboratories.

The "AcademIK Connections" video series, which can be found [here](#), offers reality-based stories.

For more information about AcademIK Connections, contact Khanjan Mehta at (814) 863-4426 or by e-mail at khanjan@enr.psu.edu.

