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OUTLOOK

6th ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL POLICY CONFERENCE (AAPC)

On 12-14th February 2020 nine academic members of the School of Agricultural Economics and Business Studies (SAEBS) attended the 6th Annual Agricultural Policy Conference (AAPC) in Dodoma Tanzania. The conference was organized by the Policy Analysis Group in collaboration with the Agricultural Sector Lead Ministries (ASLM) in Tanzania.

KEY POLICY QUESTIONS DISCUSSED

Based on the theme and sub-theme for the 6th AAAP, the following are some of the key questions that were tackled during paper presentations and discussions:

1. What is the performance of the agricultural sector in the context of the economic transformation and industrialization agenda? Is agriculture the driver or follower of economic transformation?
2. Despite increased pace of policy reforms why have concerns on business environment persisted?
3. Is there a need for prioritization of reforms?
4. What further incentives could be provided to en-



Group of academics and researchers posing for a picture with Hon. Mrs. Angela Kariuki, Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office responsible for investment, during the AAPC opening session.

Conference theme was: Public and Private Sector Investment for Agricultural Transformation in Tanzania: Tackling Agribusiness Drivers and Enablers in Crop Livestock, Fisheries and Agro processing.

"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting

-hance both public and private sector investment in the sector areas.

Based on the policy questions, SAEBS presented on;
(i) *Does agricultural commercialization enhance or impair food security? Insights from commercial rice producing households in Mngeta Division, Kilombero District by Prof. Ntengua Mdoe.*

(ii) *Policy Prioritization through Value Chain Analysis (PPVC) using sunflower value chain as an example by Dr. Zena Mpenda (PPVC).*

Message from the HoD DeFRE

Dear Readers

On behalf of SAEBS, The Department of Food & Resource Economics, would like to share with you the third issue of SAEBS outlook for 2019-2020.

This outlook is a continuation of work initiated by Dr. Felix A. Nandonde, currently Director for Production and Marketing in the Ministry of Livestock & Fisheries. Dr. Nandonde who was the editor of this SAEBS outlook is really appreciated. We promise to honor his diligent efforts. We thus encourage our readers to contribute feature articles and other stories for the coming issue. It is through your contribution that we can make this outlook more amazing.

SAEBS will be delighted to receive your views and contributions in this regards. Email your submission to SAEBS@sua.ac.tz

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Prof. Ntengua Mdoe, presented a paper entitled ‘Does agricultural commercialization enhance or impair food security? Insights from commercial rice producing households in Mngeta Division, Kilombero District, Tanzania.’ The paper was produced under APRA project, highlighted evidence on the effect of rice commercialization on household food security using two indicators of food security: household food security status (HFSS) and minimum dietary diversity for women (MDD-W). Nine food insecurity situations were used to categorize households into food secure and insecure. Lack of money is a major factor which results household not to eat healthy and nutritious food

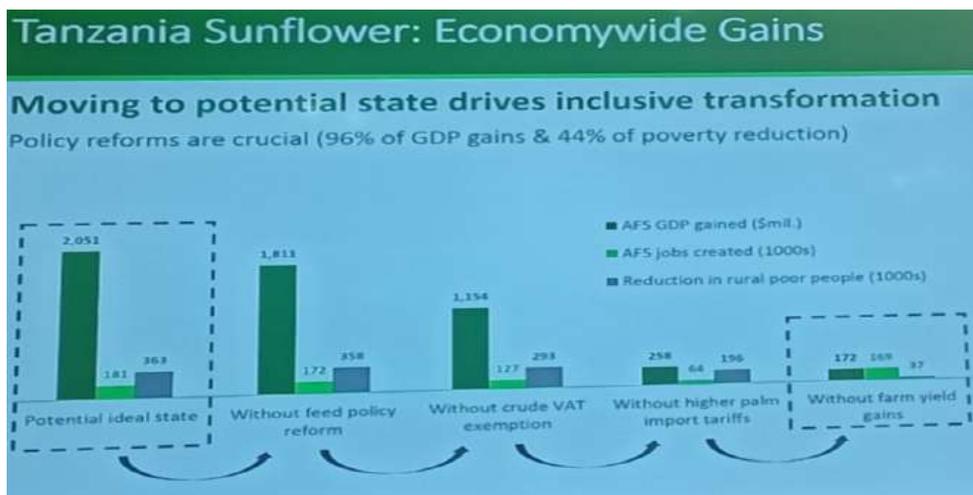
Does agricultural commercialization enhance or impair food security?

The proportion of food secure households increased from 44% for households which did not sell rice at all to almost 80% for households with a high rice commercialization level.



Prof. Ntengua Mdoe delivering his presentation at the AAPC on Impact of rice commercialization on livelihoods in Mngeta Kilombero

Looking at 15 VC, Dr. Zena prioritized (selected) sunflower with potential to ▲GDP ▲jobs and ▼poverty with supportive policies including trade policy: Feed policy reforms, Crude VAT exemptions, Palm oil tariffs, Farm yield gains



Applying the PPVC approach in sunflower value chain, Dr. Zena Mpenda provided details on potential sunflower structure that would benefit all value chain actors. She emphasized on the necessity for policy reform as a package by providing scenarios showing differences in economy wide gains given different policy reform packages

6th ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL POLICY CONFERENCE (AAPC)

Like previous years the 2020 AAPC included over 150 participants from academia, research institutions, policy-makers, advocacy groups and development practitioners from Tanzania, in the region and beyond. While officiating the 6th AAPC the Guest of Honor, Hon. Angellah Jasmine Mbelwa Kairuki (MP), Minister of State in Prime Minister's Office (Investment) urged all private sector actors to continue to cooperate with the government by investing in diverse areas within the large Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries sector. The 6th AAPC tackled value chain specific policies to deepen the impact on food security, nutrition and job creation in Tanzania.



Guest of Honor, Hon. Angellah Jasmine Mbelwa Kairuki (MP), Minister of State in Prime Minister's Office (Investment) officiating the 6th AAPC.

Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Hussein Bashe enlightened participants on the alignment of public, private and donor investment funding which is critical. Develop “5-year to do” list on where to invest and a need of guidance from researchers on best practices for agriculture sector. Hon. Bashe also highlighted Ministry priority areas including coordinating unit of PPP investments, database of priority projects in the next 5 years, while exploring rebates for agriculture sector.

More investment in irrigation schemes for seed multiplication.

Hon. Bashe emphasized on



Panel discussion on Trade policy, Private sector enabling environment, natural resource and environment with Hon. Hussein Bashe, Deputy Minister for Agricultural (Middle), John Ulanga - Director TradeMark East Africa (first right) Mr. Audux -ANSAF (first left), Mr. Japhet Justine- MD, TADB (second left) and Mr. Silas Ng'habi, Deputy CoP, NAFKA II(second right)

The discussion revolved around drivers of growth, which includes macro and micro economic policies, and enablers of sector growth, particularly supporting infrastructure, finance and human resource. The theme captures very well the fifth phase Government agenda for economic transformation and industrialization in which agriculture provides multiple linkages including raw materials and labor.

the need of the country to certify labs which impede Tanzania to penetrate the international market. Currently the government is on the process of certifying three labs as well as establishing green belt facilities with Tanzania Port Authority (TPA) to fast track fruits and vegetables handling at the harbour.

SAEBS EVENT FOR RETIRING & NEW STAFF

On 1st February 2020 School of Agricultural Economics and Business Studies (SAEBS) organized a reception to honor retiring and welcome new staff. Staff include, Professor Aida C. Isinika, Professor Gilead I. Mlay, and Dr. Evelyne Lazaro from Department of Food and Resource Economics (DeFRE) and Professor Ntengua Mdoe, Professor Ephraim Senkondo and Professor Emmanuel Mbiha from Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness (DAEA) who retire after a long service. Staff who recently joined SAEBS include: Mr. Venance Mpunde, Ms. Asha Jumanne, Mrs. Hilda Nyangi, Mr. Frank Mluge, Mrs. Prisca Kimaro, Mr. Jires Tunguhole and Ms. Aika Aku.



SAEBS, celebrate the retirees' hard work and contributions to the University. They lived a quality academic life with good policies and principles. They have contributed to the academic life of students as well as to the academic staff in many ways. Apart from that they participated in various decision making bodies of the University/SAEBS/DeFRE, DAEA & DBM and helped to come up with solutions in different ways. The service they rendered to the University, is very much appreciated.

Prof. Raphael Chibunda – Vice Chancellor (on the left) awarded certificate to Prof. E. Sekondo one of retiring staff. Right is Prof. Susan Nyefwe Director for undergraduate studies



Prof. Raphael Chibunda – Vice Chancellor (on the left) awarded certificate to Ms. Nancy Mbiha (on the right), on behalf of Prof. Emmanuel R. Mbiha



Welcoming remarks from the Guest of Honor Vice Chancellor, Prof. Raphael Chibunda



Prof. Aida Cuthbert Isinika , Department of Food and Resource Economics (DeFRE)



Prof. Gilead Isaac Mlay, Department of Food and Resource Economics (DeFRE)



Prof. Ntengua Mdoe, Department of of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness (DAEA)



Prof. Emmanuel Rueben Mbiha, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness (DAEA)



Dr. Evelyn Lazaro, Department of Food and Resource Economics (DeFRE)



FIFTH SAEBS WORKER'S COUNCIL MEETING

The 5th meeting of worker's council held on 12th March 2020 at SAEBS. It was highly appreciated and attended meeting whereby the Chairman of SAEBS worker's Council Dr Akyoo, Dean of the School elaborated on the importance of the meeting to all workers towards the development of the School and University at large. Work load, teaching infrastructure, strengthening outreach activities and promoting research publication on the Journal of Agricultural Economics and Development (JAED) were among the matters raised during the worker's council meeting.



Dr. A. Akyoo Dean of SAEBS put emphasize on a need for School to promote workers collaboration in improving School status.

SHORT COURSE ON LITERATURE REVIEW IN BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT RESEARCH

From 15th to 17th January 2020 together with researchers, postgraduate students and academicians from various units of SUA; SAEBS postgraduate students and members of academic staff attended a short course on Literature Review in Business and Management Research.

The course was organized by Agricultural Value Chain (AVC) project of the Building Stronger Universities (BSU III) Program and facilitated by **Professor Jonas Eduardsen** from the Department of Business and Management, Aalborg University, Denmark.. The course was offered at the School of Agricultural Economics and Business Studies (SAEBS).

The purpose of the course was to provide attendees with detailed knowledge on literature reviewing, including the skills and competencies necessary to plan, design, complete and write a comprehensive literature review either as part of a thesis or a stand-alone product.



Dr Zena Mpenda, guest of Honor (on behalf of the Dean of SAEBS) awarded the participants with certificates during a short course on Literature Review in Business and Management Research

The course was intended at enabling participants to explain the 'what', 'how' and 'why' of literature reviewing;

Distinguish between different types of literature reviews; Plan, design, and conduct a literature review; Select and apply different methods for analyzing and synthesizing existing research.



Professor Jonas Eduardsen elaborate to the participants on the writing techniques of literature review

TAGRESA OFFICIALLY WELCOME B.Sc. AEA 1st YEAR 2019/2020

Tanzania Agricultural Economics Student Association (TAGRESA) held an event to officially welcome its new members (**B.Sc AEA year 1**). The event took place on Saturday 14th December 2019 at the **SMC, Freedom Square**.

Dean of School and staff members from SAEBS, Dr Anna Temu Chairperson of SUGECO, and Mr Patrick, Coordinator of USA Internship attended the event.

Dr. Anna Temu officiated the event, there after Head of Department of DAEA Dr. Daniel Ndyetabula made a presentation on how important the private sector is and different ways in which students can benefit or work within and outside the country.

TAGRESA aims to bring together all students and other concerned parties that have strong interest in the field of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness. This Society was created to meet the following Purposes.

- A forum to Analyze and Discuss Current Economic and Business trends concerning Agriculture.
- Source of Academic Materials to Students pursuing Agriculture, Economics and Business Related fields.
- Source of information to all Agricultural Economics Students

Lastly, it is a home to all people with strong interest in Agriculture, Economics and Business Related fields.

TAGRESA is important as it prepares members to such associations as **AGREST, AAAE and IAAE**. It is a critical part of the scientific world in the domain of Agricultural Economics.



Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness (AEA) Students and Academician posing for a group picture



A short presentation By Dr. Daniel Ndyetabula (HoD, DAEA) on the role of Private Sector (left picture)



From the right: Dr. Anna Temu, Dr. Daniel Ndyetabula (HoD, DAEA) and student representative cutting cake during TAGRES event (right picture)

Rural Urban Transformation project (Workshop & Field work)



From left: Festo Maro (PhD student), Helle Munk Ravnborg (AIDA Programme Coordinator), Evelyne Lazaro (SAEBS Researcher) Rikke Brandt Broegaard (Researcher/supervisor), Khamaldin D. Mutabazi (SAEBS Researcher/supervisor)

PhD student supervision and field work in Karatu under a collaborative, DANIDA funded research programme “Agricultural Investors as Development Actors?” The research project hosted by SAEBS examines the outcomes of a foreign agricultural investment establishment in a rural locality in sub-Saharan Africa. The case of Uganda & Tanzania. In Tanzania the project is implemented in Karatu, Iringa & Njombe. Participating institutions include Danish Institute for International Studies (lead institution), University of Copenhagen, Sokoine University of Agriculture & Makerere University.



SAEBS PhD student (Lekumok Kironyi) presenting during dissemination workshop in Madizini, Myomero District. This was part of the activities of Rural Urban Transformation, research project funded by DANIDA. The focus of the presentation was on Governance challenges in relation to critical service provision (including water, and waste disposal) in Emerging Urban Centers.

SAEBS researcher (Dr. J. Makindara) making a presentation during dissemination workshop in Kibaigwa, Kongwa District. As part of the activities of the Rural Urban Transformation, research project funded by DANIDA. The focus of the presentation was opportunities and challenges resulting from rural urban transformation emphasizing economic, migration and governance issues in Emerging Urban Centers.

MOBILE MONEY SERVICES AND RICE COMMERCIALISATION IN TANZANIA



sold, hence rising commercialization. Both the rising purchase of production inputs and tools, and the purchase of paddy and rice after harvest means that lot of money changes hands, between traders and farmers after harvest, but also between input suppliers and farmers input suppliers during the planting season. This is where mobile money services come in.

for more information please click the link <https://www.future-agricultures.org/blog/mobile-money-services-facilitating-rice-commercialisation-in-mngeta-tanzania/>

Written by Aida Isinika & Ntengua Mdoe

Agricultural commercialization is generally said to occur when an increasing number of farmers use more purchased inputs and they sell a larger share of their harvest. In Mngeta division, Kilombero district, where rice is the main food and cash crop, production has been rising with time, facilitated by various factors, and so has the share of rice

THE DETERMINANTS OF FARMERS' CHOICE OF MARKETS FOR STAPLE FOOD COMMODITIES IN DODOMA AND MOROGORO, TANZANIA

Written by Rajabu Joseph Kangile 1,* , Charles Peter Mgeni 2,3,* , Zena Theopist Mpenda 2 and

Stefan Sieber 3,4

Institutional and policy-induced factors affect farmers' decisions on the choice of the market to sell their staple foods. This results in low motivation to participate in the production and agricultural commodities' commercialization. This study determines specific institutional and policy-induced factors affecting the farm-

food market choice in Tanzania. The study uses household survey data collected from 820 farmers raising staple food crops (maize, rice, sorghum, and millet) randomly selected from the Dodoma and Morogoro regions, Tanzania.

For more detail please follow this link . https://res.mdpi.com/d_attachment/agriculture/agriculture-10-00142/article_deploy/agriculture-10-00142.pdf

TWO PhD FELLOWSHIPS UNDER BSU III-AVC PROJECT

The BSU III – AVC project invites qualified applicants to apply for the available **fully funded PhD positions** to pursue PhD studies in Agribusiness as detailed hereunder:

Background

In response to the rapidly growing agribusiness subsector in the world, SUA in collaboration with the DANIDA funded, Building Stronger Universities (BSU III) Programme through the Agricultural Value Chains (AVC) Thematic Area, has developed a PhD in Agribusiness Programme commencing in 2020/2021 academic year. The programme's broad objective is to produce highly qualified PhD graduates with capacity to undertake critical research and provide rigorous technical services in the sector nationally, regionally and globally.

The PhD in Agribusiness Programme

This is a [PhD by coursework and dissertation](#) program hosted in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness (DAEA)

The Scholarship

The scholarship offers tuition fees, research funds, stipend, and other costs approved by the university. Successful candidates will spend up to 10 months of study stay either at the Copenhagen University, Aalborg University or University of Southern Denmark during the last three years of scholarship. The study stays in Denmark are part of the scholarship benefits. Successful candidates are expected to conduct research in selected agricultural value chains. The specific focus may include economic upgrading, governance and management of policies for

How to Apply

Qualified applicants must submit an application letter to ndytabubula@sua.ac.tz with the following attachments

- (i) A concept note (Maximum of 5 pages, Times New Roman Font Type and 1.5 line spacing),
- (ii) Letter of admission or provisional admission into PhD - Agribusiness studies,
- (iii) At least one published report/paper that the applicant has authored/co-authored within 5 years.

the value chains in a traditional or sustainability perspective. The focus may also include socio-economic or environmental impact of the value chains. Other specific issues shall be determined in consultation with the candidate's supervisor(s). Duration of the financial support is **Four (4)** years only.

Eligibility

- An applicant must be a full time academic staff at SUA
- An applicant must be holding a Master's degree from SUA or other recognized universities in Agricultural Economics, Agricultural and Applied Economics, Agribusiness, or related degrees.
- An applicant must be under the age of 40 years at the time of application.
- An applicant must have been admitted into PhD - Agribusiness Studies at SUA. The application procedures for higher degrees can be found at <http://www.dprtc.sua.ac.tz/> or <http://suasis.sua.ac.tz:9092/index.php/welcome. nbsp;>

OBITUARY: Prof Ephraim M. Senkondo



Our community sadly lost a pillar Prof. Senkondo on Sunday 14th June 2020. He was holding BSc. Agriculture from the Sokoine University of Agriculture, MSc in Agricultural Economics from the University of Nairobi, Post Graduate Diploma in Management of Natural Resources and Sustainable Agriculture from the Norwegian University of Life Sciences, MSc. in Management of Natural Resources and Sustainable Agriculture from the Norwegian University of Life Sciences and a PhD from Wageningen UR. He was a Professor specialising in Agricultural Economics. He was teaching resource and Environmental Economics, Production Economics and Operations Research/Quantitative methods. He was vast experience in Research on Economics of Rainwater Harvesting, Participatory approaches, Impact assessment, Economics of Soil and Water Management, Environmental Economics, Determinants of Demand for Private Veterinary Services, Human and Social Capital in Natural Resources Management, Risk Modelling, Economics of Agroforestry and Economics of Food Safety Standards.

He was having over 30 years experience in teaching, research, extension and consultancy activities, let alone various Administrative posts at Sokoine University of Agriculture. He had published intensively in referred journals and has published (including co-authoring) 26 papers in Journals, 21 Conference papers, one book (*Risk attitude and Perception in Agroforestry Decisions in Tanzania*. MANSOLT Studies 17 pp 204. Wageningen ISBN 90-6754-587-2), 5 chapters in books and 6 technical papers. He has accomplished 23 consultancy works. Professor Senkondo has supervised over 8 PhD students.