

## Feed the Future: Innovation Lab for Integrated Pest Management Trip Report

**Country(s) Visited:** Ethiopia

**Dates of Travel:** 02-11-2016 to 05-11-2016

**Travelers' Names and Affiliations:** Ibrahim Hashim (PhD student Sokoine University and ICIPE)

**Purpose of Trip:** To attend annual review and planning meeting for a rice, maize and chickpea IPM project for east Africa

**Sites Visited:** Addis Ababa; the meeting was conducted at Friendship International Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

### Description of Activities/Observations:

Presentation – PI from each country (Kenya, Ethiopia and Tanzania) presented It was a 2 days' workshop conducted at Friendship hotel in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from Nov 3-4, 2016. The workshop was attended by project implementing partners from Kenya on maize, Tanzania on maize and rice and Ethiopia on maize and chickpeas. The workshop was opened and welcome remarks were given by Dr. Tadele Tefera (Country head ICIPE – Ethiopia). During the welcoming remarks Dr. Tefera presented the achievements of year 1 activities and outlined the plan for year 2 activities.

Presentations of progress reports by project implementing partners from three countries; Kenya on maize, Tanzania on maize and rice and Ethiopia on maize and chickpeas were conducted. Five PhD students funded by the project (1 from Kenya, 2 from Tanzania, and 2 from Ethiopia) presented their PhD research proposals. All presentations were followed by questions, answers and discussion session. This was leaning platform from scientist and students. My self it was the only chance where I clearly get what is pull and push technology and how it works to keep away insect pest. Brief report of the 2 days' workshop was presented by Dr. Lusike (Director of Crop Systems- KALRO, Kenya). She appreciated a good work done by workshop organizers and project partner implementers. Her main concerns were on how to increase the number of women and youth in agriculture and how to give feedback to the farmers on project achievements. She advised the project partners to engage more women and youths during selection of project farmer groups and to use very clear visual aids such as posters/pictures and video to provide the actual situation of the project achievements to the farmers.

- Training Activities Conducted:

Program type (workshop, seminar, field day, short course, etc.)	Date	Audience	Number of Participants		Training Provider (US university, host country institution, etc.)	Training Objective
			Men	Women		
Workshop on annual review and planning meeting	02-11-16 to 04-11-16	23	21	2	ICIPE, Ethiopia	Review of year 1 activities and plan for year 2 activities

### Suggestions, Recommendations, and/or Follow-up Items:

This was a very useful meeting, apart from being one of the project implementers it was also a learning platform from scientist and other students. My take home message was how to link pest control (push and pull), animal feed and hence human nutrition.

Most of activities presented were highly practical and can result into high quality publishable works

The organizers are highly appreciated we had a nice stay in Ethiopia and safely arriving at home

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