

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

Country(s) Visited: USA

Dates of Travel: 5-10 July 2016

Travelers' Names and Affiliations: Tadele Tefera, icipe

Purpose of Trip: Meeting with TAC and PIs

Sites Visited: Blacksburg, VT

Description of Activities/Observations:

I participated in the TAC and PIs meeting on July 7 & 8, 2016. During the meeting different topics were presented including: updates on the Feed the Future, IPM Innovation Lab: past, present and future; and eight IPM Innovation Lab projects PIs made presentations on day on. On the second day, besides, presentation by the PIs, administrative information was given by the IPM Innovation Lab staff followed by John Bowman updates on Feed the Future. Brief introductions, progresses made so far and future plans were highlighted to each projects by the PIs. Overall, the meeting was successful, lessons were learnt and I had good interactions with the different PIs, TAC members and the IPMIL staff. The comments given by the TAC members were invaluable in view of improving the projects. The PIs had time to discuss among themselves on some administrative matters and elected a chairman Dr George Norton.

Training Activities Conducted: NA

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		

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

- Going forward, partnering with the USAID mission each country was recommended; however, details to be communicated by John Bowman.
- Submission of year 2 work plan by July 15, 2016
- Submission of project brief (2-3 pages) including introduction, objectives, potential pilot areas, local partners, progresses made so far, and potential impact of the project at community level, by Aug 1, 2016.

- Skype/phone meeting with Muni and the team has been suggested in order to update the project progress. To this end, skype meeting will be held in Sept 2016.

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