

## The Bi- Monthly News-flash for AICAD Tanzania

### Message from CD - Introduction of AICAD -

African Institute for Capacity Development (AICAD) is an autonomous international regional institution committed to poverty reduction in African through human resource development. The institute is jointly funded by the three East African Governments of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda and Japan through the Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA). The members of AICAD are currently the Ministries in charge of Higher Education and Finance, public universities in three EAC states and JICA.

AICAD has country offices in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. In Tanzania, the Country Office is located within Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) in Morogoro town.

Poverty is the number one problem of Africa and it is what AICAD addresses. The major aim is to equip African communities with capacity to analyse poverty, its causes and effects in order to devise means to combat and reduce it. AICAD's aim is to augment the efforts of Africans in the new slogan "Africans solve African problems".

May I wish you all enjoyable reading of this first news flash edition from AICAD – Tanzania Country Office.



Country Director  
Prof. B.P.M. Tiisekwa

### 1. External Meetings

#### I: Meeting with Director General for SIDO Mr Mike Laiser

On 11<sup>th</sup> January 2008, country office staffs visited SIDO headquarters and held discussion with the Director General Mr. Mike Laiser. The purpose of visit was to seek feedback from Tanzanian participants to the Regional Training Course Commercial Crafts held in November 2007, share country office activities for 2008 and explore, opportunities for joint activities in the areas of training. Mr Laiser appreciated AICAD sponsorship to SIDO officers to the Training of Trainers (ToT) and informed that the training has proved to be beneficial. He also informed that trainers have drawn their action plan and agreed to run an in country training course in Dar es Salaam for SMEs engaged in commercial crafts sub-sector.

#### II: Meeting with Low Cost housing Researchers at the CoET – UDSM

Four country office staff visited the College of Engineering and Technology (CoET) of the University of Dar es salaam (UDSM) and held discussion with two AICAD funded researchers. The AICAD team shared with researchers the country office proposal for dissemination of the research output by constructing a structure in Morogoro which will be used as AICAD pavilion for annual farmer's exhibition. Semi –Prefab Concrete Construction Techniques for Low Cost Housing is one of the AICAD sponsored Pilot call project completed in 2005 and approved for dissemination in Tanzania by the AICAD knowledge and technology dissemination committee. The meeting deliberated on the development of work plan and budget for the dissemination project, roles and responsibilities of each party, timelines for various activities and modality for presentation of technology during nanenane shows.

#### III: Courtesy call to the SUA Vice Chancellor Prof. Monella,

On 18<sup>th</sup> January 2008, four country office staff paid a courtesy visit to the office of the Vice Chancellor (VC) for the Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) and held discussions with the SUA – VC Prof. Gerald Monella. Others joining the discussion were the Deputy Vice

Chancellor – Administration and Finance Prof. Apollinary Pereka and Dr. Yasinta Muzanila, Dean - Faculty of Science. The purpose of visit was to familiarise AICAD staff with the top management of SUA, share with SUA management the country office activities for 2008 and seek opinions from SUA on how the country office could improve performance of its activities

#### **IV. Meeting with Permanent Secretary – MHEST**

Two AICAD/JICA Advisors, Dr. Masahiko Murakami and Mr. Koji Uzawa; the Assistant Country Director , Dr. John Stephen and Programme Officer, Mr. Daniel Mghwira paid a courtesy call to the Permanent Secretary – Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Dr. Naomi Katunzi (She is also the current Chairperson of AICAD Governing Board) on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2008. The purpose of the visit was to introduce to the Permanent Secretary (PS) to the Country Office staff, share Country Office past and planned activities.



The PS was informed of the activities carried out including support to 36 researches in Tanzania out of which three have been recommended for dissemination. Training activities executed during the past year include In Country Training Courses on Enterprise Development, Value Addition, Irrigation and Water Resources Management and Rural Women. Proposed training activities for 2008 include third In Country Training Course on Enterprise Development, third In Country Training Course on Value Addition, sixth In Country Training Course on Irrigation and Water Resources Management.

Monitoring and Evaluation activities of previous courses on Enterprise Development, Value Addition and Water Resources Management will also be executed during the same year.

Research and Development activities will include co-ordination of researches under the new AICAD philosophy of “AICAD Directed Research”, dissemination of research results of low cost housing technology, co-ordinating mid term reviews, progress report presentations and final evaluations for ongoing researches.

#### **V: Meeting with Kilosa District Authorities**

On 4<sup>th</sup> February three AICAD Tanzania Office staff and two SIDO Morogoro staff visited Kilosa District Commissioner Office. The purpose of the visit was to introduce AICAD activities to the Head of the district and the district council. On the left of group photo is the District Commissioner Mr. Athuman Mdoe, Ms. Evaclotida Kapinga a Business Development Officer of SIDO Morogoro, Mrs. Thereza Mwaipopo a SIDO Morogoro Regional Manager, Mr. Daniel Mghwira a Programme Officer AICAD Tanzania, Mr. Walter Mbaula a Training Assistant of AICAD Tanzania, Mr. Mushi the District Administrative Secretary and Dr. Masahiko Murakami who is the Programme Management and Planning Advisor.



#### **VI: Courtesy Call to the Regional Commissioner – Morogoro**

On 21<sup>st</sup> February 2008, the Country Advisor Dr. Masahiko Murakami (not in the picture) and the Programme Officer Mr. Daniel Mghwira paid a courtesy call to the office of the Regional



Commissioner for Morogoro and held discussions with the Regional Commissioner Retired Major General Said S. Kalembo and the Regional Administrative Secretary (RAS) Mr. Godfrey Ngaleya. The purpose was to share with the regional authorities the country office activities for 2008, learn about the Regional priorities for 2008 and seek country office representation to the various regional forums

### Interview session at Gairo

Mrs. Thereza Mwaipopo (SIDO Regional Manager – Morogoro interviewing one of the bee keepers at Kwipipa village in Gairo on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2008 when SIDO teamed with country office staff for selection of participants to the ICT3 - ED



### Bee- keeping Farm at Gairo



This is the bee keeping farm of the prospective beekeeper in Rubeho ward of Gairo, Kilosa district. The beehives shown in the picture are the one which are recommended in modern beekeeping practice. Most of the beekeepers in the area still practice in traditional way which results into low production and quality of Honey produced.

## 2. On- going / Up coming activities

- 28 Feb 2008 – 4<sup>th</sup> Call researchers progress presentation workshop at SUA.
- 03 Mar 2008 – In-country training course on Enterprise Development (for 2 weeks).
- 11 Mar 2008 – Zanzibar NERICA project site visit.
- 12 Mar 2008 – KTDP meeting at UDSM. (Low cost housing technology)
- Early April 2008 - Monitoring and Evaluation on Enterprise Development ICT2
- Mid April 2008 – Mid -Term Evaluation of 4<sup>th</sup> Call Researchers
- End April 2008 - AICAD Members meeting

## 3. Staff Matters

- New Assistant Country Director, Dr. J. Stephen assigned on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2007.
- Mr. K. Uzawa, short term expert from JICA, left on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2008.
- New TCO Adviser from JICA, Dr. M. Murakami, arrived on 16<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

### – Feedback & Comments –

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