



**The Bi- Monthly News-flash from AICAD Tanzania Country Office**

**FROM THE DESK OF COUNTRY DIRECTOR**

This is the 13<sup>th</sup> Issue of our Bi-Monthly Newsflash. It covers activities that were carried out at the country office in the months of January and February 2010. You might have noticed the backlog of outstanding Issues all coming to you at once. However, I am glad to say this Issue 13 is the last one. Future Issues will be released in the appropriate time, we apologise for the inconveniences caused.

The first ever In-Country Training in Export Trade of Commercial Crafts was implemented from 25<sup>th</sup> January to 11<sup>th</sup> February 2010. Full details are given in this issue and much more. Please keep on reading.



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Country Director.

**1. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

**1.1. NERICA: Preparation for Registration and Dissemination of the Three Varieties Approved for Zanzibar**

Preparations for registration of the three NERICA varieties were still going on through the efforts of the Seed Registration Committee. The researchers considered and prepared for the subsequent issues of seed dissemination once registration will be achieved.

On 18<sup>th</sup> February 2010, Tanzania Country Office received two important guests: Mr. Khatib Juma Khatib, the chief NERICA researcher in Zanzibar, and Dr. Sekiya, the NERICA expert with TANRICE. They came to discuss a draft cultivation guideline with AICAD TCO staff. In the end, AICAD Advisor, Dr. Masahiko Murakami, entered into a contract with Mr. Khatib for the printing 1500 copies of the NERICA Cultivation Guideline, to be issued to farmers at NERICA Launching following seed registration.

**1.2. KTDP: Low Cost Housing Technology Dissemination**

On 26<sup>th</sup> January 2010, the Assistant Country Director, Mr. Ayub A. Matumbo, visited the National Housing & Building Research Agency (NHBRA) in Dar es Salaam to discuss about a proposal for collaboration. It was envisaged that a seminar and demonstration could be conducted to beneficiaries in and around Dar es Salaam, jointly between AICAD, UDSM and the NHBRA.

On 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010, further visits were made to the UDSM Engineering Department and the NHBRA at Mwenge by the ACD, accompanied with the Advisor, Dr. Murakami. Separate meetings with Dr. Makunza of UDSM and Mr. Tweve of NHBRA were held on collaboration workshop or seminar for Dissemination of LCH technology. It is hoped that with more coordination effort, positive results will eventually be produced.

## 2. TRAINING & EXTENSION

### 2.1. Implementation of the 1<sup>st</sup> In-Country Training Course on Export Trade of Commercial Crafts (ICT1-ET)

The First in country training on Export Trade for Commercial handicrafts was implemented by AICAD in collaboration with Small Industries Development Organisation (SIDO) from **25<sup>th</sup> January to 11<sup>th</sup> February 2010**. This 18-day training course targeted producers and traders of commercial crafts, who were already in business. A total of twenty nine participants' from the Coast Region (Bagamoyo District) and Dar-es-Salaam Region (Ilala, Kinondoni and Temeke Districts) participated.

The export trade course, aimed at strengthening entrepreneurial qualities and business management practices for producers and traders of commercial crafts. It was believed that giving skills and knowledge on how to run businesses effectively would enable them to compete locally as well as internationally. The official opening of the training programme was done on 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 by the Director General of SIDO Mr. Mike Laiser, who also told the participants that there was a huge market for commercial crafts worldwide. They should therefore pay attention and follow carefully in all topics of the course so that they could improve the quality of their products to international standards. The official closing of training was done on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 by Hon. Hajjat Amina Mrisho Said, the Regional Commissioner of Coast Region.



ICT1-ET Participants in a group photo with guest of honour Mr. Mike Laiser and AICAD Country Director, Prof. B. Tiisekwa (centre front row) after Course opening on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2010, at Misugusugu-Mlandizi, Kibaha.



At ICT1-ET closing on 11 Feb 2010, guest of honour, Hajjat Amina Mrisho Said (centre) flanked by Prof. Tiisekwa and Dr. Murakami (to her left) and Mr. Laiser and Mr. Matumbo (to her right).



Course Participants are being presented with AICAD certificates by Kibaha Regional Commissioner, Hajjat Amina Mrisho Said, on Feb 11, 2010 at Misugusugu-Mlandizi, Kibaha.

## 3. The Start of Country Programme Review (CPR): Meeting and working with Consultants

During the months of February and March 2010, AICAD was carrying out CPR for all activities implemented under the 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of AICAD/JICA Project in all the three AICAD Country Offices of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. With the support and facilitation of JICA, the CPR was contracted to a Nairobi consultant firm known as "Innovative Enterprise Support Company (IESCO) Limited".

The CPR consultant team visited AICAD TCO on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2010 to discuss their schedule of operation with the country office staff and at the same time collecting information about Phase-III activities to be reviewed in Tanzania. For each review activity, particulars of participants, resource persons, beneficiaries and relevant general information were provided to the consultants, which enabled them to carry out field surveys.

The places visited from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2010 were: Gairo in Kilosa District where ex-trainees of ICT3-Enterprise Development were met and interviewed; Kongowe in Kibaha District where ex-trainees of ICT3-Value Addition were interviewed; Kwala in Kibaha District where ex-trainees of ICT6-Irrigation and Water Resource Management were interviewed; Bagamoyo town in Bagamoyo District and Mwenge - Makonde

Village in Kinondoni District where the consultants met and interviewed ex-trainees of ICT1-Export Trade of Commercial Crafts Course.



Local Consultant Dr. Samuel Nyantahe accompanied by Lizaberth in their first contact with AICAD TCO at Morogoro on 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2010.



On Day-2 (23<sup>rd</sup> Feb 2010), the CPR Consultant Team at TCO was joined by Mr. Mori of Japan and Mr. Titus Muchirah of Nairobi.



CPR consultants at Gairo with ex-participants of ICT3-ED for bee keepers. Only five were invited but more than 15 came.



Local CPR Consultant, Dr. Nyantahe posing with food processors who are ex-participants of ICT3-VA, at Kongowe - Kibaha.



ICT6-IWRM ex-participants at Kwala - Kibaha, are being interviewed by CPR consultants.



Ex-participants of ICT1-ET being interviewed by CPR consultants at Bagamoyo Town.



Ex-participants of ICT1-ET being interviewed by CPR consultants at Mbezi Juu, Kinondoni.

#### 4. UPCOMING EVENTS

- Preparation for Community Empowerment Programme (CEP)
- Further coordination of LCH technology dissemination effort
- Preparations for NERICA Varieties Registration and launching ceremony in Zanzibar
- Preparation of the 14<sup>th</sup> Issue of Newsflash

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