



Research Communiqué

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This communiqué is designed to alert you to resources in the area of livestock systems and climate change. We will be posting it monthly in 2014. Please let us know if you have anything to add and we will be certain to include it. To receive the communiqué monthly by email, sign up on the [LCC CRSP listserv](#).

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- **The Livestock Innovation Lab's Innovator of the Month**
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Recent Activities of the Livestock Innovation Lab:

New Research Briefs:



[Researchers Problem Solve Based on Community-Based Needs Assessment](#)

Robert Gillies, Layne Coppock and their collaborators used Participatory Rural Appraisal to work with local farmers to identify the priority problems facing four rural communities. Read more about the Participatory Rural Appraisal process and the potential solutions developed by Gillies and his colleagues [here](#).



[Next Phase of Action Identified for Ethiopia Project](#)

Through Participatory Rural Appraisal, D. Layne Coppock and his team have identified the preservation of water and forage resources as the next step in their Sustainable Pastoralism Project. The team will work to erect bush fencing to protect selected pond catchments needed by livestock owners and villagers. The project will benefit four Pastoral Associations near Yabelo, Ethiopia. Read more about the project [here](#).

Workshops and Trainings:



[Gender Workshop a Success in Kathmandu](#)

NGOs, project partners, and other Innovation Labs came together to learn about incorporating gender analysis in their work. All in all, forty-six people participated in the workshop, organized by Livestock Innovation Lab PI Nanda Joshi. Reception was positive with many participants requesting further training in the area. Read more about Joshi's work with the workshop and in Nepal [here](#).



[Nepal TIRI Scholars Attend Writeshop in Kathmandu](#)

Twenty-seven participants from six countries participated in a writeshop organized by Small Earth Nepal. The writeshop included workshops, guest speakers, panels and debates on national and regional issues. Special guests emphasized the importance of building the capacity of young scientists by improving policy brief writing skills. All 27 participants produced a policy brief to send to their respective governments.

Accomplishments of TIRI Scholars:



[Graduate Fellow Presents Findings at Kenya Veterinary Association Conference.](#)

Livestock Innovation Lab graduate fellow Mark Nanyingi was one of 60 researchers selected to present his research findings at the Kenya Veterinary Association Conference. Over 400 professionals attended the conference. Nanyingi presented two abstracts related to his research on Rift Valley Fever. Read the full article and find links to Nanyingi's presentations [here](#).

Congratulations to the Livestock Innovation Lab's Innovator of the Month!



Nanda Joshi is one of the Innovation Lab's principle investigators working in Nepal. You can learn more about him in a [short interview](#) posted on our website. He gives some great book and movie recommendations and discusses some of his favorite pastimes (including trekking – a great hobby for someone who spends a lot of time in Nepal!). Glad to have you on the team Dr. Joshi!

Upcoming Funding Opportunities:

[Swiss Forum for International Agricultural Research: SFIAR Award 2014](#)

Deadline: 15 July 2014

SFIAR annually awards a prize to scientists working at or in association with a Swiss institution in agricultural research for development. The best PhD or post-doc project wins CHF 5 thousand, and the best masters project CHF 1 thousand. The application deadline is 15 July 2014.

[Wellcome Trust Cross-Disciplinary Research on Health Nutrition and Environment](#)

Deadline: 25 July 2014

The Wellcome Trust is particularly interested in research on the health impacts of climate change mitigation and adaptation measures, and the health impacts of feeding a world population of nine billion people by 2050. Pilot projects may address any aspect of the interplay between health, environment, and nutrition but key is a focus on health. The Trust encourages new interdisciplinary and cross-sector partnerships.

[African Economic Research Consortium \(AERC\) Masters Degrees in Agricultural Economics](#)

Deadline: 30 July 2014

The Collaborative Masters of Agricultural and Applied Economics (CMAAE) is one of the AERC's postgraduate programs. Fellowships in CMAAE are available to qualified applicants to any of the eight participating universities in Kenya, Malawi, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zimbabwe. The application deadline is 30 July 2014.

[United Nations University: Post-Graduate Courses on Resilience to Climate Change](#)

Deadline: 31 July 2014

The UNU's Institute for the Advanced Study of Sustainability (UNU-IAS), in coordination with the University Network for Climate and Ecosystems Change Adaptation Research, invites applications for short courses that cover a range of issues on sustainability and adaptation to climate and ecosystems change. Two courses are planned in October-November 2014. The program is open to students who are currently enrolled in a masters or PhD program in any discipline. There is a tuition fee of US\$1 thousand, but students will be provided with accommodation and other support during their stay in Tokyo.

[Ashoka Changemakers: Initiatives in Sustainable Living 2014](#)

Deadline: 1 August 2014

The Unilever Sustainable Living Young Entrepreneurs invites project ideas from young entrepreneurs, 30 years and under, that promote sustainable living. The competition is open worldwide. Categories include water, sanitation, and hygiene; water scarcity; sustainable agriculture; smallholder farming; greenhouses gases; waste management; and others.