



## Research Communiqué

May 1, 2014

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](#).

In this communiqué are the following:

- **Recent Activities of the Livestock Innovation Lab**
- **Professional Development Opportunities**
- **Five upcoming funding opportunities**

### Recent Activities of the Livestock Innovation Lab:



#### [Congratulations to TIRI Scholar Moses Lengarite!](#)

Lengarite's research on supplemental livestock feed has been selected by the Kenya Agriculture Research Institute (KARI) to be part of a larger project to upscale small ruminant technologies. KARI will fund and implement Lengarite's program in two counties in northern Kenya. Mr. Legarite's program is an excellent example that enduring capacity can be built by the Innovation Lab's TIRI scholars.



#### [Potential Solutions Found for Challenges Facing Livestock Pastoralists in Baringo County, Kenya](#)

TIRI Scholar Margaret Syomiti discusses new solutions for finding affordable, nutritious supplemental feed during the dry season, controlling the spread of a noxious weed throughout valuable grazing land, and reducing environmental pollution.



#### [Important Data Collected on Women's Roles and Workloads in Ethiopia](#)

East Africa TIRI scholar Aklilu Nigussie used formal household surveys and focus groups to gather information on women's time use in three districts in the Afar Regional State in Ethiopia. The researchers were able to use the data they collected to compare the workload of women in women-headed households, and women in men-headed households.



#### [Researchers Bring Farmers Together to Share Experiences and Techniques](#)

Dr. Chet Raj Upreti, Dr. Nabaraj Devkota, and Dr. Lok Nath Paudel traveled throughout Nepal in order to network with Nepali farmers. The meetings were both educational and informative. In the future, the researchers hope to be able to conduct field trainings with local farmers.

## Professional Development Opportunities



### [International Conference on Climate Change, Kathmandu Nepal](#)

The Livestock Innovation Lab is the conference sponsor for the upcoming International Conference on Climate Change, Innovation and Resilience for Sustainable Livelihood. Livestock Innovation Lab researcher Dr. Nir Krakauer will be acting as co-chair for the conference. The conference will take place January 12-15, 2015. Register for the conference and submit research abstracts at the conference website: [climdev15.org](http://climdev15.org)



### [Innovation Lab Researcher to Deliver Keynote Address at the International Food Policy Research Institute's 2020 Resilience Conference](#)

Peter Little's address will relate to his long term research activities in the Horn including the CHAINS project on climate change, pastoralism, and livestock trade. Many African dignitaries, including the Prime Minister of Ethiopia will be in attendance.

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



**Nicole Gutierrez** works hard behind the scenes as the Communications Coordinator for the Livestock Innovation lab. Read Nicole's interview and see a picture of her with her cute puppy on our [website](#).

## Recent Funding Opportunities:

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### **Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA) – First Call for Concept Notes.**

Deadline: 13 May 2014. With funding provided by several international sources, ASARECA calls for research proposals to support improved agriculture and related natural resources in Eastern and Central Africa. Subject areas include crops, livestock, fish production, horticulture, agricultural water, agricultural markets and enterprises, and agricultural policies. More information available [here](#).

### **CRDF Global – Bio Risks in Sub-Saharan Africa**

Deadline: 14 May 2014. CRDF Global is a partner with the U.S. Department of State's Biosecurity Engagement Program and the African Biological Safety Association to offer grants for managing bio risks in Sub-Saharan Africa. The priority is to support laboratories and projects which focus on zoonotic diseases. More information available [here](#).

### **AXA Research Fund – Research on Risk Management**

Deadline: 30 May 2014. The AXA Research Fund supports research to help understand risk management and prevention, including risks related to natural disasters and climate change. More information available [here](#).

### **U.S. Agency for International Development – Innovations in Ethiopian Agriculture**

Deadline: 15 May 2014. The Innovation Fund for Ethiopia Agriculture invites proposals for innovative projects that link activities in agriculture and health in order to improve food security and reduce malnutrition. More information is available [here](#).

**US Agency for International Development – Feed the Future Innovation Labs**

Deadline: 15 May 2014. The Innovation Labs will engage U.S. university capacity in support of the program "Feed the Future." The Innovation Labs aim to promote collaboration among universities in the USA and developing countries, national and international research centers, the private sector, and NGOs to sustainably intensify small-holder farming in the developing world. More information available [here](#).

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**Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO) - Food and Business Global Challenges, Round 2.**

Deadline: 8 June 2014. The Food and Business Global Challenges program defines two priority areas for research and innovation: inclusive business models for food security; and regional trade for food security. Proposals are invited from research teams and other public and private partners in the Netherlands and at least one low or middle-income country. More information available [here](#).

**Toyota Motor Corporation - Toyota Environmental Activities Grant Program 2014**

Deadline: 10 June 2014. Toyota makes grants to support environmental activities implemented by nonprofit organizations on environmental themes that vary from year to year. The themes in 2013 and again in 2014 are "biodiversity conservation" and "counter measures to global warming." More information available [here](#).