



DREAM II Learning Events

March 2021

The Rangeland Fodder Nexus

Background

The aim of the DREAM Conferences and Pre-Conferences is to share / cooperate and coordinate in lowland development and to support the development of these special areas.

Following the Development of Resilience Empowering Alternative Measures in Arid and Semi-arid Lowlands of Ethiopia conference (DREAM- I) held in Afar, September 2019, three Pre-conferences were executed: (i) Coordination Pre-Conference held on 3rd November 2020, (ii) Co-operation Pre-Conference held on 12th November 2020 and (iii) Capacitation held on 26th November 2020. The Pre-conferences offered opportunities to develop coalitions along the topic of strengthening drought resilience and provided a platform for bringing together different stakeholders such as federal and regional government partners, national and international NGOs, research institutions and international development partners active in the lowlands of Ethiopia. There is a large interest to share experiences and approaches on topics of common interest as well to strengthen more formal cooperation through the development of a Task Force.

Learning event

It is planned that in the run-up to the large DREAM-II Conference (planned to be held in Jigjiga in September 2021), a number of learning/ sharing events will be organized on topics of common interest. The first such learning event is planned on March 9th, 2021, and it will discuss ‘The Rangeland Fodder Nexus’ in the Lowlands. It aims to highlight different experiences in increasing the fodder availability in the lowlands – which is the basis for the pastoralist economy. There is much thinking on increasing the capacity of the rangelands by better management as well as by growing fodder. There also opportunities to better use the potential of irrigated areas, either by growing fodder or by more systematically make use of the stover/ stubble from these areas.

Time	Agenda	Topic and Presenter
1000-1015	Opening remarks and Welcome	Opening Speech, H.E. Dr. Fikru Regassa, State Minister (tbc) Moderator (Tezera Getahun, PFE) Timekeeper (Girma Senbeta)
1015-1025	Presentation 1	Fodder Production Demonstration Somali Region RILE Project (ACPA) (Ali Ahmed Abdi)
1025-1035	Presentation 2	Rangeland Reseeding (APDA) – Afar (Valerie and Hussein)
1035-1045	Presentation 3	Participatory Rangeland Mapping (Helvetas) – Borana (Jan Vloet/Abarufa Jatani)
1045-1055	Presentation 4	Fodder Grass Seedbanks, Kenya (JustDiggIt) (tbc)
1055-1115	Moderated discussion	What works where and under what conditions What can we scale up
1115-1130	Break	Slideshow with pictures from the pastoral context
1130-1140	Presentation 5	Using Road Water for Fodder Production, Kenya (MetaMeta/Nairobi University) (Kevin Mganga)
1140-1150	Presentation 6	TREE project (GIZ), (Bezuayehu G/michael)

1150-1200	Presentation 7	Symbiotic Fodder Farming Nexus in Flood Irrigated Areas in Pakistan (MetaMeta) (Allah Bakhsh) See: https://thewaterchannel.tv/thewaterblog/symbiosis-pastoralists-and-farmers-in-balochistan/
1200-1220	Implications for policy and programming	Panel reactions from (suggested participants): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Agriculture • Regional Governments Afar and Somali • LLRP/WB • USAID Discussion
1220-1245	Formulating lessons learned and closure	Tobias Feldt (GiZ) and Ilse Köhler-Rollefson (pastoralist expert)
1245-1300	Closure from organisers	Linking Rangeland and Fodder to DREAM I conference Outlook to upcoming events, incl DREAM II

The learning event is meant to create connections between different organizations working on this topic, to share experience and discuss the scaling of the good practices. We will in the end produce a small good practices video for wider sharing and a learning brief. The learning event will focus on experiences in Ethiopia, complemented by experiences in other lowlands in East Africa.

The event will be last two hours and will be virtual with the possibility of physical meeting in Jigjiga and Semera. It will consist of seven presentation of 10 minutes each, followed by two minutes discussion. The results will be placed on the DREAM website but we may also produce a 3-page learning note on it and/or a three minute DREAM video, that can be translated in local language.