



ANNOUNCEMENT



EPINAV FIRST WRITER'S WORKSHOP, DECEMBER 2014

1. BACKGROUND:

The Programme on Enhancing Pro-poor Innovations in Natural Resources and Agricultural Value-chains (EPINAV) at Sokoine University of Agriculture is a four years programme, which started effectively from July 2011. The principal objective of the EPINAV programme is to promote scaling up of proven technologies and adaptation of agricultural and natural resources to the effects of climate change. The programme is being implemented under three main components: Research and strategic interventions [RSI], Capacity Building and Institutional Collaboration (CBIC); and Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (PM & E).

The Programme is organising a workshop that will bring together writers/authors to present their manuscripts intended for publication in reputable journals. This is the First Writer's Workshop of the programme designed to provide an opportunity to disseminate research and strategic intervention outputs that address objectives or themes of the programme and beyond in the areas of agriculture, animal husbandry, natural resources management and climate change adaptation.

2. Dates venue for the workshop:

The Workshop will be held in Morogoro from **3rd - 5th, December 2014.**

3. OBJECTIVES OF THE WRITERS' WORKSHOP

The main objective of the writers' workshop is to provide an opportunity for EPINAV and other SUA researchers and students who have publishable research findings to upgrade their manuscripts to standards that meet the requirements of national, regional and international peer reviewed journals.

The specific objectives are to:

- i. Drafting of Journal articles from research reports and proceeding papers and peer review of the same.

- ii. Provide a forum for researchers to get inputs for improving their manuscripts.
- iii. Assess progress on scholarly publishing by SUA researchers and students
- iv. Expedite the production of publications from projects (Student work and researchers),
- v. Provide an opportunity for researchers to translate research evidence into policy briefs (see attached template)
- vi. Provide an opportunity for documenting best practices into field manuals for farmers. Projects dealing with introduction of innovative/proven practices should prepare draft extension manuals illustrated with pictures or drawings for easy adoption by farmers

4. Proposed Themes:

Authors are invited to submit if not yet published manuscripts that emanate from their EPINAV or previous PANTIL, FOCAL, TARP II projects. Each EPINAV research project under the 4 research themes should strive to come up with at least three papers

Methodology

i. **All EPINAV** Researchers who have publishable results from their research work in the form of Research Progress Reports, Proceedings papers, MSc Dissertations or Excellent BSc Special projects are invited to prepare draft papers, manuscripts which will be refined for publication in specific (relevant) journals of their choice during and after the workshop.

ii. Invited researchers will be grouped along thematic areas to start working on their papers according to generic social science and Bio-sciences “Instruction to Authors” (See Annex 1) The draft papers will be exchanged among peers for editing and refined further during the workshop.

ii. Plenary sessions will be held on the last day of the workshop to enable groups present their experiences /challenges and way forward.

Guidelines for preparation of the manuscripts are as follows:

GUIDELINES FOR PAPERS PREPARATION

A: NOTES TO AUTHORS

1. Title and author’s names, institutional affiliation and mailing address:

Follow the example given below:

A Gendered Analysis of Climate Variability and Change Impacts and Adaptations in Semi Arid Area Farming Systems and Natural Resources Management

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2. **Abstract:**

This summarizes the objectives, methodology used, tangible results, conclusion and recommendations. The maximum length allowed is 300 words.

3. **Main text:**

Structure the paper into logical sections which, in case of a research paper, should include the introduction, materials and methods, results, discussion and conclusions. Maximum allowed number of pages for the entire article is 10 when single-spaced or 15 pages inclusive of tables and figures double spaced

4. **Style:**

- Justification and font: All text should be justified. Use Times New Roman font size 12 for the entire text, with exception of the title, which should be size 14.
- Title and subtitles: Title to be centred, bold and not capitalised. Subtitles should be left aligned, bold and not capitalised.
- Scientific names: These should be italicised
- Paragraphs: Do not indent for paragraphs. Skip a line instead (one space)
- Spelling check: Use the United Kingdom English dictionary.
- Layout: Use size A4, white paper. Maintain a one-inch margin and 1.5 space throughout the text. Page numbers should be centred at the bottom of the page. Avoid using page and/or section breaks.
- Tables: While preparing tables keep in mind the size of the printed page (use portrait orientation). Tables should be numbered and referred to in the text in a consecutive order.

All titles should be placed on top of the table, immediately following the number. Capitalise only the first letter of the title. Do not bold.

- Illustrations (e.g., Figures, diagrams, charts): All illustrations should be numbered and referred to in the text in a consecutive order. Figures should have no borders. All captions for figures should be at the bottom of the figure. Do not use colour.

5. References:

All authors referred to in the text should appear on the list of references in alphabetical order. Distinguish between 1) journal, 2) books, 3) a book chapter and 4) conference proceedings. The following can serve as an example for these different cases:

- 1) Sanga, C., Kalungwizi, V., & Msuya, C. (2013). Building agricultural extension services system supported by ICTs in Tanzania: Progress made, Challenges remain. *International Journal of Education and Development using ICT*, 9(1). pp. 80-89
- 2) Schmitz H. (2005) Value Chain Analysis for Policy-makers and Practitioners. International Labour Office. 73 p
- 3) C. Sanga, S. Tumbo, M.R.S. Mlozi. (2013). Linking small-scale farmers and agricultural extension service delivery through ICTs in Tanzania. In Bwalya, K.J. (Editor). *Technology Development and Platform Enhancements for Successful Global E-Government Design. Publisher...pp..*
- 4) Mwaseba, D.L., A. Sikira, W.H. Kimaro, N. Amuri, C.P. Msuya-Bengesi, Z. Mpenda, and R.M. Wambura. (2013). Assessment of Empowerment Needs of Value Chain Actors in Selected Commodity Value Chains located in Different Project Sites of the EPINAV Programme. In Gimbi D. M, Kurwijila R. L, Sife A & Silayo D S.(Editors). Proceedings of the first EPINAV Scientific conference on Scaling up Innovations: The Role of Researcher and Value Chain Actors Partnerships. Workshop proceedings, Issue Number 1. 2013 held from 17th - 19th December, 2012, Morogoro, Tanzania. pp 2-21.

6. Submission:

Submit two hard copies of the manuscript and an electronic copy in MS Word to:

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7. Deadlines:

Deadline for receiving Full Draft Manuscripts 25th November, 2014.

Guideline for Policy Briefs: See attached template

Insert title here e.g. :Strategies for year round feeding of smallholder dairy cattle

Key Issues, findings, recommendations (summary):

[Introduce the Research work here
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