



Academic Workshop

Mobile Pastoralism, Index Insurance, Computational Sustainability and Policy Innovations for the Arid and Semi-arid Lands of East Africa

Wednesday, June 10, and Thursday, June 11, 2015

John Vercoe (JVC) Auditorium
International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI)
Nairobi, Kenya



Note on Format of Talks

We will have two kinds of talks:

1. **Keynote talks** will be scheduled for 1 hour. This presumes a 45-minute presentation and 15 minute discussion and Q&A.
2. **Regular talks** will be scheduled for 30 minutes. This presumes a 20 minute presentation (with minimal interruption, for clarifying questions) and 10 minutes for discussion. Speakers have the option to select into having a formal discussant; in that case the discussant will take up to 5 minutes of the 10 minute discussion period.

Agenda

Wednesday, June 10, 2015

8:30 – 9:00	Registration, tea and coffee	
9 – 9:30	Opening and Introductions	Andrew Mude, ILRI, and Russell Toth, University of Sydney
Morning session (9:30-12:30)		
Social Protection Through Microinsurance: Targeting, Design, Uptake, Impacts		
	Keynote	
9:30 – 10:30	Social Protection in the Face of Climate Change: Targeting Principles and Financing Mechanisms	Michael Carter, UC Davis
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee and tea break	
11:00 – 11:30	Index Insurance and Cash Transfers: A Comparative Analysis from Northern Kenya	Nathan Jensen, Cornell University
11:30 – 12:00	Is the Demand of the Index-based Livestock Insurance and Informal Insurance Network Substitute or Complement?	Kazushi Takahashi, IDE-JETRO
12:00 – 12:30	Dynamic Effects of Index Based Livestock Insurance on Household Intertemporal Behavior and Welfare	Munenobu Ikegami, ILRI
12:30 – 1:45	Lunch	

Afternoon session (1:45-5:00)

Other Impacts of IBLI: SWB, Resilience, Market Engagement, Competing Expectations

1:45 – 2:15	The Subjective Well-being Gains from Insurance That Doesn't Pay Out	Kibrom Hirrfot, Cornell University
2:15 – 2:45	Does Insurance Improve Resilience? Measuring the Impact of Index-Based Livestock Insurance on Resilience in Northern Kenya	Joanna Upton, Cornell University (on behalf of Jenn Cisse)
2:45 – 3:15	Pastoralist Market Engagement in The Presence of Index Based Livestock Insurance: Evidence from Northern Kenya	Eddy Chebelyon, ILRI
2:45 – 3:30	Coffee and tea break	
3:30 – 4:00	Competing Expectations in Index-Based Livestock Insurance: Actors and Imagined Futures	Leigh Johnson, University of Zurich
4:00 – 5:00	<p style="text-align: right;">Keynote</p> The 'Elephant in the Room' Issues in Pastoralism Research: An informal conversation	Peter Little, Emory University
	Free evening	

Thursday, June 11, 2015

Morning session (9:00-11:40)

ADRAS and ICS agenda: alternative modeling approaches

9:00 – 9:10	Overview of ADRAS agenda	Russell Toth, University of Sydney
9:10 – 10:10	<p style="text-align: right;">Keynote</p> On Computational Sustainability and Applications in pastoralism	Carla Gomes, Cornell University
10:10 – 10:40	Crowd Sourcing Rangeland Conditions: Using mobile phones to enable pastoralists to participate as citizen scientists	Yexiang Xue, Cornell University
10:40 – 11:10	Coffee and tea break	

11:10 – 11:40	Potential of Social-ecological Modelling to Understand Dynamics of Pastoral Land Use Under Processes of Change	Birgit Müller, Gunnar Dressler, Felix John, UFZ Leipzig
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Late morning session (11:40-12:40)

The IBLI Contract and Remote Sensing

11:40 – 12:10	Determining Optimal Seasonal Integration Times of NDVI Series for Index-based Livestock Insurance in East Africa	Anton Vrieling, University of Twente
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12:10 – 12:40	NDMA's Operational Drought Monitoring of Pastoralist Areas in Kenya Based on Satellite Observations	Clement Atzberger, University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences, Vienna
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12:40 – 2:00	Lunch	
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Afternoon session (2:00-5:00)

Other topics and closing

2:00 – 2:30	The Impact of Mobile Training on Sales Agent Performance	Elizabeth Lyons, UC San Diego
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2:30 – 3:00	Credit Access with Focus on Gender: A case study of Marsabit, Northern Kenya	Anne Gesare, ILRI
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3:00 – 3:15	Coffee and tea break	
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3:15 – 3:45	Does Peer Monitoring Influence Choices Between Cash and Food? Findings from a Field Experiment in Northern Kenya	Erin Lentz, University of Texas
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3:45 – 4:15	The Impact of a Multipronged Approach to Poverty Alleviation on Household Outcomes	Vilas Gobin, Monash University
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4:15 – 4:45	Closing session	
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7:00 – 9:00	Group dinner offsite	
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