



**By Carel Jaspers, Director Q-Point**

Dear reader,

Please find below our update for the project Capacity building for strengthening the Livestock Value Chain NICHE-KEN-271 at Egerton University in Kenya. A lot has happened since the start of our project, just to name a few highlights:

- A labour market needs assessment was conducted, the results are being used to develop new courses, review curricula and develop additional services for CoELIB.
- The establishment of the CoELIB premises and organisation, with state of the art facilities. The project management team have successfully run the centre and continue to improve their organisation.
- The academic strengthening of the project team and the development of training courses has been successfully carried out. Project partners have made valuable contributions through both training of trainer sessions and by sharing training materials.
- The management team of CoELIB and the Vice Chancellor of Egerton University visited the Netherlands to discuss the incubation plans with the project partners and the Dutch private sector in the livestock value chain. Dutch companies and educational institutes were visited to discuss entrepreneurial aspects in education.

We hope you enjoy reading!



## **Livestock Value Chain Programme NICHE-KEN- 271**

**By Prof Alexander K. Kahi, Programme director**

The Capacity Building for Strengthening the Livestock Value Chain (LVC) programme is based on the need for transformed Kenyan livestock value chains (LVCs) from predominantly formal and inefficient to commercial, profitable and competitive. This will allow the agricultural sector to grow and address food security concerns. This process will be supported through training graduates, farmers and entrepreneurs on innovative business techniques, on-farm and out-of-farm value addition, marketing and value chain approaches. [READ MORE](#)

# Centre of Excellence for Livestock, Innovation and Business NICHE-KEN-271

By Wilson Munene Karimi, Project Coordinator

CoELIB is located at the Njoro Campus of Egerton University. The purpose of the Centre is to strengthen business in the livestock value chain and fostering innovations and agribusiness development.

As a multipurpose centre, it hosts the following branches: [READ MORE](#)

## Building agri-entrepreneurship by NUFFIC project at Egerton University

By Ian Lorenzen, Executive Director & Partner at GrowthAfrica



The development of start-ups and scaling of same into impactful ventures which can deliver much needed jobs especially among youth is key to social and economic progress and growth of Africa. The talent and entrepreneurial drive is everywhere. With the right guidance and support, one of the strongest fuels for the societal growth engine is right in front of us.

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## Labour Market Needs Assessment by Egerton University

By Olivia Ansenk, trainer Q-Point

The focus for this assessment was to receive input to develop and adjust competence-based training courses that are practice oriented and related to the livestock value chain (production and processing). The courses needed to pay enough attention to business development, gender and inclusiveness. [READ MORE](#)



## Exposure visit to the Netherlands

By Simone Langhorst, senior consultant Q-Point

In September 2018 a team of Egerton University visited the Netherlands for an exposure visit organised by project partner Q-Point. The delegation of Egerton's top

management: Prof. Rose Mwonya, Prof. Alexander Kahi, Wilson Munene and George Ombele. The goal of the mission was to visit project partners, private livestock companies and other innovative agricultural organisations. [READ MORE](#)

## Entrepreneurship

By Maarten van Eeuwijk, Coordinator Entrepreneurship Programme, Senior Lecturer Business Administration and Agribusiness HAS Hogeschool

In May 2018 I visited Egerton for an educational and capacity assessment. In this week I interviewed a lot of involved people like the programme manager and training coordinator and several participants in the program at the centre. Almost every teacher had only academic respectively research experience and no business experience. Business experience is needed. Teachers with an open mind set on entrepreneurship/competence-based learning should stay involved in the centre, to stay in good contact with the university and benefit from their experience in education and writing curricula. [READ MORE](#)

## Regional office of Q-Point in East-Africa

By Boaz Liesdek, Agribusiness Consultant & Regional Officer

In September 2018, Q-Point has opened its regional office for East Africa on the premises of one of its successful projects: The Centre of Excellence for Livestock Innovation and Business (CoELIB) in Nakuru county, Kenya. This new location strengthens the local presence of Q-Point in East Africa and is in line with our goal to empower public and private stakeholders to take control of agricultural development through relevant, high-quality and innovative consultancy. [READ MORE](#)