UNIVERSITIES’ CONSORTIUM ON EXTENSION AND ADVISORY SERVICES

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What is it?
The Universities' Consortium on Extension and Advisory Services is affiliated with the Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services. It is a platform for academia in universities and other training institutions, researchers in the field of extension, and/or service providers to various clienteles along the agriculture value chain and in need of forms of support in rural livelihoods and wellbeing. The consortium was established out of a discussion on the “new extensionist” capacities needed in extension and advisory services (EAS), specifically during a meeting in Pretoria, 14-15 March 2013.

What are the functions?
• Championing the refining, advocacy, and dissemination of the concept of the “New Extensionist” (NE)

• Contributing actively to the NE theoretical and research base and actively factoring such information into teaching and research curriculums aimed at training agricultural extension practitioners

• Promoting a goodness of fit between the current realities and challenges in extension and the curricula of universities and training institutions

• Contributing to GFRAS objectives by providing evidence through research, documentation, and building theoretical bases for initiatives and directions

• Acting as a platform for sharing and exchanging information and expertise (e.g. manpower, curricula, materials)

• Contribute significantly to building and providing background
material for a Handbook of Good Practice for agricultural extension practitioners in the employ of public extension services and academics training agricultural extension practitioners

• Providing guidance and expertise to GFRAS about regional and national processes (e.g. agricultural extension policy formulation, development of tools, methodologies and monitoring and evaluation)

• Contributing actively to the process of documenting the evolution and development of the practice, science and research of agricultural extension

• Undertaking actions to promote the science of extension through the GFRAS Annual Meeting, regional network activities, scientific conferences, and joint research projects and publications

• Contributing to the development and promotion of quality assurance norms and standards in extension training and delivery at all levels

• Serving as mentors and role models to stimulate the interest of youths to opt for careers in agricultural extension

**Upcoming activities**

• Hold e-discussions to take the process forward

• Secure a page on GFRAS and other regional networks websites

• Expand contacts and link other existing networks

• Announce the formation of the consortium and provide letters to inform relevant stakeholders by April 2013

• Exchange and examine the current curriculums in universities

• Prepare a concept paper on the consortium by April 2013

• Develop funding proposals with the support of GFRAS to secure funds for programme and operational costs by June 2013
• Launch the consortium during the Berlin annual meeting in September 2013

• Set up a side event at the Berlin meeting

Outputs for GFRAS Annual Meeting, Berlin, 24-26 September 2013
• Report on the e-discussions among members
• Analysis of curriculums in member universities
• An inventory of members

How do I take part?
For more information or to become a member, please send your Name, Institution, Role, Area of specialization, Country, and Contact details to Dr Adolphus Johnson at: dibijay2003@yahoo.com

For more information see also: http://www.g-fras.org/en/messageboard/curricula-for-ras.

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• Ali Muhammad – Pakistan (Arid Agriculture University)
• Akeredolu Mercy – Nigeria (WinRock International/SAFE)
• Cardenas Virginia – Philippines (University of the Philippines Los Banos)
• Dolly David – Caribbean (University of the West Indies)
• Fatch Paul – Malawi (College of Agriculture)
• Groenewald Izak – South Africa (University of the Free State)
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