Tegemeo Institute of Agricultural Policy and Development
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Tegemeo Institute of Agricultural Policy and Development is a policy research institute of Egerton University under the Division of Research and Extension. The Institute is mandated to conduct agricultural policy research in Kenya through response to contemporary agriculture-related policy issues and challenges. Tegemeo also provides relevant and timely information pertinent to the formulation of appropriate policy strategies in agriculture and rural development sectors of Kenya. The Institute also undertakes empirical research and analysis on microeconomic and macroeconomic policy issues bearing on farming, processing, marketing, and trade of agricultural products and inputs; sustainability of agricultural systems and natural resources including the environment; as well as commercialization, income growth and food security. The Institute also promotes policy dialogue through engagement with stakeholders, including government, private sector development agencies, and civil society in dissemination of various research findings.

Established in the late 1980’s, the Institute has been a key leader in informing agricultural policy formulation and has contributed immensely in agricultural policy research and debate in Kenya and the region. Key among its success has been the development of Kenya Vision 2030, Agricultural Sector Development Strategy, Economic Recovery Strategy for Wealth Creation and Strategy for Revitalisation of Agriculture. The Institute has also participated in regional studies, that is, Tanzania baseline study and adoption of improved seeds in Uganda.

Due to increasing demand, Tegemeo Institute established a Measurement Learning and Evaluation (MLE) Unit to respond to the need for independent high quality and rigorous designs for evaluations, measurement of outcomes and increased emphasis on learning from development interventions. The MLE unit builds on the Institute’s experience in agricultural policy research and tracking of key indicator in rural and agricultural sectors.

In keeping up with its mandate, the Institute is participating in the 8th AfrEA International Conference, Kampala, Uganda 27th – 31st March, 2017 at the Munyonyo Resort Beach Hotel, Kampala, Uganda. The theme of the conference is “Evaluation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Opportunities and Challenges for Africa”. Tegemeo will present four oral papers, three posters and will also hold a workshop on the use of Computer Aided Personal Interviewing in data collection. The papers are outcomes of the Institutes’ evaluation studies in Uganda and Kenya.

The Institute will also be hosting an evening social dinner event on 29th March, 2017 themed “Transformation of the Agriculture sector through Strategic Partnerships in Measurement, Learning and Evaluation.” The event is intended to bring together partners of the Institute for networking. These includes government officials from Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and key African Institutions and experts from the evaluation and development sectors. Other participants will include donors/funders, civil society organizations & NGOs,
private sector organizations, academia and research institutions, among others. Leading the hosting of the event will be Tegemeo Institute’s Director.