Pastoralism and Poverty Reduction in East Africa: A Policy Research Conference
June 27-28th, Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya

Schedule

Day ONE  Tuesday, June 27

8:00-8:30  Registration and logistics

8:30-9:00  Welcome by the Conference Organizers: Conference objectives.
Open Remarks: Mr. Julius Kiptarus, Director of Livestock, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Development, Kenya, on behalf of Mr. Miaron, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Development, and Ms. Fatuma Abdikadir, Arid Lands Resource Management Program

9:00-9:30  Plenary Session 1 - Pastoralism and Poverty Reduction: Overview of Issues.
Title: The Multiple Dimensions of Poverty in Pastoral Areas of East Africa
Conference Organizers: Chris Barrett (Cornell Univ.), Patti Kristjanson (ILRI), Peter Little (Univ. of Kentucky), John McPeak (Syracuse Univ.)

9:30-9:50  Discussion

Title: Maasai Pastoralists: Diversification and Poverty
Presenter: Ernestina Coast (London School of Economics)

10:20-10:40  Discussion

10:40 – 11:00  Tea

11:00 – 12:30  Plenary Session 3 - Livelihood Diversification: Kenya
Title: Longitudinal Analysis of the Impact of Land Privatization on Samburu: Pastoralist Livelihoods and Diversification Strategies.
Presenter: Carolyn Lesorogol (Washington University)

Title: Livelihood Choices and Returns among Agro-Pastoralists in southern Kenya
Presenter: David Nkedianye (ILRI)
Discussant: Terry McCabe (Univ. of Colorado)

12:30-1:30  Lunch

1:30-3:00  Parallel Sessions 1 and 2

Room 1: Local Participation and Diversification

Title: Strengthening pastoralists' voice in shaping policies for sustainable poverty reduction in ASAL regions of East Africa.

Presenter: Ced Hesse (Drylands Programme, Edinburgh)

Title: Economic Diversification and Livelihood Strategies of Pastoral Communities of Ethiopia: Challenges and Prospects.

Presenter: Kejela Gemtessa (WABEKKBON Consult)

Discussant: Aliye Asoba (Oromia Agricultural Research Institute, Ethiopia)

Room 2: Collective Action

Title: Collective Action and Informal Institutions: The Case of Agropastoralists of Eastern Ethiopia

Presenter: Fekadu Beyene (Humboldt University of Berlin)

Title: Women's Groups in Northern Kenya: Their Origins, Management, Sustainability and Role in Poverty Reduction.

Presenter: D. Layne Coppock (PARIMA, Utah State University)

Discussant: Christine Cornelius (World Bank)

3:00-3:30  Tea Break

3:30-5:00  Plenary Session 4: Changing Pastoral Livelihoods and Implications

Title: Heterogeneous wealth dynamics: Evidence from Boran pastoralists in Southern Ethiopia.

Presenter: Paulo Santos (Cornell University)

Title: Beyond Group Ranch Subdivision: Collective Action for Livestock Mobility, Ecological Viability and Livelihoods.

Presenter: Shauna Burnsilver (Univ of Colorado)

Discussant: Elliott Fratkin (Smith College)

6:30  Reception: Sponsored by GL-CRSP and University of California-Davis
Day TWO  Wednesday, June 28

8:30  Follow up logistics by the coordinating committee

8:45-10:15  Plenary Session 5: Changing Pastoral Livelihoods and Implications II
Title:  Empirical Forecasting of Slow-Onset Disasters for Improved Emergency Response: An Application to Kenya’s Arid Lands
Presenter:  Andrew Mude (Cornell University)

Title:  Is Settling Good for Pastoralists? The Effects of Pastoral Sedentarization on Children's Nutrition, Growth, and Health Among Rendille and Ariaal of Marsabit District, Northern Kenya.
Presenter:  Elliot Fratkin (Smith College)
Discussant:  David Nkedianye, ILRI

10:15-10:45  Tea break

10:45-12:15  Parallel Sessions 3 and 4.
Room 1:  Education and Children
Title:  The Policy and Practice of Educational Service Provision for Pastoralists in Tanzania.
Presenter:  Elizabeth Bishop (UC-London)
Title:  Influencing and developing good policy in Early Childhood Development (ECD) amongst pastoralist communities in East Africa: The case of Samburu in Kenya.
Presenter:  Tanja van de Linde (Save the Children-Addis Ababa)
Discussant:  D. Layne Coppock (PARIMA, Utah State University)

Room 2:  Livestock Traits and Technology
Title:  Pastoralists Preferences for Cattle Traits: Letting them be heard.
Presenter:  Emily Ouma (University of Kiel)
Title:  Cattle Breeding Strategies as a Pathway for Improving Competitiveness of Pastoral Systems in Kenya.
Presenter: Ulrike Janssen-Tapken (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology)
Discussant: Getachew Gebru (PARIMA)
12:15-12:30 Reconvene for logistics.
12:30-1:30 Lunch
1:30-3:00 Parallel Sessions 5 and 6
Room 1: Wildlife and Pastoralists
Title: Politics, Land Tenure and Livelihoods of the Maasai of Tanzania: Reducing the incentives of conservation through economic incentives.
Presenter: Hassan Sachedina (African Wildlife Foundation)
Title: Conflict minimizing strategies on natural resource management and use – the case for managing conflicts between wildlife and agro-pastoral production resources in Transmara district, Kenya.
Presenter: Sospeter Onchoke Nyamwaro (KARI)
Discussant: Ole Kamuaro, ILRI
Room 2: Pastoral Institutions
Title: Analysis of Maasai Pastoralists Institutions.
Presenter: Fred Zaal, University of Amsterdam
Title: Property Rights among Afar Pastoralists: Changes and Implications.
Presenter: Bekele Hundie (Humboldt University of Berlin)
Discussant: Esther Mwangi, IFPRI
3:00-3:30 Tea Break
3:30-5:00 Concurrent Roundtable sessions
Roundtable 1: Research and policy linkages.
Discussion Leader: Professor Abdillahi Aboud (Egerton Univ, Kenya)
Roundtable 2: Data collection issues in pastoral areas.
Discussion Leader: Sara Randall (UC-London)
5:00-5:30 Closing remarks: Sponsor Representatives (WB, USAID/SAGA, USAID/GL-CRSP/PARIMA)