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The Energy_Agro-Food International Intensive School in Mekelle (Ethiopia)



The International Intensive School (IS) is an intensive programme organized within the project and aimed at offering to the students coming from the four African Partner Universities a huge exposure to interactive teaching/learning methodologies applied to the contents developed for the new teaching modules. The International IS was organized by the University of Mekelle (Ethiopia) and lasted six days from August, 31 to September 5, 2015. Twenty students participated selected according to their academic background (Master students in Economics and Engineering enrolled or just graduated in the MSc programmes targeted by the project). Faculties from the African Partner Universities plus the University of Bologna joined the School's activities. The School has been highly innovative and has contributed to improve cooperation among the involved partners.

EAST_APP to be launched soon

The beta version of the **EAST_APP** (*East African Skills and Training Platform for Placement*) has been presented at the International Intensive School in Mekelle. The Regional Platform constitutes a pioneering initiative aimed at connecting students, alumni, and faculties in East African Partner Universities with stakeholders operating in the field of bio-energies. This tool has been designed to be highly flexible in order to serve: (1) the **students** looking for internship and placement opportunities throughout Tanzania, Kenya and Ethiopia; (2) **alumni** who can send feedbacks to the students related to the challenge of job placement in the energy-agro food sectors; (3) **stakeholders** willing to build/foster relations with the university offering internship opportunities to the students or simply looking for possibilities to increase research transfer to become more competitive in the labour market; and (4) the **universities** themselves who can use the platform to support the dialogue with the labour market and international cooperation with other universities in the East African region while exploiting the public space offered by the EAST_APP to showcase new technologies to spread knowledge sharing inside and outside the academia.



The Final Conference in Addis Ababa

The **Final Conference of the Energy_Agro-Food** project will be organized by the Addis Ababa Institute of Technologies from February 18 to February 20, 2016 and will gather all project Partners from Europe (the University of Bologna, the University of Pavia, and the University d’Auvergne) and Africa (the University of Nairobi, the University of Mekelle, and the Sokoine University of Agriculture); the meeting will see the participation of the Associate Partners from the three countries together with some local and international experts.

The Conference will last three days and will be dedicated to assess the project outcomes, consider future prospects for cooperation, and identify possibilities for fund raising. Moreover the **Conference on Energy_Agro-Food Nexus in East Africa: Engineering, Economics, and Policy Perspectives** (February 19, 2016) will be organized to disseminate the project’s results to the wide public and to advertise the main outcomes of the Action to both local and international stakeholders relevant to the energy and agro-food sectors.

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