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# ENERGY\_AGRO-FOOD SYNERGIES IN AFRICA: NEW EDUCATIONAL MODELS FOR UNIVERSITIES

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## The Energy\_Agro-Food Final Conference in Addis Ababa



The Final Conference in Addis Ababa was organized by the Addis Ababa Institute of Technology from February 18 to 20, 2016. The event took place at the Ghion Hotel in the centre of the city. The Conference lasted three days: the first day was focused on bilateral meetings between the project Coordinator and each Partner University. The second day was organized as a scientific Conference on the Energy\_Agro-Food Nexus in East Africa: Engineering, Economics and Policy Perspectives. Internal representatives belonging to the project consortium presented papers as well as two invited speakers from Kenya and Ethiopia. External stakeholders attended the conference and contributed to the last session, a Forum on Educational, Professional, Policy prospects in the bio-energy sector\_East Africa.

The third day aimed to give an overview of the achieved results and to reach consensus on a strategy for the sustainability of the project outputs. The expected goal – large participation of external stakeholders to maximize dissemination of the project – was achieved considering the relevant inputs given by those who actively contributed to the discussion, who raised concerning issues and became even more aware of the high potential of EU initiatives by touching directly the products of the Energy-Agro-Food project.



Mekelle staff teaching at the Sokoine University of Agriculture

## Staff Exchange among African Universities

Each course/module has benefited from a short-term teaching visit (2 days) of a professor coming from another African Partner University aimed at launching the teaching modules and at giving visibility to the project outputs thanks to the involvement of international staff. External professor worked jointly with the local senior and junior professors. The students were thus exposed to an international environment and knowledge related to different fields of study.

## Local Workshops for the presentation of the EAST-APP

Local workshops for the presentation of the new EAST-APP have been organized in the African Partner Universities to show the students and invited stakeholders the platform utility and functioning.

The local Workshop on Internship specifically addressed students in the Master programmes targeted by the project with the following **purposes**: a) to present the new EAST-APP as a tool to facilitate the management and identification of internship opportunities in the African Partner Universities; b) to introduce the stakeholders who have signed the agreement with the University in the frame of the project for the procurement of internship opportunities to the students (local and incoming students), c) to collect both students and stakeholders' feedbacks and suggestions for the amelioration of the platform usability.



Group photo. Local Workshop at the University of Nairobi

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