

NATIONAL TRAINING COURSE ON LIVESTOCK FORAGE PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION TECHNIQUES, ASMARA, ERITREA, 18-29 OCTOBER 2021



Dr. Oscar Koech from the University of Nairobi (UoN), Department of Land Resource Management and Agricultural Technology (LARMAT) offered National Training Course to National staff from National Agricultural Training Institute (NARI) and the ministry of agriculture staff and researchers in Eritrea. The training was sponsored by Development of Smart Innovations through Research in Agriculture (DeSIRA), funded by International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). The ten day training comprehensively addressed topics on feed production, conservation and utilization. The training addresses the regional challenges in feed and forage production, utilization and management in the Horn of Africa.

The training addressed the technical skills needed by national staff in adapting to climate change impacts and invasive species management. The trainees were researchers working in the National Research Institute (NARI) in the field of forage improvement, livestock nutrition, livestock breeding and rangeland management. This was a multidisciplinary team of 18 male and 4 female trainees who were actively working towards improving livestock production in Eritrea. The University of Nairobi is contributing to regional capacity building efforts, with currently five students from the Ministry of Agriculture and

NARI in Eritrea pursuing Master of Science in animal production and breeding at the faculty of Agriculture supported by DeSIRA project.