

EXPLORING COLLABORATION WITH GLOBAL ACADEMY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEMS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH AND JAMEEL OBSERVATORY

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The Department of LARMAT hosted the Director of Global Academy of Agriculture and Food Systems at the University of Edinburgh, Prof. Geoff Simm and the Head of Jameel Observatory based at the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) in Nairobi, Dr. Guyo Malicha Roba on November 28, 2023. The meeting focused on possible areas of collaboration between the University of Nairobi and University of Edinburgh, and in particular the Jameel Observatory.

The Academy of Agriculture and Food Systems at the University of Edinburgh is an interdisciplinary hub of researchers seeking evidence and learning for sustainable, ethical food systems for healthy people and a healthy planet.

The Jameel Observatory for food security early action is a new initiative that combines the local knowledge and concerns of communities facing on-the-ground threats of hunger with innovations in data science and humanitarian action; teaming up to devise solutions that can predict, prepare for and overcome climate-related food security and malnutrition challenges in dryland areas.

It was discussed and agreed that further modalities for the collaboration to be worked out between the two institutions focusing on research, student training and student staff exchange.