



**SOKOINE UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURE
SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS &
BUSINESS STUDIES (SAEBS)**

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A SHORT COURSE ON 'STANDARDS AND ACCESS TO MARKETS'

Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA) is the famous and the oldest Agricultural University in the country. In response to the needs of the Agribusiness industry which calls for a wider range of skills, action research and agribusiness support services, the School of Agricultural Economics and Business Studies (SAEBS), which is a major center for agricultural economics and agribusiness training in Eastern and Southern Africa, in collaboration with three Danish Universities (DTU, Aalborg and Copenhagen) under the BSU II project, has organized a short course on **Standards and access to Market**. This is the last of the five pilot courses for the forthcoming new PhD programme in Agribusiness.

The main objective of this training course is to impart participants with conceptual and empirical knowledge on Standards and its importance to the agribusiness sector development in the country. This knowledge will enhance understanding of international markets dynamics in respect of standards and unveil options available to developing countries (Tanzania inclusive) in their quest to access lucrative local and international markets. Empirical knowledge will be useful for prospective PhD students and researchers in the realm of standards. Applications are hereby invited from suitably qualified candidates fulfilling the following criteria:

- PhD students who are yet to engage in research work and are interested on value chain studies
- Prospective PhD students who aspires to join PhD in Agribusiness starting Sept 2017
- Researchers and committed students who will attend the course in full

How to Apply

Application should be made by email with an attachment of CV to the head of project zekeny@yahoo.com (Dr. Zena Mpenda), copy to amakyoo@yahoo.co.uk (Dr Adam Akyoo) and mwinukajr@yahoo.co.uk before **06th November 2016**.

More details on the course:

Course title: **Standards and Access to Market**

Rationale for the course

The aim of this course is to create a cadre of experts and researchers knowledgeable enough to participate in international trade negotiations on agricultural products, and in international standards' formulation forums (fora). This cadre will also form a national think tank on standards matters thus directly involved in the upgrading of agricultural value chains for both tradable and non-tradable products. This professional profile is hitherto missing in many countries in the South to the detriment of their agricultural trade in general.

Objectives of the course:

This is a PhD level course, the purpose of the course is to make students:

- Understand and appreciate the ramification of the standards realm and its implication for market access (both domestic and international).
- Be able to quantify the costs and benefits of complying with particular standard(s) in agriculture.
- Demonstrate ability to participate and provide necessary input in international standards-related forums, especially those under the WTO.
- Lead the impending upgrading of agricultural value chains in their own countries

Instructors

Prof. Olav Jull Sørensen from Aalborg University - Denmark, in collaboration with Dr. Adam Akyoo and Dr. Zena Mpenda from School of Agricultural Economics and Business Studies, Sokoine University of Agriculture (SUA).

Fees

DANIDA through BSU II will provide sponsorship to 15 students, meals will be provided and allowance to cover local transport and internet connection will also be provided

Duration and Venue

Two weeks from **14-25 November 2016** at the School of Agricultural Economics and Business Studies (SAEBS), SUA main campus.