Communications and Knowledge management in the African Chicken Genetic Gains program

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Primary audiences

Farmers and producers (especially women)
- Farmers (and producers), and the wider communities around them are the intended beneficiaries of this program. They, or their representatives, will play a major role in the innovation platforms and are expected to contribute to a number of the program outcomes.

Private sector actors
- An essential dimension of ACGG to ensure sustainability.

Ministry and governmental agencies
- Ministries of livestock and/or agriculture for policy uptake and aider scaling and uptake. Important for regulatory aspects.

Research and development community in-country
- To mobilize and deliver the in-country research (especially). International and regional research for spillovers and wider uptake/replication.

Donor community
- For wider scaling and uptake.
Internal audiences

Country project teams

Consortium technical partners
• Wageningen UR, PICO east africa, Koepon and ILRI

Scientific and industrial advisory committee
The program activity areas

• **Outreach, engagement and influence for wider impact** – Help put research into use and support uptake of results, technologies and practices developed through or with the program.

• **Collecting, publishing and disseminating** – Ensure that research products and outputs (also data) are properly documented, organized and published in ways that maximize their visibility and accessibility.

• **Engaging, learning and documentation** – Stimulate, enrich and expand interactions, engagement and learning with key actors, partners, stakeholders, influential individuals.

• **Internal communications and learning** – Support interactions, collaboration and connections within and across different program teams.

• **Presence and branding** – Develop visual identity and online and offline presence through public awareness activities.
Example activities

1. Engagement & influence: Industry briefs, private sector cocktails, policy briefs, IP work
2. Publish & disseminate: Web updates, quarterly newsletter, info sheets, CG Space
3. Learn & document: Engagement campaigns, field visits, peer-assists, process documentation
4. Internal comms: PMT, SIAC meetings, monthly team meetings, collective work spaces
5. Presence & branding: Brochure, poster, logo, give-aways, templates, media attention
Principles

• The knowledge we generate is open and public
• We value the knowledge of our clients and partners
• We publish and communicate using multiple formats for multiple purposes
• We support knowledge collecting, connecting and conversing
• Face-to-face communications are as important as other communication channels
• Communications is everyone’s responsibility
• Communications is inextricably linked to research outputs and development outcomes
• Internal communication is part of our communication strategy
• Communications partnerships are key to our impacts
• We innovate in the ways we share knowledge and use ICTs.
Communication

This is the communication page of the African Chicken Genetic Gains (ACGG) program. Here you can find:

- The logo of the program
- The project presentation template and project document template (upcoming)
- The communication strategy and planning for the first six months of 2015

Communication in the ACGG program relies on the following communication and engagement channels and information platforms:

- A public website.
- This workspace (wiki), which is also public but editable only by approved members - request your account if you are program staff.
- A social network (Yammer), restricted to approved members - request your account if you are program staff.
- A Google calendar to keep an overview of program-wide activities - complemented by an overview of events (planned and documented on this workspace).

Soon a dedicated collection of final outputs will be created on Mahider, the publication repository of the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI).

For specific types of outputs, ACGG will make use of ILRI’s dedicated repositories such as Flickr for pictures, Slideshare for presentations and posters etc.

In addition, face-to-face engagement will be essential for the successful cooperation and coordination of work among all parties and partners involved in ACGG.

Communication strategy

(This is work in progress and will be updated soon again).

Read the full communication strategy which was developed in February 2015 and updated in April 2015.
African Chicken Genetic Gains (ACGG)

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Recent Submissions

Title: Initial performance data on some chicken breeds identified for ACGG in Ethiopia
Author: Getachew, F.
Date: 2015-05-15
Subject Focus: INDIGENOUS BREEDS
Output Type: Brief
Status: Open Access

Title: African chicken genetic gains: Providing well-adapted chickens for African smallholders
Author: International Livestock Research Institute
Date: 2015-02-15
Subject Focus: ANIMAL BREEDING, GENETICS, POULTRY, CHICKENS
Output Type: Brochure
Status: Open Access
Tools – yammer updates

Peter Ballantyne

Groups

All Network

Browse Groups

Create Group

Ewen Le Borgne
May 15 at 1:20pm

Ok so two tips for all of you:
1. If you want to grab the attention of someone mention them using ‘@’ in the text of your Yammer update as I’m doing here: Tsehay Gasaw you did a good job today! You can also them (see the ‘Add people to notify’ option when you write an update)

2. If you want to ‘tag’ the conversation with a keyword you can use # e.g. #yammer #training (you can also ‘add topics’ when you’re writing an update).

cc: Tsehay Gasaw

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Oladoji Bamidele
May 15 at 7:45pm

Thanks for the training... guess it works like Facebook

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Write a reply...
Introducing ACGG

African Chicken Genetic Gains is an Africa-wide collaboration led by the International Livestock Research Institute. Part of the wider ‘LiveGene’ initiative, ACGG tests and makes available high-producing, farmer-preferred genotypes that increase smallholder chicken productivity in Africa. The program approach is characterized by 5 principles that guide the delivery of results and outcomes. The program is supported...

Africa chicken genetics project gains momentum – kicks off in Ethiopia

Posted on May 18, 2015 by PETER BALLANTYNE

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