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Side Event on Experience Capitalization on Pastoralism

General information

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| Name of the side event | CapEx Pastoralism |
| Sponsoring organisation(s) | SDC |
| Contact person(s) | Ernst Bolliger (e.bolliger@hispeed.ch) |
| Moderators | Ernst Bolliger |
| Participants | Please refer to the attached the participant list |

Summary of the event

Context: SDC (Swiss Development Cooperation) launched an experience capitalization in the thematic domain of pastoralism. The objective is to access and learn from experience from (1) own SDC programmes and projects, (2) partner and international organizations and (3) international reference centres. The experience capitalization is a preparatory step in view of the design of the forthcoming new country strategies for the period 2017-2020. Experience of West and Eastern Africa and Central Asia is in the focus of the interest.

Approach: While experience in West and Eastern Africa is largely accessible through the involved SDC staff (Expats and National Programme Officers), SDC's experience in Central Asia is limited to Mongolia (and former programmes in Kyrgyzstan). The side event on Pastoralism aimed at tapping Central Asian experience of participants of the GFRAS annual meeting, guided by the nine key questions of the CapEx process (see below).

Process: Twelve participants assisted the side event (see attached list of participants). The programme was split in five steps: (1) Introduction of objective, programme and participants, (2) Overview of the CapEx approach, (3) Tapping on participants' experience, (4) Presentation of experience in CAMP Alatoo (Kyrgyzstan), and (5) Reflexion about methodological approach in experience capitalization.

Participants' contribution to the CapEx Process: In a flipchart-chat focused by the nine key questions of the CapEx process, participants contributed their experience, hints, links (see attached file with the questions and contributions). The harvest was rich; however limited time did not allow in-depth discussions. This would have to be done through after-meeting contacts.

Experience CAMP Alatoo (Kyrgyzstan): Aida Gareeva presented the pasture management programme of CAMP with a special emphasis on the cooperation network of the different stakeholders and on monitoring of the pasture quality. In the discussion of the approach, the

mediating approach of CAMP in interest conflicts was in the centre of interest (see publication "Conflicts over Pasture Resources and ways forward").

Experience Capitalization: Experience Capitalization as a term is used in different contexts in various ways. In the ds proved to be quite helpful to differentiate three steps:

(1) *Experience reflection and documentation* ("from head, heart and hands to paper"); result: Documented experience, accessible information.

(2) *Experience capitalization* ("from paper to head and heart"), result: Acquired knowledge, learnings, identification of best fit practices.

(3) *Experience application* (from head and heart to hands"); result: Best fit practices adapted to and applied in new contexts.

In short: Experience capitalization is learning now for the future.

Useful resource people, websites, or documents related to side event theme

Resource people (contacts see list of participants):

Aida Gareeva, CAMP Alatau: CAMP approach in pasture management and mediating in interest conflicts

Sophie Treinen / Frederique Matras, FAO: Methodology on experience capitalization

Website/electronic resources:

[CAMP alatau](#)

[CELEP, network on pastoralism \(focus drylands in Eastern Africa\)](#)

[SDC network Agriculture and Food Security \(A+FS\)](#)

[SDC Learning and Networking \(L&N\) - KM Tools](#)

Documents/publications:

CAMP alatau: Conflicts over Pasture Resources and ways forward, Bishkek 2015



The workshop room was fitting perfectly with the topic



Welcome to the Yurt



Flipchart (tablechart) –Chat:
The participants share their experience on pastoralism along the nine CapEx questions



During CAMP alattoo presentation –
Power break in a Yurt is definitely normal
the Laptop screen serves for a small group