



Master's Thesis Topic

Collaborative learning in the maize value chain in Kenya to reduce aflatoxin risk

Framework

Part of the Volkswagen Foundation initiative, "Knowledge for Tomorrow – Cooperative Research Projects in Sub-Saharan Africa: Livelihood Management, Reforms and Processes of Structural Change" this Master's fieldwork will contribute to a project, "Empowering Jua Kali to combat mycotoxins in Kenya's maize supplies: A participatory design approach with transdisciplinary knowledge integration"

Content

The MSc student will facilitate a collaborative learning process among diverse actors of the maize value chain, including farmers and Jua Kali (informal artisans and craftworkers), among others, with the goal of matching social and technical innovations to reduce mycotoxin contamination and improve incomes.

Timing

Thesis preparation:	Preferably	July to September, 2019
Fieldwork in Kenya:	Preferably	October to December 2019

Prerequisites

Strong interest in collaboration with farmers, Jua Kali metal workers and other stakeholders; Application of a mixed method approach including qualitative and participatory methods; Fluency in English.

Funding

Costs of fieldwork (translator and local transport) and international travel are covered by the project.

Supervision

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 If you are interested, please send your application (CV, transcript of records, motivation letter) to m.a.lelea@ditsl.org, or ask for further information.