



LOW INPUT SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE IN THE RIFT VALLEY, ETHIOPIA

A partnership project of;

- University of Saskatchewan and
- Awassa College of Agriculture, Southern Region University
- Awassa Agricultural Research Center
- National Soil Research Laboratory
- Addis Ababa University

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PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Course on HTML and Internet

In the second half of the year 1998 a course on Internet and HTML programming was organised in the National Soil Research Laboratory (NSRL) in Addis Ababa (September 15-October 15/1998). Total 12 participants from all three co-operating Institutions have registered in the course. Four DELL computers were bought locally for this course and they were distributed to the Ethiopian institutions for their further use. At the end of the course students were able to create web pages for their respective institutions. The participants also learned how to enter Internet and download

information for their use. The Project also helped to learn how to use Internet connection and networking and establishing connection worldwide.



Project participants of HTML and Internet course together with Mr. Tatek (local course instructor).

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Course participants' signatures (a memento from the course).



A participant receives his diploma from Dr. Mermut.

Field Works:

A field trip to Sodo, Alaba and Arba Minch was organised for site identification. The Woreda Agricultural Bureau helped to identify the farmlands and co-operating farmers. The Agricultural Bureau at Alaba will also provide a land for experiment.



An extremely degraded land from Alaba region. Soils of the area are very fragile, unless they are well protected.



A view of the Rift Valley in the Alaba region.

We are thankful to the National Soil Research laboratory and Awassa Institute of Agricultural Research for providing cars so far for the field

activities. Preparation is underway to get a suitable car for the project. We acknowledge the support we received from Mr. Mike Vigrass Director of the CIDA Support Unit in Addis Ababa.

Graduate Training and Training on GIS:

Deans College of Graduate Studies and Research of the U of S and the Alemaya University of Agriculture is currently developing sandwich and regular graduate program for the six Ethiopian trainees within the framework of the project and possible co-operation in the future. We received Dr. G Kachanoski's (Dean) support for this co-operation. Ethiopian graduate student will arrive in Saskatoon in late July. Arrangements are made for a trainee in the area of GIS in April/1999.

Book Donation: Collection of books and journals are underway for the use in Ethiopia.

INFORMATION

About other UPCD Tier-2 projects, please see **UPCD Voices (LE RANDEZ-VOIS)** and AUCC web site:

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