

Workshop on Value Chain Development in the Context of Climate Change

Prof. Wolfgang Bokelmann, Value Sec Project coordinator, giving a speech during the launching of Value Sec Workshop. Value Sec seeks to strengthen capacity in higher education of future agricultural experts.

The Workshop on Value Chain Development in the Context of Climate Change, also known as Value Sec, has officially been launched. The two day workshop brings together food security research scholars from University of Nairobi, Karatina University, Humbolt University- Germany and Haramaya University (HARU)-Ethiopia.

With Prof. Wolfgang Bokelmann, from Humbolt University, as the project coordinator, Value Sec aims at addressing food security and poverty reduction in Kenya and Ethiopia by strengthening didactical and technical capacity as well as fostering the regional integration of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), in order to improve the performance of food value chains in response to challenges of climate change. It also considers revision of food security related curriculum and training of both postgraduate and undergraduate students.

The project uses problem based learning, participatory approach, value chain analysis, integrated, cross-cutting issues and interdisciplinary approaches as some of the tools for conducting research.

As the chief guest, Prof. Stephen Kiama, described the event as noble and wished them success in conducting the two day function. He also promised to fast track their revised curriculum.

Value Sec seeks to strengthen capacity in higher education of future agricultural experts. It links stakeholders of food value chains for development of higher-value generation. It is based on the convictions that a higher-quality higher education system is achieved if management capacity, academic cooperation and research capacity building are fostered.