

FEAFFA Weekly activity updates 1st -5th October 2012

1. Finalize development of EACFFPC training materials

FEAFFA finalized the drafting of training materials in a third week long retreat of subject experts in Bagamoyo, Tanzania. The experts were joined by a curriculum development and training expert to ensure the materials were properly aligned to the curriculum. The materials will now be validated by the Curriculum Implementation Committee (CIC) on 31st October – 2nd November 2012 in Mombasa.

2. Meeting on the FEAFFA e portal

The secretariat held a planning meeting with TradeMark East Africa on how to move the e portal project forward. The meeting resolved that FEAFFA develops an annual work plan for the e portal indicating what information will be uploaded for the next one year. TMEA will continue supporting the initiative.

3. Prepare concept note to USAID

The secretariat embarked on preparing its concept note to USAID under the AIIIM initiative. This is part of FEAFFA's sustainability strategy. The concept is on strengthening capacity of CFAs on clearance of maize and beans across EAC borders. The concept will be submitted before the deadline date of 11th October 2012.

4. Prepare for field trips for the self regulation and mutual recognition of Customs agents licenses policy papers.

The secretariat followed up on the National Associations to secure appointments with directors of clearing and forwarding firms that the consultants require to interview during the data collection. The exercise will commence this week until the end of the month.