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Borlaug Higher Education for Agricultural Research and Development

Profile

Country of Study:	Kenya
University:	Egerton University
Department:	Animal Science
Student Position:	Graduate Research Assistant
Home Country:	Kigali, Rwanda
Home Institution:	University of Rwanda
Home Position:	Assistant Lecturer
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2017 BHEARD Scholar
Jean de Dieu Ayabagbo

Research Area: *Livestock Feeds*

BHEARD PROGRAM START DATE: August 2017

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION: DVM, Veterinary Medicine, EISMV, Dakar

GRADUATE EDUCATION: Master's Degree in Animal Production and Sustainable Development, EISMV, Dakar

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Jean is interested in livestock feeds and feeding. Specifically, the use and management of grasses, legumes and other nonconventional feeds for livestock. He became interested in livestock feeds because it falls in line with his research interest and academic background. Additionally, Jean is committed to contributing to the welfare of rural people and his research will help his country to rejuvenate the livestock sector by overcoming the challenges they face. As the major constraint to livestock production in Rwanda is feed availability and management, the aim of his research will be to develop economically feasible strategies for year round feed supply to livestock in order to improve feed resource availability, milk yield, meat.

PERSONAL STATEMENT: After acquiring the skilled knowledge and techniques, Jean plans to efficiently employ back in his home country to enhance research quality.

In fact, he will continue working closely with agricultural researchers, UR-CAVM, RAB and others to contribute to increase per capita income and reduce malnutrition through development of livestock productivity. Jean plans to share his skills by organizing capacity building sessions (trainings and seminars) and publishing research findings. He will also share his knowledge and skills with students.

WHEN I AM NOT WORKING I ENJOY: Jean enjoys listening to music, playing tennis and soccer as well as hanging out with friends.