INDABA AGRICULTURAL POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE

MASTERS THESIS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

Mika Convention Centre
June 8-9, 2016
About IAPRI
Vision and Mission

**Vision**: To be the Centre of Excellence for Agricultural Policy Research and Outreach in Zambia

**Mission**: Exists to carry out agricultural policy research and outreach, serving the agricultural sector in Zambia so as to contribute to sustainable pro-poor agricultural development.
About IAPRI

MSU supported the establishment of a local Institute to undertake research, outreach and capacity building activities in collaboration with key stakeholders in the agricultural sector.

IAPRI was incorporated on 5 October 2011 under the Companies Act of Laws of Zambia as a private company limited by guarantee with a local Board of Directors.

Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock are one of the main clients and collaborators.
Governance Structures

Promoters/Guarantors:
Two esteemed independent individuals proposed by the majority of members

Members/Subscribers:
• MAL, MFL MCTI, CSO, UNZA, Dept of Ag. & Nat Res.; INESOR ZNFU; ACF; Women in Agriculture, MAZ; GTAZ; PAM; International Research Institute/University (MSU)

Board of Directors:
• Drawn from both public and private sector
• Guided by Articles of Association & the Board Charter
Research Agenda and other core functions

Research Themes

- Market Trade and Development
- Public Policy & Spending
- Natural Resources Management & Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation
- Productivity & Poverty Reduction
- Agriculture, Food and Nutrition
- Emerging issues

Outreach

- Infographics, Documentaries (targeted to general public)
- Provincial outreach meetings, meetings with political parties, House of Chiefs and Parliamentarians
- Meetings with Ministers, Directors and Technical staff

Capacity Building

- Graduate research scholarship programme
- Institutional capacity building (CSO, MoA, MFL, ZNFU, UNZA etc.)
- Internship programme
Masters Thesis Scholarship Programme
Why the scholarship program?

To enhance the research that comes out of the various master’s level programs at universities around the country so that stakeholders can actually use the information students are producing to implement agricultural and rural development strategies.

To make graduate student research more relevant to the needs of the agricultural sector.
Why the scholarship program?

To offer students resources and collaboration opportunities to build their research capabilities.

To strengthen research capacity of Zambia graduate students.

To inform students of issues that policymakers and donors are interested in and would like research on.

Provide data analysis and writing training to selected students as a way of moving forward their thesis.
The scholarship programme

Research centered around IAPRI’s thematic areas

As a requirement, students are required to produce working papers from their thesis

Benefits to students

- Use IAPRI data and/or receive support to supplement available data
- Receive monthly stipend during the writing phase
- Receive publication support to work towards getting their theses published in peer reviewed journals
The Scholarship Program (3)

1st Student Conference
(2 days)

Day 1
• research tools, data and methodologies
• writing and other communication skills.
• presentations of key agriculture policy issues in Zambia

Day 2
• proposal presentations and selection of 5 best proposals

2nd Student Conference
(1 day)

Research outputs presentation to stakeholders
Questions
THANK YOU