

APPEAR II Project

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Project description or Summary	The overall aim of AER Phase II is strengthening of higher education, research, and science communication in Agroecology in the Rwenzori Region. AER Phase II is guided by three broad outcomes: 1. Improved quality teaching of the MSc in AE cognizant of gender diversity 2. Enhanced quality participatory action research and 3. Increased capacity of farmers to actively participate in the development and consequently adoption of AE research innovations through the establishment of Living Labs. Consequently, AER Phase II focuses on monitoring, evaluating and optimizing of the MSc programme, enhancing stakeholder feedback analysis as well as on reframing and optimizing the teaching materials. The transformation of demonstration farms into living labs for participatory action research, knowledge co-creation and adapting of best practices will be a key aspect of this project.