

UFISAMO



What is new since January 2017?

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Photos: Field phase March 2017; all photos: N.Paganini

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1. UFISAMo – activities during the 1st quarter (Jan - April 2017)?

The first quarter of 2017 for UFISAMo was marked by beginning research activities and field work in Cape Town and Maputo:

Research activities

- **Finalization of methodological approach for basic socio-economic and socio-demographic survey in Maputo**
 - **Preparation of association survey** with the 27 associations registered in Maputo to provide basic information on the organizational structure of these associations - questionnaire
 - **Preparation of baseline survey in Maputo** covering nearly 400 urban farmers – drafting of questionnaire, sampling, budgeting, logistics, training of enumerators
- **Implementation of association survey** in Maputo with presidents of associations (27 interviews) and data entry
- **Implementation of baseline survey** in Maputo with 400 urban farmers and data entry. The survey was conducted by 14 students from different faculties of UEM (5 from sociology department, 4 from veterinary faculty, 5 from agronomy faculty)
- **In-depths interviews** with different actors in Cape Town for the work packages 2.1 and 4.1, 4.4
- **Concept development by the demo-plot group** for the previewed shared demonstration plot at Beacon High School with participation of UFISAMO, Abalimi, Soil for Life, Ethical coop and other interested parties
- **Field research by one MSc student and one BSc student** from HUB in Cape Town: welfare effects through urban agriculture and marketing of products (MSc thesis) and composting methods (BSc thesis). Both received security training in Berlin and security briefing in Cape Town
- **Preparation of baseline survey in Cape Town** by Nicole Paganini and Anja Schelchen with support of UWC

Business trips, meetings and preparatory activities

- **Meeting on WP 3** (research and education network) in Cape Town and discussion between the three main actors Prof. Samuel Quive (UEM), Prof. Dan Tevera and Prof. Razack Kariem (both UWC) to develop a work plan and basic concept for the work package
- Identification of **two master students at UWC** to cover the topics of WP 1.1 (consumer habits) and WP 4.2 (organizational structures)
- **Meeting German parliamentarians** in Cape Town with Suren Sewchuran, acting CEO of Abalimi Bezhekaya
- **Coordination trip** to Maputo and Cape Town during the second half of April 2017
- Drafting of **ToR for work package 4.3** (stakeholder dialogues and scenarios)
- **Preparatory visit** by Severin Halder for **WP 4.3** conducted in the second half of April 2017
- **Visit by partners from UEM veterinary faculty** (Filomena Dos Anjos and Irisalda Correia) in February to further determine the research approach and focus the research topics
- **Business trip to Maputo by WP leader of WP 2.2** (Maximilian Baumann) in late April to clarify last details of the two master studies to be conducted later this year

Conference participation

- **Presentation of UFISAMO** by Anja Schelchen and Nicole Paganini during the Cape Town “Consumption and Identity in African Cities Symposium” in March 2017 organized at UTC

- **Presentation of UFISAMO** by Heide Hoffmann during the conference on organic farming in Munich/Freising/ Weihenstephan in March 2017
- **Acceptance of abstracts** for conference on sustainable development in Bogota submitted by Nicole and Anja
- **Preparation of abstracts for Tropentag** by various UFISAMo actors (Ivo, Luisa, Razack, Chris, Anja, Nicole, Erik)

Products

- **Finalization** of report on **value chains in Cape Town** by Erik Dolch
- **Finalization** of the report on the “**Uniao Geral das Cooperativas**” (cooperatives union) in Maputo by two students from the partner university UFRRJ (Rio de Janeiro)
- **Finalization of master thesis** by Denise Wachholz and supervised by Heike Hoffmann and Razack Kariem on “**Urban agriculture as a sustainable livelihood strategy** in Khayelitsha, Cape Town: A critical appraisal of the Harvest of Hope marketing project”

Coordination

- **Budget adaptations** were requested by HUB and FUB to better respond to the needs in the field as identified during the last quarter of 2016 and approved by BLE
- **Annual report 2016 (narrative)** was drafted and submitted
- **Annual report 2016 (financial)** was compiled, including the collecting of all receipt originals from partners
- **Monthly meetings** were held with first presentations of research results (especially the value chains)
- The strategy document proposing the **communication strategy** was submitted by the consultant. In accordance with recommendations in that document:
 - The information **flyer** was finalized and printed in Portuguese and English
 - An **UFISAMO template** for reports was developed and used
 - **Business cards** for UFISAMO staff were designed
 - **Website:** Contents and administrative rights were clarified, the navigation tree was agreed on, texts for the individual pages were developed

Last but not least we want to

- **welcome Severin Halder** on board of UFISAMO – he has just submitted his PhD thesis and is now fully engaged with UFISAMO and SLE. Congratulations for finalizing your oeuvre (even if it is in German);
- **welcome Abongile Mfaku and Tinashe Kanosvamhira**, both MSc students from UWC who will work on consumer habits and organizational structures for urban agriculture in Cape Town under the supervision of Razack and Dan. Good luck and we are looking forward to seeing and hearing more from you in the course of 2017;
- **congratulate Denise Wachholz** for submitting her Master thesis. Well done and good continuation!; and
- **say good-bye and good luck to Diana Geweiler and Kristina Backhaus**, the student assistants who worked with us since October 2016 – they both found salaried occupation elsewhere, fitting better with their fields of study. Thanks and good luck to you!

Milestones achieved:

- The **research phases** of the 4 research fellows from Maputo and Berlin took place during the period they were scheduled for
- A **first presentation of UFISAMo in Cape Town** brought our research onto the stage of urban agriculture
- The **meeting for WP 3** was held according to the (reviewed) plan in February in Cape Town between Razack, Dan and Quive
- The **preparatory trip** for the **work package 4.3** (stakeholder dialogues and **scenarios** for urban agriculture; implemented by an **SLE study group** under team leader Severin) was conducted during the last two weeks of April
- A **coordination trip** to Cape Town and Maputo took place during the last two weeks of April. Main objectives for Erik were to **review cooperation** and coordination between partners, **discuss experiences** from the baseline field phase in Maputo and help prepare data collection in Cape Town. And, last but not least, start **preparing the annual meeting**, to be held in Cape Town in October
- The **researchers from UWC** to work on the open research topics were identified with the beginning of the academic year in late February 2017
- **Two researchers** from HUB worked in Cape Town on issues related to UFISAMo, their work being facilitated by UFISAMo partners Abalimi and UWC. Kristina and Mascha had an interesting time in Cape Town and we are looking forward to their presentations
- The **value chain report** for Cape Town was published in the UFISAMo template – well done, Erik Dolch
- The **master thesis by Denise Wachholz** - supervised by Razack Kariem and Heide Hoffmann and supported by Abalimi – was submitted. It investigates the marketing approach of Harvest of Hope
- A **budget adaptation** was submitted and approved which facilitated the field research phase in Maputo and Cape Town – thank you, Anna



Milestones missed

- We still see the need to request an **adjustment** of the approved **budget**. The main gaps in the approved budget are insufficient funds for
 - field research,
 - covering running costs of the two partner universities and
 - fully financing 2 master students in Cape Town.The request for adjustment will be submitted in early July based on discussions with representatives of all work packages and their proposals and needs for upcoming field research.
- **Work package 3** – the research and education network – has progressed, the people in charge took over different tasks concerning the various aspects of the component (network, module/curriculum, excellence centre). However, we are still **waiting for a written concept** and time line.
- The **website has still not gone online**. The design is there, the contents is there, we were still waiting for sufficient pictures for which we have the formal consent of the people photographed. According to reviewed planning it will be online after the 19th of May.
- The **baseline survey** in Maputo as well as the **association survey** were **delayed** due to various reasons. They have by now (early May) been finalized but the last data entry is still pending.
 - In retrospective, the time previewed for finalizing and properly analysing the association survey was too short, as was the time previewed for discussing the questionnaire for the baseline survey.
 - Circumstances in the field are not always as planned, a first delay is quickly affecting consecutive activities, and communication insufficiencies quickly become – in future field phases we will have to preview more time and/or plan for more flexibility and independence for the different researchers.
 - As a result, Anja and Nicole had to spend more time in survey preparation than planned and could not conduct their in-depth interviews as they had previewed.
- The **report on value chains in Maputo** is still **not available** as approved PDF. Even though most of the work has been done, a language review as well as final formatting are still pending. We expect Matthias report before the 26th of May.



Photo 1: Preparing the field; Photo: N.Paganini

2. Plan for the coming 3 months

The coming months will be dedicated to analysing gathered data and, based on that, formulating consecutive research steps:

- The focus until July will be the finalization of the baseline survey (Cape Town) as well as the analysis of data gathered in both cities during the baseline surveys and in depths qualitative interviews.
- Preliminary results will be presented by Anja and Nicole during a sustainable development conference in Bogotá
- In addition, WP 4.3 (stakeholder dialogues) will prepare its research concept and get ready for putting it into practice from August till October
- The annual meeting will be prepared by Abalimi and UWC and in coordination with partners in Maputo and Berlin
- The actors responsible for WP 3 will share their concept(s) with the other project partners
- Based on the outcomes of all the above, further research phases and more detailed research questions will be developed and consecutive steps, e.g. for the research and development network, will be agreed upon.
- Coordination will prepare a budget review to locate money for more field research

Following conferences will have the participation of UFISAMo

- Sustainable Development in Bogotá (June): <http://www.isdrsconference.org/page/29/themes-and-tracks/>
- *Tropentag* in Bonn (September): <http://www.tropentag.de/location/Bonn.php>
- *Food security* in Cape Town (December): <http://www.globalfoodsecurityconference.com/> → we have submitted a proposal for a session

The conference by Grüne Liga in September in Berlin as well as on Greener Cities in Bologna (also in September) have also raised the interest of our researchers, but participation is constrained by finances and time

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