



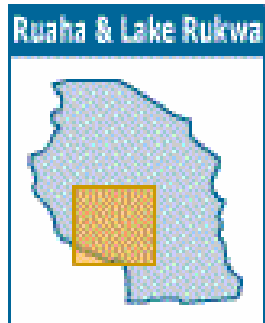
THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

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MATI - Uyole



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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
TRAINING INSTITUTE—UYOLE

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LOCATION

MATI Uyole is located at longitude 33°22'E and latitude 8°55'S. It is about 8 Km east of Mbeya along the Tanzania Zambia highway. At an elevation of 1798 the Institute enjoys a cool climate for most part of the year. Temperature falls as low as -7°C June and July. The average annual rainfall is around 765mm. The rain season extends from November to May. Soils are volcanic in origin with a pH of 6.5.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The history of MATI Uyole dates back to 1968 when the Tanzania government decided to establish an Agriculture Training and Research joint project with the government of Nordic Countries- An agreement was reached in 1970s, when construction works- begin. Training activities commenced in January 1975. The first intake of in-service students was a three-month course in Agromechanization. The first diploma and certificate students were enrolled in July 1975. In March 1976 the project became a semi — autonomous parastatal organization known as Uyole Agricultural Center. The later was reconverted to a government institution— called MARTI Uyole in 1993. MARTI Uyole is an acronym for Ministry of Agriculture Research and Training Institute. Departmental re-organization in Ministry leading to separation of Training and Research Institute activities have necessitated changing from MARTI to MATI. MATI Uyole is undoubtedly the most modern and largest among other sister Institutions offering agricultural training in Tanzania, with capacity of accommodating around 500 resident students.

COURSES OFFERED

The institute offers two main types of courses viz, long and short — term courses. Long courses are offered at certificate and diploma levels, which are of two years' duration each. The main objective of these courses is to equip trainees with modern skills in various agricultural disciplines to enable them work in private (e.g. self employment) and to some extent meet trained manpower requirements in agricultural sector.



- Diploma in Animal Production
- Diploma in Crop Production
- Diploma in Food Production and Nutrition
- General Agriculture Diploma
- Certificate Course in Agriculture
- Certificate in Livestock Production
- Certificate Course in Crop Production (CCP)
- Certificate Course in Animal Health and Production.

ENROLLMENT CONDITION

Students admitted for certificate are either primary school leavers with a working experience of at least five years in agricultural related activities, having attended an agricultural course of at least one year and passed a pre-entry examination or Form IV leavers with passes in science subjects e.g. biology, chemistry and or Agriculture science. Pass in English is an advantage as it is the medium for instruction.

Diploma students must either possess certificate in any agricultural and/or livestock-related field or must have completed advanced school education with at least a principal level pass in any science subject.

SHORT COURSES

Short courses may be offered either in field or on — campus although courses conducted at the institute have proved to be more popular. They are of one to two weeks' duration and are aimed at either periodically up-dating agricultural skills of field workers or training farmers in various aspects of agricultural and livestock production.

The courses are organized in specific modules, tailored to the requirements of the target group, in specific courses such as Agroforestry, organic farming, production of various field crops, vegetables and fruit production, agricultural chemicals and the environment, biometry and plant protection. Others include dairy goat husbandry, dairy cattle husbandry, improved local chicken rearing, and preparation of weaning food, gender issues, entrepreneurship, milk processing and training of trainers. Various donor agencies, NGO, private companies and individuals sponsor these short courses.

TRAINING FACILITIES

The institute has over the years maintained high standard-academic excellency and attribute which has attracted both local foreign students. The training offered is mainly of practical oriented nature. To meet the requirements, the institute boasts a well-trained and experienced staff and training facilities.

Classrooms and Laboratories

There are adequate, spacious and well equipped classroom and lecture theatre with modern equipments. There is also an audio-visuals unit, that provides all teaching aid including video facilities and learning process.

Training Farm

This is perhaps the most important teaching — cum training labors for imparting practical skills. There are more than 40ha of farm where students grow various crops and manage livestock such as dairy cattle, pigs, sheep, goats, rabbits and poultry.

Library

The Institute's library has the largest collection of agricultural information in the Southern Highlands regions of Tanzania. collection includes books, conference proceedings, theses, dissertations, magazines, and local news papers. The library has a CD - ROM facility, which can access a number of tropical agricultural bibliographic database. The collection is further supplemented by borrowing through the Inter-Libretto loan service.

STUDENTS' WELFARE

MATI-uyole ensures that there is always a comfortable and exciting educational environment by providing high standard services.



Catering services

The Institute offers excellent services to students, short course participants and visitors. There is a special kitchen in Food Science and Nutrition Department, which provides catering services to special groups such as short courses, meetings and guests.

Medical Services

Most common ailments can be treated at the Institutes' dispensary which is just a stone throw from the halls of the residence. Serious cases are referred to Mbeya Referral hospital.



Accommodation

Accommodations for both men and women are provided in 244 comfortable rooms spread in four single-story hostels. One hostel is specially reserved for short course participants.

Recreation Facilities

MATI Uyole is re-known for its excellent outdoor and indoor facilities for various popular sports and games. Students are encouraged to participate in one or more of these for good mental and physical health.

Worship places

As enshrined in the constitution of the United Republic of Tanzania, every individual has complete freedom of worship. Worship places for most Christian denominations and Moslems are available on the campus and nearby areas.

Transport

The Institute usually provides transport for field excursions, practical training, sports, entertainment, emergencies etc.

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