

International Affairs

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Utah State University is one of the institutions of the federal system of land-grant and space-grant colleges in the United States. Much of its experience and development has made it a leader in the areas associated with arid and irrigated agriculture, forestry, range, plant, and animal science.

The University is recognized for its expertise, both nationally and internationally. In addition to its functions of teaching, research, and dissemination of information, staff members have been and are presently involved as consultants to private industry, land development corporations, fertilizer companies, private consulting firms, government agencies, and research groups, both at home and abroad.

Utah State University has a history of involvement in international programs dating to the early 1930s. University personnel have worked in development programs in many of the developing nations of the world. In recent years, Utah State University has worked in Armenia, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Colombia, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Gambia, Honduras, India, Iran, Kenya, Morocco, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Upper Volta, and Venezuela. Current involvement includes: China, the Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mexico, Palestine, Russia, Senegal, Singapore, Taiwan, and Thailand.

USAID/FAO/USU Foreign Participant Training

USU cooperates with FAO and USAID, as well as with other sponsoring agencies, to develop special academic and practical programs for foreign students nominated by these agencies.

For those foreign students who come to Utah State University under the auspices of a sponsoring agency requiring Utah State University to provide administrative arrangements not provided to other students, an administrative fee is charged (currently \$250 per semester).

BMDO/USU-SDL Russian-American Observational Satellite

The Russian-American Observational Satellite (RAMOS) experiment is a joint Russian-American space research program using an innovative measurement technique and simultaneous stereo-optical imaging. It addresses the twin concerns of surveillance and environment. RAMOS is comprised of the development of different measurement techniques that may culminate in the operation of two satellites, the American Observational Satellite (AOS) and the Russian Observational Satellite (ROS), and associated ground site equipment.

USU International Irrigation Center

Director: L. Humberto Yap-Salinas

The Biological and Irrigation Engineering Department is engaged in an extensive program of international irrigation technology transfer and is contributing significantly to the alleviation of the world hunger problem through multi-lingual training and research in irrigation and drainage. The International Irrigation Center has been organized to provide an appropriate entity within which to sponsor these ongoing training activities.

Center for International Studies

Director: R. Edward Glatfelter

The Center for International Studies promotes and coordinates international academic exchanges between Utah State University and institutions of higher education abroad. The major objectives of the center are: (1) to develop bilateral university linkage programs, (2) to facilitate faculty and student exchange programs, and (3) to promote collaborative research programs, joint seminars, workshops, and conferences. The center also serves as the university academic center for international studies curriculum offerings and the Certificate Program for International Development.

IDB/Government of the Dominican Republic/USU/PROMASIR Studies

Coordinator: Christopher Neale

In November 1999, the Department of Biological and Irrigation Engineering and the International Irrigation Center were awarded a project to lead four special studies as part of the PROMASIR (Program for the Management of Irrigation Systems

by Water Users) Project in the Dominican Republic. The four studies are: Aerial Photographs, Water Users' Cadastres, Data Systems, and Monitoring of Soils.

***IDB/Government of the Dominican Republic/
USU Organization and Training of Water Users'
Associations (PROMASIR)***

Coordinator: Gary P. Merkley

This project supports the transfer of the operation and maintenance of 34 irrigation systems in the Dominican Republic to existing respective water user associations (WUA) through comprehensive and customized training programs for the farmers and WUA officials in the areas of water management, drainage of agricultural lands, canal operation and maintenance, basic financial accounting, conflict resolution, parliamentary procedures, and others. In addition to the above, the project implements training programs and field demonstration plots in the three irrigation systems as part of an agricultural development effort, designed to support the overall transfer program.

***World Bank/Government of the Dominican
Republic/USU Training and Institutional
Strengthening for Irrigation Water User
Associations (PROMATREC)***

Coordinator: Gary P. Merkley

This project also supports the transfer of the operation and maintenance of three irrigation systems in the Dominican Republic to existing respective water user associations (WUA). This is to be accomplished through comprehensive and customized training programs for the farmers and WUA officials in the areas of water management, drainage of agricultural lands, canal operation and maintenance, basic financial accounting, conflict resolution, parliamentary procedures, and others. Each WUA will have a new computerized accounting system installed in their respective offices, and key personnel will be given practical training in its ap-

plication. In addition to the above, the project will implement training programs and field demonstration plots in the three irrigation systems as part of an agricultural development effort, designed to support the overall transfer program.

***USAID/USU Global Livestock Collaborative
Research Support Program (GL-CRSP)***

Coordinator: D. Layne Coppock

The Global Livestock CRSP is a program of applied research and outreach, with the goal of improving pastoral risk management using asset and income diversification, enhancement of information flow and use, and improving access to external resources. The project focus is on intact ecological and livestock marketing regions in northern Kenya and southern Ethiopia. Research will identify context-sensitive interventions at various socio-economic levels. Intervention concepts are organized with respect to four cross-cutting systems, including livestock marketing, rural finance, natural resource tenure, and public service delivery. Outreach focuses on how to help development agents and policy makers deliver comprehensive packages of risk management interventions to beneficiaries.

***USAID/USU World Irrigation Information
Network (IrriNet)***

Coordinator: Wynn R. Walker

The World Irrigation Information Network, or IrriNet, project is a \$1.7 million effort at USU to provide on-line training, technical assistance, and applied research support in irrigation engineering and water resources management. The IrriNet concept, which was funded by USAID for three years, beginning on July 1, 2001, will include one prototype satellite-based Internet site in a developing country. IrriNet will eventually include academic courseware, as well as the full training program of USU's International Irrigation Center.