

ELGON GROUP

AgriTech Summer School: Using drones for crop monitoring

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	Topic name	Learning outcomes The participants should be able to:	Learning activities / Assignments	Basic learning materials
Day 1	Introduction and overview of drone technology in agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss the challenges faced in crop production • Describe basic concepts, terminology and overview of drones • Explain different types of drones based on purpose and propulsion • Discuss drone application in agriculture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lectures on the subject • Discussion in groups for challenges and drone application • Plenary session to bring closure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PowerPoint slides • Web resources http://www.fao.org/3/I8494EN/i8494en.pdf • Training manuals
Day 2	Drone components, softwares, programming and Demos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Familiarize with the components of the drone: camera, sensors, on-board storage capacity, Removable storage devices and Linked mobile devices • Discuss the maintenance: method of inspection, charging the battery and cleaning the drone storage • Outline the methods of drone programming • Demonstrate on installation of programs in the computer • Illustrate on running of the programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lecture on the technical components of the drone • General discussion (to assess the learners' acquaintance into drone programming tools) • Demos on drone maintenance and components safety • Hands on practice on QGIS and R software 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PowerPoint slides • Web resources • Drones • Computer labs
Day 3	Hands on practicals: Learning by experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the demo field • Calibrate the drones in preparation for flying • Operate drones in the demo field • Capture required data from the field 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Field work on the drone operation such as preparation for calibration and flying • Hands on practice (Participants to operate the drones on their own with backup from technical team) • Data collection for use the following day in groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drones
Day 4	Guided data processing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Know basic technical and methodological aspects in data visualization • Perform data processing • Visualize, manage and analyze data • Interpret the results 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group discussion on visual imagery participants are familiar with • Hands on data processing with technical assistance from trainers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aerial images from the drones • Computer lab with QGIS and R installed • Image processing manual https://support.dronedeploy.com/docs/supported-drones
Day 5	Presentations, Evaluations and Conclusions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare presentation of results from the field • Present the findings • Evaluate the course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions on best way to present results as groups • Group work preparation • Presentations by different groups • Individual assessment of the course 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer and data • Projector • Evaluation forms