

ILRI@40 Nairobi campus tour

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You will also meet researchers involved in the Integrated Sciences Department of ILRI who work at the interface between livestock production systems and the human stakeholders involved. You'll pin yourself on the agrifood value chain map, discover how to insure dryland pastoralist herders against droughts and reflect on the safety of the animal products you eat. Learn about ILRI's FEAST tool to help farmers choose the most appropriate animal feed; discover how ILRI stores and shares all the data it collects and how these can be mapped to help decision-making on livestock issues in Kenya. Learn how the Capacity Development unit organizes learning opportunities for ILRI graduate fellows from all over the world.

Because of security issues on our work site, the tours are guided by ushers. To join the tours, you need to sign up at the registration desk, find your group usher right after lunch and follow him or her throughout the tour. The tours will keep you occupied all afternoon until the cocktail this evening.

You will be walking around the ILRI Nairobi campus to visit the different tour stations organized in three hub sites: Labs, Mara House and Info Centre. In case you are tired or have to leave before the end of the tour, you are free to leave the guided tour between each hub.

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