

# Uganda/Kenya BRMA Twinning

*Kick-Off meeting*

*March 2014*



# Twinning Project Objectives

- Establish working relationships and develop a network of East African professional BRMAs
- Recognize that this is a learning experience for all, everyone has an opportunity for professional development and we will all learn from one another
- Compare one another's strengths, experience, background and challenges and share knowledge together
- Analyze the CWA and CEN 53 professional competencies to determine critical needs and identify opportunities for collaboration
- Compare biorisk management systems and identify opportunities for improvement
- Develop project plans based on need that includes: SMART objectives; needed resources; list of tasks; deliverables and due dates.

# What is a BRMA Twin?

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- Someone with similar challenges and experience
- Provides new perspectives
- A partner for problem solving
- Support and encouragement to succeed
- Create a network of like-minded professionals

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**ENC2** Perhaps we could make this a facilitated activity rather than give them the answers?

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# Kick Off Meeting Agenda

- Monday – Introductions and getting to know each other; Needs assessment and gap analysis
- Tuesday – Project ideas; brainstorming. Goals, Objectives, Roles and Responsibilities, Introduction to project planning “Dinner Party”
- Wednesday – Project assignments; Begin project planning
- Thursday – Develop detailed project plans; prepare project summary papers
- Friday – Visit Kenyan Laboratories

# Twinning Project Timeline

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- March – Kick off meeting and project planning
- March 31st - Get support from lab management and other stakeholders
- April 15<sup>th</sup> first project status report due
- May 15<sup>th</sup> project status report due
- Mid June – Individual project status review with management; Second meeting of twinning group in Uganda and lab visits
- July 15<sup>th</sup> – project status report due
- August 15<sup>th</sup> project status report due
- Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> – project completion deadline
- October – prepare final report (poster, paper or presentation)

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**ENC1** The term "buy in" may not be a term that African participants are familiar with. Perhaps someone could suggest a better term?

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