Photo trip report from the initiation meeting of the Sinana Woreda Innovation Platform (Oromia)

19-21 March 2014
• The Africa RISING project in the Ethiopian highlands is supporting the establishment of local innovation platforms in each of its sites.

• This visit aimed to brief agricultural research, development and other stakeholders working at Africa RISING sites about the program’s activities, and initiate the establishment of Innovation Platforms (IPs) with key partners.

• By the end of the visits we established 4 strategic (woreda) and 8 operational (kebele) IPs and formed technical committees at woreda and kebele levels.
Addisu Asfaw, Africa RISING site coordinator presenting the participatory community analysis in Sinana woreda (Salka and Ilu-Sanbitu kebeles)
Ketema Meskela, president of Meda Welabu University sharing his expectations from the meeting
Summary of Africa RISING activities to date including studies undertaken and main findings and possible interventions
Zelalem Lema introducing the purpose, role, membership and technical committees of the innovation platforms.
Ahmed from Mada Walabu University presenting Farmer trials and demonstrations – 2013 (Potatoes, Wheat and Faba Bean)
Stakeholders discussed the purpose, role, membership and technical committees of the innovation platforms.
Aberra Adie briefing people on partnerships, value chains and gender perspectives
Elias Damtew discussing monitoring and evaluation framework
Stakeholders
Greeting one of the farmers in Elu Sanbitu kebele
Ahmed chairing the process of establishment of the technical committee
Elders in productive discussion
Members of the technical committee of Sinana Woreda
(from left to right) Bekele Diriba, Shure Soboka, Ahmed Aliyi, Addisu Asfaw, Tesfaye Bekele, Debele Habebe, Abdulnasir Yunus, Wrokalign Adugna
Representatives of cooperatives, kebele administration, women and youth representatives, development agents, health extension workers, elders, and farmers
Red fox in the Bale Mountains
Africa RISING innovation platform establishing team
Project partners Ethiopia
Local partners Ethiopia

- **Academic institutions:**
  Wachemo, Mekelle, Madawolabu, Debre Berhan and Hawassa universities; Maichew Agricultural College

- **Regional research organizations:**
  Amhara Regional Agricultural Research Institute, Southern Agricultural Research Institute, Tigray Agricultural Research Institute, Oromia Agricultural Research Institute

- **Federal research organizations:**
  Ethiopian Institute for Agricultural Research, Ethiopian Health and Nutrition Research Institute

- **Offices of Agriculture:**
  Endamekoni (Tigray), Basona Worena (Amhara), Lemo (SNNRP) and Sinana (Oromia)

- **Agricultural Transformation Agency**
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