

SUMMARY OF CIAT ASIA TEAM PLANNING SESSION 19 – 21 FEBRUARY, HANOI

Participants:

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HQ: Joe Tohme, Clair Hershey, Kayte Meola and André Zandstra

What we accomplished

- A refresher on the socio-economic and agro-development context in Asia and SEA
- Common understanding of CIAT Asia's operations in the region (past and present)
- Detailed discussion and development of an action plan for the following topics:
 - BMZ-GIZ full proposal development (owner - Adrian and Asia team)
 - SDC proposal development and submission (owner - Rod and Aparna)
 - Responding to the cassava witches broom emergency in Cambodia (owner - Keith and the task force on emergency response)
 - CIAT Asia's interest and participation in the various CCAFS FS1 and FS2 calls (owner: multiple, see charts 4 and 5 for more details)
- Initial collective brainstorming and reflection on:
 - Overall goals and metrics for CIAT Asia
 - Scaling up operations in the soils research area
 - Setting pipeline targets and engaging with non-traditional donors
 - Developing a high value and long term flagship project to build critical mass
 - Cross program resource requirements (e.g. proposal writing expert)
 - Inclusion of gender in the project design
- Introduction of the extended CIAT Asia team to key partners, current donors and prospective donors in Vietnam and the region (see chart 6 for list of attendees)
- Face to face interaction as team in work and social spaces

What we've built a foundation for

- Mapping needs of the region to CIAT's research for development expertise
- Closer assessment of CIAT Asia's impacts so far
- Establishing and agreeing on the long term (2014-2020) strategic goals and targets for research impact (quantitative and qualitative)
- Identifying resource requirements in support of the goals and targets
 - Staffing
 - Ideas for concept notes and projects
 - Resource mobilization
 - Partnerships
 - Skills development
 - Linkages with CRPs
 - Metrics and monitoring mechanisms
- Development of an overall execution and management plan
- Development of a strategy document for communications

Responding to CCAFS FS1 and FS2 Calls

Research Title	Lead CG Center or Partner	Flagship	Next step
1) Climate-based Agro-Advisory Services, Stress Testing Safety Nets for Climate Shocks, and Targeting Farmer Compensation in the Rice Sector (CASTIRS)	IRRI	FS1	Joe will discuss with the team in IRRI, (while in the PH next week), to understand how various CG centers are involved and how CIAT could participate
2) Responding to climate change unpredictability in Laos and Cambodia through improving the resilience of farmers for food production and income generation through livestock	Vets without borders (VWB)	FS1	Tassilo will speak with Sonia Fevré from VWB to explore and finalize CIAT participation
3) Modalities to link climate smart villages (CSV) with bigger landscapes and administrative units through various participatory approaches and a series of transition pathways to more sustainable land use (related to ongoing collaboration with CCAFS in a CSV (Gia Hoi in Yen Bai was suggested)	FAO	FS1	Aparna will speak with the FAO team to gain more information that will enable a decision on CIAT Asia's potential participation
4) Designing and pilot-testing effective policy measures that support crop diversification: Cambodia and Lao PDR	Bioversity	FS1	Aparna will inform Ronnie Vernooy from Bioversity that at this moment and goals and capacity of CIAT Asia team do not align to this call
5) What we are actually developing is a proposal on climate information services but not looking at commodities (like fisheries) but climate services to farmers in general with our partner technical working groups at the ASEAN, broader than one commodity, and on a regional scale. We are expounding on an existing proposal from the ASEAN Working Group on Climate Change, led by the Thais. This ties in with component 2 of FS2 which aims to look at policies development and climate information.	GIZ	FS2	Aparna will speak with the GIZ team to gain more information that will enable a decision on CIAT Asia's potential participation

Responding to CCAFS FS1 and FS2 Calls (contd.)

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6) Decision engagement and analytical platforms for up- and out-scaling climate-smart agriculture. Future users of the project outputs will be able to prioritize and target climate-smart agriculture related investment and policies based on the best data available and subject to their local priorities and constraints.	ICRAF	FS1	Wait for more information from the CIAT team in Africa on the selection of SEA as one of the focus locations for the project
7) ?	CSIRO	FS1	Wait for Peter Laderach to revert with more details
8) Landscape management and Conservation Agriculture development to promote Climate Smart agriculture Adoption in the Mekong sub region (CACSAM)	CIRAD	FS1	Adrian will engage and assess suitability for CIAT Asia's participation
9) Pathways linking provincial policy and local adaptation in central Vietnam: innovation platforms for farming systems, science and policy	Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture	FS1	Expression of interest sent to Adrian. Need to discuss next steps with the team
10) Learning Alliances for sustainable agriculture water management solutions for Climate Smart Villages	IWMI	FS1	Expression of interest sent to Adrian. Need to discuss next steps with the team

Attendees at the Partner and Donor Event

- Partners: VAAS, AGI, PPRI, CIRAD, Helvetas, ICRAF, University of Adelaide
- Donors: KOPIA, GIZ, IFC, ACIAR