Photo trip report from the Lemo woreda “Seleme” innovation platform meeting, Hosanna, 19 February 2015
• The Africa RISING project in Lemo has established innovation platforms (IP) at three levels. “Seleme” is the local name given to the IPs.

• The three levels are 1) farmers research groups (FRGs) work on specific research at community level, 2) operational IPs at kebele level, and 3) strategic IPs at woreda level.

• The 2nd meeting of the “Seleme” IP was held at woreda level. It aimed to communicate research findings and create constructive dialogues for scaling up.
Welcome and introduction to the agenda by Workneh Dubale, Africa RISING project coordinator
Self introduction session through speed networking by all IP members
Opening remarks by Lemo Strategic Innovation Platform Chairman - Belayneh Osier
Lemo IP update - structure, functions and link with other platforms in Lemo by Zelalem Lema (ILRI)
Presentation on communication tools for innovation platforms by Admasu Belayneh (communication champion of the platform)
Head of Lemo Woreda Women Affairs Office asking questions on gender related research
Presentation on participatory variety selection (Potato, Wheat, Barely and Faba Bean) by Abiyot Aragaw (CIP- Ethiopia)
1.1. Approach (Methods) followed

- Experiments on crop response to fertilizer treatments were conducted on 8 (with replication) and 15 (without replication) fields of wheat.
- Besides, experiments on fertilizer effects on potato were also conducted on 8 farmer fields.
- Six treatments were employed to the crops, but with different rates of application.
- Our basis were: to optimize the 4Rs (Right product, right place, right rate, and right time).
Participants were actively involved in the discussions (Director for Warabe Agricultural Research Centre)
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Group work on scaling up irrigation for high value crops and feeds (identification of partners role)
Group one - presentation on Avocado scaling up (partners role)
Enset research activity presentation by Zerihun Yemataw (Areka Agricultural Research Centre)
Briefing on monitoring and evaluation tools for innovation platforms by Elias Damtew (ILRI)
Closing remarks by Dr. Ephrem (Agricultural Faculty Dean for Wachamo University)
Participants in the second meeting of the Seleme Strategic IP
Project partners in Ethiopia
Local partners in 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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