The CSA Prioritization Framework, developed by CCAFS-CIAT, provides a process for targeting investment towards best-bet CSA options in a given context. The Framework does this by identifying existing and promising CSA practices, assessing the tradeoffs between practices using indicators of CSA and analyzing the costs and benefits of these practices, and identifying possible barriers to adoption. This process aims to contribute to optimized national and sub-national planning, promoting a participatory process for the development of CSA investment portfolios.

PHASE 1: Initial assessment of CSA options

- Set objectives and scope of study
- Identify ongoing and promising practices related to scope
- Select indicators of interest and assess expected outcomes of practice implementation
- Weight CSA pillars

PHASE 2: Workshop #1 Identification of top CSA options

- Validate objectives and indicators
- Visualize trade-offs between practices
- Document opportunities and barriers to adoption and ability to overcome them.

PHASE 3: Calculation of costs & benefits of top CSA options

- Collect data on costs & benefits of practices
- Calculate cost-benefit or cost-effectiveness of each top option
- Identify synergies between top options
- Review results of cost-benefit analysis of top options
- Visualize and discuss rankings of top practices (examination of trade-offs)
- Create portfolios of priority CSA practices
- Calculate aggregate benefits

PHASE 4: Workshop #2 Portfolio development

OUTCOME:

Portfolios of prioritized CSA investments

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