Value Chain Hub—Eastern and Southern Africa

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Motivation

• **Disperse efforts:** promoting agric. value chains development, linking farmers to markets and value chain analytical work: but few approaches to assess impact, promote learning and capacity development

  – **Need for effective and ongoing learning:** to identify knowledge gaps, develop VC actors and dev. partners’ capacities

  – **Need to better inform and engage** with policy decision makers and the private sector

  – **Maintain a link** between research activities and development outcomes

  – **Ultimate** aim is to have impact
Motivation

Impact Pathways to IDOs

Value chain analysis phases

Value chains Clearinghouse

Knowledge platforms

Solutions to bottlenecks and constraints:
Activities on bottlenecks
Activities on Vertical and horizontal coordination

Measuring impact at pilot level of solutions

Linking with partners in CGIAR, public and private sector to scale up solutions (for example CRS, GIZ, Ministries, WEF, etc.)

Virtual Hubs for capacity building
Proposed functions

- **Disseminate methodologies and tools for value chain analysis**, principally by supporting others’ field work, analysis and communication, and providing testing and feedback functions.

- **Develop innovative methodologies and tools** for value chain analysis in line with identified gaps and demand from partners.

- Provide consistency and continuity in **data collection, analysis and management**, to support cross-CRP open data and meta-analysis initiatives, as well as supporting other CRP initiatives on *ex-ante* policy modeling.

- **Develop capacity and share knowledge** amongst partners development partners and policy makers.
Proposed themes

• **Value chain impact assessment**: based on existing and new methodologies and tools

• **Risk assessment and mitigation in VCs**: spanning from production (more commodity specific) through commercial (less commodity specific) risks

• **Policy analysis and advocacy**: sector & sub-sector policies; policies on labor, SME development, rural finance, environment...

• **Collective enterprise development**: assess different forms of farmer aggregation and market linkage approaches and their impact

• **Inter-business relations**: assess outcomes from diverse forms of market linkages (across various commodities, markets and policy environments)
Proposed structure

- **Network of partners**: Build a group of development practitioners/donors/policy/research others who are willing and able to engage with a group of CG staff and others to:
  - provide capacity development activities
  - engage on learning related to value chain development

- **Network of members**: Develop a network of members from different CGIAR centers and partner organizations that will be trained on all tools and other methods

- **Other**: to be discussed during this workshop
1. **Regional focus:** Eastern and Southern Africa

2. **Type:** physical hub with location at ILRI-Addis

1. Develop a generic concept note
   - tailor proposal - Eastern and Southern Africa
2. Share concept note with a ‘long’ list partners and network

4. Organize planning workshop - Addis
   - Invite partners (indicating interest)
   - Need assessment within thematic focus areas – gauge demand
   - Prioritize focus areas (based on demand assessment & region)
Understand the context in which the system operates

Understand how the different business links function together as a system

Identify and assess the relationship, leverage points, capacities and resources of partners including support services and stakeholders

Understand the context in which the system operates
A value chain is the set of actors, transactions, information flows, and institutions that enable value to be delivered to the customer.

Generic livestock commodity VC