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CGIAR Site Integration Workshop

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Background

- CGIAR, a consultative group, a partnership of 15 centers addressing AR4D worldwide.
- Mali is one of the 20 priority countries where the CGIAR innovations are expected to impact millions of people in the next decade.
- CGIAR launched the second generation of Consortium Research Programs (CRPIIs).
 - Previously research sites have been picked independently by centers for CRP works.
 - Suggested to have an overall review, and rationalization of the number, location, and scale of field sites in Mali.
- All CG centers and CRPs in Mali under the lead of ICRISAT are in the process of developing country integration plan..

The key ingredients of site integration

Site Integration should plan for...

- **alignment of research,**
- **coordination of delivery and**
- **integration of operational functions and facilities**

...amongst CGIAR entities (Centers and CRPs) operating in each of the selected countries.

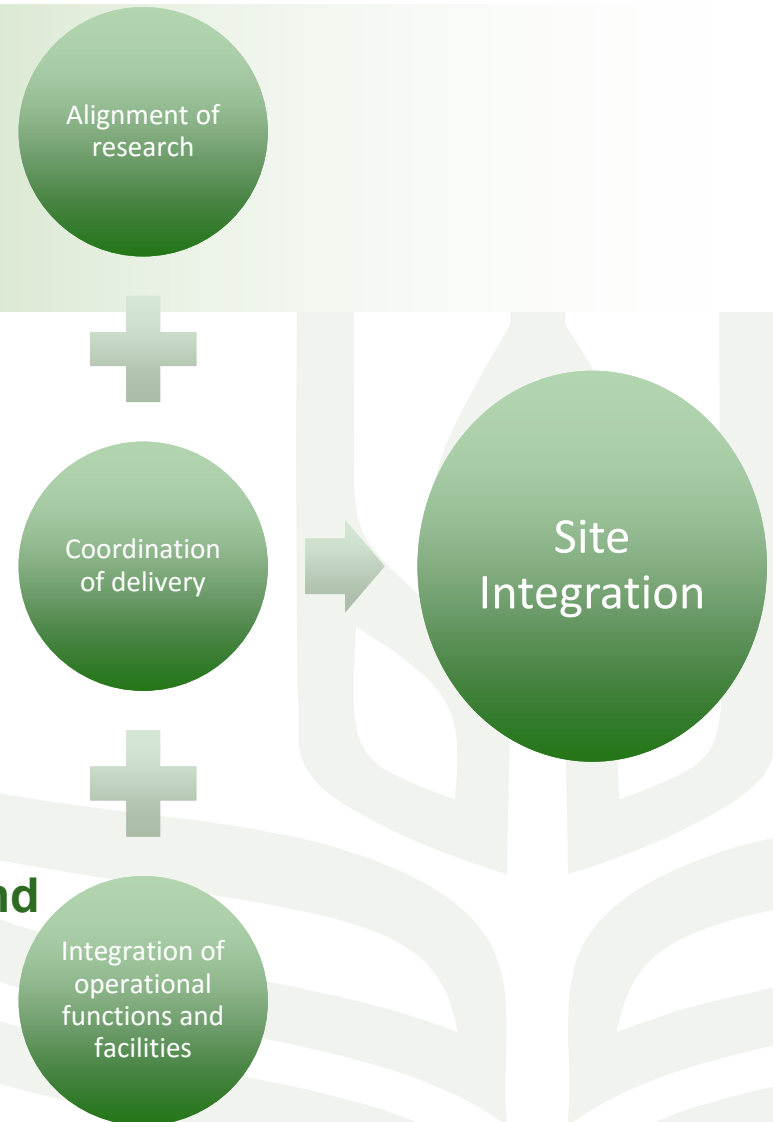
Importantly built on:

- **a good understanding of National priorities and planned actions**
- **collaboration mechanisms and partnerships with National partners and stakeholders**

All are necessary to make site integration work and be successful in achieving **greater efficiency,**

effectiveness and **impact!**

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OBJECTIVES: WHY WE ARE HERE?

- **Develop Site Integration Plans:**
 - ✓ To bring together the work of CGIAR Centers and programs, where CGIAR innovations are expected to reach millions of people.
- **Devise Plans for Assessing Impact:**
 - ✓ Consultation with representatives of partners and beneficiary groups where outcomes at scale are aimed and delivered.
- **Develop Coordination Mechanisms:**
 - ✓ To ensure that, in key geographies, activities are aligned for maximum impact.
- **Establish Mechanisms for Joint Sharing of Information and Development**
 - ✓ Dissemination of best practices in institutional development, policy development & capacity building for agricultural research.

Expected Outputs/Outcomes

- Common understanding of current and evolving development challenges and priorities for AR4D.
- A framework for the CGIAR site integration plan.
- A progress tracking and impact assessment plan.
- A coordination mechanism and resourcing plan.

For more information on GCARD3 and Site Integration:

<http://gcard3.cgiar.org/>

<http://www.gfar.net/gcard/about-gcard3>