



Photo report on Africa RISING Ethiopia Review and Planning meeting

29-30 November 2016





In August 2016, USAID confirmed a second five-year phase(2017-2021) for Africa RISING. In November 2016, the project in the Ethiopian highlands organized a Review and Planning meeting to serve as a bridge between the results of the first phase and plans for the coming phase.

The meeting brought together project partners and stakeholders to review phase I outputs and achievements, provide an overview of the phase II project and approach, review and refine scaling proposals from phase I, and discuss implementation processes for Phase II.

This photo report captures moments from the meeting. More information is at http://africa-rising.wikispaces.com/ethiopia_planning_nov2016

Day 1		
Time	Activity	Responsible person/s
08:30	Registration	Organizers
09:00	Welcome and opening Aims and objectives	Siboniso Moyo Peter Thorne
09:20	Icebreaker and process introduction	Peter Ballantyne / Simret Yasabu
10:00	Process for the phase 1 outputs, achievements and scaling exercise; group tasks and formation.	Peter Ballantyne
10:30	Break	Organizers
11:00	Phase 1 outputs, achievements by research theme	Poster presenters
13:00	Lunch	Organizers
14:00	Phase 1 outputs, achievements and scaling exercise (continued)	Poster presenters
15:30	Break	
16:00	Plenary feedback and review	interest groups representatives
17:00	Reflections on the day (5 minutes each)	Polly Ericksen /EIAR/ATA
17:30	Reception	Organizers

- Opening agenda overview
- Welcomes and introductions
- Phase 1 outputs, achievements and scaling – by research theme
- Phase 2 outputs, opportunities and plans
- Phase 3 outputs, research agenda
- Project implementation

Peter Ballantyne, ILRI Communications and Knowledge Management Head
talking about the overall agenda



Siboniso Moyo , Program Leader Animal Science for Sustainable Productivity and Director General's Representative in Ethiopia gives welcoming remarks



Peter Thorne, project coordinator, Africa RISING project in Ethiopia describing the aims and objectives of the meeting



Simret Yasabu, Africa RISING research communication specialist, introduces the ice breaker



icebreaker instructions

Step one

- Break into groups based on working station (Woreda and Zonal, Regional, National, International working stations)
- Introduce your name and institution
- What comes into your mind when you think of Africa RISING
- Write a list of things you all have in common (5 max)
- Select an animal that will represent your group
- Select your leader to present to the plenary

Step two

- Come back to the meeting room
- Share the three things that you share in common as a group
- Show an animal that represent your group - through gesture and no talking



Participants doing the icebreaker exercise



Icebreaker results

AR partners share

- Common goals
- Focus on food security and surplus
- Commitment to partnership
- Focus on rural
- Focus on development
- Scaling ambitions
- Focus on livelihoods
- System integration approach
- Highland focus
- With a 'new normal': competition for attention; scaling must be through partners

AR is about

- Sustainable livelihoods
- Participation
- Strong collaboration
- Strong partnerships
- No magic bullets
- Multi-stakeholder
- Multi-disciplinary
- System-focused
- Action R4D
- Grassroots-up
- Focus on technology dissemination
- Complex



Instruction to bus stop exercise

Bus stop Station

1. Field crops
2. Feed and forage
3. High value crops
4. Systems integration
5. Land and water
6. Knowledge management
7. Cross cutting



Instruction to bus stop exercise continues

Step one

- Participants break up into seven interest groups with one group leader
 1. What scaling has there been to date and with / by whom?(Site coordinators)
 2. What are the R4D gaps for future consideration?(Tesfaye Hagos)
 3. Where is the real potential for scaling and who should the partners be?(Adamu Molla)
 4. What were the big three achievements under this theme?(Agathe Martineau)
 5. What were the big lessons regarding implementation; CG and non-CG partners, logistical challenges etc?(Likawent Yiheyes)
 6. How can we better capture successes (M and E, documentation)?(Beliyou Haile)
 7. What CapDev has been done and what is needed as we move to Phase II?(Iddo Dror)
- The seven groups go around to each bus station and get a briefing from thematic poster/s presenter/s

Step two

Interest group leader report back to the plenary



Asfaw Negassa presenting willingness to pay under cross cutting theme



Kalpna Sharma presenting potato technology under field crops theme



Kindu Mekonnen presenting cultivated forage under feed and forage theme



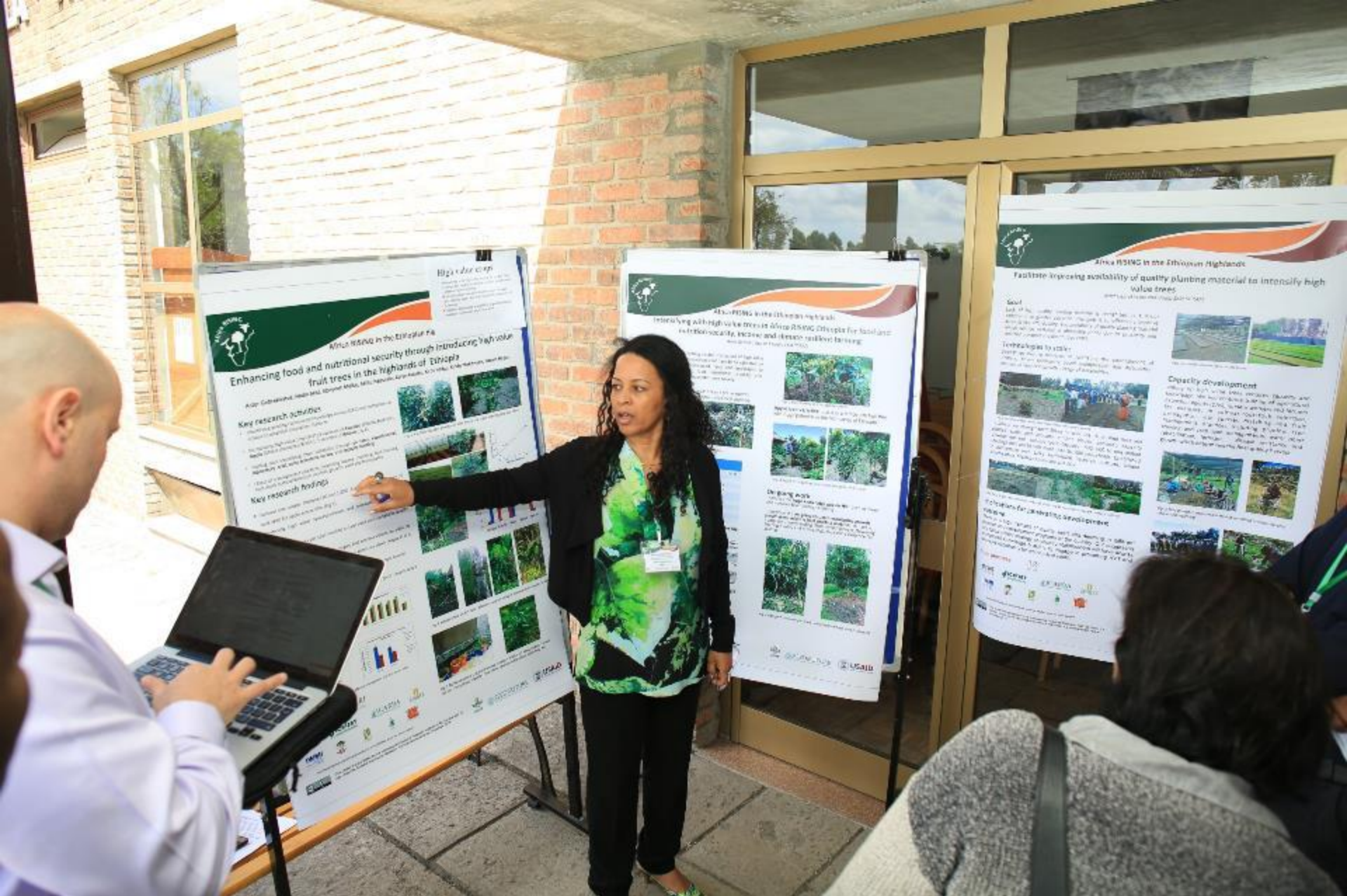
Zelalem Lema presenting innovation platforms under Knowledge management theme



Tilahun Amede presenting decision support tool under system integration theme



Petra Schmitter presenting Farmers access to irrigation technology under land and water theme



Aster Gebrekirstos presenting high value crops under high value crops theme



Mohammed Ibrahim presenting Feedback from Interest group 1- What scaling has there been to date and with / by whom?



Tesfaye Hagos presenting Feedback from Interest group 2- What are the R4D gaps for future consideration?



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Feedback from Interest group 3- Where is the real potential for scaling and who should the partners be?

Adamu Molla presenting Feedback from Interest group 3- Where is the real potential for scaling and who should the partners be?



Amare hailessilase presenting Feedback from Interest group 4- What were the big three achievements under this theme?



Beliyou Haile presenting feedback from Interest group 6- How can we better capture successes (M and E, documentation)?



Day 2		
Time	Activity	Responsible person/s
08:45	Recap of day one and introduction to day 2	Peter Ballantyne
09:00	Phase 2 introduction	Peter Thorne
0930	Phase 2 scaling opportunities – pitches	Research topic owners
10:40	Break	Organizers
11:00	Phase 2 scaling opportunities – pitches	Topic owners
1200	Phase 2 scaling opportunities – recap	Poster presenters
13:00	Lunch	Organizers
14:00	Implementing phase 2	Simret Yasabu
15:00	Break	
1530	Phase 2 research agenda	Peter Ballantyne
1630	Cross-project learning and exchange themes	Peter Ballantyne and Irmgard Hoeschle-Zeledon
1700	Reflections and closing	Peter Thorne



Pitching Exercise

- 12 phase 2 scaling proposals
- Modified 'open space' approach (2 rounds, 6 before and 6 after coffee)
 - 1 minute pitch intro in plenary
 - 6 stands where people pitch the essence of their ideas
 - Attended by interested participants who question and challenge the pitches
 - Feedback on pitches collected on flipcharts
 - Rotate to feedback 3 pitches (20 mins per rotation)
- Voting and plenary feedback



Pitches

1. Water and irrigation
2. High value trees
3. Scaling of inputs
4. Potato technologies
5. Smallholder plantations
6. Multi-functional landscapes
7. Small mechanization
8. Nutrition
9. Feeds and forages
10. Cereal – legume – sheep
11. Enset scaling
12. Climate-smart interventions



Walter Mupangwa pitching on mechanization



Groups discussion on pitch topics



Zerihun Yemataw, briefing about research on Enset



Negussie Tadesse responding to a question raised with regard to Cereals & Legumes research



Shawkat Begum leading the discussion on exploring more question on nutrition



Temesgen Alene, giving his feedback on the proposed research agendas from his site perspective



Workneh Dubale , giving his feedback on the proposed research agendas from his site perspective



Group discussion on issues/challenges from phase one and actions to be take during phase two implementation



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Exploring more question on innovation platforms



Looking at more research question on feed and forage



Group picture - meeting participants

Africa RISING CGIAR partners in Ethiopia





Africa RISING 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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