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](http://africa-rising.wikispaces.com/ethiopia_planning_nov2016)
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<td>Siboniso Moyo, Peter Thorne</td>
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<td>Icebreaker and process introduction</td>
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<td>Plenary feedback and review</td>
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<td>Reflections on the day (5 minutes each)</td>
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Opening
Welcomes and introductions
Phase 1 outputs, achievements and scaling – by research theme
Phase 2 funding opportunities and plans
Phase 3 research agenda
Project communication

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 thermic poster/s presenter/s

**Step two**
- Interest group leader report back to the plenary
Asfaw Negassa presenting willingness to pay under cross cutting theme
Kalpana 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?
Tesefaye Hagos presenting Feedback from Interest group 2- What are the R4D gaps for future consideration?
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?
Likawent Yiheye presenting Feedback from Interest group 5- What were the big lessons regarding implementation; CG and non-CG partners, logistical challenges etc?
Beliyou Haile presenting feedback from Interest group 6- How can we better capture successes (M and E, documentation)?
Iddo Dror presenting feedback from Interest group 7- What CapDev has been done and what is needed as we move to Phase II?
## Day 2

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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 questions 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 questions on innovation platforms
Looking at more research question on feed and forage
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**
Credits

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