Genetic Innovation

The Second Leadership Consultation Meeting: NARES-CGIAR-Aide Memoire

Marakech, Morocco

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Thank you: national, regional, university partners:
Welcome, housekeeping & intros

Welcome

• Reflect on Aide Memoire
• Actions and decisions to bolster partnership strategies
• Three sections:
  o **9AM Session I:** What’s happened thus far?
  o **11AM Session II:** SRO and ARI alignment
  o **130PM Session III:** Areas needing further attention, measuring progress

• Wifi password:
• Introductions
Building on the Goals of the Nairobi 2022 GI NARES-CGIAR Consultations

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2022 Nairobi Consultation Meeting

- Landmark event
  - partnerships are key. Subsequent CWANA event.
- Set the agenda for 2023
- Change is the Constant
Aide Memoire: June 2022

Aide Memoire

A high-level meeting between leaders from NARIS in Sub-Saharan Africa, SROs (ADISSA, CARIBEA, CGIAR), development partners and CGIAR Genetic Innovation took place on 17-20 June 2022 at the TrademarK hotel in Nairobi, Kenya.

During the meeting, participants as listed in Annex A agreed that emphasis:

1. Falling costs: Substantial benefits have arisen from past collaborations between NARIS, SROs and CGIAR centers in the area of Genetic Innovation, through research, capacity development and innovation, the sharing of information, gnomics and technologies, the better management and use of data, the wider availability of genetic resources, un physical and human capital. This made it possible to develop and deploy high-quality germplasm, the conservation of genetic resources, the development of new skills and institutional capacities being developed in each country.

2. Nongovernmental: This meeting included limited numbers of NARIS and SROs in Sub-Saharan Africa. Other NARIS and SROs in Sub-Saharan Africa are invited to join in the spirit and intent of this aide memoire, to attend future meetings to the extent that genetic innovations feature strongly in their national research and development strategies and tenets.

3. View of the One CGIAR Transformation: NARIS and SROs at the meeting are supportive of the One CGIAR Transformation towards greater impacts being generated. It is the right direction. The vision of CGIAR has been to institutionalize and mainstream the sustainable production of crops and C4 products.

4. Role of this meeting: The One CGIAR reorganization of the portfolio enables the organization to comprehensively and jointly take on the production and distribution of crops and C4 products.

5. Our common challenge: 

6. Contracting: We want to pursue this endeavor as equal partners, with all partners contributing to value addition, the effective use of complementary skills, and apportioning responsibilities to ensure we work together. We need each other to pursue the design, development, deployment and application of new products, to achieve benefits in research and innovation, and to achieve large-scale benefits for the people we serve.

Link to Aide Memoire
Clear Goals from the 2022 Aide Memoire

19 Clauses build around common goals

• Strategic Alignment
• Co-design and joint priority setting
• Transparency, Attribution and Joint Decision Making
• Clear Roles and Responsibilities based on comparative advantage
• Capacity Development

https://www.cgiar.org/news-events/event/nares-cgiar-leadership-meeting/
Networks have responded (1)

- Defining Networks systematically
  - 26 crop by region networks in SSA
  - Key partners for each network objectively identified
  - Governance mechanisms piloted
- >20 Crop by Country Stakeholder consultations to define national priorities (product design team meetings)
Networks have responded (2)

- > 50 peer reviews of individual national breeding programs leading to customized modernization plans

- GI is providing templates and tools based on goals identified in the Aide Memoire. Execution is led by crop x region networks.

- CTT has convened:
  - SRO strategic alignment
  - Need for GI wide coordination with common partners
  - Need to define Indicators of Success
    - Technical and Partnership quality
2023 Consultation Meeting

- 2022 meeting was instrumental in developing workplans and changing ways of working

- 2022 goals identified in the Nairobi Aide Memoire remain valid

- 2023: Continuous Improvement – Actions and decisions to bolster partnership strategies particularly in areas highlighted by the CTT

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Session I

- CWANA consultations
- PABRA: partnership lessons learnt
- ESA Potato Network: Co-design and priority setting
- DLC West Africa Network: Transparency and Joint Decision Making
- Discussion and Acknowledging Successes
Thank You!
Breakout discussion
Dr Godfrey Asea (NARO)

• Based on the day's discussions, what are the key insights. And **three most important areas** to prioritize moving forward?

• Assess the **key indicators** – do they demonstrate progress on achieving our goals in improving CGIAR-NARES collaboration?
Thank you!

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