

Draft Insights, conclusions

*From discussions and
feedback at NARES-CGIAR
Leadership meeting,
Morocco, Oct. 2023*

1. High-level engagement – Nairobi Aide Memoire Articles 10, 14, 15, 16, 18 and 19

1. Continue to strengthen and make **transparent alignments** between efforts at levels of NARES, SROs, universities and One CGIAR.
2. **High-level engagement and documented** endorsements of priorities at the level of both countries and SROs through **MoUs**.
3. Need for **coordination with common partners**: funders, ARIs, AGRA, NGOs and the private sector.
4. Need for joint, high-level **resource mobilization**.

2. Joint prioritization and decision making – Nairobi Aide Memoire Article 7, 8, 9 and 12

- 1. Make agreed priorities and linkages with national development plans part of MoUs.**
- 2. Ensure cross-institutional and cross-programmatic engagement for priority setting.**
- 3. Strong value chain orientation fosters update and adoption of new varieties.**
- 4. Budgets need to be defended with clear priority setting and by comparative advantage - capturing alignment with development priorities, describing the impacts that can be achieved.**

3. Approaches to collaboration – Nairobi Aide Memoire Article 5, 6, 9 and 13



1. Strengthen well-aligned **commodity networks**, instead of having many individual, disjointed projects.
2. Mainstream **NARES involvement in steering committees** and decision-making. Good practices need to be scaled across crop networks.
3. **NARES more proactive** and contribute to better coordination.
4. Further **streamline communication** between NARES and CGIAR at level of Genetic Innovation.
5. **Co-development of research projects** with more resources and leadership by NARES; strengthen and not replace the NARES.
6. CGIAR and NARES to make **transparent contributions** to collaborative activities.
7. **Performance indicators** capturing progress in CGIAR-NARES partnerships.
8. **Timeliness** of implementing new projects and releasing funds.
9. Ensure participation of countries from **all regions**.

4. Germplasm development – Nairobi Aide Memoire Article 5, 6 and 9



1. Principles of **complementarity and subsidiarity** since some NARES have build capacity - clearly defined handover points in germplasm development, or working together right from population development all through to variety release – it will increase **staff motivation**.
2. Further improve incentive mechanisms for greater ownership: active roles by **NARES researchers in (co-) design and (co-)creation**; joint publications, secondments.
3. **Empower NARES for better varieties output, uptake and adoption.**
4. Need for **effective stacking approaches** to respond to new **pests and diseases** in local materials
5. Systematic implementation of **joint advancement meetings**
6. **Transparency in pedigree information during germplasm development / before materials are being deployed.**

5. Capacity development – Nairobi Aide Memoire Article 9



1. **Demand for training stays high**, including in support of individual programs pursuing modernization plans.
2. There is high demand for:
 - Possibilities for **secondments** and scientific stays in CGIAR laboratories.
 - **Post-graduate research attachments** with CGIAR and NARES.
 - More **face-to-face training**.
3. Need to strengthen the area of **technology dissemination**
4. Ensure inclusion of **wide range of disciplines** in genetic innovation, such as pathologists, entomologists, food scientists, agronomists, gender specialists, seed specialists, economists, field and lab personnel.

6. Infrastructure modernization – Nairobi Aide Memoire Article 9



1. Complete **breeding site developments**. For approved plans, accelerate pace of implementation.
2. Further **strengthen infrastructure** for use by the wider range of partners: more good phenotyping sites are needed, access to rapid advancement facilities for all crops.
3. **Infrastructure rehabilitation** requires fencing stations for security; irrigation systems, mechanization of operations, lab and cold rooms.
4. Increase emphasis on Standard Operating Procedures (**SOPs**).

7. Progress indicators

1. Participants agreed to **establish an indicator dashboard** to and identify bottlenecks, towards improved collaboration and greater alignment.
2. **Feedback** to a set of draft indicators will be incorporated after the meeting.

*Participants are kindly requested to **represent the spirit and action points** arising from this meeting within their organizations, as policy makers, and as part of other NARES - SRO - CGIAR interactions.*

*This recognizes that transformation towards stronger and more effective partnerships needs the **combined efforts at all levels.***

Thank You!