



Development Opportunity Crops Network for the promotion of Agro- biodiversity

2nd Stakeholder workshop

Rome, 10-11 January 2012

Objectives

- To arrive at common understanding of stakeholders' stake in the initiative.
- To reflect on 2011 activities.
- To define a strategy for the DO Initiative.
- To agree on a way forward towards better promotion of agricultural biodiversity.

Workshop knowledge path

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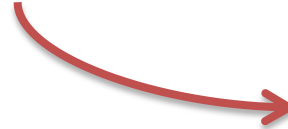
Define a strategy



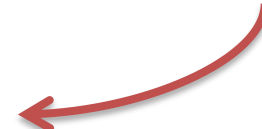
Agree on a way forward to promote agro-biodiversity.

Tasks

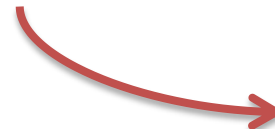
Task 1: Sharing of information / case studies (**Tue am**)



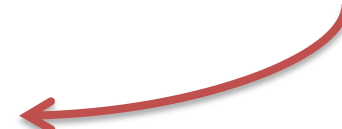
Task 2: Discussion about ongoing related initiatives and added value of DOC Net (**Tue pm**)



Task 3: Define clear strategy for DOC Net (**Wed am**)



Task 4: Elaborate action plan to promote agro-biodiversity (**Wed pm**)



Task 5: Elaborate next steps of the initiative (**Wed pm**)

2011 activities

- **January:** 1st Stakeholder meeting agrees the need for collective action to convince policy makers of the strong development opportunities offered by locally important crops.
- **March:** Presentation of initiative at ITPGRFA Governing Body meeting in Bali.
- **August/September:** Consultant starts literature review and drafting of 'Strategy Document'. Call for Case Studies. Online surveys. Setting up of communication channels: Website, Google Docs, Discussion Forum...
- **October:** Presentation of initiative at CGIAR Science Forum meeting in Beijing and submission of abstract to PNAS.
- **December:** Submission of article to New Agriculturist.
- **By now,** the network has grown to 70 participants from 30 organizations (IO, RO, SRO, NGO, NARS, Academia, Networks, individuals, commercial sector...)
- **...it's now time for reflection and an open discussion on ways forward**

The Strategy Document

1. Literature review to analyze whether there is evidence of benefits of underutilized/ local/ opportunity crops across the 3 pillars
2. Discussion points on possible collective action and activities

Based on stakeholder surveys, literature review and iterative document review

Possible collective actions

(in no specific order)

1. Research on crops that are '1 step removed' from direct consumption: animal/fish fodder to enhance protein nutrition. In this context also research on 'nutraceutical' crops.
2. Collaboration with ecologists and food policy researchers to develop incentive structures to boost production/consumption of underutilized crops.
3. Shared staff positions

Possible collective actions (ctd.)

4. Conservation of genetic resources – often in situ. Engage in discussions with ITPGRFA / GCDT on inclusion of more DO crops into Annex 1.
5. Documentation of local knowledge, including understanding of and respecting IPR.
6. Multilocational trials to demonstrate crop species resilience in different environments. Feed this information into existing databases (e.g., AQUACROP)

Possible collective actions (ctd.)

7. Provide platform for scientific exchange on specific species (e.g., ISHS symposia, GCDT global conservation/use strategies).
8. Develop/contribute to crop modelling and decision support systems (e.g., CIAT / Bioversity, CSIRO, FAO).
9. Curriculum development, engage in capacity building (Master classes – Crawford Fund)

Possible collective actions (ctd.)

10. Be visible, join ongoing initiatives (several around the table here)
11. Engage in high-level, multilateral fora to address barriers to plant breeding (e.g., phytosanitary control measures, trade regulations, treaties).
12. Share intelligence on funding opportunities for joint projects.