

# CGIAR Site Integration

## National Consultation Workshop For Nigeria

Sandralia Hotel, Solomon Lar Way, Jabi, Abuja, Nigeria  
16–17 November 2015

### A. Background and Context

The Consortium of the Consultative Group of International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) centers has launched the 2nd generation of Consortium Research Programs (CRPIs), a portfolio of integrated research agendas to more effectively contribute to the objectives and targets set by the Strategic Results Framework of CGIAR.

Previously research topics and sites have been picked independently by Centers for CRPs work in countries that may not be ideal from a CGIAR system point of view. Therefore, it was suggested that (a) the CRPs and centers develop a more integrated and strategic portfolio of research activities in countries and (b) they review and rationalize (i.e. reduce) the number, location, and scale of the field sites in a country from a national and CGIAR system perspective. Further, this integration should be undertaken in consultation with the countries involved in order that the research is contributing to their agricultural goals. The national consultation is, therefore, part of and feeds into the GCARD 3 process (<http://www.gfar.net/about-gcard> and <http://gcard3.cgiar.org/>). Consequently, all CG centers & their respective CRPs, in order to ensure coordination of R4D activities, are in the process of developing country and site integration plans which will bring together the work of CGIAR Centers and programs in key countries, where innovations are expected to reach millions of people. A key dimension of this increased integration aims to focus on improving coordination and collaboration within selected geographies, meaning 'site integration' which is largely expected to take place at country level and, as appropriate, within specific field research sites.

Country and site integration entails the preparation of integration plans, including carrying out necessary consultations with national partners and stakeholders as a vital step in this process. Nigeria is among the six countries selected by the Consortium for piloting the integrated approach because of the many CRPs and centers with plans for continued investment. Importantly, there is the potential to achieve research outcomes at scale if the CGIAR can better coordinate its research contributions and to link them with the major agricultural research and development initiative undertaken in Nigeria. It is expected that developed *site integration/ collaboration* plans in any particular country will have to be included in the CRPs' II proposals showing how the CG centers and CRPs are going to work together while also aligning with the national strategies and priorities.

### B. Objectives

1. To understand the country's ARD strategy and plans for agricultural R&D
2. To understand how various groups, including CGIAR are contributing to the R&D goals and targets
3. To develop an integration plan, incorporating national programs, efforts of the CGIAR and those of other partners, for realizing the country R&D goals and targets
4. To develop a plan for tracking progress and assessing impact of the integrated implementation
5. To develop resourcing modalities for implementing the integrated plan
6. To develop a governance structure, communication plans and coordination mechanisms

### C. Expected outputs/outcomes

1. Defined country priorities and actions
2. A site integration plan
3. A progress-tracking and impact assessment plan
4. A governance structure and coordination mechanism
5. A resourcing plan
6. A communication plan agreed upon

## D. Agenda

Time	November 16	November 17
0800 0830	<b>Registration</b> <b>Session 1a: Opening Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welcome remarks – <i>IITA DDG Partnership and Capacity Development</i></li> <li>Statement by GFAR</li> <li>Statement by CG Consortium Rep</li> <li>Statement by Agriculture Development Partners' Working Group.</li> <li>Opening address : Permanent Secretary or Rep of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture &amp; Rural Dev.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overnight thoughts &amp; recap of Day 1</li> </ul> <b>Session 6: Resourcing mechanisms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Input presentation: Who is funding agriculture – what are they funding and where? - <i>Agriculture Development Partners' Working Group Rep</i></li> <li>Exploring sources and mechanisms (Buzz Group)</li> <li>Report back and plenary</li> </ul>
1000	<b>Tea/Coffee</b>	
	<b>Session 1b: Introductions, expectations and process</b>  <b>Session 2: Scene-setting - the current status</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The context and why we are here – <i>Director, Humidtropics CRP</i> – 10 minutes</li> <li>CGIAR in Nigeria – what, which Centres, where? – <i>Alfred Dixon, IITA</i> – 15 minutes</li> <li>Strategic agenda of Nigerian Government for ARD - Input presentation by <i>the Federal Ministry of Agriculture &amp; Rural Development</i> - 20 minutes</li> <li>Plenary &amp; Buzz groups to reach common understanding</li> </ul>	<b>Session 7: Resourcing mechanisms (cont'd)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Synthesis: Resourcing plan/way forward</li> </ul> <b>Session 8: Progress tracking and impact assessment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Input presentation – what we have been doing in M&amp;E and how that should be adjusted to reflect site integration approach – <i>IITA M&amp;E Expert</i></li> <li>How will we know we are making progress and creating impact (Buzz Group)</li> <li>Report back and plenary discussion</li> <li>Synthesis: progress tracking and impact assessment plan/way forward</li> </ul> <b>Session 9: Communication Plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Input presentation – expected communication needs under the new integrated approach: <i>Kathy Lopez - Head, Communications, IITA</i></li> <li>Buzz Group discussion on key communications areas</li> <li>Report Back</li> <li>Synthesis: Communication plan/way forward</li> </ul>
1300	<b>Lunch</b>	
1400	<b>Session 3: Analysis of challenges &amp; opportunities – both what and how</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Challenges and opportunities for integration (Buzz Group)</li> <li>Report back and plenary discussion</li> <li>What needs to be done to harness the opportunities and address challenges identified (Buzz Group)</li> <li>Report back and plenary discussion</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">----- 1500h -----</p> <b>Session 4: The site integration planning – what, where, how, who:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreement on common sites</li> <li>Collaboration mechanisms</li> <li>Collective goals and targets</li> <li>Alignment of CGIAR research activities</li> <li>Joint research outputs &amp; public goods</li> <li>On-going dialogue &amp; engagement</li> <li>Sharing of CGIAR facilities &amp; effective use of staff</li> <li>Effective delivery &amp; scaling</li> </ul>	<b>Session 10: Governance structure and coordination</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Input presentation – the proposed structure and the basis for it - <i>CRP-PIM focal representative</i></li> <li>Plenary discussion - input on the proposed structure and coordination mechanisms</li> <li>Synthesis: Key emerging issues/agreements on governance/coordination modalities</li> </ul>
1600	<b>Tea/Coffee</b>	
1630	<b>Session 5: Site integration planning (cont'd)</b>	<b>Session 11</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Next steps</li> <li>Evaluation</li> <li>Close</li> </ul>
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