

TAP ACTION PLAN (2013-2017) – Discussion Draft

KEY ACTION STEPS	RESPONSIBILITIES Who will do it?	TIMELINE By when?	RESOURCES A. AVAILABLE B. NEEDED (human, financial, political)
Goal: Efficient and Sustainable Agricultural Innovation Systems (AIS) in tropical areas			
Constraints: Capacity development (CD) interventions from internal and external actors are not sufficiently targeted to meet the AIS capacity needs of tropical countries.			
Outcome 1: Capacity development needs of AIS in tropical countries are defined accurately through inclusive country-led multi-stakeholder processes leading to more demand-driven CD interventions.			
Output 1.1: Regional Assessments and Synthesis Report completed highlighting gaps and proposing concrete action			
Conduct regional needs assessment in Africa, Asia, Central America and prepare regional reports [TAP Assessments]	FARA, SEARCA, CIAT		A. Funding for 3 contracts and contributions from partners
Compile synthesis report and TAP Action Plan [TAP Assessments]	TAP Secretariat		A. Consultant and staff time
Output 1.2: TAP Framework developed for assessment of capacities and needs in national AIS			
Establish (virtual) global Task Force (TF) on Capacity Assessment and CD Framework for agricultural innovation (see also 2.1) [TAP Framework] ¹	TAP Steering Committee (SC)/TAP Partner Assembly (PA)		A. N/A B. N/A
Share and review tools, methods, benchmarking, and indicators for assessments of capacities and needs for AIS [TAP Framework]	CD Framework TF		A. TAP Partner Resources B. TAP Partner staff/Consultant to collect, systemize and upload material: 6 months
Develop decision-making matrix for use of assessment tools etc. [TAP Framework]	CD Framework TF		A. TAP Partner Resources B. TAP Partner staff/Consultant to develop matrix with TF : 2 months
Develop learning resources for assessment and	CD Framework TF		A.

¹ TAP Framework resources will be shared through **TAPipedia**

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self-assessment of capacities and needs for AIS [TAP Framework]			B.
Output 1.3: Support to country-led multi-stakeholder assessments of capacities and needs, together with potential solutions			
Establish (virtual) Regional Task Forces (TF) with regional leadership on support to specific country-based assessments, visioning, planning, and CD markets [TAP Marketplace]	TAP-SC/TAP-PA		A. N/A B. N/A
Identify interested countries committed to change CD approach towards demand-led AIS and support analysis of their national visions, options and plans on CD for AIS in selected countries [TAP Marketplace]	Regional TF Lead partner per region:		A. Assessment Tools (Output 1.2); HR of experienced TAP Partners B. Political: country demand, request, ownership; Financial: national or foreign budget for HR and multi-stakeholder consultations for analysis
Support selected countries in the development of inclusive visions and bankable implementation plans on CD for AIS, and promote these to TAP partners and other external actors [TAP Marketplace]	Regional TF Lead partner per region:		A. Info Resources from TAPIPEDIA, TAP Partners’ experiences B. Political: country demand request, ownership; Financial: national or foreign budget for HR to prepare draft plan, and for multi-stakeholder consultations
Constraints: Capacity development interventions are frequently implemented independently from each other, and are often too small in scale, narrow in scope, and neglecting the institutional and organizational capacity dimension			
Outcome 2: Capacity development interventions in tropical AIS that are better integrated with each other, that are more focused on development of institutional and organizational capacities and that include the private sector.			
Output 2.1: TAP partners and other stakeholders share a common vision on capacity development in agricultural innovation systems with regard to improving their investment strategies (international level)			

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Share and review principles, policies, tools, methods, and learning resources on CD to establish the TAP Framework for capacity development in AIS to inform decision-making and investment [TAP Framework]	TF CD Framework		A. TAP Partners material, Inter-agency Report to G20, 2012 B. TAP Partner staff/Consultant to collect, systemize and upload material: 6 months
Compile resource materials for advocacy and learning including evidence and case studies on effective facilitating policies and processes to influence future strategies and actions on CD for AIS [TAPipedia]	TF CD Framework		A. TAP Partner material B. TAP Partner staff Consultant to review and compile materials: 6 months
Organize face-to-face and virtual events (e-conferences) to discuss and advocate for enabling policies and practice in capacity development in AIS (preparing background resources, final report etc.). Themes: Policy coherence; Public-private partnerships; South-South and Tripartite collaboration [TAP Policy Dialogue]	TAP Partner(s)		A. TAP Partner documents B. TAP Partner Resources Financial: 4 x USD 40,000/virtual conference 3 x USD 150,000/F2F event in connection with other events Total: USD 590,000
Output 2.2. Support to establish or strengthen country-based mechanisms and platforms for advocacy, dialogue and action on AIS capacity (country level)			
Facilitate operational partnerships to implement the common principles in selected countries/sub-regions through support to partner meetings [TAP Marketplace]	Regional TF		A. B.
Engage with existing and/or support development of inclusive national mechanisms/platforms as “innovation brokers” in selected tropical LDCs	Regional TF		A. B.

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Countries (that have sound/coherent CD vision & strategy) [TAP Marketplace]			
Support the organization of national (and regional) innovation fairs and events to articulate demand and offer in capacity development in AIS in countries and to showcase good policies and practices [TAP Marketplace]	Regional TF		A. Mandates of TAP Regional Partners B. Political: region, and country demand and ownership. Financial: national or external budgets
Develop web-based information system with searchable profiles of supply and demand in capacity development – based on a template [TAPipedia]	CD Framework TF		A. Info from TAP Regional assessments B. HR to complete /expand information. HR to develop IT system
Create inventories of capacity development initiatives in selected LDCs, with emphasis on institutional development and private sector involvement [TAPipedia]	CD Framework TF		A. Regional synthesis reports B. HR to compile additional information
Constraints: Lack of high-level political and operational mechanisms to coordinate interventions for capacity development in tropical AIS			
Outcome 3: High-level political and operational mechanisms established at global level to improve coordination between interventions in capacity development in tropical AIS.			
Output 3.1: TAP Capacity Development framework supported by G20 members/observers and other international mechanisms			
Obtain political agreement and support at G20 level for the TAP Framework for CD in national AIS [TAP Policy Dialogue Space]	TAP Steering Committee (TAP-SC)	At relevant G20 meetings e.g. MACS, G20 Development and Agriculture groups	A. TAP-SC staff time B. TAP Partners travel budget/TAP Travel budget for event participation
Obtain political agreement and support at international level for the TAP Framework for CD in national AIS (FAO Regional conferences in 2014/16) [TAP Policy Dialogue Space]	TAP-SC/Regional TF	At relevant international meetings e.g. FAO Regional Conferences in 2014 and/or 2016	A. TAP-SC staff time B. TAP Partners travel budget/TAP Travel budget for event participation

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Output 3.2: TAP Organization and management established and operational			
TAP-SC established	TAP-PA	Jan 2013	
TAP-SC meetings held quarterly	TAP-SC Chair	Jan 2013-Dec 2017	A. N/A
TAP Partners Assembly held (virtually or face-to-face, F2F)	TAP-SC	At least annually 2013/2015/2017: F2F 2014/2016: Virtually	A. for 2013: funded B. 2 x USD 140,000/F2F 2 x USD 30,000/virtually Total USD 340,000
TAP Secretariat: Facilitation of the implementation of the TAP Action Plan	FAO hosts Secretariat	Jan 2013-Dec 2017	A. Office space and facilities B. Professional and administrative staff (TBD)
Formulation and implementation of TAP Communication Strategy	TAP-SC	Oct-Dec 2013	A. TAP Website etc. B. HR: TAP Partner staff/Consultant, 2 months
Monitoring and evaluation framework established	TAP-SC	Oct-Dec 2013	A. B.HR: TAP Partner staff /Consultant, 2 months
TAP External Review	TAP-SC	2016	A. B. Financial resources for external review team