What makes a practice a good practice

There are several ways to identify and use a good practice, whether at a local, national or international level. Firstly a good practice needs to be validated with appropriate stakeholders. It also needs to have a positive impact that is sustainable economically, environmentally and technically. It is important that a good practice is culturally sensitive and transferable to other contexts. A good practice should improve over time as circumstances change. It is important to think of it as an evolving process.

How to illustrate a good practice

. Explain who the main people involved are.
. Describe the context and process used.
. Describe participatory approaches used to engage stakeholders.
. Capture failures as much as successes.
. Explain risks and constraints there are in applying the practice.
. Identify critical factors that have triggered the positive change being observed.
. Explain its impact on the community using appropriate evaluation and validation approaches.

Get involved

. Join the FAO Informal Working Group on Good Practices and share your experiences.
. Let colleagues know more about the Group.

At FAO we aim to continually learn from our experiences. We do this by identifying, capturing, sharing and applying good practices. This improves the ability of our staff to make FAO a more effective organization.

FAO Informal Working Group on Good Practices

Staff can engage with the process of identifying and using good practices by joining the FAO Good Practices Informal Working Group. The group is currently working on:

. A detailed work plan.
. Mechanisms for identifying, capturing, sharing, and applying good practices.
. A Web site highlighting good practices.