What we do

Advocacy

Emphasizing the attention of global community to critical AID issues, GFAR engages with various international and regional committees that define policy, AID issues.


Linking Research and Rural Innovation to Sustainable Development, Dakar 2009 Conference: Linkages established between the research community and civil-society.

Role of Diversity in Achieving the MDGs Millennium Development Goal of Freedom from Hunger and Poverty, Chicago 2009: contribution of agro-biodiversity highlighted.


Reforming Agricultural Research to meet the MDGs, New Delhi 2009 Conference: profile of AID issues.

Partnerships

Emphasizing cost-effective partnerships to address AID stakeholders priorities.

Global Partnership Programme (GPP): an initiative for the development of collaborative efforts to address global AID issues, to promote initiatives and work undertaken by diverse stakeholders.

Ongoing Programmes

PROMOTING LOCAL INNOVATION (PLI) is an initiative spearheaded by NGOs to build a global network that promotes local innovation, led by a group of NGOs and the technology research and extension national network (http://www.promotinginnovation.org/).

Direct Sourcing, Match-based and Conservation Village Agriculture (MCA) an initiative to strengthen the capacity of stakeholders to develop and adopt conservation agriculture systems and to accelerate their wide adoption. (http://agronet.org/mca/)

The Global Facilitation Unit for Unnamed Indigenous Species (GUINS) a multi-stakeholder initiative that facilitates and increases the international and knowledge exchange to the level of unmeasured and neglected species. (http://www.unmeasured.species.org)

EMAPD: Information and Communications Management for Agricultural Research for Development (EMAPD): a programme designed to contribute to bridging the digital divide that is currently impacting global AID initiatives. (http://www.inaf.org/accio/parthashipto/inic/aic/)

Competitive Programmes

EDUAG Project (Expansion du Développement Durable Avec les Systèmes de Terres de Agriculture du Sud) a joint GFAR-Agropolis competitive grant to enhance knowledge and promote innovation in agroforestry and to enhance scientific capacities of southern partners through partnerships. (http://www.gfar.org/competitive/)

Pipeline Programmes

Linking Farmers to Markets (LFM): institutional learning and sharing of experiences by building on and adding value to market oriented research, development and investment programmes that link farmers to markets. (http://www.gfar.org/lftm/)

From Farmer Product (FToP) aims at developing and demonstrating economically sustainable organic NPFS solutions in partnership with local communities, governments and private partners.

Inclusiveness

Facilitating the engagement of all stakeholders in AID processes.

Enchancing the participation of women in global agricultural and investment (FPAI)

Stakeholder Network for the CCAG (CCG) Global Dialogue Programme (CCD/CCAG) institutionalizing participatory processes on food security and poverty alleviation.

Facilitating the institutional capacity of CSOs for effective CSOs research agenda.

Scholarship Scheme for AID researchers and scientists sponsored by FAO and GFAR.

Enhanced and increased CSO participation in the governance and research activities at national level.

Information and Knowledge Sharing

Facilitating and delivering effective international knowledge sharing, and use by AID stakeholders.

Access to information and knowledge improves through printed reports, proceedings, study documents, and information exchange (IFACI). (http://www.promotinginnovation.org/)

Provision of reliable, relevant and useful information in their proper context, and endorsed manner through the Electronic Repository of GFAR documents.

Contributions to the development of improved, coherent and integrated global agricultural information systems and services.

Established appropriate governance structures for sharing information and knowledge through the EKOMAD initiative.

Inter Regional Collaboration

Promote and enhance effective North-South and North-South collaboration.

Identified cross-region AID priorities through region-specific setting programmes.

Established inter-regional commodity networks and clusters.

Enhanced knowledge and information exchange among regional and national initiatives.
Global Forum on Agricultural Research

The Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFRAS) is a stakeholder-led initiative that serves as a neutral forum for the discussion of strategic issues in agricultural research for development (ARD). It facilitates and promotes cost-effective partnerships and strategic alliances among ARD stakeholders in their efforts to alleviate poverty, increase food security and promote the sustainable use of natural resources.

The GFRAS concept revolves around three key issues linked to the sustainable development paradigm:

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- **Complementarity**: GFRAS strives to develop a global agricultural research system by drawing on the complementary strengths of all stakeholders involved.
- **Additionality**: GFRAS supports programs and projects that can specifically add value in what each stakeholder is able to do on its own.
- **Partnership**: The MARS of all countries, both developed and developing, along with their regional and sub-regional fora and the confederations of the global agricultural research system that GFRAS aims to create for effective and efficient partnerships.

Researchers would work not only in inter-disciplinary teams, but also across stakeholder groups and a range of civil society organizations (CSOs), such as farmer groups, community-based organizations (CBOs), and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), private sector groups such as processors, commodity and input traders, etc.

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Involvement of all stakeholders
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