GFAR Secretariat's Report on Activities in 2007

Report for GFAR Statutory Meetings – Beijing, China

by GFAR Secretariat
Outline

Activities for:

A. Consensus building and advocacy for action on agricultural research and innovation
B. Promotion of global and regional partnerships for collaborative research and innovation
C. Knowledge and Communication for Agricultural Research and Innovation
D. Strengthening the Institutional Capacities of GFAR and its Stakeholders
E. Other activities
   • Activities planned but not completed
Consensus building and advocacy for action on agricultural research and innovation

- Regional ARD Priorities revisited and updated in Central Asia and Caucuses – March 2007 – Tashkent
- GFAR Retreat – April 2007 - Alexandria
- Participation in FARA AGM – June 2007 - Johannesburg
- ERA – ARD Workshop – June 2007-Brussels
- Expert Consultation on Biofuels – August 2007 – IRRI
Consensus building and advocacy for action on agricultural research and innovation

- Expert Consultation to Review Progress of Agricultural Research Networks and Consortia in Asia-Pacific Region – November 2007 – Hyderabad
- Promoting the transformation of Agricultural Research, Extension and Education with Prolinnova and YPARD
- EFARD Evaluation
- Independent External Evaluation of FAO
Promotion of global and regional partnerships for collaborative research and innovation

- **Linking Farmers to Markets GPP**
  - Business planning Meeting – June, 2007 – Rome
  - Interim Secretariat functional
  - Start up funds released

- **Release of Funds for Non-Timber Forest Products GPP and SSA NGOC**

- **DURAS Competitive Grants**
  - Mid-Term External Review Completed
  - 2nd Project Leaders Workshop
  - DURAS Phase 2

- **Support to “OASIS” Proposal**
Knowledge and Communication for Agricultural research and Innovation

- CAC RAIS Steering Committee Meeting – CACAARI – Tashkent January 2007
- Regional Training Workshop on Information systems – AARINENA – Cairo, May 2007
- Sensitization and Awareness Building Workshop – APAARI – Los Banos, August 2007
- Support to FARA RAILS
Knowledge and Communication for Agricultural research and Innovation

- Support to FORAGRO for information management for research and innovation
- 2\textsuperscript{nd} Expert Consultation on International Information Systems for Agricultural Science and Technology (IISAST)
- 4\textsuperscript{th} ICM4ARD Inter-Regional Consultation
- 1\textsuperscript{st} EGFAR Task Force Meeting
- Participation in E-Agriculture Task Force
Knowledge and Communication for Agricultural research and Innovation

- GFAR Participation in e-Agriculture week
  - 8th agricultural Ontology Service Workshop
  - CGIAR:Global Public Goods – From Information to Knowledge to Food
  - Farmer Led documentation: Local knowledge sharing in an agricultural context
Knowledge and Communication for Agricultural research and Innovation

- **EGFAR**
  - EGFAR as a platform for discussion on critical issues for agricultural research
  - Gateway and node in the ARD Webring
  - Model “Webspace” using State of the Art Web2 technologies
- **ARD Webring**
- **MIS**
  - Integration of Institutional Databases across information systems of Wageningen University, FAO, GFAR
  - Projects Application Profile
Knowledge and Communication for Agricultural Research and Innovation

• Publications


• Paper/Posters presentation

Strengthening the Institutional Capacities

- Sub-Saharan SSA Consortium
  - FARA and GFAR Secretariat organized SSA NGOC 1st Biennial meeting – June 2007, Johannesburg
- Asia Pacific NGO Consortium
  - APAARI leading action in forming the NGOC
- Proposal by CACAARI for CAC NGO Consortium
Other Activities

- Maintenance of EGFAR and GFAR Communication including Newsletter, Brochures, Posters
- GFAR 2004-2006 Report
- GFAR Business Plan 2007-2009
- Response to GFAR External Evaluation
- GFAR Annual Report for 2006
- Arrangements and Organizing for GFAR Statutory Meetings
- Arranging GFAR Chair’s participation in stakeholder events
- Recruitment of GFAR Executive Secretary
Activities not completed

- GFAR Stakeholder Committee Meeting of the Generation Challenge Program
- Development of detailed project proposals under GFAR Business Plan 2007-2009
- Staffing of GFAR Secretariat
Thank You