

Thematic Theme

Integrated Agricultural Systems for the Poor and Vulnerable

Input and Feedback Highlights

1. Agro-ecosystems is the right focus, rather the CG “product” focus. Agro-ecosystems operate at the local and regional level of the farmers. Links local knowledge to global challenges.
2. Transform the issues into mega-programs, consider manageability of the complex programs. Particularly to go to communality in the agro-ecosystems , going lower to a sub-regional system - lower level of resolution. Select one of the three sub-focal areas and come up with a suggestion for regional program for fast tracking, that could be a meaningful management unit for this theme.
3. Where the partners are engaged in the process should be further clarified. Have dialogue before research objectives are set. Are scientists capable of organizing the producers? Not only emphasize increasing production but entire productivity; not just the CG view or researcher prospective, but seen from the local marginal producers’ view. Include local culture and knowledge.
4. Support women’s association and empowerment, have women also determine the research agendas, shape the research.
5. We need short-term secure solutions for the high-risk groups. Need tools to measure progress