

Enabling Further Fast Growing Economy Countries Role in Global ARD

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Fast Growing Economy (FGE) Countries

- **FGE Countries (annual GDP > 6 per cent over a period of last 5 years) with large National Agricultural Research Capacities e.g.:**
 - Brazil
 - China
 - India
- **Every FGE country has shown remarkable increase in food production and productivity**

FGE Countries role

- **FGE's want to play a more active role in ARD globally and want:**
 - **contributions driven by shared interests and needs and not rhetoric**
 - **contributions judged not by their funding of international research organizations but the value they generate in sharing experiences, information, knowledge, skills and technology**
 - **change in systems, institutions, structures and processes of collaboration and partnerships so that their efforts have development impact**

Suggestions for action

This parallel Workshop supplemented the International Workshop on Fast Growing Economies Role in Global ARD 8-10 February 2010, Beijing Organized by Chinese Academy of Agricultural Research and Global Forum on Agricultural Research in its suggestions for the way forward

Suggestions for action

Fast growing economies have unique information, experience, knowledge and core competencies in Tropical Agriculture research. They should take leadership of global collaboration through partnership in this area as also in areas they lead such Hybrid Rice (China) and Conservation agriculture (Brazil) etc.

Suggestions for action

Strengthen cooperation and partnerships with focus in areas of global common concerns, such as climate change, food safety, water resources utilization, trans-boundary disease, managing biodiversity, control of invasive species, agricultural products trade etc.,.

Suggestions for action

There is vast knowledge and experience in Fast Growing Economies in organizing and managing agricultural research and in partnership and collaboration in ARD. This experience should be further documented and shared in an organized manner as case studies and success stories

Suggestions for action

The fast growing economies should be actively engaged in the development of databases, information systems and platforms initiated and/or organized by GFAR to improve information-sharing for global and common good of ARD stakeholders and partners

Suggestions for action

Reinforce coordination, through appropriate programs such as on genomic studies, among the fast growing economies, especially in the field of agriculture research as well as in policy-making of agricultural science and technology.

Suggestions for action

GFAR should set up a Task Force for providing information, including historical, on the evolution and development of agricultural research, education and extension systems so that the information, experience, knowledge and skills acquired in fast growing economies in restructuring of ARD systems can be available to other NARS.

Suggestions for action

- **Fast Growing Economies can help advocate investment, capacity building and Institutional innovation for ARD within their region and globally through publishing their experiences and through helping other countries develop their own research and innovation systems.**
- **GFAR should play an organizing role in this effort**

Suggestions for action

- **Support, especially funds, for collaborative activities can be arranged through appropriate joint programs that are supported by donors, philanthropic organizations and FGEs together.**
- **Other avenues can also be sought**
- **These programs can be channeled at regional level through respective forums and GFAR at the global level**
- **Wherever possible they should be closely associated with other activities such as CGIAR Megaprograms, large bilateral and multilateral programs**

Suggestions for action

- **GFAR should support and provide avenues for the fast growing economies to enhance their role in regional ARD networks and cooperation.**
- **To make full use of global platforms such as of GFAR to enable Fast Growing Economies play a now due and greater role in global ARD. GFAR may invite the large NARS of fast growing economies, in addition to participating in regional forums, a direct participation in GFAR governance and activities.**

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