



Breakout session C1.3 North-South and South-South Collaborative Actions – Speaker Brief

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Context – the problems being addressed
<p><i>Innovation in South-South Cooperation</i></p> <p>The Africa-Brazil and LAC-Brazil Agricultural Innovation Marketplaces (~Mktplace~) have been arising as effective mechanisms for South-South Cooperation supporting smallholders. These are partnerships comprised of public and private not for profit, national and international partners who mobilize resources focused on fostering partnerships between Brazil and other developing countries in Africa and Latin America and the Caribbean.</p> <p>The Brazilian experience and expertise in tropical agriculture have been increasingly demanded by partner countries and the Mktplace has proven to be an effective mechanism for the establishment and strengthening of research for development partnerships with high potential for positive impacts in agricultural development.</p>
Current activities presented and discussed in the session
<p>The Mktplace is a process that includes policy dialogues, fora to discuss ideas and share knowledge, and competitive call for proposals for the establishment of collaborative projects between African and Latin America and the Caribbean institutions and Embrapa Research Units. There have been 3 calls for proposals and these have included the participation of 23 countries in Africa and 18 in LAC and more than 35 (out of 47) <i>Embrapa</i> Research Units.</p> <p>Currently, there are 35 projects under implementation in 11 countries in Africa and 5 in LAC. Ten of these projects are in their last year of implementation showing positive results that will influence policy and decision-making with high potential to scale up and out. Some of the partners have indicated the possibility of funding the scaling up and out of these promising results.</p>
Intended outcomes
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Promote knowledge exchange among Africa-Brazil-LAC.2. Support agricultural development in Africa and LAC in line with the national and regional strategies.3. Promote investments in agricultural research and development.

4. Mutually contribute to the achievements of the Millennium Development Goals.
Commitments to collective actions in 2012-2014 (national, regional or international)
i. With existing resources
The Agricultural Innovation Marketplace has resources committed by partners until 2015 and indications of interest to continue support including the scaling up and out of the outputs of the projects funded through the initiative.
ii. With additional support
The sustainability and scalability of the initiative is contingent on the level of financial support by partners. Upon maintenance of the appropriate level of funding, the initiative can be maintained uninterrupted and can be scaled up according to the funds available. Discussions have been taking place with the various partners who have shown an interest to scale up their support including funds to build on promising results of the implemented projects. Overall, the partnership expects this South-South collaboration initiative to continue and expand.
iii. With specific large scale programme investment
The partnership is interested in building on promising results of the implemented projects in order to optimize the level of impact on agricultural development. This will be achieved through investments in increasing the number of funded projects and funding targeted specifically to the scaling up and out of the project results. The current partners have indicated their interest to continue and expand their support. In that regard and as an open partnership, the Mktplace maintains regular discussions with potentially interested partners to guarantee its sustainability and scalability.