FORAGRO Report

Progress on GFAR MTP Outcomes

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Foragro

- Dialogue
- Articulation
- Alliances
- Advocacy Role
- Promoting R&D&I

Public Sector

Private Sector

Universities

International Organizations

NGOs

Small Farmers’ Organizations

Women Farmers (2012)

Technical Secretariat IICA

Youth (2011)

Continuously promoting the participation of additional stakeholder groups
Brasília, Brazil December 2013 Meeting

Foragro

- Maurício Lopes - EMBRAPA Brasil
  - Presidente Comité Ejecutivo
- Francisco Anglesio - INTA Argentina
  - Vicepresidente Comité Ejecutivo
- Claudio Barriga - ANEGLA Chile
  - Vicepresidente Comité Ejecutivo
- Mario Ahumada - MAELA Chile
  - Vicepresidente Comité Ejecutivo
- Abel Mejía Marcacusco - UNA La Molina Perú
  - Vicepresidente Comité Ejecutivo
MTP Outcomes – Advances in 2013

1) **Farmers and national stakeholders empowered** and informed to better negotiate their own agricultural futures
   - Procisur continues actions on foresight
   - Principles for a regional chapter of the foresight academy for LAC (IICA and FORAGRO): slow start.

2) **Equitable and effective demand-driven partnerships** enabled to transform agricultural research and innovation into impacts at scale
   - Several initiatives for LAC interaction with CRPs: participation in defining work plans, priorities, key actors for specific topics, development of strategy for capacity building in Central America
   - Sustainable intensification and climate change: New platform for sharing technological options
MTP Outcomes – Advances in 2013

3) Transformative **investments in AR4D systems stimulated** to better meet the needs and opportunities of the resource-poor

- Tracking research investments and returns: joint effort with ASTI/IFPRI to update information from Central America and the Caribbean.
- Sharing of experiences on funding mechanisms, such as FONTAGRO

4) Collective initiatives fostered to generate **new capacities in transforming AR4D systems**

- TAP’s Central America assessment completed in 2013.
- Proposal for a **FORAGRO think-tank and capacity building platform** on management and leadership of innovation systems approved at the FORAGRO Executive Committee Meeting (Brasilia, December 2013).
- Latin American Chapter of GFRAS (RELASER) participating in FORAGRO activities. Initiative under way to gather and share experiences on institutional innovation in extension/advisory services through the Observatory of Institutional Innovations (IICA-Red-Innovagro)
5) Agricultural research and knowledge embedded into rural development agendas and better meeting societal needs

- **Women farmers** represented in FORAGRO Executive Committee did not happen yet. Project to define the mechanisms for this participation approved by GFAR, but support is pending. The project will also provide the basis for LAC representation in the Gender in Agriculture Partnership.

- YPARD regional focal point participates in all FORAGRO activities and is part of the Executive Committee.

- **Institutional development = Knowledge management** for innovation continues to be key advocacy topic in FORAGRO. It is now embedded into the agendas of many regional and national institutions.
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6) Accountability, transformational change and development impacts in AR4D systems increased through greater strategic coherence and more transparent stakeholder involvement

- FORAGRO Governance review, was not carried out last year with GFAR support, (funding did not come through).

- Although FORAGRO stakeholders have included many other sectors besides public research from the beginning, and new sectors have been added continuously, defining the participation of sectors that are not well organized in the region is still a challenge.

- With this in mind, the Executive Committee of FORAGRO decided to organize the governance review in 2014, with no further delay.
FORAGRO proposed key actions from 2014 on

- Key project to enhance FORAGRO's role as a "think-tank" and capacity building platform on management and leadership of innovation systems (Feeds into GFAR outcomes 4, 1, 5, 6)
  - Approved by Ec. Co.; profile in preparation; possible funding by FONTAGRO.

- Governance study and implementation of results
  - Funding approved by GFAR, expected in 2014 (mainly in GFAR outcome 6)

- Definition of mechanism for representing women farmers
  - Funding approved by GFAR, expected in 2014 (mainly in GFAR outcome 5)
FORAGRO proposed key actions for 2014 on

- Continuing efforts in the forum’s traditional roles
  - Dialogue for participatory definition of common priorities and agendas – strengthened with development of capacities on foresight analysis (outcome 1)
  - Representation in global instances (i.e. GFAR) and outlook for good practices in other regions
  - Mechanisms to enhance knowledge sharing and networking on priority topics.

- EMBRAPA in the FORAGRO Chair proposes to boost these efforts in a participative way.
Thank you for your attention

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