THE THIRD GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH FOR DEVELOPMENT

GCARD 2015 is the third Global Conference on Agricultural Research for Development. Organized by the Global Forum on Agriculture Research (GFAR) and CGIAR, it is part of a continuing, process of reform, and builds on what has gone before in, and around, the previous two GCARDs.

In 2010 the GCARD1 produced a Roadmap paving the way towards more responsive and relevant agricultural research. GCARD2 (2012) explored the practical implications of partnership and pathways to impact and led to a range of fifteen new commitments to partnership, capacity development and foresight in the CGIAR.

80% of respondents to a survey on GCARD2 found the conference sessions to have been either useful or very useful to their work, while 79% felt that the knowledge acquired is likely to change the design or implementation of their AR4D programmes and activities. 83% found the partnership sessions either useful, or very useful, to their work.

GCARD3 will be a two-year consultation process focusing on stakeholder and partner priorities and based on national and regional stakeholder consultations designed to help shape the strategy and future direction of international agriculture research and innovation. It will also include dialogue to foster the development of an integrated investment facility for national agricultural innovation, to ensure that national systems are empowered through direct investment and the capacities required, to provide effective uptake networks, able to make use of the products of agricultural research. To meet their own needs, countries must have the resources and the know-how to adapt and disseminate technologies, to take them to scale, to create the right policy and regulatory environments, and to get their goods to market.

GCARD3 will be an inclusive, participatory process and an opportunity to shape the future. It will encourage conversations for change in setting a new agenda for agricultural research in development and new pathways for uptake. The overall outcome will be the clear – and transparent – identification of international research priorities, and what’s needed to achieve future development goals in national systems, in particular for family farmers and poor communities.
Get Informed. Get Inspired. Get Involved

GCARD3 is designed to provide you with a number of ways to stay informed on what's happening during the GCARD process and be engaged in the conversations. The GCARD website will keep you up to date on consultations, engagements, on-line forums and be a place where conversations and documents can be easily found. The regular GFAR Update will carry the latest news and link to updates from GFAR stakeholders on the GCARD process.

Join the conversation

Consultations will continue throughout 2015 and will be both on-line and face-to-face at a global, regional and national levels. Some of the key consultations will be hosted by national partners around the shape and direction of the CGIAR Research Programs. Discussions will also be fostered on the development of an integrated investment facility for agricultural innovation. The results of these consultations will provide inputs to a focused GCARD3 event in late 2015 and subsequent further development of the next round of CGIAR Research Program proposals. Results of all consultations will be collected and made public, allowing you to follow, and monitor, the results of all consultations transparently and continuously.

Tell us what you think about the draft CGIAR Strategy and Results Framework

As the first part of the GCARD3 consultations, CGIAR and GFAR are inviting you to share your inputs and feedback on international research priorities, as proposed in the draft Strategy and Results Framework for future work of the CGIAR. We appreciate that this is a busy time of year and do hope that you can take some time to participate in the consultations.

Your opinions and comments are very much valued in ensuring that the CGIAR has a robust and inclusive Strategy and Results Framework that reflects the international research role of CGIAR and guides its future work. The consultations will be in two phases. The first phase is starting now and will continue to the end of December 2014, aiming to capture reactions and comments on the key themes and research elements proposed for the Strategy and Results Framework. In January 2015, stakeholders and partners will be further invited to comment on the draft of the Strategy and Results Framework – ahead of a final version to be approved in April-May 2015.

There are many ways by which you can have your say on these plans. A link to all the SRF consultation opportunities can be found on the GCARD website (www.egfar.org/gcard) and CGIAR SRF Consultation:

- Discussions, questions and summary in a number of meetings taking place in November-December (FARA@15, EFARD and others)
- Go to the e-consultation: www.cgiar.org/srfe-consultation
- Participate in a survey to gather comments and ideas: www.surveymonkey.com/s/CGIAR_GFAR-SRFconsultation
- Join an online discussion during the weekly ‘Call-in Program’ (schedule to appear on the GCARD website)
- You can also submit any responses via email to partnerships@cgiar.org

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