



Presentations and conferences on EX-ACT

- USA - Washington, 22-24 March 2011: During The Agriculture and Rural Development Days, organised by the Agriculture and Rural Development Department (ARD) of the World Bank, the EX-ACT team had the opportunity to present the tool as a standard method to appraise carbon balance of agricultural projects and policies.
- CHINA – Beijing, 24-31 March 2011: an EX-ACT training was conducted for the team leaders of the Integrated Modern Agriculture Development (IMAD) Project, in order to better integrate climate change response in the IMAD project design.
- FRANCE – Lille, 9 June 2011: For the second consecutive year, The EX-ACT team delivered one day academic session on the EX-ACT tool to Master students specifically studying “Rural and Food Industry Development in Developing Countries” at the Higher Institute of Agriculture in Lille. Further, the students got the opportunity to discuss development and climate change related issues, put into relation with the EX-ACT tool.



Training in China, March 2011

EX-ACT trainings and application for specific projects

Carbon appraisal of two World Bank agricultural projects in North India

INDIA – Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, 19-25 June 2011

A joint World Bank and FAO EX-ACT team went to India in order to introduce The EX-ACT tool. The purpose of the

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The Ex-ACT team has gone through a restructural phase:

- Marianne Tinlot is leaving us for a field post and Pierre Sutter is going to be repositioned as EX-ACT consultant in Sahelian countries (both are going to be based in Chad)
- Ophélie Touchemoulin (France) and Madeleine Jönsson (Sweden) are joining the Head Quarters EX-ACT team as junior consultants
- Rocio Sanz Cortes (Spain) confirms her role of Latin America EX-ACT consultant

mission was to verify the application possibility of the tool in the country. The mission also aimed at verifying the feasibility of using the EX-ACT tool on two projects: Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. The project in Uttar Pradesh has been on-going for ten years and consists more precisely the reclamation of sodic degraded lands for agricultural purposes. Meetings and field visits were organized to better understand the different project phases, components, techniques of reclamation and direct impacts for beneficiaries. A first carbon balance estimation was conducted with the preliminary available data. The project in Rajasthan is still under an early phase of formulation; future potential partners have encountered and got introduced to the EX-ACT tool, envisaging further potential common work.



Field visits in India, June 2011

Niger Community Action Project for Climate Resilience (CAPCR)

NIGER, 9-15 May 2011

The World Bank supported project, CAPCR, aims at improving the resilience of populations and production systems to climate change, in order to increase national food security in the country. The role of the EX-ACT team was to provide an increased knowledge regarding the climate change impacts on the CAPCR project. The mission was organized in Niamey and consisted in two main activities; i) Participants from the government, NGOs, CAP, extension services and research institutions got a workshop on the EX-ACT use and had the opportunity to develop by themselves a rough carbon balance of projects they were currently working. Synergies between adaptation and mitigation were confirmed; ii) A small group of experts conducted, with the support of the EX-ACT team, an explorative carbon balance appraisal on the potential impacts of the CAPCR project. Since the project is not yet definitely formulated, the adoption rate of sustainable and resilient practices is yet unknown. Thus the exercise of carbon balance could equally be renewed by the CAP team to better estimate carbon impacts based upon a realistic and well-defined project scenario.



The EX-ACT team and the audience in Niger, May 2011

EX-ACT website publications

Policy brief: «Carbon sequestration as an integral part of watershed management strategies to address climate change issues». It analyses the current context in which carbon sequestration could be both a proper agri-environmental indicator to assess different strategies of sustainable development in watershed approach and a mean to access to carbon funding.

Use of the CIGAL3P approach for an EX-ACT training for the Russian Federal Forestry Agency and Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology RUSSIA - Moscow, 1-3 June 2011

The Bikin Forest Conservation Project, managed by WWF in Russian Far East (Khabarovsk province), aims at conserving and improving forest management on six million hectares of forest area. Another project in preparation, the Russia Forest Fire Emergency Response project, seeks to enhance the government's preparedness for forest fires, by strengthening the capacity for forest fire monitoring. National experts of the Federal Forestry Agency and Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology, as well as World Bank experts, were introduced to the EX-ACT tool. Moreover, the tool was implemented on these two projects, using the CIGAL3P approach (Carbon-balance Interactive Group Approach on Long-term Project and Policy Planning), where people were invited to propose their own case studies, consequently triggering brainstorming between the participants.

Up coming events and analysis

- July-August: work on the **Climate Smart Agriculture** source book
- July-August: **case studies** of the two Russian projects and carbon balance appraisal of a watershed-management project in Rwanda
- August: methodology paper on **MACC (Marginal Abatement Cost Curves)** and the cost of low carbon options
- September: research articles: one on the limits and opportunities of EX-ACT tool, another one on the impact of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in agricultural lands in Tanzania
- September-October: two **sub-regional central Asia workshops**, one in Istanbul and one in Bhutan. In addition, there will be a **multi partner workshop** and project appraisal **in Uruguay**

The FAO-EX-ACT team* supports appraisal of agriculture and forestry projects all over the world, please contact us if you are interested.

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