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# Session 3: Questionnaire on Policy, Laws and Regulations and National Policy Dialogue Plan

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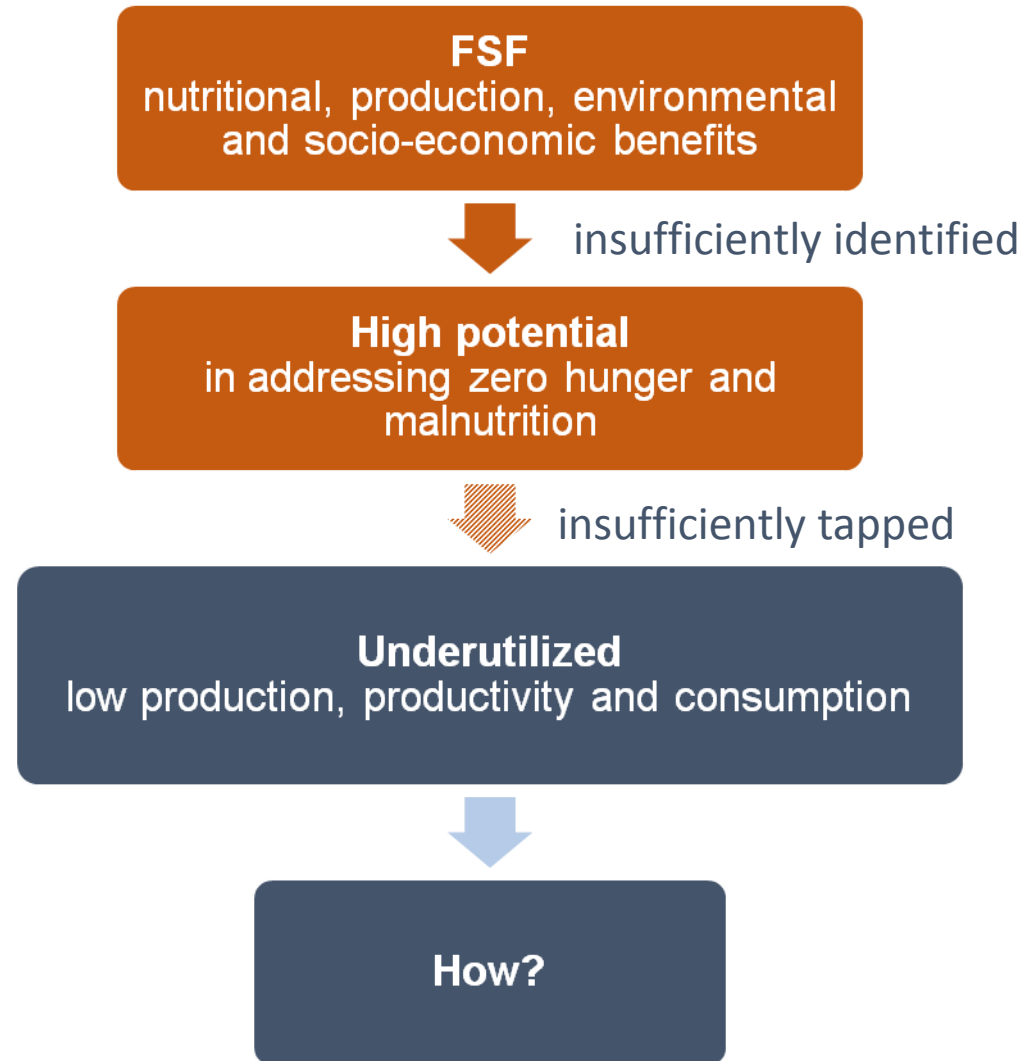


# Outline

- I. How to Rediscover Hidden Treasure of FSF
- II. Questionnaire on Policy, Laws and Regulations
- III. National and Local Policy Dialogues

# I. How to Rediscover Hidden Treasure of FSF

# How to Rediscover Hidden Treasure of FSF



# Why have FSF been underutilized?

## Consumption



### Education

- Little or no knowledge of the nutritional and health benefits of pulses
- Little awareness raising and promotion

### Culture

- Inferior image of pulses, associated with poor people's food
- Preference towards easy-accessible calorie-rich and nutrient-poor food



# Why have FSF been underutilized?

## Productivity



- **Water scarcity**
- **Land degradation**
- **Lack of quality seeds**
- **Pests and diseases**
- **Forward and backward linkages with markets**



# Multidimensional constraints for FSF: Technical Level

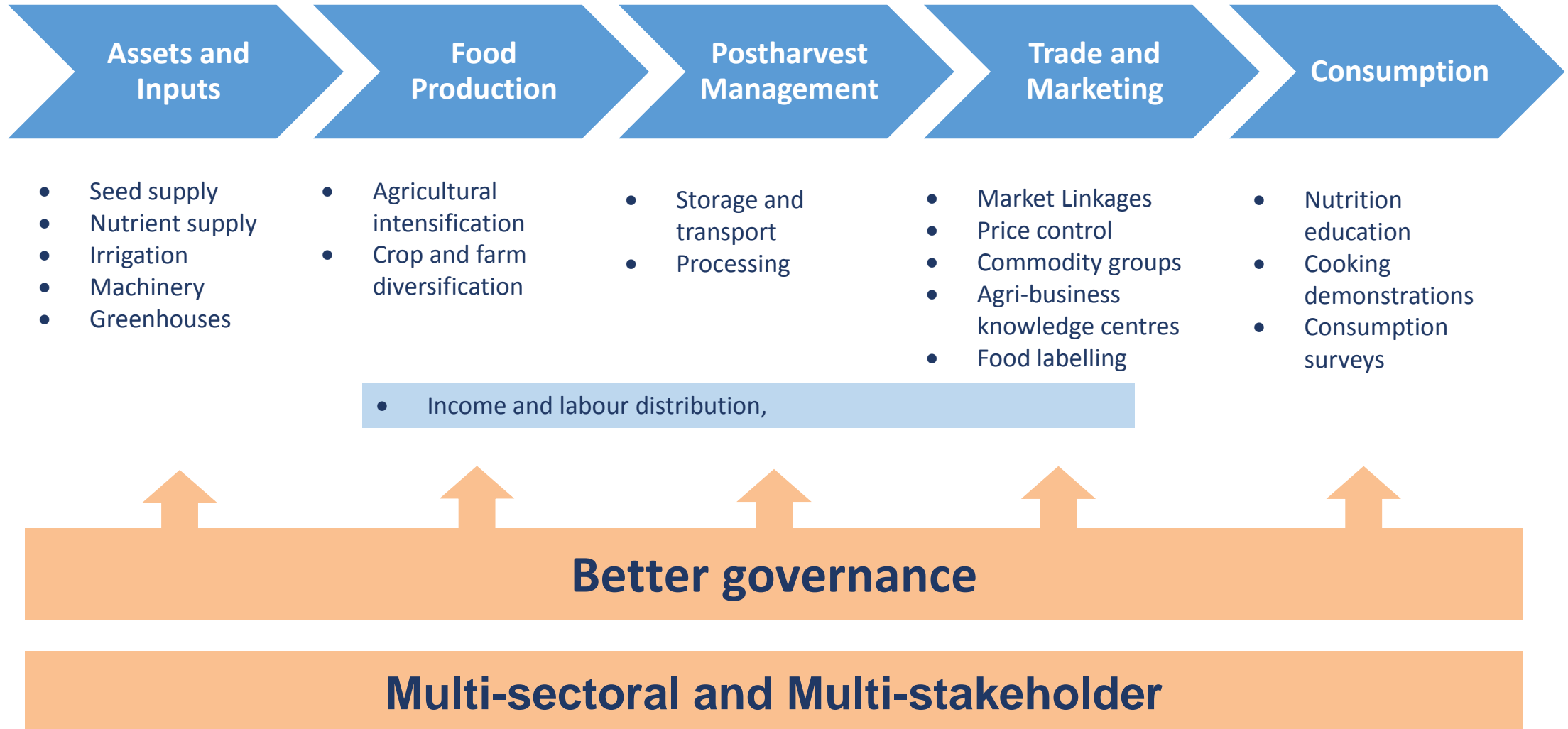
Dimension	Constraints	Possible Policy Interventions
<b>Technical</b>	Lack of seed availability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Market mechanisms for seed multiplication, storage and distribution (local seed banks)</li> <li>• In case of adverse weather events, buy-back seed of improved varieties by the state governments to avoid distress sales of seed as commodity in the market</li> </ul>
	Farmers lack knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effective knowledge transfer through extension services</li> </ul>
	Low response to improved management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of technologies (early-maturing varieties, short-duration rice varieties, moisture conservation technology), plus improved cultural practices</li> </ul>
	Lack of adequate postharvest and processing technologies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhanced subsidy/availability at affordable and subsidized prices for agricultural machinery incl. sprinklers for irrigation, and quality seed supply</li> </ul>

# Multidimensional constraints for FSF: Institutional Level

Dimension	Constraints	Possible Policy Interventions
<b>Policy and Institutional</b>	Lack of cash and credit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Easy access to credit for small-scale farmers, particularly women farmers</li></ul>
	Lack of policy and market support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Access to institutional credit and crop insurance schemes</li><li>• Introduce fixed minimum support prices</li><li>• Enforcement of quality checking and certification at various stages of the value chain to facilitate exports to EU and other developed countries</li><li>• Procurement of crops through government and subsidized sale of crops through fair price shops (India) or school feeding</li></ul>
	Consumer preferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Promotion of cultivars preferred by the market and which can be afforded by the farmers</li><li>• Create awareness of nutritional and health benefits of crop diversification</li></ul>



# Promote Agriculture Diversification along Food Value Chain



## **II. Questionnaire on Policy, Laws and Regulations**

# Questionnaire on Policy, Laws and Regulations

## Objective

- Survey the current status of national policy, regulations, laws and institutions covering the entire food value chain related to both staple and non-staple food (incl. NUS/FSF)
- Support the Government, including various ministries and stakeholders, to coordinate and review the status and identify gaps on incentives provided for NUS

## Output 1: National policy and strategy recommendations

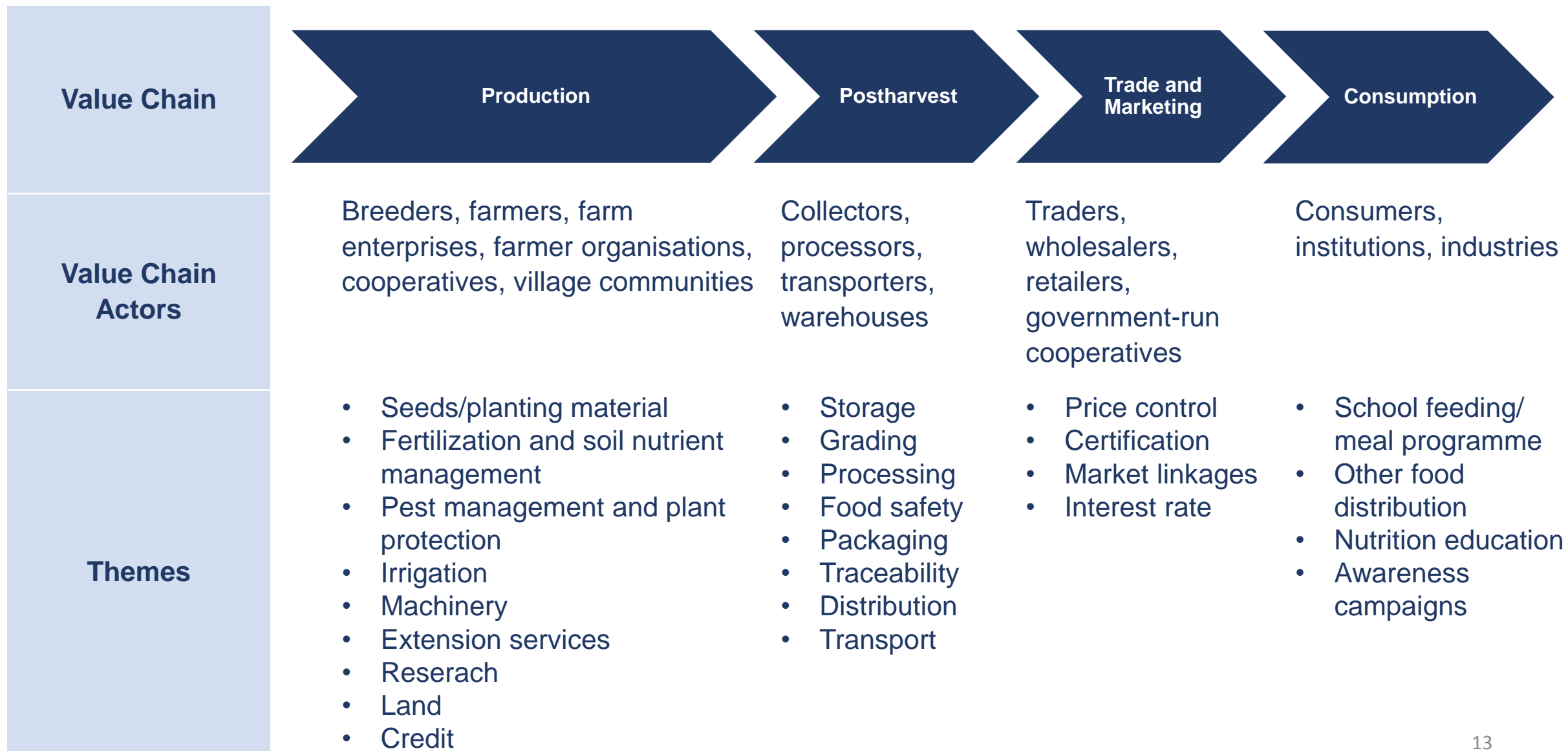
**Activity 1.1:** Map existing policies, regulations and institutions that cover crop-related NUS from a food system perspective

# Questionnaire on Policy, Laws and Regulations

## Scope for Distribution

- Government (national / provincial / district level)
- Legislature (Parliament / Congress / Assembly / Commission / Committee)
- Research / Academia / University
- Farmers Association / Farmers
- Private Sector
- Non-governmental Organization
- Other

# Questionnaire on Policy, Laws and Regulations



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1. Production			
Question		Answer	
		<i>Policy, Laws and Regulations</i>	
		<i>A. Staple food</i>	<i>B. NUS</i>
a. What policies/laws/regulations are already in place that target the production of staple and non-staple food, respectively? If yes, how much relative budget has been allocated for each food group in 2015/16?	Seeds and planting material	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify: _____ Budget allocated (%): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify: _____ Budget allocated (%): _____
	Fertilization and soil nutrient management	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify: _____ Budget allocated (%): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify: _____ Budget allocated (%): _____
	Pesticides (including eco-friendly and others)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify: _____ Budget allocated (%): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Other, specify: _____ Budget allocated (%): _____

# Questionnaire on Policy, Laws and Regulations

1. Production			
Question		Answer	
		A. <i>Staple food</i>	B. <i>NUS</i>
b. What are major Ministries and stakeholders including legislative authorities (parliament/congress/assembly, commissions/committees) involved?  <i>(more than one answer)</i>	Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Ministry for Agriculture, please specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry for Environment, please specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry for Water, please specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry for Rural Development, please specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Ministry for Agriculture, please specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry for Environment, please specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry for Water, please specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Ministry for Rural Development, please specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: _____
	Legislature	<input type="checkbox"/> Parliament/Congress/Assembly, please specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Commission/Committee, please specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Parliament/Congress/Assembly, please specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Commission/Committee, please specify: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify: _____

# Questionnaire on Policy, Laws and Regulations

<b>1. Production</b>			
<b>Question</b>		<b>Answer</b>	
		<i>A. Staple food</i>	<i>B. NUS</i>
c. Gaps, Disincentives and Incentives: Identify and describe any existing or in-pipeline incentives/ disincentives in favour of production.	Gaps and Disincentives	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
	Incentives	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>



# Questionnaire on Policy, Laws and Regulations

- Two supplementary questions, please specify:
  - 1) Which major NGOs/INGOs is your institution collaborating with on food security and nutrition (e.g. food distribution, school meal programme)?
  - 2) Which private sector partners is your institution collaborating with on food security and nutrition?
- Please provide relevant official documents on policy, laws and regulations as reference at the end of the Questionnaire
  - indicate title, year, and web link
- Examples for policies and laws are given in the annex

## **III. National and Local Policy Dialogues**

# National and Local Policy Dialogues

## Objective

Give guidance and information on the context, objectives, methodology and expected results of the national field survey

**Output 1:** National policy and strategy recommendations on a multi-dimensional enabling environment for nutrition-sensitive food and agriculture

**Activity 1.4:** Organize national and field multi-stakeholder policy dialogues to endorse country reports and assist Governments in adopting revised policy frameworks

# National and Local Policy Dialogues

I. Setting the scene: Understanding the importance of agricultural diversification

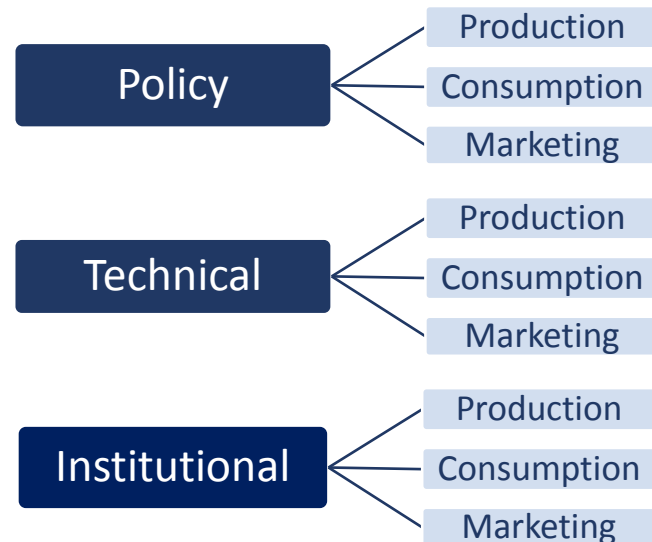
II. Status and identification of gaps within national policies, laws and regulations

- 1) National status of disconnect
- 2) Identifying the gaps (*Questionnaire*)

III. Prioritization of Neglected and Underutilized Crop Species (NUS)

- 1) Status of scoping and prioritization of 5-6 NUS
- 2) Selection of 1-2 NUS for piloting

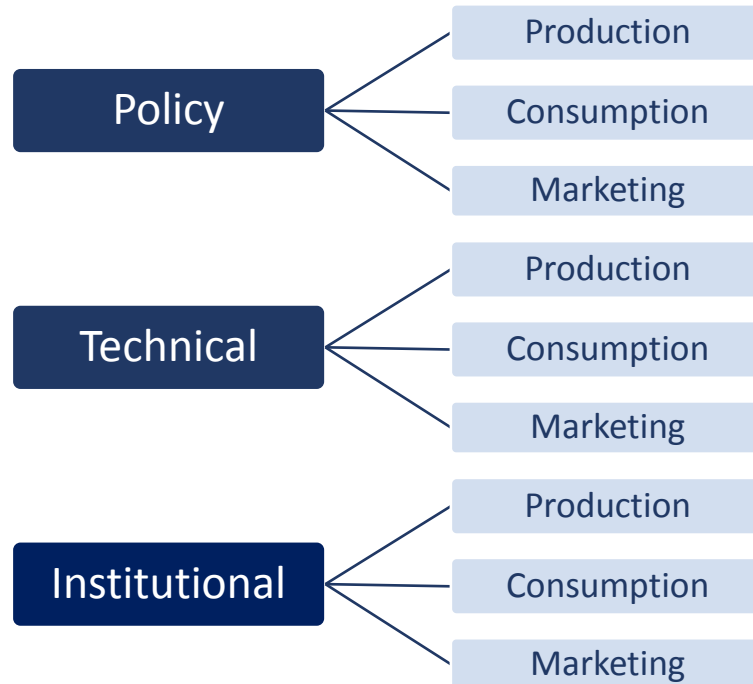
IV. Three-dimensional discussion of challenges towards agricultural diversification



Day 1

# National and Local Policy Dialogues

## IV. Three-dimensional discussion of incentives required to address the challenges



## VI. Wrap up and Recommendations

Day 2

# National and Local Policy Dialogues: Draft Guiding Questions

- What are the main strengths and weaknesses of the current agricultural strategy/policy?
- What have been the main changes in farming systems and policy environment for agriculture diversification?
- What needs to be changed or added to the present agricultural policy? Or, what policy domains are missing and need to be included?
- How can the implementation of the agricultural policy be strengthened?
- What are main lessons learned (what worked well and what did not work), from your perspective, that need to be considered in the policy strategy for agriculture diversification
- How can stakeholder participation in the review/ revision process be made effective and efficient?

# Thank you!



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