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

FSF
nutritional, production, environmental and socio-economic benefits

insufficiently identified

High potential
in addressing zero hunger and malnutrition

insufficiently tapped

Underutilized
low production, productivity and consumption

How?
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

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| **Technical**      | Lack of seed availability                     | • Market mechanisms for seed multiplication, storage and distribution (local seed banks)  
• 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 |
|                    | Farmers lack knowledge                         | • Effective knowledge transfer through extension services                                                                                                                                                      |
|                    | Low response to improved management           | • Development of technologies (early-maturing varieties, short-duration rice varieties, moisture conservation technology), plus improved cultural practices |
|                    | Lack of adequate postharvest and processing technologies | • Enhanced subsidy/availability at affordable and subsidized prices for agricultural machinery incl. sprinklers for irrigation, and quality seed supply |
### Multidimensional constraints for FSF: Institutional Level

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|                                  | Lack of policy and market support | • Access to institutional credit and crop insurance schemes  
• Introduce fixed minimum support prices  
• Enforcement of quality checking and certification at various stages of the value chain to facilitate exports to EU and other developed countries  
• Procurement of crops through government and subsidized sale of crops through fair price shops (India) or school feeding |
|                                  | Consumer preferences           | • Promotion of cultivars preferred by the market and which can be afforded by the farmers  
• Create awareness of nutritional and health benefits of crop diversification |
Promote Agriculture Diversification along Food Value Chain

Assets and Inputs
- Seed supply
- Nutrient supply
- Irrigation
- Machinery
- Greenhouses

Food Production
- Agricultural intensification
- Crop and farm diversification
- Storage and transport
- Processing

Postharvest Management
- Market Linkages
- Price control
- Commodity groups
- Agri-business knowledge centres
- Food labelling

Trade and Marketing
- Nutrition education
- Cooking demonstrations
- Consumption surveys

Consumption
- Income and labour distribution,

Better governance

Multi-sectoral and Multi-stakeholder
II. 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
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
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Value Chain

Breeders, farmers, farm enterprises, farmer organisations, cooperatives, village communities

Collectors, processors, transporters, warehouses

Traders, wholesalers, retailers, government-run cooperatives

Consumers, institutions, industries

Value Chain Actors

• Seeds/planting material
• Fertilization and soil nutrient management
• Pest management and plant protection
• Irrigation
• Machinery
• Extension services
• Reserach
• Land
• Credit

• Storage
• Grading
• Processing
• Food safety
• Packaging
• Traceability
• Distribution
• Transport

• Price control
• Certification
• Market linkages
• Interest rate

• School feeding/meal programme
• Other food distribution
• Nutrition education
• Awareness campaigns

Themes
# Questionnaire on Policy, Laws and Regulations

## 1. Production

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- □ Ministry for Water, please specify:  
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- □ Ministry for Rural Development, please specify:  
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- □ Other, please specify:  
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b. What are major Ministries and stakeholders including legislative authorities (parliament/congress/assembly, commissions/committees) involved?  

(more than one answer)

| Government | □ Ministry for Agriculture, please specify:  
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|------------|-----------------------------------------|
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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
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
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

- **Policy**
  - Production
  - Consumption
  - Marketing

- **Technical**
  - Production
  - Consumption
  - Marketing

- **Institutional**
  - Production
  - Consumption
  - Marketing
National and Local Policy Dialogues

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

Policy
- Production
- Consumption
- Marketing

Technical
- Production
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Institutional
- Production
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VI. Wrap up and Recommendations
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!