

**Proposal 4: Linking Good Practice for SARD to National Policies**

Submitting MGs / CSOs	International Partners for Sustainable Agriculture
Country of Implementation	Global
Agro-ecological context	Temperate, tropical, subtropical and mountain areas
Duration and Total Budget	3 years; US \$ 150,000

Major groups (MGs) concerned:

- NGOs
- Indigenous Peoples
- Farmers
- Scientific & Technological Community
- Women
- Business and Industry
- Workers and Trade Unions
- Youth
- Media & Consumer interest groups

**Success indicators:**

- Increased engagement in collaborative action
- Governance mechanisms devised and implemented
- Demonstrated effective engagement in policy

Partners to be engaged:

IPSA and MG/CSO SARD Initiative partners in Africa, Asia and the Americas including World Neighbors, ANGOC, CIRPED, IPIAT, ICSDRA, etc., In Motion Magazine, International Land Coalition; IGOs IFAD, FAO, and interested Governments.

**Expected Outcomes and Contribution to the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs)**

Increased capacity of civil society actors, governments, and disadvantaged communities to collaborate and take action on strategies to end poverty and hunger based on scaling up endogenous successes in each country with policy support at national & international levels; removed barriers and increased resources for sustainable development including provision of essential resources such as access to land, water, credit, information & technical assistance; effective public/private partnerships with equity among partners; development of civil society leadership and access and subsidiarity principles. Impact on MDGs 1,7 and 8.

**Proposed Objectives and Approaches**

Help poor and underserved or disadvantaged communities to raise their voice, by increasing major group and Civil Society partners' participation in SARD implementation in selected target developing countries by 2008, including:

- Facilitation of multi-stakeholder engagement in the SARD Initiative in each target country,
- Collaboration with IGO and governments to build capacity of partners to achieve their goals and objectives,
- Facilitating resource mobilization for MG/CSO outreach, communication and case study profiles for policy analysis,
- Support for development of multi-stakeholder governance structures to bring good practice into national policy forums in each country.

**Building upon Experience**

IPSA has worked with focal points for major groups and with country CSO partners for over 6 years, focusing on bringing SARD good practices to policy in national, regional and international arenas, including national Agenda 21 processes, UN CSD, FAO World Food Summit and CoAg, and the WSSD. Experiences from developing country partners have been successfully reflected in SARD policy and specifically the SARD Initiative, SARD in Mountain Areas and other international partnership initiatives.

**Major Group Inputs**

Capacity building through training and mentoring of partners in national and international contexts. Networking international major group/CSO networks and their representatives active in target countries. Briefing and coordination support for engagement in Global Learning Opportunity (GLO), regional CSD and FAO processes, with a culmination in the 2008 focus on land and agriculture by the CSD at UN Headquarters.