

Proposal 1: Organizational Capacity Building of Farmers' Organizations in Developing Countries for SARD

Submitting MGs / CSOs	Farmers: International Federation of Agricultural Producers (IFAP)
Country of Implementation	Global
Agro-ecological context	Various
Duration and Total Budget	3 years; 2, 000, 000 Euros

Major groups (MGs) concerned:

- Farmers
- Business and Industry
- NGOs
- Women
- Youth
- Scientific and Technological Community

Success indicators:

-No. of farmers' organizations with improved capacities for SARD

-No. of farm families with improved access to market information

Partners to be engaged:

Canadian International Development Agency; Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs; AgriCord Belgium (farmers development NGO), national farmers' organizations from the IFAP global network, FAO.

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

Strengthened capacity for SARD of 20 national farmers' organizations in developing countries (mainly in Africa) in the first instance, which will benefit up to one million farm family members. Impact on MDGs 1, 3, 7 and 8.

Proposed Objectives and Approaches

- Strengthening organizational capacity so that farmers in developing countries can play an active role in SARD to fight poverty in their own country and contribute to global economic development and a more secure world.
- Establish technical, economic and trade information systems.
- Raise awareness of the importance of SARD.
- Farmers helping farmers by sharing knowledge and experiences through their international network IFAP, facilitated by partnerships with donors, development NGOs, FAO and others.

Building upon Experience

IFAP, founded in 1946, currently has a membership 107 national farmers' organizations in 75 countries around the world most of which are developing countries. IFAP has General Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. It has 30 projects currently underway in developing countries, managed by AgriCord, which are mainly focused on capacity building for trade, co-funded by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Major Group Inputs

IFAP brings together the professional experience of a worldwide network of national farmers' organizations with the operational experience of development NGOs involved in capacity building through AgriCord. This farmer-to-farmer development cooperation strengthens the capacity of farmers as a major group to engage with FAO and other partners in the SARD Initiative.