



UN expert group meeting on “Sustainable land management and agricultural practices in Africa: Bridging the gap between research and farmers”

April 16 - 17, 2009, University of Gothenburg, Sweden.

AGENDA

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

Opening session

- 09.00 Welcome speech. *Chantal Line Carpentier/David Le Blanc*
Objectives and expected outputs, *Chantal Line Carpentier/David Le Blanc*
Agenda overview, *Gunnar Köhlin*

Setting the stage: Current knowledge and interventions

Chair: Chantal Line Carpentier

- 09.30 The evolution of Sustainable Agriculture - time for a new paradigm?, *Anita Ingevall*
09.50 Presentation of the Innovation brief on Sustainable Agriculture, *Precious Zikhali*
10.10 Discussion: “The need for a new paradigm in African agriculture?”
10.30 Coffee/Tea
10.50 TerrAfrica platform's regional SLM service network for M&E and learning, *Steve Danyo*
11.10 NEPAD-CAADP sustainable land and water management experiences, *Martin Bwalya*
11.30 Constraints and opportunities for SA, *Berhanu Gebremedhin and Festus Murithi*
12.00 Discussion:

12.30 *Lunch*

From data accumulation to modeling to help decision-making: where are we?

Chair: Gunnar Köhlin

- 13.30 Agro-bio-climatic models: a primer on synthesis on data requirements, *Andrew Gillison*.
14.00 From soil erosion research to modeling impacts of interventions. *Gete Zeleke*
14.30 Discussant: *Anna Tengberg +discussion*
15.00 *Coffee/tea*
15.30 Economic analysis for targeting SA interventions *Mahmud Yesuf*
16.00 Linking climate data to adoption of sustainable agricultural practices, *Salvatore di Falco*
16.30 Discussant: Economic tools to guide SA interventions *Stein Holden*
17.00 Discussion: Do we know enough to advise governments, extension agents and farmers? What can researchers contribute with? Can we do better than in the past due to new knowledge / methodology/data (GIS etc)?

19.00 *Dinner at River Café*

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

From research to implementation of extension services

Chair: Menale Kassie

- 09.00 Introduction: Current extension service models, what works and does not work, *Ephraim Nkonya*
- 09.30 Country experiences regarding agricultural research and agricultural extension:
The Ethiopian experience: *Tolessa Debele and Beshir Abdulahi*
The Kenyan experience: *Festus Murithi and Kenneth Ayuko*
- 10.10 Discussion
- 10.30 *Coffee/Tea*
- 11.00 The role of institutions for SA
Role of social networks/capital, *Wilfred Nyangena*;
Role of agricultural marketing, market access and profitability, *Bekele Shiferaw*
Role of private/commercial standards, *James MacGregor*
Discussion
- 12.00 *Lunch*
- 13.00 **Breakout sessions:** brainstorming on prerequisites/ building blocks for upscaling of SLM/SA (final decision on themes during session)
1: Data and Modeling: Chair: *Andy Gillison*
Data: minimal requirements - collection infrastructure - collection system - external data - exchanges between institutions - upward and downward dissemination and treatment?
Modeling: what type - what scale - who does it - who runs it - what is the nature of the output information?
Rapporteur: *David Le Blanc*
- 2: Institutions and Infrastructure: Chair: *James McGregor*
Institutions: what type of institutions - how to create/ manage flows of information?
Infrastructure: physical - legal and regulatory - market? How can we ensure proper evaluation of SLM/SA innovations?
Rapporteur: *Mahmud Yesuf*
3. Policy and Capacity building: Chair :*Menale Kassie*
Policy: How do policies help/impede adoption of SA practices? How can positive policies be identified and implemented?
Capacity building: What kind of and how much capacity is needed to accelerate and scale up adoption of SA?
Rapporteur: *Chantal Line Carpentier*
- Concluding session: How to bridge the divide between research and extension/farmers?
Chair: David Le Blanc
- 15.00 Restitution of breakout groups. *Rapporteurs of breakout groups*
- 15.45 Reflections on institutions to guide up-scaling successful practices and interventions, *Gunnar Köhlin*
- 16.00 Next steps: How can we support each others in our work towards a more sustainable agriculture?
- 17.00 Conclusion of workshop *Chantal Line Carpentier and David Le Blanc*
- 18.30 *Dinner on ship in the harbor (Barken Viking)*