

Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services (GFRAS) Update

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Dear members of the Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services,

We would like to share information on ongoing activities and upcoming events.

- The GFRAS secretariat has started to meet with a wide range of stakeholders to **validate the GFRAS mission and role**, to understand needs and expectations with regard to the role, to find gaps, and to feed this information into the longer-term GFRAS strategy. This activity is ongoing and the GFRAS secretariat is interested in creating new contacts to existing and developing extension networks. Please contact the secretariat if there is interest to contribute as a regional stakeholder to this dialogue.
- The GFRAS community will support the development of a **toolkit for evaluating extension** systems and programs. Those interested in this can participate in a feedback workshop in October; we will send details on the meeting later. Please inform us about your interest in this workshop.
- The Latin America Center for Rural Development (RIMISP), the African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (AFAAS), and GFRAS are planning a **meeting in Santiago, Chile, November 2-5, 2010**. The meeting shall bring together extension actors from around the world to share experiences; share outcomes of the validation work, talk about the long-term GFRAS strategy, and discuss the extension evaluation toolkit. A flyer will be posted on the web site and sent out by early July.
- We are looking for **consultants** to assist us in (a) a synthesis of documents; and (b) writing two extension investment briefs. Please see our web site at www.g-fras.org/tenders for more information.
- The GFRAS **web site** is growing and now includes many extension documents and the GFRAS strategy.

For more information, please email info@g-fras.org or visit the GFRAS web site at www.g-fras.org.