



The end of the beginning

Welcome to the third and final day of the Workshop on Repositioning Gender-Responsive Participatory Research in Times of Change.

Yesterday was a busy day for most of us, with the majority of participants ‘locked’ in discussions of the elements of our proposed strategy both before and after lunch. The discussions were held in table groups based on participants’ institutional affiliations—CGIAR, NARS, and NGOs, academia and others. The groups’ findings were then reported back in plenary.

As many participants moved into the ‘Marketplace’ of sharing the experiences of non-CG stakeholders, the drafting team met to chart the way forward for the Strategy and Action Plan that are the primary projected outputs of this event. It was decided to form two teams: the ‘drafting team’ worked on elements for the Strategy, while Dindo Campilan agreed to ‘pull together’ the CG participants to look in detail at what gender-responsive participatory research elements need to be channeled into the new Mega-Programs. The preliminary results of these two groups will be presented in plenary today and then discussed in detail in table groups.

We hope that this is only the beginning, as it will then be necessary to implement both the Strategy and the Action

Plan. This will require some sort of mechanism, which will no doubt be discussed today as well.

And so we reach a critical stage in our deliberations, and at the end of the day the Workshop Closure Dinner at Faró El Solar restaurant in Cali. Departure will be prompt at 7:00 p.m., so don’t miss the bus!

Revised outline agenda

Day 3 – Today (Friday), June 18, 2010

- Open space (parallel sessions)
- Presentation and discussion of draft Strategy and Mega-Programs Action Plan
- Follow-up steps
- Evaluation
- Closing dinner (in Cali)

Strategic niche

Vision

- Advocacy, research and development need to be part of a whole for gender responsive participatory research to be institutionalized.
- This is urgent because of the impact of climate change
- GRPR is institutionalized in an inclusive multi-stakeholder international agricultural innovation system
- GRPR is included in all stages of the research cycle in the context of multi-stakeholder partnerships
- GRPR is enabled by critical mass, mechanisms, multidisciplinary teams and resources targeted, M&E
- GRPR should result in major benefits including empowerment and avoid harm to women.
- GRPR is mainstreamed and driven by end users
- A new breed of scientists/leaders with gender sensitive research practice and evaluation
- PRGR is institutionalized and research is driven by people/gender/participatory approach to effectively reduce poverty and enhance food security and nutrition
- Sound PRGR responds to new trends and challenges such as human, plant and animal diseases, globalization (market chains) smallholder transition-demographic transition
- PRGR is used for policy making and for empowering local communities to be active agents of change

Pathways for success

The transformation calls for:

- Integration of research, development and advocacy:
- Reflecting on context (organization, champions, long term commitment)
- Valuing women champions
- Insuring representation of women farmers in advisory bodies
- Make visible what the enabling environment needs to look like for CG researchers to champion GRPR
- Work with partners who can complement or complete the integration of research, development and advocacy
- Find partners who already integrate research,

development & advocacy (high on vertical axis of graph)

- Find partners with an organizational culture that celebrates GRPR
- Use partnerships as a means of internal reflection (an honest ongoing challenging of assumptions)
- Make the terms of 2-way exchange partnerships explicit – a negotiated relationship
- Identify new change agencies, champions and diverse stakeholders in effective networking (existing + building new), bridging boundaries
- Foster collaboration and alliances beyond research teams
- Develop institutional arrangements for culturally sensitive situations ???
- Develop evidence, demonstrate impact, lobby and advocate
- Form gender relevant interdisciplinary groups
- Build capacity in GRPR for critical mass of practitioners
- Strengthen enabling conditions for GRPR
- Pool expertise from different parts of the world to enhance capacity-building
- Create political will through:
 - partnership between the CGIAR and local governments.
 - within the CGIAR itself, how do we deal with it?
- Develop a policy framework, a strategic plan and budget for gender and participation.
- Tune in on community-level dynamics in order to improve quality of research and ensure more realistic interventions
- Enhance capacity at local level to make choices
- Raise awareness of gender mainstreaming at all levels of decision making
- Strengthen linkages among CGIAR centers, NGOs, NARS, universities and development organizations for information sharing.
- Build opportunities for cross agency research programs and projects
- Build capacity at all levels
- Conduct participatory monitoring and evaluation (gender related indicators)
- Include gender and participation specific budget for each mega-program ... (more)