International Knowledge-Sharing Workshop

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Facilitating innovation for FLR: Capacity Development for Agricultural Innovation Systems

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Capacity needs in the Tropics: the G20 establishes TAP

- Low and lower-middle income countries, which are mainly located in the tropics, often lack capacities in support of agricultural innovation;
- To address this gap, the G20 launched the Tropical Agriculture Platform;
- The TAP Action Plan is supported by the EU-funded Capacity Development for Agricultural Innovation Systems (CDAIS) project;
What CDAIS will do differently?

• Efforts to strengthen capacity in AIS predominately focused on Individual competencies

• Insufficient attention to organizational capabilities and the systemic capacity of innovation partnerships

• CDAIS Project will specifically address these different dimensions, and promote coherence and sustainability of actions to improve agricultural innovation
Innovation Niches / Intervention Areas Identified (Priorities)

- Community Processing Centre (Dairy);
- Cassava Value Chain;
- Nutrition in National Agricultural Policies;
- Catchment areas (Rwangingo and Matimba)
- Agroforestry (Fruit Trees)
Systemic Capacities (3 dimensions)

**Individual dimension areas:**
- Awareness / Understanding,
- Knowledge / Skills / Attitudes
  - Understanding on importance of agricultural innovation systems
  - Strengthened functional skills for producer organizations

**Organizational dimension areas:** functioning and performance of organizations and institutions including:
- Mandates / Terms of References (TORs)
- Information sharing / Coordination / Collaboration /
- Budget and Funding

> cross-sectoral coordination strengthened through multi-sector innovation platforms

**Enabling environment areas:** context in which individuals and organizations exist including:
- Governance / institutional linkages / Multi-Stakeholder processes / laws and policies
  > National agricultural innovation policies and institutional incentives

The three dimensions need to be addressed and interlinked to have sustainable results
Plans

- Developed a shared vision on CD for AIS; (fed by scoping study, Inception workshop)

August – September 2016

- **Capacity Needs Assessments** on all 5 Innovation Niches;
- Package the Gaps (5 Niches) and Plan for CD Interventions (on 3 niches only)

October 2016

- Validation workshop + **Market Place**

November 2016 - on

- Implementation,

- Establish/strengthen AIS multi-stakeholder mechanisms / platforms

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Thank you