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Assessing the impact of research on managing natural resources for sustainable production systems

Workshop organized by CGIAR ISPC's
Standing Panel on Impact Assessment (SPIA)

Venue: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington DC



AGENDA

DAY 1: Monday, 26 February 2018		Address: IFPRI, 2033 K Street, NW, Washington DC
Time		Presenter
08:30	Registration and light breakfast	
09:00	Welcomes by IFPRI and ISPC/SPIA	David Spielman, IFPRI; Leslie Lipper, ISPC Sec
09:10	Session 1. Overview and objectives Chair: Karen Macours, SPIA	
09:20	Introductions	Nancy Johnson, SPIA
09:40	Presentation: Trends in NRM investment, research and impact assessment in CGIAR ¹	Lakshmi Krishnan, SPIA
10:00	Session 2. Recent evidence on uptake of crop, land and water management innovations at scale Chair: Nancy Johnson, SPIA	
10:05	Presentation: Synthesis of findings from 9 studies	James Stevenson & Paul Vlek, SPIA
10:45	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:15	Reflections from some Centers involved in SIAC studies; general discussion	
11:45	Bringing in the landscape perspective Presentation: CIFOR systematic review of integrated landscape approaches	James Reed, CIFOR
12:40	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:40	Session 3. Improving how NRM innovations are developed and tested Chair: Frank Place, IFPRI/PIM	
13:45	Presentation: Yield gap or field gap? Reevaluating the yield gap bringing together agronomic and economic insights	Bernard Vanlauwe, IITA
14:15	Presentation: Understanding trade-offs and farmers' decision making for optimal targeting of NRM research and diffusion efforts	Kelsey Jack, Tufts Univ. (virtual)
14:45	Presentation: Understanding and coping with heterogeneity in designing experiments	Ric Coe, ICRAF/Univ. Reading
15:20	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:50	Discussants – focusing on WG questions below	Bruno Gerard, CIMMYT; Cheryl Palm, Univ. Florida; Peter Carberry, ICRISAT
16:15	Working Group Session A. Discussion in three breakout groups 1. Clarity in NRM research agenda and impact pathways within the CGIAR 2. Adequacy of NRM research process design 3. Realistic assessments of trade-offs – what are the right questions to ask?	
17:30	Working Group Session A. Reporting back	
18:00	Reception (hosted by SPIA at IFPRI)	
DAY 2: Tuesday, 27 February 2018		Address: IFPRI, 2033 K Street, NW, Washington DC
Time		Presenter
08:30	Light breakfast	
09:00	Session 4. Improving how NRM innovations are promoted and scaled Chair: Karl Hughes, ICRAF	
09:10	Presentation: What have we learnt from evaluations of extension interventions for NRM technologies?	Florence Kondylis, World Bank

¹ Each presentation during the workshop will be followed by a 10 minute Q&A session

09:40	Presentation: Understanding constraints to adoption	Jenny Aker, Tufts Univ.
10:10	<i>Coffee break</i>	
10:30	Presentation: Insights from behavioral economics - uncertainty, risk preferences, nudges	Patrick Ward, IFPRI
11:00	Discussant	Kathy Baylis, Univ. Illinois
11:15	Working Group Session B. 1 group per presentation topic, each group addressing: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Talking stock of where we are as researchers on the topic 2. Top three priorities going forward 3. Concrete actions we can take forward to address these priorities 	
12:15	Working Group Session B. Reporting back	
12:45	<i>Lunch</i>	
13:45	Session 5. Methods and tools for assessing adoption and impact of NRM innovations Chair: Nancy Johnson, SPIA	
13:50	Presentation: New approaches to measuring improved natural resource systems and ecosystem services	Bradley Doorn, NASA; Yusuke Kuwayama, Resources for the Future
14:20	Presentation: Developing indicators for sustainable intensification	Cheryl Palm, Univ. Florida
14:50	<i>Coffee break</i>	
15:10	Presentation: Making better use of secondary data in impact assessment of natural resource management interventions	Katharine Sims, Amherst College
15:40	Discussants	Claudia Ringler, IFPRI; Leslie Lipper, ISPC
15:50	Working Group Session C. Discussion in three breakout groups <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promising areas for methodology development given specific challenges of NRM 2. Priorities for adoption and impact studies, in the context of constraints to adoption and challenges to scale 3. Areas for innovation in measurement, considering that environmental impacts of NRM technologies are not adequately evaluated or captured 	
16:50	Working Group Session C. Reporting back	
17:20 – 17:50	Conclusions and Close of Workshop: Chair: Karen Macours, SPIA and David Spielman, IFPRI	

DAY 3: Wednesday, 28 February 2018		<i>Address: IFPRI, 2033 K Street, NW, Washington DC</i>
Time		Presenter
08:30	Light breakfast	
09:00 – 10:30	Workshop follow up (not required of non-CGIAR participants)-led by SPIA tam	
	This session will focus on concrete follow up actions to implement the ideas generated in the workshop	
<i>At the end of the workshop, those participants staying on for the policy seminar will move to the IFPRI building on 1201 Eye St. NW (a 20 minute walk or short ride by taxi)</i>		
11:45 – 14:00	IFPRI Policy seminar. Managing natural resources for sustainable production systems: A research agenda at the crossroads <i>Address: IFPRI, 1201 Eye St. NW, Washington DC</i>	
	Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Macours, Professor, Paris School of Economics and Chair, Standing Panel on Impact Assessment (SPIA) of the ISPC • Sara Scherr, President and CEO, EcoAgriculture Partners • James Stevenson, Agricultural Research Officer, CGIAR Standing Panel on Impact Assessment Secretariat, based in FAO Moderator <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frank Place, Senior Research Fellow, CGIAR Research Program on Policies, Institutions, and Markets (PIM) 	
<i>A light lunch will be provided by IFPRI BEFORE the seminar. Lunch will be served at 11:45 am. Seminar starts at 12:15pm.</i>		