

Agenda for Impact Assessment Focal Point and SPIA 42 meetings:

Rafain Conference Hotel and Conference Centre. Foz do Iguacu, Brazil



Thurs 16th Aug

TK and JS arrive to hotel around 16:00

Fri 17th Aug

BS and DG arrive to hotel early morning

9:00 (or soon thereafter): **SPIA closed meeting to discuss:**

- Agenda and timetable for the next 6 days
- Governance of the Strengthening Impact Assessment in the CGIAR (SIAC) project: Who should be full member of the steering committee? Who should have observer status? etc
- Does SPIA have an identity outside of the steering committee? If so, what kinds of things are decided outside of the committee meetings?
- Possible brief meeting with Global Futures (Gerry Nelson, Stan Wood) in late morning to discuss potential for future interaction/learning.

13:00 Lunch

14:00: **SPIA - Impact Assessment Focal Point Meeting**

Chair: Doug Gollin

Welcome and brief introductions (5 minutes)

14:05 Contributions (5 mins each) from the IAFPs on any of the following:

- New IA studies underway / new approaches
- Key constraints to more effective IA coverage of center research portfolios
- Challenges for impact assessment in moving from Centers to CRPs; how is IA being organized, planned and funded in the CRPs?

15:30 Chair: Tom Walker

The overall approach to impact assessment – cherry-picking winners or random-sampling the entire research portfolio? Pros and con of each (Debbie Templeton, Doug Gollin, David Raitzer, Peter Hazell)

16:00 Coffee

16:30 Overview and discussion of the proposed “Strengthening Impact Assessment in the CGIAR” program

- Introduction Greg Traxler (5 mins)
 - Objective 1 Doug Gollin (5 mins followed by 15 mins discussion for each Objective)
 - Objective 2 Tim Kelley
 - Objective 3 Bhavani Shankar
 - Objective 4 James Stevenson
- (aim: get specific feedback from Centers/CRP; discuss next steps; how to strengthen collaboration)

18:00 Close

19:00 SPIA-hosted dinner for focal points, pre-conference IA workshop participants and SPIA members

Sat 18th Aug Pre-conference workshop – All day

Sun 19th Aug ICAE begins – Busy program of presentations

SPIA 42 meetings



Participants: SPIA + Derek, Madhu and Karen (if available)

Mon 20th Aug

- 11:00 1 Welcome**
- 2 Approval of meeting agenda**
- 3 Follow-up from minutes of SPIA 41**
- 4 General Discussion**
- What did we learn from the IAFP meetings and the pre-conference workshop?
 - What does it mean for our agenda (mostly implications for SIAC program)?
 - SPIA's mandate/ Strategy issues
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 5 On-going studies [*Derek, Karen, Madhu welcome to stay but not obligated*]**
- 5.1 Diffusion and impact of improved varieties in Africa (DIIVA)**
- Update (refer to Minutes of PSC 14 (28 June) and 15 (3 August))
 - Planning for final workshop at Bioversity and FAO
 - Mywish's meta-analysis add-on – Where are we with that?
- 5.2 Impact on poverty and under-nutrition**
- Case-studies update / progress assessment / next interaction?
 - Nutrition paper by Bhavani
 - What else do we want for a final report on this?
 - SPIA review of literature?
 - Foreword from SPIA Chair that outlines where our interests in this area
- 16:00 Coffee
- 16:30 5.3 Legume impact study**
- Nigeria - LSMS
 - Tanzania - LSMS
 - Turkey - Dalton
 - India – ICRISAT
 - India – NCAP
 - What more do we want from Rob Tripp? What do we want the final report to look like?
 - What have we learned from this experience for the SIAC program?
- 18:00 Close

Tues 21st Aug

08:30 5.3 Legumes (cont.)

5.4 Germplasm Collection Conservation Characterisation and Evaluation

- Update/Review progress to-date
- What kind of output are we getting here? Who finalizes? Timeframe?

10:30 Coffee

11:00 5.5 RCTs

- What kind of output are we getting here? By when? Who finalizes?

6. Publications / communications

- Special issue of Food Policy – Problem papers, timeline for reviewers
- Land paper follow-up papers (PNAS, AEPP, Environmental letters) – anything that should be put into the SIAC program?
- Website, Newsletter etc

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Tour to the falls

Weds 22nd Aug

08:30 7 SPIA structure, membership, ways of working

What kind of structure works best for the brave new world of a multi-donor trust fund for impact assessment in the CGIAR? What analytical skills do we need? What other attributes should we look for (time availability, pragmatism etc)?

10:30 Coffee

11:00 8 2013 – 2015 SIAC program

- Prioritisation with objectives
- Relationship with MSU for Obj 1 and 2
- Recruitment planning for posts created

9 Any other business

13:00 Close of meetings