Creating Evidence on Extension and Advisory Services (EAS)

Measuring EAS performance and outcomes

Side event of the FAO Science and Innovation Forum 2022
13th of October 2022 at 2:00 pm (CET)

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This side event is organized by: GFRAS Regional Networks in Asia, Africa and Latin America (APIRAS, AFAAS and RELASER respectively) together with the Research Institute for Organic Agriculture (FiBL, Switzerland) with technical support from FAO’s Office of Innovation.

Well-functioning, demand-driven and pluralistic extension and advisory services play an essential role in the agricultural innovation system, facilitating the multi-stakeholder processes that unleash agricultural innovation. Given this background, with this event we aim i) to present, raise awareness and understanding of FAO’s newly available instruments for extension and advisory services assessment and performance measurement in order to increase their use and uptake; ii) to share results and experiences from pilot testing to demonstrate the potential of the instruments; iii) to facilitate discussion and reflection on the important use of the three instruments for strengthening extension and advisory services systems.

Agenda

2.00 – 2.10 pm  Welcome and Opening, Rasheed Sulaiman V (CRISP/GFRAS).

2.10 – 2.20 pm  Rationale and background of the three instruments for EAS evaluation and assessment, Delgermaa Chuluunbaatar (FAO)

2.20 – 2.45 pm  Overview of the three instruments: EAS Indicator Framework, Operational EAS Assessment Guide, EAS-Yardstick Scoring Tool. Rasheed Sulaiman V (CRISP/GFRAS), Zofia Krystyna Mroczek (FAO), Christian Grovermann (FiBL)

2.45 – 3.30 pm  Panel discussion on country level experiences with EAS instruments (Maria Auxilliadora Briones (Costa Rica), Hur Ben Correa Da Silva (Brazil), Patrice Djamen (Burkina Faso), Adeline Rwashana Muheebwa (Uganda), Nimish Mittal (India)

3.30 – 4.00 pm  Way forward: Using data and evidence for improving EAS to achieve the SDGs, John Preissing (FAO), Guy Faure (CIRAD/EC) and Patience Rwamigisa (MAAIF)

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The Online Publications:

Comprehensive assessment of national extension and advisory service systems
Indicator framework for national extension and advisory service systems
The Extension and Advisory Service Systems Yardstick (EAS-Y)