



Extended Steering Committee Meeting

APIRAS Learning Workshop

24-26 January 2023

Wrap Up of Day 2

Quick Reflections by the participants

Your key learning from yesterday

Take 3-5 mts, write down on a piece of paper

Wrap-Up: Day 2-Establishment and Strengthening of CF

- Country Networks (Fora) are the **building blocks** of APIRAS and GFRAS
- The main purpose of CF is to strengthen the contributions and capacities of EAS providers so that they provide effective services to farmers and other stakeholders in the AIS.
 - It should contribute to:
 - **Policy engagement/advocacy** on matters that affect EAS at the country/national level (develop policy briefs)
 - It should promote **cross learning** among the diverse actors on new and better ways of designing and delivering EAS programmes (Need networking, serve as a platform for discussion among pluralistic providers)
 - It should contribute to **Knowledge Management** - documenting and sharing knowledge through online (website) and face to face means.
 - It could play a major role in **development of new training modules, Training of Trainers (ToTs), curricula reforms**
 - It should **contribute to contemporary discussions on EAS** including digital EAS, agroecology etc etc

Wrap-Up: Day 2-Establishment and Strengthening of CF

- CF should represent the pluralism in EAS service delivery at the country level (should have representatives of public, private, NGOs and POs who are involved in EAS provision). We need to ensure pluralism from the very beginning.
- SRNs and RNs have to play a very strong role in “*mentoring, coaching and hand-holding*” CFs.
- **Resource generation** is important, but should be careful of not engaging in activities that do not directly contribute to the strategic goals/objectives of the CF
 - Should build on the knowledge and contributions of the champions
 - Focus on raising resources locally
 - Also need external support

Wrap-Up: Day 2-Establishment and Strengthening of CF

- There is no one single format for a CF, but there are few common principles that should be considered
 - Context matters
 - There is a lot to learn from SRNs and CF from the region and outside
 - So we need mechanisms to share these experiences (face-to-face and virtually)
- **GFRAS support** is important in creating these mechanisms including capacity development on raising resources



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Rationale: APIRAS Extended Steering Committee?

The existing SC couldn't meet face to face for the past 3 years

APIRAS learning event provided this opportunity

There is very little change in the APIRAS SC for the past several years

We need to nurture a new SC within the next one year so that there is continuity and at the same time rotation of members in the SC

We also want to discuss about **best ways of addressing several of our challenges** at the RN and SRN level discussed in Day 1

Existing Steering Committee of APIRAS

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Botir Dosov (Vice Chair/CAC-FRAS)
Souvanthong Namvong (MELA)
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Draft Agenda: Points for Discussion

- **Hosting (APIRAS Secretariat)**
 - Taking forward our discussions with APAARI on hosting APIRAS
- **Resource Generation**
 - Regional Network Activities
 - Sub-Regional Network activities
 - Support to CF (Handholding, Mentoring)
- **Governance and Management**
 - Renewal of the SC composition (membership)
 - Applicable for the SRNs too
 - Mentoring a new SC during 2023
 - Development of a Strategic Plan

Decisions needed on:

- *key interventions needed*
- *key responsibilities (who will do what)*
- *implementation plan (how)*
- *timelines (by when?)*
- *Collaboration and Support from other actors (including GFRAS)*

Agenda: Points for Discussion

- **Knowledge Management**
 - Ensuring more broader engagement by SRNs
 - Promotion at the SRNs and CF level
- **Thematic areas to work on**
 - **Including on-going Regional Initiatives**
 - Digital RAS
 - Agroecology
 - NELK Promotion
 - RDA-AFACI-RATES
 - TAP-AIS APAARI-APIRAS Joint Work Plan
 - Others?

Any other Business?

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THANKS

