Innovation Plat Form

Group discussions

Definition

- Start with : the identification of major development challenges and solutions and then identify who can play part in bringing these solutions (power and influence mapping)

- We cannot give solutions and expect that people will accept it, research and development have to use community-based approaches to work with the community and illustrate the value of these solutions.

- It is forum for partnership: For scaling out with learning cycles in connection with inputs/output market with private sector involvement

- IP: is a dynamic process an devolving and self-learning process

- Other IPs may already be operating, we can learn from and link with them

- Should take different forms depending on the enterprise

- It has to be engendered

Issues which need to be integrated in our work?

- Main purpose:
  - Mobilizing stakeholders as learning process, to brig about change through science at scale, and to show tangible economic benefits

- Scale/level:
  - Community: mobilizing beneficiaries and linking with other change agents
  - Regional, district levels: mobilizing more wider stakeholders who can influence policy and institutional factors that affect out-scaling research impact

- What level: community, regional, national?
  - Example: In FARA: IP is by commodity but in systems research we cannot organized by commodity because of the complexity of issues involved

It should be part of the integrated system and included crops, markets and natural resources.

IP

- The IP: should be interdisciplinary and <u>inter-sectoral</u> to address all aspects of agriculture/livelihoods; include private sector (input suppliers, traders).

- Example:
  - Some extension/advisory, research, information centers, and farmers and private sector

  - Actions should be clear

Tools

- PTD
- Participatory methods
- Community-based approaches
- Community/farmer organizations
- Instructional analysis
- Power/influence/and effect analysis

- Next steps:
  - Formation of Community-level platforms as a learning mechanism
  - Formation of policy level platforms (at a later stage)

- Who will drive it:
  - identify facilitators (capacity enhancement of relevant departments)