Group work on integrating the learning into the regional flagships

Eastern and Southern Africa flagship

Systems approach

- Significant discussion on working at action sites and linking this to activities outside action sites in the perspective to bringing things to scale
  - Options for joint research and scaling possibly larger in larger bilaterally funded projects, discussion on where we work together as a group
  - No conclusion, but needs further reflection

Systems approach

- Understanding systems research is prerequisite
    - Systematic diagnosis of constraints and opportunities (scaling domains, options, critical analysis)
    - Develop options by context with livelihood perspective
    - Collect baseline data through HH surveys, spatial data
    - Consider both indigenous and improved
    - Team composition, skills, turnover and leadership
    - Develop operational framework for systems research

Systems approach

- Identify partners from public and private institutions (research education development finance)

- Identify potential large bilateral projects and other activities that we can be linked with

- Revisit and explore the big messages to communicate

How will you operationalize a more coherent flagship aligned to the overall research questions?

- Constitute management team from IRT with clear ToR and authority that can take programmatic decisions

- Identify funding gaps and collaboratively develop bilateral projects within or outside action sites

Critical gaps in terms of capacity or implementation support and how should they be addressed?

- Lack of common understanding about the systems research and pragmatic ability to implement systems methods within (and between) flagships

- Data collection and archival system – Research methods group

- Operation through innovation platform