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Report on EIARD main
achievements in 2009



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ANNEXES.....

ACRONYMS:

APAARI	Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions
AARINEA	Association of Agricultural Research Institutions in the Near East and North Africa
AGM	CGIAR Annual General Assembly
ARD	Agricultural Research for Development
ASARECA	Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa
CAADP	Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme
CGIAR	Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research
CSOs	Civil Society Organisations
DEEC	Development & Emerging Economy Countries
DG AIDCO	European Commission – Direction General EuropeAid
DG DEV	European Commission – Direction General Development and Relations with African, Caribbean and Pacific States
DG RTD	European Commission – Direction General Research
EC	European Commission
ECG	EIARD – European Consultative Group
EFARD	European Forum for Agricultural Research for Development
EIARD	European Initiative for Agricultural Research for Development
EPMR	CGIAR Centers – External Programme and Management Review
ERA	European Research Area
ERA-ARD	ERANET - The Agricultural Research for Development (ARD) dimension of the European Research Area (ERA)
ERANET	FP - European Research Area - Networks
EU	European Union
ExCo	CGIAR Executive Council
FAAP	Framework for African Agricultural Productivity
FARA	Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa
FORAGRO	Foro de las Américas para la Investigación y Desarrollo Tecnológico Agropecuario
FP	DG RTD - Framework Programme
FP7	DG RTD – 7 th Framework Programme 7
FSTP	Food Security Thematic Programme
GDPRD	Global Development Platform for Rural Development
GFAR	Global Forum for Agricultural Research
GTZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit
ICIPE	International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology
MDGs	Millennium Development Goals
NGOs	Non-Governmental Organisations
PAEPARD	Platform for African European Partnership on Agricultural Research for Development
SAG	ERA-ARD Southern Advisory Group
SCAR	Standing Committee for Agricultural Research
TF	EIARD Task Force
ToR	Terms of Reference
WECARD/CORAF	West and African Council for Agricultural Research and Development
WG	EIARD – Working Group

1. Highlights / main achievements

EIARD noticeable achievements in 2009 (since last ECG, in nov 2008) are:

- Approval of EIARD strategy for 2009-2013, clarifying its goal, purpose, guiding principles, and 4 main fields of activities for the next 4 years (effective coordination of European ARD policies in the pursuit of the MDGs; Effective coordination of European investment in the CGIAR; Effective coordination of European investments in strengthening ARD organisations at global and continental and sub continental levels, especially in Africa ; effective coordination between European investments in ARD and investments in rural development in pursuit of the MDGs ; + crosscutting outputs)
- Initiation of the implementation of the FSTP - EIARD Project : "fostering European aid effectiveness for Agricultural Research for Development". Thanks to an EC financial contribution (1300 k€) granted to GTZ (6 activities completed, and 3 on going ; see table in annex)
- Efficient coordination of European positions regarding the CGIAR reform process, giving them more relevance and acceptance by the CG Secretariat and the Alliance
- Support provided to the European Group consultations
- Support to the formulation of the PAEPARD II project, soon to be presented for funding.

2. Staff and meetings

These results have been achieved through:

- the time, energy and expertise dedicated to EIARD by all its members, and especially those participating to the EIARD Working Group and other Eiard meetings
- a regular exchange of information, especially by email, between the members
- the dedication of its Executive Secretary and chairman ,Jonathan Wadsworth
- the financial support from the EC and from several Member states

The position of Executive Secretary of Eiard has been held by Jean-Luc Khalfaoui, who very efficiently assumed this role until the end of his official assignment, in may 2009. The responsibility was then passed to David Radcliffe, from DG DEV, who remarkably succeeded in maintaining an adequate coordination of Eiard while continuing his other commitments. The replacement of JLK, Philippe Petithuguenin (END seconded by the French government). has taken its post at DG RTD on November 1st, and there will be a progressive hand over of responsibilities between DR and PP,

Thanks and congratulations to JLK and DR for job done. Welcome to PhP

Five Eiard meetings were held in 2009, before the ECG 15. Another one may be added before the end of 2009. There were 3 official meetings of the Eiard WG : WG44, in February in Rome,; WG 45 in May in Brussels, WG 46 in October in Brussels. Two informal meetings were also organised, both about the CG reform: one in London in May, and one in Rome in November (before the ExCo17)

Another informal meeting may be organised in Washington, on Dec 7 or 8, between the Eiard members participating to the CG "business meeting". It would help to exchange information and align European positions before their encounter with the Alliance and the other donors.

The Project Management Team of the EIARD – FSTP project has also met formally in Eschborn in March 2009. Another meeting of this PMT is scheduled for the 25 th Nov 2009.

3. Activities by outputs

Activities for Output 1 - Effective coordination of European ARD Policies in the pursuit of the MDGs:

- 1.1 Developing relevant joint policies and strategies at European level on ARD issues, to address proficiently MDGs at global, continental, sub-continental levels, and national levels.

Reference doc : see WG 44 (Feb), WG 45 (May), WG 46 (October) + informal WG London (April 09)

+ 2009-10 Global Programme on ARD (i.e. the non-CGIAR global research programme) coordinated by AIDCO/Remy Noe

- 1.2 Supporting EFARD¹ in linking together the different European ARD stakeholders (farmers organisations, NGOs, private sector, research institutions, policy makers), and with ARD stakeholders from DEEC, for policy formulation and collective actions.

See European Gcard review (position paper) and european face to face meeting (FSTP activity)

Participation to EFARD Steering Committee (march 09) ??

Support to DGRTD information note on Joint Programming and on the proposed Global Alliance on AR and CC

- 1.3 Fostering the coordination, harmonisation and alignment of European ARD policies with those of other bilateral and multilateral donors.

- Dialogue with WB on programs in Africa, especially within the context of the implementation of CADEP

- discussion with UsAid, cida and AusAid in the context of the CG Reform

See also Meeting with GDPRD, nov 6 (also related to output 4)

- 1.4 Linking with SCAR² which is the formal EU political coordination mechanism for agricultural research for Europe.

Participation to joint task force

See February WG meeting (in Rome)

- 1.5 Developing an effective reporting process towards the Council and the Parliament on the progress of European Support to ARD

Nothing much done, apart from communication strategy and web site of the Eiard FSTP project

Activities for Output 2 - Effective coordination of European investments in CGIAR:

- 2.1 Developing a common vision and a collective action on the CGIAR future, towards a more effective system.

Done : See EIARD positions for ExCO 16 and ExCo 17 ; most of these positions were approved by the other institutions involved in the reform of the CG system, especially the Alliance, the World Bank and the secretariat of the CG, and subsequently included in the Cg working documents.

¹ EFARD = European Forum for Agricultural Research

² SCAR = Standing Committee on Agricultural Research

2.2 Supporting a coordinated and streamlined M&E System for the CGIAR.

JW participation to TMT and Alliance-donor WG

should we report here on the monitoring and review of CGIAR projects supported by the European Commission., contracted to ECART ?

2.3 Developing common positions on CGIAR issues.

OK : See EIARD positions for ExCO 16 and ExCo 17

Activities for Output 3 - *Effective coordination of European investments in strengthening ARD organisations at global and continental and sub-continental levels, especially in Africa:*

3.1 Linking with the coordination of member states national ARD programmes through ERA-ARD.

Liaise with some European countries for the successful dvpt of the Era-Ard "II" proposal (approved by FP7 ; under final contractual negotiations)

Conference on 16-17 dec 09, Brussels, jointly organized with Era Ard and Efarad.

3.2 Linking with European ARD organisations and networks (e.g. ECART and NATURA)

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3.3 Coordinate support to GFAR³, in particular in relation to its role of global coordination framework for all ARD actors, including the CGIAR and the Regional Fora.

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3.4 Coordinating support to FARA⁴ and the sub-continental African ARD aiming at strengthening NARS⁵.

Study of impact of CC on agriculture in Africa (FSTP activity)

Mission to Accra, Ghana 26th-31st October 2009, by David Radcliffe (DEV/B/2) to assess progress made by FARA, and support its further reinforcement (2010 Workplan approved on basis of basis of funding actually secured ;FARA to develop action plan and road map to support CAADP process).

3.5 Supporting the African-European alliance on ARD between EFARD and FARA (PAEPARD⁶), and launching similar alliances between EFARD and other regions (Latin American, including Caribbean, Asia, Central Asia, Pacific, Mediterranean) in close dialogue with their relative ARD fora, i.e. FORAGRO⁷ , APAARI⁸, AARINENA, CACARI, and as part of the inter-regional collaborations of GFAR.

Support dvpt of Paepard 2 proposal (to be submitted soon)

Support to participation of African representatives to meeting in Brussels, July 09 (FSTP activity)

Dvpt of TofR for studies in Asia and LatinAmerica (FSTP activity)

3.6 Developing 2-3 concrete cases of joint support to ARD institutions or initiatives (e.g. ICIPE⁹, ICRA¹⁰).

case to be presented at the ECG 15 (Icra)

³ GFAR = Global Forum for Agricultural Research

⁴ FARA = Forum for Agricultural Research for Africa

⁵ NARS = National Agricultural Research System

⁶ PAEPARD = Platform for African-European Partnership on Agricultural Research for Development

⁷ FORAGRA = Foro Regional de Investigación y Desarrollo Tecnológico Agropecuario

⁸ APAARI = Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions

⁹ ICIPE = International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology

¹⁰ ICRA = International Centre for development oriented Research in Agriculture

Activities for Output 4 - *Effective coordination between European investments in ARD and investments in rural development in the pursuit of the MDGs:*

4.1 Linking with GDPRD¹¹.

Meeting organised for nov 6 may help to define linkages and strategic directions

4.2 Linking with HARDS¹².

Attendance to HARDS meeting by Marc Debois, vice chair of Eiard.

Activities crosscutting all four outputs

- Giving a stronger voice to the DEEC in the international ARD policy arena.
- Mobilising European and DEEC ARD stakeholders on specific development issues¹³ and international initiatives¹⁴ to provide informed elements, in particular scenarios and options, to European policy makers involved in ARD policy formulation.
- Supporting participation of European and DEEC ARD stakeholders' representatives, in particular NGOs, farmers' organisations and private sector, in international reflection on ARD policy.

Support to participation of African representatives to meeting in Brussels, July 09 (FSTP activity)

- Facilitating the exchange and management of European ARD information in support of policy makers and ARD partners.
- Promoting specific training on ARD issues for decision makers of DEEC.

¹¹ GDPRD = the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development

¹² HARDS = European Heads of Agricultural and Rural Development Sector

¹³ e.g. ARD activities to be developed on the impacts of climate changes on food security in Africa, or activities to improving the delivery of research results to the poorest.

¹⁴ e.g. International Assessment of Agricultural Science and Technology for Development. <http://www.agassessment.org/>