



**2014 Annual Technical and Business Meeting  
12-13 November, 2014**

**Venue: DG Research and Innovation, European Commission, Brussels**

Programme Overview

**Day 1: Annual Technical Meeting, COV2 Room 6.183**

***EFARD's role in responding to the Global Food and Nutrition Challenge***

***Background***

At the EFARD annual meeting in Brussels in 2013, there was general consensus that EFARD needed to identify strategic topics that are of interest, importance and policy relevance to Europe and other continents and around which it could mobilize a broad group of stakeholders. Several topics were identified including food waste, food safety and the agriculture-health-nutrition nexus. It was also decided that future annual EFARD meetings should include technical discussions on priority thematic issues.

For this year, the EFARD management team in consultation with the membership has determined that the global food and nutrition challenge and more specifically the agriculture-health-nutrition nexus is of strategic importance for deliberation by EFARD members during the annual meeting. This thematic priority also coincides with the second International Conference on Nutrition (ICN2) entitled "Better nutrition, better lives" jointly organized by FAO and WHO for November 2014 in Rome. It is also in line with the European Union's commitment to supporting partner countries to reduce stunting in children under five by at least 10% by 2025 and its budgetary commitment of Euro 3.1 billion for nutrition-sensitive interventions.

Hawkes *et al.* (2012) developed and applied a conceptual framework for linking agriculture, food and nutrition to the analysis of projects on agriculture for improved nutrition outcomes. They observed that: (i) the largest proportion of research projects was led by the CGIAR (n=57), followed by universities (n=44), NGOs (n=20), other research institutes (n=13); none were led by the private sector. It was noted that over 50% of the lead organizations (n=82) were international (including CGIAR and World Vegetable Centre) and of the remaining lead research organizations, 42 were in North America, nine in Europe and one in Australia. Relatively small amounts were located in developing countries (e.g. only nine in sub-Saharan Africa).

Several gaps were identified in agriculture and nutrition research in the Hawkes *et al.* (2012) report including 'a lack of research extending through the whole chain..., a lack of research on the indirect effect of changes in agriculture on nutrition... and a lack of research for improving the way research into agriculture and nutrition is conducted'. The researchers questioned whether there was need for greater involvement of the private sector and research organizations from developing countries as well as if there was sufficient collaboration between the research and practice communities for improving nutrition outcomes. A key observation was that there was need to link

researchers across programmes and projects to facilitate knowledge sharing on methods and experiences and to develop and spread good practice.

### **Objective**

To review key aspects of agriculture and nutrition interventions being undertaken by EFARD stakeholders (universities, research organizations, private sector and civil society) and identify future interventions for accessing funding for joint research and training, improving engagement of the private sector and partners from the south and for strengthening partnerships with CGIAR and other platforms.

### **Expected Outputs**

An EFARD position paper on improving the agriculture-health-nutrition nexus and Europe's responsiveness to the Global Food and Nutrition Challenge through joint research, training and diverse partner engagement.

### **Programme Overview:**

8:30 – 9:00	MT Meeting (closed)
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome Remarks and Introduction – Martin Kropff, Chair, EFARD, The Netherlands
9:15 – 9:30	Self Introductions
9:30 – 9:50	The EC's Priorities for addressing the Global Food and Nutrition Security Challenge: The Nutrition Action Plan – Pedro Campos-Llopis, DGDEVCO, Belgium
9:50 – 10:00	Discussion
10:00 – 10:20	Linking Agricultural Development and Value Chains for Improving Nutrition: Marianne van Dorp, Wageningen University and Research centre, The Netherlands
10:20 – 10:30	Discussion
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 11:20	What role for the Private Sector in Research and Innovation for improving the Agriculture-Health-Nutrition Nexus? – Herbert Smorenburg, Senior Manager GAIN Nederland, The Netherlands
11:20 – 11:30	Discussion
11:30 – 11:50	Enhancing the Role of Smallholder Farmers in achieving Sustainable Food and Nutrition Security – Bader Mahaman Dioula, Action Contre La Faim, France
11:50 – 12:00	Discussion

12:00 – 12:15	Role of Forests/Trees for Food and Nutrition in the Tropics, Patrick Van Damme, University of Ghent, Belgium
12:15 – 12:30	Agroecology for Dietary Diversity – Arine Valstar, ETC, The Netherlands
12:30 – 12:40	Discussion
12:40 – 13:00	Panel Discussion – What Role for EFARD in the Global FNS Agenda?
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 14:20	Agriculture for Nutrition and Health Research Landscape in Africa: Lessons from an IFPRI A4NH Programme – Linley Chiwona-Karlton, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden
14:20 – 14:30	Discussion
14:30 – 14:50	The High Level Policy Dialogue Europe-Africa: Current Development of the Roadmap for the EU-Africa Partnership on Research and Innovation on Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture, Philippe Petithuguenin, AGRENIUM-CIRAD, France
14:50 – 15:00	Discussion
15:00 – 15:30	Panel Discussion – Partnerships for addressing the Global Food and Nutrition Security Challenge
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee Break
16:00 – 17:30	World Café – Identifying Future Priorities, Partnerships and Mechanisms for enhancing EFARD's role in responding to the Global FNS Challenge and strengthening the Agriculture-Health-Nutrition Nexus
17:30 – 20:00	Dinner & Networking (De ultieme hallucinatie, Restaurant - tbd)

## **Day 2: EFARD Business Meeting, COV2 Room 6.190**

### **Background:**

In August 2013, EFARD endorsed a new management team to lead the organization for the next two years (2013-2015). Since then, the EFARD strategy and governance document has been updated and finalized and several changes have taken place at the international level. For example, the Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR) has completed the review of its governance mechanisms and is in the process of updating its M&E framework and plans for GCARD 3. The EFARD management team sees the need to utilize the 2014 business meeting to update the membership on progress made over the last year, discuss these and other crucial issues, set priorities and determine the way forward for the upcoming year so as to make EFARD a stronger and more effective organization at both the European and

international levels and more responsive to priority agricultural research for development issues within Europe and on other continents.

### **Expected Outcomes:**

- (i) Consensus achieved on the EFARD work programme for 2014 – 2015;
- (ii) Strategies identified and agreed upon for enhancing funding of EFARD's operations and growing and strengthening partnerships with CGIAR and other GFAR regional platforms.

<b>9:00 – 13:00</b>	<b>Chair:</b> Martin Kropff, Chair EFARD <b>Rapporteurs:</b> Jennie Van der Mheen & Judith Francis
9:00 – 9:05	Welcome Remarks, Martin Kropff, Chair, EFARD, The Netherlands
9:05 – 9:10	Apologies & Confirmation of the Agenda
9:10 – 9:25	Research and Innovation for Sustainable Agriculture and Food and Nutrition Security: DGDEVCO's Approach -- D. Radcliffe, DG DEVCO, Belgium
9:25 – 9:35	Discussion
9:35 – 9:45	DG Research and Innovation (tbc) DG AGRI (tbc)
9:45 – 10:05	EFARD Management Report – M. Kropff & J. Francis
10:05 – 10:20	Discussion / Feedback
10:20 – 10:30	Update on YPARD and SFIAR Activities – M. Graf, BFH HAFL, Switzerland
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 – 11:00	Finland Policies in Agricultural Research for Development, Maurizio Sajeve, Scientific Liaison Officer & Representative of the Finnish Ministry of Agriculture within the ARCH, Finland
11:00 – 11:15	Update on EIARD – Juergen Anthofer, Executive Secretary, EIARD, Belgium
11:15 – 11:30	Update on AGRINATURA (TAP and AGRINATURA Science Days) – J-M. Sers, European Affairs Coordinator, CIRAD, France
11:30 – 11:45	Update on PAEPARD 4 Year Extension Project - <u>F. Stepman</u> , J. Sor & R. Kahane, PAEPARD Europe, Belgium
11:45 – 12:00	Update on Roadmap to GCARD 3 – H. Palmier, GFAR Secretariat, Italy
12:00 – 12:15	Discussion/ Feedback

12:15 – 12:30	Proposals for strengthening partnership with CGIAR and other Platforms – M. Kropff
12:30 – 13:00	Discussion
13:00 – 13:15	Summary of Main Decisions of Days 1 & 2 and Implications for 2013 Work Plan – J. Francis, Executive Secretary, EFARD, The Netherlands
13:15 – 13:25	Discussion/ Feedback
13:25 – 13:30	<b>Closing Remarks</b> – M. Kropff, Chair, EFARD
13:30	Lunch (Optional)