



## **CTA Top 20 Innovations that Benefit Smallholder Farmers**

### **Cross-learning Write-shop**

**13-17 October 2014, NH Rijnhotel, Arnhem, The Netherlands**

### **Workshop Programme**

#### **Introduction**

The Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation ACP-EU (CTA) continues its efforts to boost awareness of the many innovations “low hanging fruits” that ACP research organizations, universities, extension services and farmers have developed and are being used in ACP countries. Smallholder production systems in ACP countries are underperforming. As a result, the systems cannot significantly contribute to sustaining livelihoods, reducing poverty, the attainment of food and nutritional security and environmental sustainability. The innovations developed in universities and research institutes are said to “remain on the shelf” and are not benefiting the majority of smallholder farmers. Further, farmer innovations are rarely promoted.

In December 2013, CTA launched the call for the CTA Top 20 innovations that are benefitting smallholder farmers and received 251 submissions. An initial screening of the submissions resulted in a shortlist of 70 which were evaluated using an established scorecard. An expert meeting selected the top 40 innovations which were synthesized into succinct abstracts and translated into French. The shortlist was further evaluated by ACP farmers’ organizations and the CTA Top 20 innovations were identified. As a follow up, CTA is organizing the CTA Top 20 cross-learning write-shop from 13-17<sup>th</sup> October, 2014. This will bring together authors / case owners of the CTA Top 20 innovations, technical experts, editors and designers.

The objective of the write-shop is to contribute to increasing productivity and earning potential of smallholder farmers by increasing access to existing knowledge and their effective use. The expected outputs are: (1) Fact sheets, guidebooks and posters of the CTA Top 20 innovations for widespread dissemination in print and electronic formats; (2) A publication/manuscript consisting of the CTA Top 20 innovations as case stories and input into a policy brief on scaling up innovations; (3) A technical report on CTA Top 20 cross-learning write-shop.

Day 0	<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Arrival of Delegates</b>
Day 1	<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
08:30 09:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Registration</li> <li>• Opening</li> </ul>	CTA CTA Director / Manager Policy Markets & ICTs
09:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions</li> <li>• Expectations</li> <li>• Objectives and Expected Outcomes</li> </ul>	CTA, Judith Ann Francis
10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Write-shop process, roles and responsibilities</li> <li>• Tips on constructive feedback</li> <li>• Group photograph</li> </ul>	Facilitator, Dr Rose Njeru, CTA Consultant
10:30	Coffee/Tea Break	
11:00	Innovation Stories – Presentations by Authors /Case owners (10 Minutes each) & Feedback from Experts and Delegates	Facilitator
13:00	Lunch Break	
14:00	Innovation Stories - Presentations by Presentations by Authors /Case owners (10 Minutes each) & Feedback from Experts and Delegates	Facilitator
15:30	Overview presentation on Writing & Editing	Susanna Thorp, Wren Media
16:00	Coffee/Tea Break	
16: 30	Overview presentation on Artwork & Design Concepts	Geert Gratama

17:00	Daily evaluation Housekeeping Issues	Facilitator
Day 2	<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
09:00	Report on Day 1	Facilitator
09:10	Presentation on sourcing images	CTA, Stéphane Gambier
09:30	Reviewing and re-writing Guidebooks, Fact sheets and Posters according to feedback provided and in consultation with editor, designer, technical experts and facilitators	Facilitator, Editor, Technical Experts, Designer
10:30	Coffee/Tea Break	
11:00	Reviewing and re-writing Guidebook, Fact sheets and Poster according to feedback provided and in consultation with editor, designer, technical experts and facilitator (Cont.)	Facilitator, Editor, Technical Experts, Designer
13:00	Lunch Break	
14:00	Plenary Presentations by All authors / Case owners of all documents (3 each)	Facilitator
16:00	Coffee/Tea Break	
16:30	Feedback & Discussion on final written outputs: Guidebooks, Fact sheets, Posters Identifying Gaps	Facilitator, Editor, Technical Experts, Designer
17:00 17:20	Daily evaluations Saving presentations into day 2 folder Housekeeping Issues	Facilitator
Day 3	<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>CTA International Forum “Unleashing the Potential of Science, Technology and Innovation for Food and Nutrition Security”</b>
Day 4	<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
9:00	International Forum (cont)	
10:30	Coffee/Tea Break	
11:00	Reports of Days 2 & 3 Plenary Discussion on Strategies for Addressing Gaps identified on Day 2	Facilitator
11:30	Updating Guidebooks, Fact sheets, Posters	All

13:00	Lunch Break	
14:00	Updating Guidebooks, Fact sheets, Posters in consultation with technical experts and facilitator – All Authors / Case owners	Facilitator
16:00	Coffee/Tea Break	
16:30	Updating Guidebooks, Fact sheets, Posters in consultation with technical experts and facilitator – All Authors / Case owners (Cont)	Facilitator
17:20	Daily evaluations Housekeeping Issues	Facilitator
Time	Day 5: Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Responsible
9:00	International Forum	
10:30	Coffee/Tea Break	CTA
11:00	Presentation of Posters , Guidebooks & fact sheets by All authors/Case Owners Viewing by Technical Experts & providing feedback to Authors.	
13:00	Lunch Break	CTA
14:30	Agreement on Post write-shop follow up & Evaluation  Closing Remarks	Facilitator  CTA, Judith Ann Francis
16:00	Coffee/Tea Break	

