

Workshop Expectations

For
Policy Learning and Planning
Workshop/Writeshop: Improving Effectiveness
of Extension and Advisory Service

Key Questions

- What is the status of extension and where do we see extension in the next 10 years? What can we do?
- Do we **truly** understand the issues/challenges facing extension in the context of changing agricultural systems/ geopolitics/markets & trade?
- How do we change **attitudes/expectations**?
- **Governments** have reduced investments for various reasons. How can this be improved?
- Do **ICTs** provide the answers?

Key Questions

- How can we use **existing** knowledge on extension to revolutionize training/ capacity building **(capacity development)** and delivery and improve efficiency and effectiveness?
- **Are the issues on extension advisory services being raised in the right platforms?**
- Who needs to be **convinced** and how best can this be done?
- Is there need to involve policymakers, **farmers** and other industry actors?
- How can we **measure impact** of extension?

Expectations

- An insight of African agricultural extension
- How to improve effectiveness of extension to bring about transformative change
- Measures on what to solve agricultural problems in Africa from an African perspective
- To share experiences
- To best understand what is happening in Anglophone African universities in agricultural extension.
- How to strengthen African Extension
- Form concrete partners among participants
- Produce a working docs for ExtensionAfrica

Expectations cont.

- Produce methodology for extension
- Network with ACP for agriculture
- How to carry out evaluation and/or determine impact of extension
- See the new born baby ExtensionAfrica stay alive and come of age

Deliverables:

- Synthesis report/policy brief on PL 4
- Case study methodology for identifying and evaluating the best practices in capacity building and delivery
- Consensus on an ACP extension experts working group

Expectations cont.

- Are we stuck in the mud
- What new knowledge is needed to move extension forward?
- What are the problems to be addressed for transformation
- Remembering:
- Extension is part of a system
- Communications being

Conclusions and Recommendations

- We expect successful outcome
- Active participations,
- Constructive input
- Open mind
- Willing to share
- Willing to learn
- Enjoy the day