ARD Policy Planning in CTA Key Regional Messages

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Strategic Goal 1

Goal 1 – Support agricultural policy processes and strategies in ACP regions

To support <u>well informed</u>, <u>inclusive</u> agricultural policy and strategy processes in ACP regions that empower <u>key stakeholders</u>, particularly smallholder producers, women and youth, and contribute to <u>sustainable food and nutritional security</u> and <u>income growth</u>

Policy planning meeting

3-day meeting held last week

- 24 participants from ACP
 - Policy experts from Europe, ACP, UN, ACP secretariat
 - EU Parliamentary Group

Objectives

Where are we in ARD policy?

Policy mapping studies on key policy strategies and institutions in ACP

Where are we headed?

- Major emerging critical issues / themes
- Key ARD policy processes
- Implications for CTA- partnerships, niche?

...just a foretaste

Report will be ready by December 2012

Thematic issues

- Food security + nutrition
 - Climate change x food security
- Economic policies
 - +/- incentives
 - Cross sectoral policies
- Green growth policies
 - Investment & Innovations
 - Capacity building



…potentials of ICT, effects on women & youth

Policy processes

- Inclusiveness of policy-making process
 - Non state actors, legislators
- Evidence-base
 - National knowledge institutions, universities & think tanks
- Policy documentation → policy implementation
 - Strengthening policy implementation institutions
 - Finance mechanisms for policies
 - Multiplicity & disconnect btw regional & national policies

Partners & Partnerships

- Emphasis on partners with regional level mandate e.g CAADP
 - in Africa
- Define criteria & profile for partners
- Value addition of investment: 'best bang for the buck'
- Identify "absent" partners- who else is missing?
- Capacity building- new thrusts to post-conflict regions
- Collaboration on methods/tools: direction & speed towards the goal?

Thank You



