

Developing a partnership on public policies and governance in Africa

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The challenge

- Rapid transformation of Africa
 - Global forces (globalization, tech. change, CC, eco & health crises)
 - Local forces (demographics, diet changes, political changes, social aspirations)
 - Results in complex, wicked problems (NR depletion, food insecurity, global health issues)
- An important challenge:
 - Identify adequate strategies, new forms of governance and adapted public policies
 - Why and how will it help?
 - How to contribute to their design & implementation?
- Many actors are already working on these issues
 - But fragmented
 - Across systems (food systems, natural resources, territories, health)
 - Across disciplines
 - Positive outcomes in sharing experiences & expertise

A bit of history

- CIRAD has a long standing collaboration with the University of Pretoria (RSA) and South Africa
 - Individual researchers seconded at UP from the end of the 1990s
 - Public Policy & Governance partnership (PP& G) with the Dep. of Ag. Economics from 2011
 - PP&G and GovInn joined forces in 2015
 - GovInn and University of the Western Cape started a collaboration in 2017
- Today the objective is to expand the network and discuss a new phase
 - With a larger network of institutions in Southern Africa and beyond
 - Addressing new challenges and investigating new systems (food systems, health issues)

Objectives of the meeting

1. Know better
 - Potential members of the network
 - Their current research areas and methodologies
2. Identify what we could get (and give) from/to the network
3. Identify issues and methodologies
 - Common research areas or tools → how to capitalize?
 - Tools that are used by others that would be relevant to your questions
4. Initiate discussions about the way to organize the partnership.

We should see this workshop as a first step (a pre-kick-off) in the construction of a partnership. The Covid situation prevented us to organize a formal meeting.

We keep the objective to organize a workshop by the end of the first quarter of 2021 if the situation allows

Organization of the day

- Morning sessions:
 - Institutional presentations
- Afternoon sessions:
 - Experience from Latin America (PP-AL)
 - Give and Take (brainstorming session)
 - Issues and Tools (brainstorming session)
 - What's next (open discussion)