

Agricultural extension and advisory services

Extension and advisory services are critical for facilitating smallholder and enterprise access to technology and knowledge. Advisory services increasingly play a brokering role to support inclusive multi-stakeholder innovation processes - linking key actors such as producer organizations, research services, higher education and agribusiness with producers. In many occasions, advisory services are the only AIS institutions that actively facilitate knowledge and technology adoption among smallholders.

This section examines the history and current status of extension and advisory services, discusses the new capacities needed within extension, and features select approaches and topics on advisory services. Such themes include building demand-driven pluralistic extension and advisory services, new roles for extension, new kinds of service providers, use of ICTs, and agribusiness development services.

For further information on investments in agricultural extension and advisory services, please see the following links to excerpts of the Agricultural Innovation Systems Sourcebook:

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- [The Role of Innovation Brokers in Agricultural Innovation Systems](#) [5]

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