

Agrifood Chain Toolkit: Online value chain knowledge clearing house and learning platform

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Purpose - Bridge gaps between value chain (VC) researchers and value chain stakeholders

- Numerous websites already exist with methods and tools for VC analysis and capacity building of field practitioners
- Many online resources provide case studies of agrifood value chains in developing countries
- BUT there is no dynamic mechanism for practitioners to provide feedback on VC tools of researchers
- The ToolKit enables knowledge sharing between VC researchers and other stakeholders

How it works

CGSpace document repository

- Publications and links uploaded for public access
- New VC tools submitted by authors

LF2M Dgroup online discussion group

- Community of practitioners linking farmers to markets
- Automatic alerts on new content added to the repository
- Online discussion facility with parallel emails to all members
- Events planning facility

Annual conferences

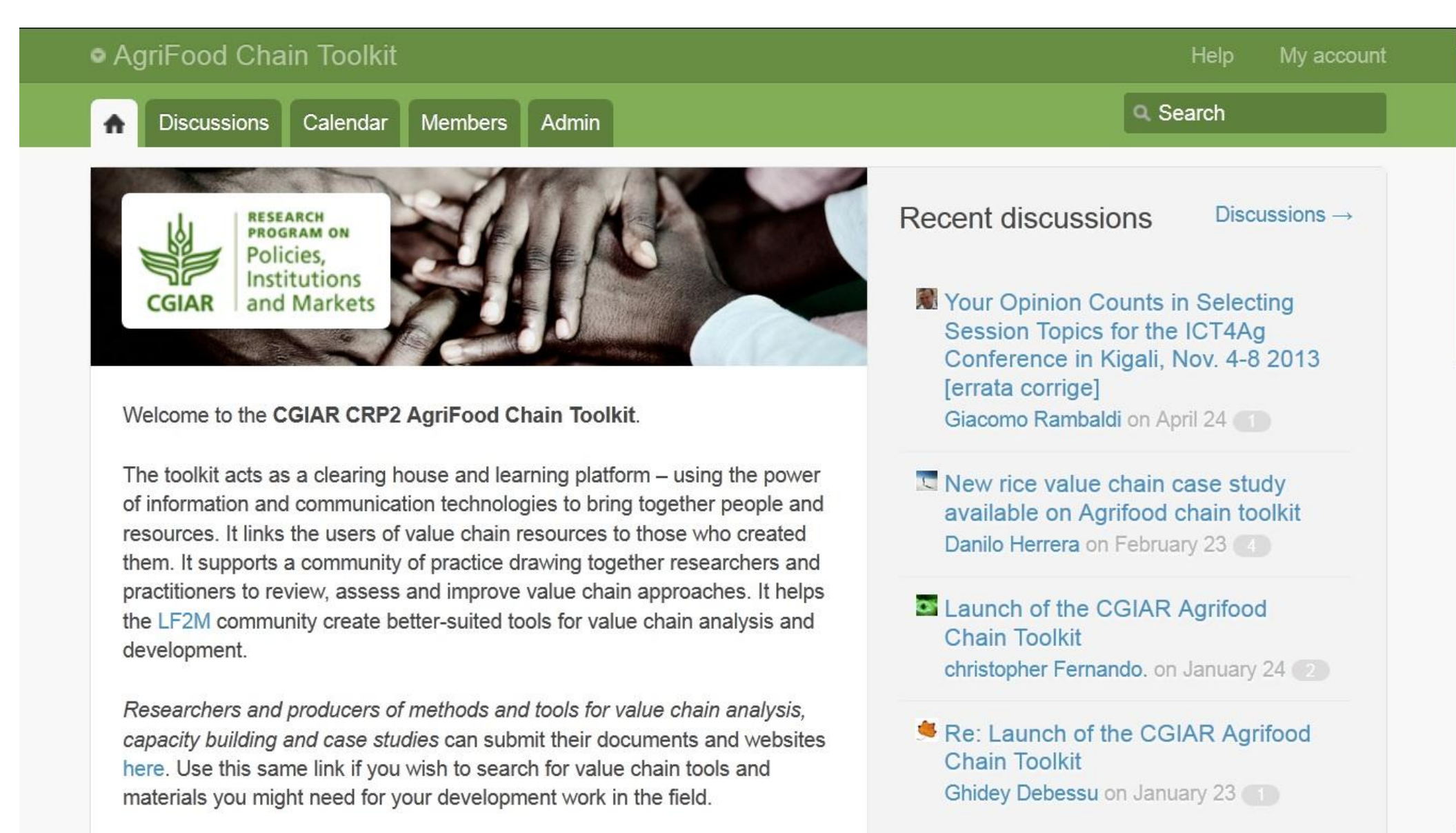
- Focus on one commodity and one region
- Allow VC researchers to meet field VC practitioners
- Allow discussions and validation of VC tools and results by practitioners
- Promote sharing of lessons and success stories in developing agrifood chains
- Non-usual format

The first conference will focus on livestock and fish value chains: Kampala, 9-11 September 2013



Objectives

- Host and link to VC methods and tools in agrifood VCs
- Host and link to VC case study materials
- Host and link to VC capacity building materials
- Provide an online discussion forum on VC tools
- Integrate feedback from VC practitioners on VC methods and tools



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- Hear about future events
- Submit and share your tools and papers
- Give feedback

3 strategic lessons on:

Delivering science

1. Scientific results, methods and tools are made available to wider audiences
2. People can sign up to receive targeted updates on new scientific outputs

Developing capacity

1. The toolkit repository has a dedicated section on capacity development tools
2. Trainers can use the toolkit to find adapted course materials

Influencing decisions

1. Community discussions bring science products to people who link smallholders to dynamic markets
2. Results of research and practice are brought into decision-making processes

Unlocking livestock development potential through science, influence and capacity development ILRI APM, Addis Ababa, 15-17 May 2013