

Ensuring Better Rural Futures

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- Enabling rural populations to develop and select **scenarios of the future** that they can use to change the present to shape the future.



Theme Expected Outcome

- Agreement on **collective actions** that contribute to ensuring better futures using grass-root foresight



A Collective Action is

- A multi-stakeholder initiative of three or more partners - including producers - at national, regional or international levels who agree to commit and generate resources for collective action or advocacy towards shared demand-driven rural development aims.

Setting the Scene: Catalyst Interventions

- Putting Farmers First – Farmer Organizations **PROPAC, AFA and COPROFAM**
- Achieving Rural Development through Foresight – Regional Fora: **AARINENA, CACAARI and FARA**
- Youth Planning Rural Futures – **YPARD**
- A Shared Mediterranean Vision of Rural Futures – **FSNMD**
- Territorial Foresight for Rural Development: **IER**
- Balancing Diversification & Specialization to Sustainably Transform Rural Livelihoods – **CGIAR/Bioversity**

Setting the Scene: Catalyst Interventions

- Each presentation followed a suggested format :
What is the foresight/development initiative you are working on, what will be achieved; what has been done to date; how can GCARD3 build on this; who would be the potential partners of the initiative.
- Collective brain-storming on potential collective actions
- Started with seven collective actions that then merged into two. After two days of discussions the two parties decided to join in one strong collective action!

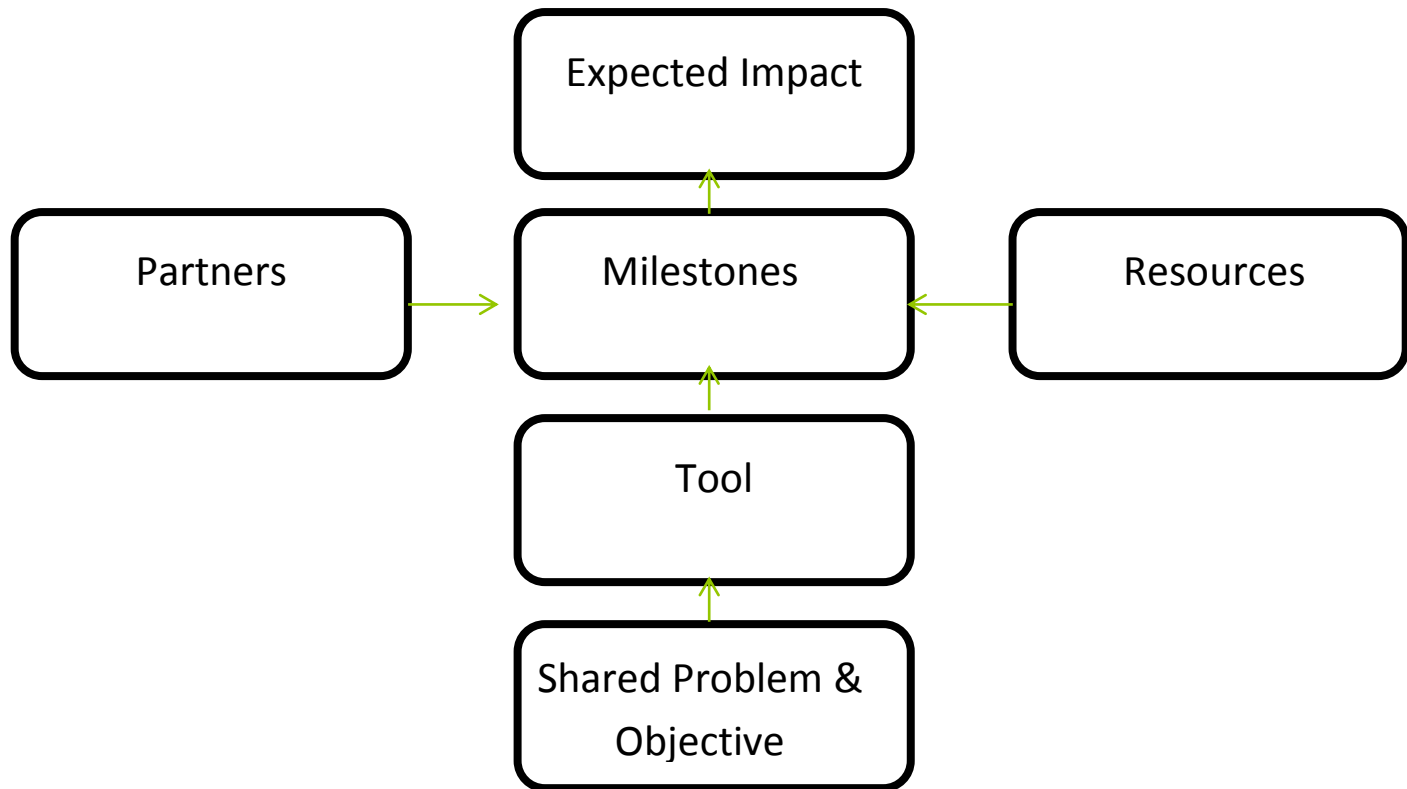
Round-table discussions



World Café

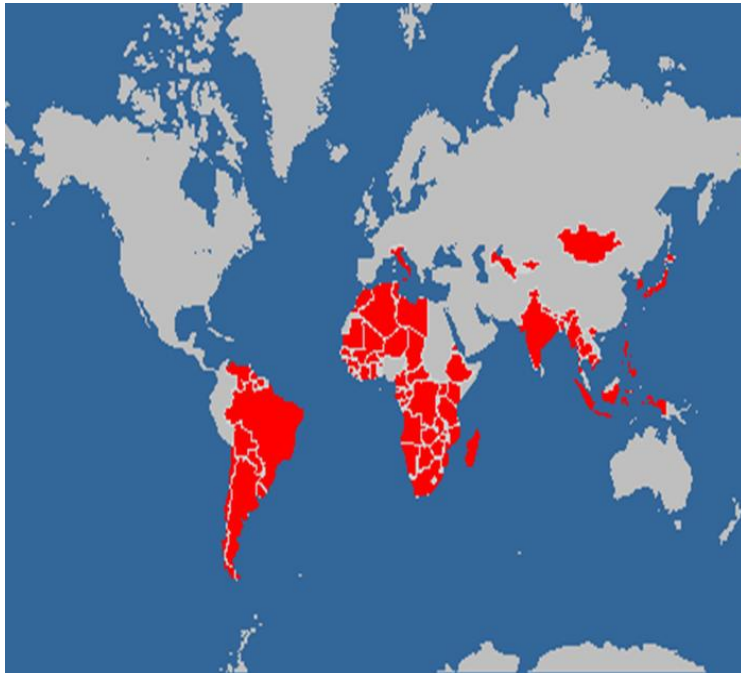


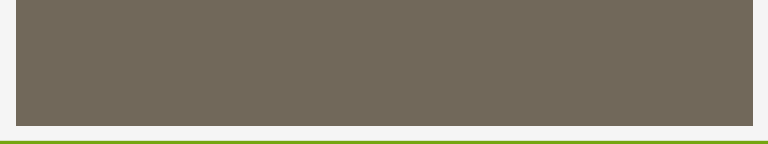
Collective Action



***Alliance for the
re-appropriation of rural
futures by local actors***

Countries covered by the collective actions on foresight for better rural futures





All partners around the table agreed to work together to make the Alliance working as follows:

Developing foresight capacities enabling local organisations/ communities and stakeholders to elaborate their own futures and engaging into concrete action at **local level** (led by Farmer Organisations)

Engaging stakeholders at **national and regional levels** into shaping shared visions of the future of rural areas (led by Regional Fora)

Ensuring the necessary connections **across scales and outputs** so that they nurture each other towards better futures for rural areas (Facilitated by Regional Fora in connection with Farmer Organisations)

First Steps from Now

Establish an Email list of the partners

Send the outcome of the discussions as a zero draft concept note to all, including **the specific commitments** made so far for feedback

Identify coordinators and build a representative group working on **the engineering of the alliance** who will synthesize the feedback and **drive the initiative forward.**

Partners communicate on the Alliance through their networks for **raising awareness and engaging in concrete actions**

Start stock-taking of on-going grass roots foresight initiatives

Outcome Statement

We will act collectively in the coming 3 years to GCARD4 on:

- Establishing foresight platforms that bring together farmers (via farmer organizations in Africa, Asia-Pacific, Central Asia/Caucasus, Latin America, Europe, the Mediterranean basin and the NENA regions) with research and innovation actors from around the world to develop and select preferred future scenarios.
- Collectively plan, design and implement initiatives to change the present to shape/achieve the desired future.

Thank you

