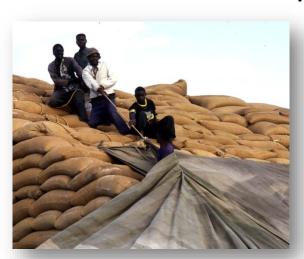


Tropical Agriculture Platform (TAP)

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Capacity needs in the Tropics: the G20 establishes TAP

- Low income countries, mainly located in the tropics, often lack capacities to support agricultural innovation;
- To address this gap, the G20 launched the Tropical Agriculture Platform;
- ➤ With more than **40 partners**, TAP is a multilateral facilitation mechanism that promotes **greater coherence and impact** of CD for AIS;
- The TAP Action Plan was developed in 2013, based on regional needs assessments (CIAT, FARA, SEARCA) carried out;
- ➤ Since 2015, the TAP Action Plan is supported by the EU-funded Capacity Development for Agricultural Innovation Systems (**CDAIS**) project.





Major milestones

- EU funds mobilized (CDAIS by **Agrinatura & FAO)**
- TAP Global Task Force & CD Expert **Group launched**

- Partner Assembly in Rwanda
- Framework & TAPipedia approved
- **Country CD for AIS assessments**
- **NIF Training, M&E Tools**
- E-conference, symposium & other events to advocate for CD for AIS and TAPipedia (global & regional)

2014

2015

2016

 TAP launched at G20 MACS in Mexico

2012

2013

- **Regional needs** assessments
- 1st TAP Partners **Assembly in China**

- CDAIS project launched to support implementation of **TAP Action Plan**
- TAP Framework and **TAPipedia developed**
- APAARI policy dialogue





Partners







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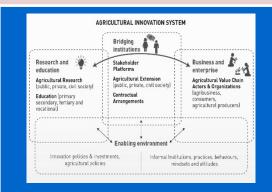


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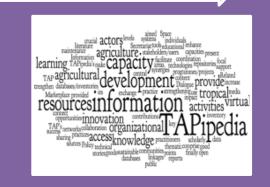
Global partnership fostering coherence & greater impact of capacity development for innovation in agriculture



Advocacy and policy dialogue (all levels)



Common Framework (systems CD)



TAPipedia knowledge hub (network & resources)



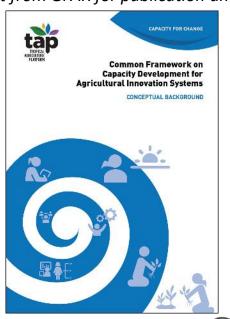


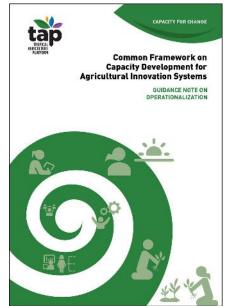
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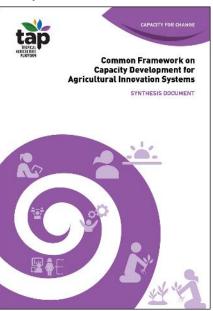
- 1. Review Report: Review of existing resources on CD for AIS
- 2. Conceptual Background: Theory, concepts, principles, definitions
- 3. Synthesis: Summary of Conceptual Background
- 4. Guidance Note on Operationalization: Approaches and tools

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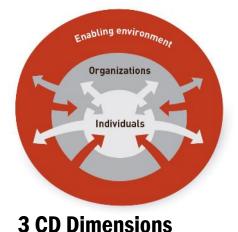


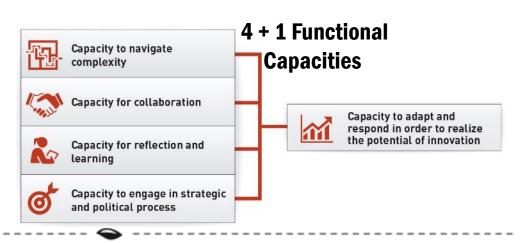
The TAP Framework



The Common Framework on CD for AIS

- Promotes a shift of mind-set and attitudes;
- Provides concepts, principles, approaches and tools to
 - o better understand the AIS architecture
 - o assess CD needs
 - o plan and implement CD interventions
 - monitor and evaluate CD interventions
- Puts focus on facilitation, learning, documentation and knowledge management for enabling innovation







http://www.tapipedia.org/

TAPipedia knowledge hub:

- ➤ allows Partners and other stakeholders to share their CD for AIS resources and initiatives;
- presents, explains and promotes the TAP Framework, including learning modules.

















Making agricultural innovation systems more effective and sustainable in meeting the demands of farmers, agri-business and consumers.















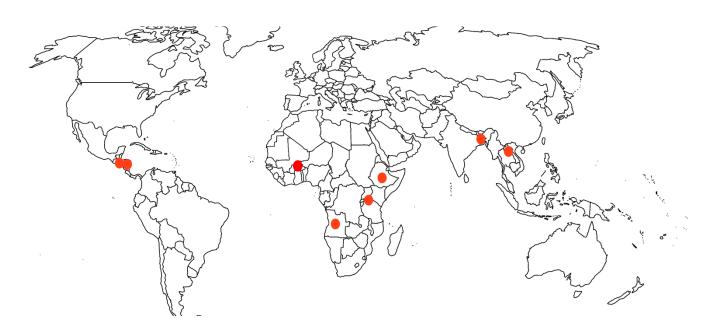








8 pilot countries



Africa: Angola, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Rwanda

Asia: Bangladesh, Laos

Latin America: Guatemala, Honduras





Participatory CD needs assessments and

CD design in 8 countries







INCEPTION WORKSHOPS & CONSULTATIONS

NEEDS AND BASELINE ASSESSMENTS







MARKETPLACES

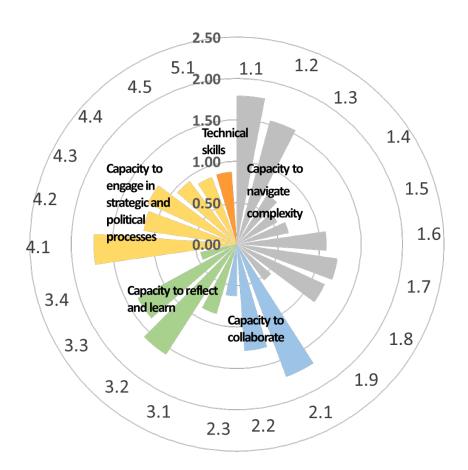
FACILITATOR TRAINING

Facilitating capacity development in agricultural innovation in the tropics - a G20 initiative - www.tropagplatform.org



Assessment Results

Capacity Assessment – Profile, Cassava Innovation Partnership Rwanda



- 1.1 Skills to understand and solve problems;
- 1.2-Managementskills;
- 1.3 Access to and mobilization of resources;
- 1.4—Sharing of information within the group;
- 1.6-Utilization of local knowledge;
- 1.7—Informed decision-making;
- 1.8—Idea where the group wants to be in the future;
- 1.9 Strategy plan to achieve idea for the future;
- 2.1—Cooperation among actors in the group;
- 2.2 Representation of stakeholders in group coordination;
- 2.3 Incentives for networking and partnering;
- 3.1 Joint learning and experimentation;
- 3.2 Training covering multi-stakeholder innovation processes;
- 3.3 Understanding of knowledge flows;
- 3.4 Documentation and monitoring processes;
- 4.1 Role and responsibilities of leader;
- 4.2 Awareness of agricultural development issues;
- 4.3 Awareness of opportunities for policy change;
- 4.4 Influence on decision-making processes;
- 4.5 Effectiveness of communication channels;
- 5.1-Technical skills.





FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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