Specific objectives:

- Enhance interactions between Centre/CRP IAFPs on adoption and ex post IA related issues
- Receive updates from IAFPs on CRP Phase-II adoption/impact assessment and RBM strategy and plans
- Update IAFPs on SIAC activities, external evaluation of SIAC Phase-I, and prospects/plans for SIAC Phase-II
- Discuss areas of complementarities and overlap between SPIA and other communities of practice (MELIA, ECoP, PIM’s COP on technology adoption)

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AGENDA

08:00 – 08:30 Early start – Breakfast offered in the meeting room

08:30 Welcome, brief introductions, opening comments (Chair: Doug Gollin)

08:45 – 10:00 I. Agri-food systems focus (Chair: Ricardo Labarta)

- CRP RICE (10+5 min) [Samarendu Mohanty/Aminou Arouna]
- CRP MAIZE (10+5 min) [Paswel Marenya]
- CRP WHEAT (10+5 min) [Aziz Karimov]
- CRP DCL (10+5 min) [Aden Aw-Hassan/Conrad Murendo]
- CRP RTB (10+5 min) [Tahirou Abdoulaye/Guy Hareau/Enoch Kikulwe/Ricardo Labarta]

10:00 – 10.15 Coffee

10:15 – 11:15 Open discussion session 1: The demand for eplAs in the CRPs (Chair: Tim Kelley)

Reflecting on the CRP presentations thus far i.e., on plans for impact assessments and how they fit into the larger RBM strategy, this session will identify critical drivers for eplAs in the CRPs as well as the broader CGIAR system. By identifying these drivers and by starting to identify some of the larger issues in delivering credible as well as relevant adoption data and eplAs, this session will set the stage for the other discussion sessions. The session starts with a presentation of results from the survey conducted by SPIA in 2014 on the use of and need for eplAs, followed by some reflections by the donors present.

- Donor demand for eplAs (10 min) [Lakshmi Krishnan]
- Reflections from the donors (10 min)

11:15 – 12:00 II. Agri-food systems focus (Chair: Aden Aw-Hassan)

- CRP Livestock (10+5 min) [Michael Kidoido]
- CRP FISH (10+5 min) [Andrew Thorne-Lyman]
- CRP FTA (10+5 min) [Ramadhani Achdiawan/Sid Mohan/Enoch Kikulwe]

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch
III. Global integrative platforms focus (Chair: Guy Hareau)

- CRP A4NH (10+5 min) [Agnes Quisumbing]
- CRP CCAFS (10+5 min) [Ricardo Labarta]
- CRP PIM (10+5 min) [Peter Hazell]
- CRP WLE (10+5 min) [Marie-Charlotte Buisson/Dawit Mekonnen]

14:00 – 14:30 IAFP Community of Practice (Chair: Mywish Maredia)

*Potential for enhanced collaboration with SPIA and other communities of practice (COP)*

- PIM’s plan and expectations of other CGIAR impact assessment scientists, and overlaps/potential for collaboration with SPIA and its partners (15 min) [Peter Hazell]
  
  *As a part of its full proposal, CRP PIM intends to further develop a nascent community of practice on technology adoption. The primary objective is to develop improved methods for ex ante and ex post technology assessment.*

- Lessons from SIAC Phase-I experience (15 min) [Jeff Alwang]

14:30 – 15:00 Open discussion session 2: Structural challenges and constraints to eplAs (Chair: Doug Gollin)

*Following the session 1, this discussion will first reflect on the structural challenges and constraints to eplAs, and then (post a coffee break) identify the broader resource/support needs of the CRPs in collecting adoption data and conducting eplAs. Structural challenges may relate to, but not be limited to, competition for funding, the nature of funding (W1/W2/W3/bilateral), the emphasis on MEL versus IA, management and reporting, etc. Resource needs may span funding support, public goods (w.r.t. data collection, data management and curation, indicators or sample questionnaires, methods, ethics committee, quality control etc.), capacity development, and advocacy and communications. It will then reflect on the role SPIA could play with respect to these functions.*

15:00 – 15:15 Coffee

15:15 – 16:00 Open discussion continued: Resources and support for high quality eplAs (Chair: Doug Gollin)

16:00 – 17:15 SIAC program highlights (Chair: Julian Alston)

- IEA evaluation of SIAC Phase I (10 min + 5 min for questions) [Julia Compton and Tim Dalton]
- Progress on SIAC Phase I (highlights) since Minneapolis 2014 (30 min) [James Stevenson]
- Discussion (30 min)

17:15 – 18:30 SIAC Phase-II prospects and plans (Chair: Bob Herdt)

- Potential focus areas, SIAC Phase-II planning (30 min) [Doug Gollin]
- Discussion (45 min)

18:30 – 18:45 Strengthening IAFP community / SPIA interactions & closing remarks, Doug Gollin
Guidelines for CRP presentations:

For each of the CRPs, the relevant Focal Points will be asked to make a brief presentation (10 minutes) that focuses on the following from the CRP perspective. Each CRP can nominate one person to make the presentation, considering the short presentation windows.

1. Describe the CRP adoption and ex-post impact assessment related strategy and plans (big picture) for 2017-2022. The presentation should speak to how baselines have or will be established or how a convincing case will be argued that long-term development outcomes and impacts will be achieved and how they will be measured; and, how these impact assessments will feed into the CRP results based management (RBM). CRPs should also thoughtfully reflect:
   a) how their epIA strategies have been influenced by and respond to the perceived demand for epIAs in the CRP and the CGIAR system;
   b) specific structural challenges and constraints faced or anticipated; and
   c) relatedly, resource/support needs including expertise, funding, advocacy and communications etc.

2. (OPTIONAL) Brief summary on a maximum of one recently completed or ongoing adoption/impact assessment studies that (if relevant) showcases a new methodological or partnership innovation.

Annex 3.5 of the CRP Phase-II full proposal describes the results-based management approach covering (a) monitoring and adjustment of theories of change; (b) evaluation of CRP performance; and (c) internal evaluation, ex-ante and ex-post impact assessment work. CRPs were asked “describe an Impact Assessment Strategy, outlining how the program will assess impacts (adoption, influence, outcomes at sub-IDO level, and longer-term impacts), and scale of impacts, arising from the work that the CRP conducts individually or jointly with others, including from antecedent research directly or indirectly related to the CRP.” It is expected that you will draw on these full proposal sections as you prepare your presentations.

By July 26 (Tuesday), please send a copy of your presentations to Lakshmi Krishnan.
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