

**SIAC Objective 2.1: Planning and Inception Meeting  
January 15-16, 2014**

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**Draft Program**

Time	Activity	Discussion Leader
<b>January 14, Tuesday</b>		
Throughout the day	Arrival of participants	
8:00 to 9:00 pm	Participants register their arrival and pick-up their package and per diem	
<b>January 15, Wednesday (Ballroom 1)</b>		
8:00 am	<b>1. Welcome and Introduction</b>	M. Maredia
	Welcome remarks and sharing of perspectives from SPIA	T. Kelley
8:20 am	<b>2. Overview of the SIAC project and the proposed scope of Activity 2.1; Review of Meeting Objectives and Agenda</b>	M. Maredia
9:00 am	<b>3. Brief overview (scope and major findings) of recently completed initiatives of tracking adoption of improved varieties</b> a) DIIVA project in SSA  b) TRIVSA project in South Asia	T. Walker  S. Pandey and L. Velasco
9:50 am	Health Break (Foyer)	
10:15 am	<b>4. Proposed methodology/guidelines for collecting varietal release and nationally representative adoption data by varieties</b>	B. Reyes and M. Maredia
11:00 am	<b>5. Brainstorming session and discussion on:</b> a) The proposed methodology (pros and cons) b) Leveraging lessons/experience from DIIVA and TRIVSA to make the method better c) Alternative (cost-effective) approaches to consider	R. Tripp, T. Walker, S. Pandey
12:00-1:00 pm	Group Lunch (Voila)	
1:00 pm	<b>6. Overview of proposed priority commodity-by-country combinations (CCCs) by SPIA in the SIAC proposal, and comparing that with the proposed CCC list by Centers/CRPs</b>	M. Maredia
1:20 pm	<b>7. Break out groups: Opportunity for Center/CRP focal points to meet with their respective commodity NARS participants and discuss about available data, gaps, opportunities, and proposed methods to achieve SIAC objectives; Refine center presentation (for the next session) based on this discussion</b>	
3:00 pm	Health Break (Foyer)	
3:20 pm	<b>8. Center presentation (by crop) focused on the following three aspects:</b> a) Taking stock of varietal adoption estimates/available data in proposed CCCs in South Asia, Southeast and East Asia (based on consultation with/input from NARS partners) b) Identifying data gaps and opportunities to piggy-back on	

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	other data collection efforts or planned adoption/impact studies (in consultation with NARS partners); and c) Proposed scope of work under SIAC Activity 2.1 in light of #1 and 2.	
	• Wheat and maize	S. Mittal
	• Rice	A. Laborte
	• Barley, sorghum	A. Kumar
	• Groundnut, chickpea, pigeon pea and lentils	A. Kumar
	• Potato and sweet potato	S. Vikram
	• Cassava and forages	R. Labarta
	• Bananas	A. Molina
5:30 pm	Adjourn for the day	
5:30 – 6:15pm	Registration desk open for distribution of per diem and reimbursements	
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Group Dinner (Inspiration)	
<b>January 16, Thursday</b>		
8:30 am	<b>9.</b> Highlights from Day 1: Summary of major points and proposed list of CCCs	B. Reyes
8:50 am	<b>10.</b> Group discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emerging issues for consideration on methodological approach for the study</li> <li>Consensus on data definition</li> <li>Major data gaps, challenges and opportunities</li> </ul>	Led by T. Walker and M. Maredia
10:00 am	Health Break (Foyer)	
10:20 am	<b>11.</b> Working groups: Center/CRP focal points meet with their respective commodity NARS participants and discuss implementation plan and timeline for Activity 2.1 for prioritized CCCs	
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Group Lunch (Voila)	
1:00 pm	<b>12.</b> Presentation of the proposed implementation plan by a representative from each working group	Center and NARS Participants
3:10 pm	Health Break (Foyer)	
3:30 pm	<b>13.</b> Discussion on the next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of workplan and budget</li> <li>Timeline and major milestones</li> <li>Flow of funds and contractual issues</li> </ul> <b>14.</b> Taking stock of remaining issues: need for further training; data collection; analysis, selective validation, publication, data storage, and dissemination of results	M. Maredia
5:00 pm	<b>15.</b> Reflections and Closing remarks	M. Maredia and T. Kelley
5:30 pm	Meeting adjourned	

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