

Inception meeting for small grants on agricultural innovations in Ethiopia

Agenda (Friday 26 of February 2026, virtual workshop)

General session (all grantees and mentors)

0.00– 0.10 Introduction of the call and SPIA expectations (**J.V. Meenakshi**)

0.10 – 0.20 Overview of contributions of four group of papers (**Frederic Kosmowski**)*

0.20 – 0.35 Providing context of the inclusion of CGIAR innovations (**Solomon Alemu**)**

0.35 – 0.55 ESS4 objectives and sampling frame (**Alemayehu A. Ambel*****)

0.55 – 1.15 General discussion on what can be inferred from sampling frame and feasibility of studies (**facilitated by Ricardo Labarta**)

1.15 – 1.20 Organizing Breakout sessions

Breakout groups (four parallel sessions)

1.20 – 1.45 Individual research presentations (**each grantee** in 3 slides: research questions, empirical strategy, additional data not in ESS4),

1.45 – 2.00 identifying potential synergies and avoiding overlaps (**mentors**)

2.00 – 2.25 Group discussion and specific suggestions/comments to researchers

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2.25 – 2.30 Inception meeting wrap up

*Present how individual papers can contribute together to broad research topics and to promote the search for collaborative work across researchers.

** A summary of the stocktaking exercise is presented to provide an overview of the attribution/contribution of CGIAR research in innovations included in ESS

*** Description of the sampling scheme used in ESS 4 to clarify:

- The ESS sample frame
- The organization of the sample – sampling of EAs, HHs, plots
- Sample weights and, in particular, suggestions on how to use the weights in order to generate nationally-representative statistics