

41st SPIA Meeting
NASC complex, New Delhi, India, 24-25 March 2011
Agenda

Saturday, 24 March (13.00 – 18.30) & Sunday 25 March

1. Welcome by the Chair

2. Background/orientation, SPIA's modus operandi, time allocation, etc. (30 minutes)

3. Approval of Meeting Agenda

4. SPIA 40 Meeting Minutes follow-up (5 mins)

5. On-going Studies

Updates provided by the SPIA focal point: members assess progress on each and consider corrective action if required; outline steps for timely completion or follow-up.

5.1. Impact of CGIAR research on poverty and under-nutrition (45 mins)

Review progress to date and update on next steps:

- CIMMYT, IRRI, Worldfish and IFPRI studies selected for funding (SPIA + USAID)
- Agenda / resource people / goals for the 8-9 May meeting in London
- Drafts of key background papers / updates (BS, JS, TK)

5.2. Dissemination and impact of improved varieties in Sub Saharan Africa (45 mins)

General update based on PSC 11 meeting on 17 January 2012

- Agree on key outputs for end of project
- Progress in Objectives 1, 2 and 3; problem areas
- RoR analysis update

5.3. Legumes improvement impact study (60 mins)

Review progress to date, re-assess study scope & objectives and outline next steps:

- Cowpea in Nigeria case study
- Chickpea and Pigeonpea in India case study
- Pigeonpea in East Africa case study
- Beans in SSA case study
- Identify team members (impact economist), SPIA members and Centers' roles
- Main project revised timeframe and budget
- Lessons learned on stripe reviews

5.4. Germplasm Conservation and Evaluation impact study (30 mins)

Review progress to date and update on next steps

- Discuss and consolidate SPIA comments on Robinson's draft report of 3 case studies
- Review timeframe for completion (external review, green cover, impact brief, journal)

5.5. RCTs (15 mins)

Review and finalize SPIA note on RCT

6. New SPIA Activities in 2012 and beyond

6.1. BMGF Proposal for Strengthening IA in the CGIAR (90 mins)

- Content discussion, including budget details
- Role and time commitment of SPIA members
- Stakeholder strategy: (a) IAFPs, (b) Consortium Office (c) Donors (how many)
- Funding flow
- Consider all this in light of current SPIA Strategy as a basis for 2012-2015 planning (incl. new business model)

6.2. Stripe impact assessment (after the legume study) (15 mins)

- irrigation management, or livestock management
- or simply embed into mega-proposal

7. Communication and Networking

7.1. IAAE conference in 2012 in Brazil (45 mins)

- planning & coordinating SPIA-IAFP ½ day meeting
- pre-conference IA session: planning/organizing, budget, paper reviews, *Food Policy*,

7.2. Publications (15 mins)

- EIA Green cover report (SPIA foreword + Renkow + Synthesis + Land Paper) published and circulated – last hard copy publication for SPIA
- 4 Impact Briefs – published and circulated
- Journals in progress:
 - i) Bennett Synthesis
 - ii) Hareau et al.
 - iii) Land Paper
- RCT brief (in progress)

7.3. Website (30 mins)

- Update on developments, use/visits and next steps (if any)

8. SPIA strategy and 2012-2013 workplan and budget (60 mins)

- consider commitments / timetable / budgets in 2012 for
 - poverty study
 - legume study
 - DIIVA study
 - IAAE meeting in Brazil, impact assessment session

9. New SPIA Member (30 mins)

10. Other Business