

PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVES INFORMATION SHEET

Name of the Partnership/Initiative

ECOAGRICULTURE: Promoting Land Use Systems that Increase Agricultural Productivity, Ecosystem Services, and Biodiversity

Expected date of initiation: October 2002

Expected date of completion: to be defined

Partners Involved

[i.e. having expressed interest in long-term involvement]

Intergovernmental organisations:

IUCN

UNDP Equator Initiative

Future Harvest

Research organisations:

CIAT

IWMI

Forest Trends

IPGRI

CIFOR

ISNAR

CABI Bioscience

Various University Departments – including James Cook University, Australia

Governments: [being identified]

NGOs:

The Nature Conservancy

World Resources Institute

Environmental Liaison Centre International

[and others]

Community organizations, including those working with the Equator Initiative

Trade Unions: IUF, National Union of Plantation & Agricultural Workers (NUPAW)

Other: Stakeholder Forum for Our Common Future

Leading Partner: Stakeholder Forum for Our Common Future (**interim**)

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Main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative

Please provide a brief description:

Goal: To promote research and development on land use systems that both increase agricultural productivity and farm incomes, and conserve ecosystem services and wild biodiversity (“ecoagriculture”)

Please also provide a brief description of the relationship of the Partnership/Initiative with the objectives of Agenda 21 as well as relevant goals and objectives of the United Nation Millennium Declaration:

Relevant International Agreements

- Convention on Biodiversity (CBD)
- Millennium Development Goals
- Convention on Combating Desertification
- Global Plan of Action for the Conservation and Sustainable Utilisation of Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture

Relationship with the CBD

Implementation of the CBD and its provisions through national, regional and global action programmes to strengthen the integration of national biodiversity strategies and action plans into relevant cross-sectoral strategies, programmes and policies, including those related to sustainable development and poverty eradication, including initiatives which promote community-based sustainable use of biological diversity;

Relationship with the objectives of Agenda 21

Poverty eradication: Land use systems based on the sustainable utilisation of natural resources is vital for combating poverty and, consequently, improving livelihoods.

Social inclusion and empowerment: Smallholder farmers and community-based organisations have a bigger role in research priority setting and determining the merits of research findings, enabling research to be based on local knowledge, local land/ resource management systems and participatory models for collaboration.

Good Governance: Institutions responsible for agriculture and environment coordinate more closely and effectively, and are mutually supporting.

Gender equity: Promote agricultural landscapes that conserve strategic natural habitats for biodiversity of particular importance for livelihood security of women, landless and low-income households.

WSSD Draft Plan for Implementation:

- Development and implementation of integrated land management and water-use plans that are based on sustainable use of renewable resources and on integrated assessments of socio-economic and environmental potential.
- Promoting programmes to enhance in a sustainable manner the productivity of land and the efficient use of water resources in agriculture, forestry, wetlands, artisanal fisheries and aquaculture, especially through indigenous and local community-based approaches;
- Promoting the conservation, and sustainable use and management of traditional and indigenous agricultural systems and strengthen indigenous models of agricultural production.

Expected results:

A multi-stakeholder coalition mandated to

1. raise the profile and adoption of land use systems that increase agricultural productivity, ecosystem services and biodiversity
2. mobilise the necessary resources to support the implementation of such land management system.

Specific targets of the Partnership/Initiative and timeframe for their achievement:

- An international conference on Ecoagriculture Research and Policy to be held in 2003
- The creation of a multi-stakeholder coalition mandated to implementing their mutually agreed action plan (to be finalised at the Implementation Conference), that will include targets and time frames up to and beyond the International Conference in 2003.

Coordination and Implementation mechanism

Please provide a brief description of expected coordination/implementation mechanism of the Partnership/Initiative.

- All partners will be engaged in implementation
- Coordination will be addressed during the partnership group's meeting at Stakeholder Forum's Implementation Conference, Johannesburg, 24-26 August

Arrangements for funding

Please describe available and/or expected sources of funding for the implementation of the Partnership/Initiative (e.g. donor government(s); international organization(s)/financial institution(s); foundation(s); private sector; other major groups, etc.)

- Funding proposals for the initiative have already been submitted to foundations & support organizations - confirmation on the outcomes of these proposals is expected shortly.

Arrangements for capacity building and technology transfer

Please include information if the Partnership/Initiative provides for training, informational support, institutional strengthening and/or other capacity building measures:

- More widespread strengthening of capacity at a community level, through the scaling up and replication of existing, productive community based 'ecoagriculture' initiatives.
- Increased empowerment of smallholder farmers and community-based organisations to play a more significant role in research priority setting and determining the merits of research findings - in turn increasing the capacity for researchers to based their research on local knowledge, local land/ resource management systems and participatory models for collaboration.

Please also provide here a brief description of expected arrangements for technology transfer (if applicable).

- Strengthened linkages through the facilitation of information and knowledge exchange between researchers, representatives of community based organizations and other coalition members.

Links of Partnership/Initiative with on-going sustainable development activities at the international and/or regional level (if any)

Please provide a brief description:

- Increasing recognition at an international level of the need to integrate consideration for biodiversity into agricultural landscapes
- Ecoagriculture is a high priority under WSSD's WEHAB focus

Monitoring Arrangements

Please describe expected arrangements for monitoring of progress in the implementation of

Partnerships/Initiative after it will be launched at the WSSD:

(e.g. frequency/modalities of preparation of progress reports; electronic updates, news-letters, etc)

- The partnership will develop internal monitoring and evaluation mechanisms, based on a multi-stakeholder approach. Specific arrangements depend on detailed work programme.
- As activities are closely linked with partners' core activities, reporting on progress made will also be covered in the reporting mechanisms of the partners involved.
- Reporting to CSD desired for monitoring, learning and knowledge management.

Other relevant information:

Web-site (if available): This partnership is part of Stakeholder Forums Implementation Conference process; more information at www.earthsummit2002.org/ic

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