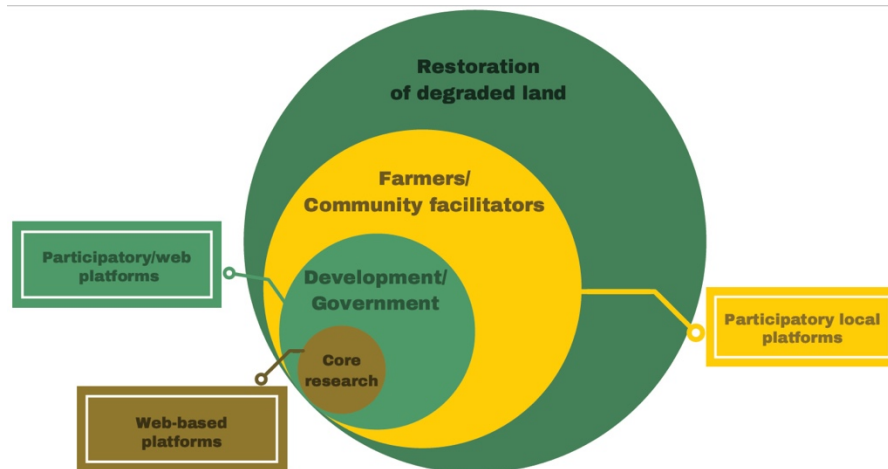




FACILITATION GUIDE FOR DEVELOPMENT/GOVERNMENT STAKEHOLDER COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE WORKSHOP: FOCUSING ON LESSONS LEARNT AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCALING LAND RESTORATION OPTIONS



Nested communities of practice, facilitated and documented, with refined tools, methods, and guidelines for taking land restoration to scale.

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This guide may be adapted to other projects wishing to co-learn and reflect on lessons learnt and future opportunities for scaling and adapting land restoration technologies.

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Objectives of the Workshop

This guide aims at providing a co-learning framework for facilitating workshops with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and government stakeholders to share lessons learned across the various stakeholder groups.

Specifically, the key objectives of the workshop include:

- 1) to elicit stakeholders' perceptions on the implementation of the planned comparisons (PCs)
- 2) to brainstorm opportunities for successful scaling of land restoration options
- 3) to share an overview of the IFAD/EU-funded land restoration project activities, including key findings from planting basins and tree planting activities
- 4) to share feedback from 1st farmers' CoP workshops from December 2017 with over 400 farmers (e.g., farmers' perceptions of land restoration and impacts of the technologies on farm productivity and their livelihoods)
- 5) to share feedback on 2nd farmers' CoP workshops held in June 2018 with over 300 farmers (e.g., on additional context-relevant land restoration options that farmers are interested in exploring , and 5) share feedback on the implementers' CoP (e.g., on perceptions and lessons learnt from the implementation of PCs)

The overall aim is to help facilitate continuous feedback loop between the nested CoPs as illustrated above. This will encourage stakeholders to learn and adapt their management activities to respond to local needs of farmers thereby ensuring more effective collaboration, co-learning and positive impacts of land restoration technologies for improved land health and livelihoods. It is expected that through this guide, we will also identify gaps that to be bridged and synergies that to be enhanced for more effective and sustainable implementation of land restoration activities in dryland systems.

Materials Needed

Flipcharts, sticky notes, marker pens, note cards, masking tape.

Facilitator will need notecards (Section A), PowerPoint presentation (Section B), flipcharts (Section C and D).

Time needed: 2hours

Section A: Elicit feedback from stakeholders (20 minutes)

1. Icebreaker- Agree to disagree activity

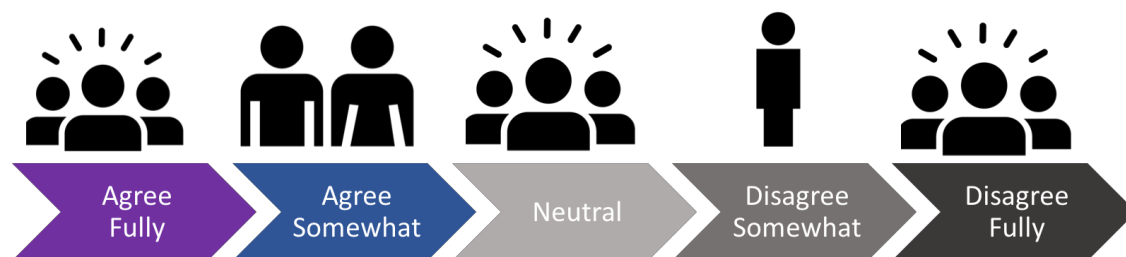
Participants are asked to stand beside the card that best describes their opinion to the following statements:

Statement One: Women stand to benefit more from land restoration options compared to men?

Statement Two: Planned comparisons are a helpful exercise to explore different land restoration options.

Participants share their reasoning for standing beside the particular card to the group. Perspectives are shared amongst the group.

The exercise above should be guided by the figure below.



2. Individual work:

- a. Write down on cards what their perceptions on the objectives of the planned comparisons
 - i. On the back of the card, indicate whether these objectives were met and how and why?
- b. Do men and women benefit equally from land restoration options?
 - i. What are the causes behind these reasons?
 1. How can the design and dissemination of the land restoration options be improved to encourage more equal outcomes for men and women?

Section B: IFAD-EU funded Project Presentation (15 min)

1. Introduction of IFAD/EC-funded project activities within the DryDev project context – powerpoint presentation
2. Updates on planting basins
 - a. Report on key findings based on already analysed data
3. Updates on tree planting activities
 - a. Key highlights on findings based on analysed data e.g., tree diversity analysis / survival

Section C: Feedback from the previous Communities of Practice workshops (30 minutes)

This will be an interactive session with three stations highlighting the results from the CoPs (e.g., posters will be placed around the room and participants will be given ~5-6 minutes at each poster). Participants will be asked to post comments on the posters using the sticky notes and stickers. (Participants will be asked to respond to issues raised or give key striking observations).

Poster One: Feedback and key highlights from the 1st farmer CoP workshop on assessing the performance of planting basins and tree planting options- farmers' expectations and perceived benefits, challenges, lessons learnt, needs assessment.

Poster Two: Feedback from Implementers Communities of Practice workshops 1 and 2 on Monitoring the Performance of Planned Comparisons – perceptions, gender, lessons learnt and needs assessment.

Poster Three: Feedback on key highlights from the 2nd farmer CoP workshop on exploring dryland restoration options- e.g., challenges, key information flows in terms of stakeholder network analysis, needs assessment

In plenary: Questions for discussion: (facilitator to record the comments)

- a. What was the most interesting observation you noticed from the CoPs?
- b. Is there a specific aspect that was raised during the CoPs that will influence, inform or change the planned activities for the project over the next 6 months?
4. Are there things they think would be useful to know/have insights on/data on that we have not yet collected/looked at?

Section D: Opportunities and wrap up (25 minutes)

In plenary: For discussion (Facilitators to take notes on all of the comments).

5. In what format would the stakeholders like to receive the information/ results from the CoPs and PCs?
 - a. Email? Please share emails.
 - b. Raw data files?
 - c. Reports? Powerpoint?
6. Lessons learnt from their engagement with farmers participating in land restoration activities
7. Opportunities to enhance scaling of land restoration technologies – this includes responses or action that should be taken to address some of the needs identified from farmers' and implementers' CoPs
8. Way forward