

Poster presentation

Bringing research results to users: the case for a knowledge resource centre

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Abstract

Impact of research for development can only be achieved via transmitting and applying the findings of such research. Bioversity-International's Commodities for Livelihood's research for development programme (CfLP) is engaged with work by the Consortium for Improving Agriculture-based Livelihoods in Central Africa (CIALCA). This brings together national, regional and international partners to focus their resources on improving the livelihoods of people recovering from decades of civil conflicts. CIALCA is implemented by the National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS) of Rwanda, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo, in collaboration with three Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) centres (Bioversity International, the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture-IITA and the Centro Internacional de Agricultura Tropical-CIAT). CIALCA's goal for the next three years is *'to improve the livelihoods of agriculture-based communities in Central Africa by enhancing their capacity to access and efficiently use the resources needed to improve system productivity, resulting in a better income, nutrition, and environment'*. CIALCA will play important roles in strengthening the sub-regional cooperation on agricultural research for development, while enhancing the linkages for information and technology access/exchange between the sub-region and the wider global fora with interests in the region. CIALCA aims to enhance local capacity for effective resource use for improving the productivity of agricultural systems by: establishing a knowledge resource centre (KRC) for providing information and communication support to the project and translate/repackage technical information and knowledge from earlier project phases, in various client-specific forms; by creating new knowledge through focused research and delivering science-based knowledge to farming households in the mandate areas; and by scaling-out the research results and monitoring the impact of improved communications.