

The objective of the IPMS project is to ***contribute to improved agricultural productivity and production through market-oriented agricultural development, as a means for achieving improved and sustainable livelihoods for the rural population.***

The development of an agricultural knowledge management (KM) system is seen as one of the goals that need to be achieved to meet the overall project objective. If we successfully assist the MoARD in the development of this KM system we expect to see several outcomes including:

- Increased awareness and understanding of knowledge requirements for managing the priority commodities of the farming systems in the PLS
- Increased access to appropriate technologies by target groups
- Establishment of a National Agricultural Information Resource Center
- Deployment of ICT infrastructure to support these activities

In order to practice within the project what we hope to accomplish at a national level, the project has emphasized stakeholder consultation and participatory methods as one of the vehicles in the development of project activities. “Expert consultation” is one such method and it is with this spirit that the Knowledge Management and Capacity Building expert consultations were held on October 18, 2004.

Participants of this workshop included experts who the project believed will add value to the development an agricultural knowledge system or are involved in one form or another with initiatives in the area of knowledge management and/or capacity building. Various experts from different MoARD departments, representatives from the Ethiopian Ministry of Capacity Building, as well as scientists from ILRI and other international organizations were invited to participate in the workshop. The full participants’ list and the workshop program has been included in the next page.

The workshop was informative and created a forum in which stakeholders in various areas of Ethiopian agriculture were able to brainstorm and exchange ideas in these important topics.

The consensus was that more such forums should be organized in the future and the exchange of ideas and knowledge sharing encouraged in all its forms.

Program Schedule
Wednesday October 18 2004

TIME	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	SPEAKER / MODERATOR
9:00 – 9:20	IPMS Project Update	Dirk Hoekstra
9:20 – 9:30	IPMS <i>Knowledge Management</i> objectives	Ermias Sehai
9:30 – 10:30	<i>Knowledge Management</i> proposed program of work	Ermias Sehai
	Role of GIS as a planning, decision making, and evaluation & monitoring tool	Noah Kebede
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 1:00	Discussion of proposed activities	
1:00 – 2:00	Lunch	
1:00 – 1:10	IPMS <i>Capacity Building</i> objectives	Azage Tegegne
1:10 – 2:00	<i>Capacity Building</i> proposed program of work	Azage Tegegne
2:00 – 3:00	Discussion of proposed activities	
3:00 – 3:15	Closing remarks	Dirk Hoekstra
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	

Participants List
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	ATTENDEE	ORGANIZATION	ROLE
1	Abebe Misgina	ILRI – IPMS	
2	Addissu Yalew	MoARD - TVET	
3	Aklilu Bogale	ILRI – IPMS	
4	Alemayehu Gebeyehu	MoARD – Data Processing	
5	Anandajayasekeram, Ponniah (Dr.)	IFPRI - ISNAR	
6	Azage Tegegne (Dr.)	ILRI – IPMS	
7	Berhane	MoARD - TVET	
8	Berhanu Gebremedhin (Dr.)	ILRI - IPMS	
9	Dereje Tsegaye	MoARD – Data Processing	
10	Dirk Hoekstra	ILRI – IPMS	
11	Eleni Gabremadhin (Dr.)	IFPRI - ESSP	
12	Elizabeth Kidane	Ministry of Capacity Building	
13	Ermias Sehai	ILRI	
14	Fekadu	MoARD - FTC	
15	Gashaw Geda	MoARD - TVET	
16	Ibrahim Mohammed	MoARD – Extension Services	
17	Kahsay Berehe	ILRI – IPMS	
18	Noah Kebede	ILRI	
19	Yilma Jobre (Dr.)	ILRI	