



# Improving Productivity & Market Success of Ethiopian Farmers

Report on PLS Program Planning Workshop

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## **Summary**

The objective of the workshop was to share the findings of previously selected priority commodities from 4 PLSs (Fogera, Atsbi Wenberta, Ada'a liben and Dale) and outline action plans of work for selected commodities and identified natural resource management activities. The actions proposed the following four project pillars i.e. i) Knowledge Management ii) Capacity Building iii) Sustainable Livelihood Development iv) Research and Studies. The workshop was held for 3 days from October 19-21, 2004. The program of the workshop (annex 1) and the list of participants (Annex 2) are also attached.

IPMS staff, Mr. Dirk Hoekstra, Ato Kahsay Berhe, Dr. Azage Tegegne, Dr. Berhanu G/M, Ato Ermias Sehai presented results obtained during the PRA process in the afore mentioned PLSs. Mr. Jerry Rogers (RBM Consultant), Mr. David MacDonald (Environment Consultant), Ms. Clare Bishop Sambrook (Gender and HIV/AIDS Consultant) also gave presentations on result based management, environmental impact assessment and gender and HIV/AIDS, respectively.

After the presentations, participants were divided into PLS groups according to their area of interest and their duty stations. Activity sheets for each of the pillars had been prepared for discussion by IPMS team. Each group discussed and outlined action plans to be undertaken in the coming one year. These activities focused on knowledge management, capacity building for institutions, sustainable livelihood development and research and studies. David MacDonald, Dr. Asfaw Hailemariam (National Soils Laboratory) and Ms. Clare Bishop Sambrook went around the four PLS groups and collected some basic information regarding environmental issues; HIV/AIDS and bio-fertilizer issues, respectively, in the activity sheet. Mr. Dirk Hoekstra and Ermias Sehai; and Dr. Berhanu Gebremedhin and Noah Kebede led the Dale and Atsbi Wemberta groups, respectively while Dr. Azage Tegegne and Nigatu Alemayehu; and Abebe Misgina and Kahsay Berhe lead the Ada'a and Fogera groups, respectively. Based on the findings from each group, the PLS diagnosis reports and their priority commodities were amended and programs designed accordingly. Following the amendments for the four PLS mentioned above, the outline for remaining PLSs were also be modified.

**Annex 1. Pilot Learning Sites Program Planning Workshop**  
**October 19-21, 2004**

**ILRI, Addis Ababa**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
<b>Oct. 19</b>	<b>8:30-9:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Registration Desk</b>
<b>Chair: Dr. Daniel Dawro</b>			
	9:00-9:20	Welcome, PLS selection, PRA process and identification of farming systems	Mr. Dirk Hoekstra
	9:20 – 9:30	Discussion	
	9:30 – 10:00	Crop commodity analysis	Ato Kabsay Berhe
	10:00 – 10:15	Discussion	
	<b>10:15 – 10:45</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
<b>Chair: Dr. Gete Zeleke</b>			
	10:45 – 11:15	Livestock commodities analysis	Dr. Azage Tegegne
	11:15 – 11:30	Discussion	
	11:30 – 11:50	Knowledge Management and Capacity Building	Ato Ermias Sehai
	11:50 – 12:00	Discussion	
	12:00 – 12:30	Institutions (Inputs supply, rural finance, extension)	Dr. Berhanu Gebremedhin
	12:30 – 12:45	Discussion	
	12:45 – 1:45	<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>Chair: Ato Aliye Hussien</b>			
	1:45 – 2:45	Concepts of Results Based Management (RBM)	Mr. Jerry Rogers
	2:45 – 3:00	Discussion	
	3:00 – 3:30	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
	3:30 – 4:30	IPMS – RBM	Mr. Jerry Rogers
	4:30 – 5:00	Discussion	
<b>Oct. 20</b>			
<b>Chair: Ato Amare Belay</b>			
	9:00 – 9.20	Introduction to environmental assessment concepts	David MacDonald
	9.20 – 9.30	Discussion	
	9.30-9.50	Introduction to and discussion on gender and HIV/AIDS concepts	Clare Bishop Sambrook
	9.50-10.00	Discussion	
	10.00-10.30	Formation of PLS working groups	IPMS team
	10:30 – 11:00	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
	11:00 – 1:00	Working groups - continue	
	1:00 – 2:00	<b>LUNCH</b>	

	2:00 – 3:30	Working groups continue	
	3:30 – 4:00	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>	
	4:00 – 5:30	Working groups continue	
<b>Oct. 21</b>			
	8:30 – 10.10	Working groups continue	
	10:10 – 10:30	<b>COFFEE</b>	
		<b>Chairman: Dirk Hoekstra</b>	
	10:30 – 11:30	General feed back from the WG	Group chairs
	12:10 - 12:30	<b>Closing remarks</b>	<b>Mr Dirk Hoekstra</b>
	12:30 – 1:30	<b>LUNCH</b>	

**Annex 2. List of Participants on the PLS Program Planning Workshop**  
**October 19-21, 2004**  
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