



Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resource Management Collaborative Research Support Program

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Trip Report: Tanzania

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Purpose of Trip: Participate in the Africa RISING East and Southern Africa Review and Planning Workshop

Sites Visited: Arusha and Manyara

Description of Activities

Participants had presented and reviewed the Quick Start activities and brainstormed over the specific themes that could become the most effective long term research projects for achieving Feed the Future goals within the primary value chains and targeted to the specific USAID Mission zones of intervention. IITA had invited me and several other outside stakeholders to review these proposals and interact with the other invited researchers and stakeholders.

Africa RISING is about sustainable intensification of cereal-based crop-livestock systems. The program intervenes at the household level but acknowledges that households interact and influence various dimensions beyond the household at the community, landscape, and regional levels. Development domains will be constructed around existing ranges of three main drivers affecting intensification: population density; market access; and agro-ecological potential. The primary research outputs will be: (1) situation analysis and program-wide synthesis; (2) integrated systems improvement; (3) scaling and delivery of integrated innovation; and (4) an integrated M&E process.

On the practical side, Africa RISING East and Southern Africa has now established a functioning project office in Arusha at the AVRDC Research Center. This organizational presence provided IITA the opportunity to organize a field visit for workshop participants to two sites in the region. The first site was a purely pastoral site with little to no agricultural



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production. The pastoralists were unlikely to develop any substantial agriculture in the near future as their resources were all invested in livestock. The second site was an irrigation system developed through providing hydrological services to a swamp creating a productive environment free of mosquitos. The managed water created many opportunities for the introduction of improved technologies and techniques. Unfortunately, this site is not located in the targeted zones. Neither site was appropriate for Conservation Agriculture.

At this stage, project managers will need to make some hard decisions concerning which of the multiple project ideas to pursue. While integration of many elements on a single site is sought, there are too many options being proposed given the time and resources.

The Science Committee which will advise the management entity (based at IITA) for the three sites (West Africa, East and Southern Africa, and Ethiopia) has been proposed to include representatives from the CRSPs. It is not clear what will be the role for CRSP participation on this committee, but it is probably worthwhile continuing to be involved. The contacts made at the recent meeting while providing no immediate benefit are important for long term networking.

Suggestions and Recommendations

We will follow up with linking with the CABI project developing communication materials for technology extension. In addition, we will keep in touch with colleagues working in this project as it moves forward to assure that all synergies and spillover possibilities are taken into account in our work in the region.

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