



Impact Assessment and Landscapes in CGIAR

Workshop organized by CGIAR ISPC's
Standing Panel on Impact Assessment (SPIA)

Protea Hotel, Technopark, Stellenbosch, South Africa

AGENDA

Monday, 8 October 2018	
Time	
19:00	Pre-workshop Dinner, Protea Hotel restaurant

Tuesday, 9 October 2018		Presenter(s)
Time		
08:30	Welcome by SPIA Chair Karen Macours	
08:40	Session 1. Introductions, objectives, expectations Chair: Nancy Johnson	
	<p>Review objectives. The meeting responds to various initiatives that are aligned but not exactly the same so it is worth spending a bit of time clarifying what we want to achieve. Some objectives include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribute to the development of the current FTA-PIM-WLE land restoration initiative, and the potential CGIAR special initiative on landscapes, in particular in terms of thinking evaluation designs and measurement of (multiple and inter-related) outcomes. Progress on a plan for generating evidence of impact of CGIAR NRM research in general and "landscape research" in particular, including if possible ideas for specific studies Provide input into the planning of FTA's proposed impact assessment workshop to be held in 2019 Input into SPIA (Wednesday) and IWMI (Thursday) breakout sessions in Science Forum 	
09:30	Session 2. Landscape initiatives in CGIAR Chair: Lakshmi Krishnan	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation on behalf of FTA-PIM-WLE covering the Nairobi workshop¹, the short-term plans of the 3 CRPs, and the longer term plan for a CGIAR Landscapes initiative. Comments from PIM, FTA, and SMO Discussion managed by WLE-PIM-FTA. One key thing to cover is how impact assessment (IA) can contribute at this point, recognizing that these are current and future activities 	<p>Izabella Koziell (WLE)</p> <p>Frank Place (IFPRI/PIM), Vincent Gitz (FTA), Peter Gardiner (SMO) [all virtual]</p>
10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	

¹ Workshop summary from Vincent to be shared in advance. Presentations as well?

11:00	Session 2 continues	
11:30	Session 3. Measurement and evaluation design issues in landscape IAs Chair: Nancy Johnson	
	<p>Despite the relative lack of impact evidence for landscape approaches (Sayer et al, 2017; Reed et al.) and NRM research, there are some interesting things happening that could help to fill these gaps. The purpose of this session is to identify and share experience with promising approaches.</p> <p>Some elements to motivate discussions²:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent experiences on assessing landscape interventions – Update from Mark Smith on IUCN’s SUSTAIN-Africa approach. • Examples of past CG impact assessments on landscapes (what was the research, how is influence/impact conceptualized and measured?) – examples from participants • Promising directions in methods (e.g., Bayesian Belief Networks), measurement and data collection (e.g., geospatial; program data from IATI-type initiatives); linking data from different sources – suggestions from participants 	
12:30	Lunch	
13:30	Session 3 continues	
14:00	Session 4. Identifying and develop possible topics for impact studies Chair: James Stevenson	
	<p>Using concrete examples, suggested and selected in advance by participants, we would work through how a rigorous impact assessment could be designed and implemented. In addition to providing useful feedback for study teams, working through examples together will be useful in terms of coming to agreement (or at least a shared understanding) of key things like the research output, the impact pathway, the impact questions to be answered, the possible data and methods, estimated budget, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WLE example (30 minutes presentation and discussion) – Soumya (virtual) on a landscapes IA in Tajikistan • PIM example – FES in India by Ruth (30 minutes total) • FTA example (30 minutes) – Brian Belcher • <i>SPIA example (30 minutes)</i> – Frederic Kosmowski on World Bank’s “Resilient Landscapes and Livelihoods Project” in Ethiopia 	
15:30	Coffee	
15:45	Session 4 continues	
16:15	Session 5. Summary and next steps Chair: Nancy Johnson	
	Review of progress on objectives; next steps	Izabella, Karen, Brian (FTA workshop), others
17:00	Close of Meeting	

² Please share with me any background material in advance. We’ll make it available in a Dropbox folder.