



## The CDAIS International Forum

*Strengthening functional capacities in agricultural innovation systems*

*Sharing the NOW and Shaping the FUTURE*

**13-14 May 2019**  
**Gembloux, Belgium**

The EU-funded Capacity Development for Agricultural Innovation Systems (CDAIS, [www.cdais.net](http://www.cdais.net)) was initiated in 2015. In May 2019, partners will gather to share their experiences and knowledge from this project to a broader audience. And much has been learnt. We also invite those from other initiatives working on similar themes related to capacity strengthening in agricultural innovation, to join with us and communicate your experiences and knowledge. The aim is to share and shape a path for action on how to strengthen functional capacities, and develop recommendations to most effectively drive innovation processes in agriculture.

### Objectives

- Share documented and scientific analysis of the relevance and applicability of the CDAIS Common Framework also known as the TAP common framework.
- Shape ideas and visions on how to mainstream the strengthening of functional capacities in the development agenda at national and global levels.

### Participation

The CDAIS team including partners and beneficiaries from the eight pilot countries (Angola, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Honduras, Laos and Rwanda) will present their experiences and the knowledge gained through the strengthening of their capacities to innovate during the past 3-4 years.

They would also like to listen to other similar or different initiatives related to strengthening capacities to innovate, in particular on the following.

- Improved practices or innovations that have resulted from strengthened capacities, or that have failed because of a lack of adequate functional capacities.
- Concepts based on analyses on how agricultural innovations can benefit (or not) from strengthened functional capacities.
- Policies or investments that support or block agricultural innovation because of a limited knowledge of the benefits from improved functional capacities.



## Draft Program

Day 1: 13 May 2019 - Sharing

Session 1: Setting the scene: why there is need for innovation and capacities to innovate			
09:00	Welcome and opening remarks		Agrinatura, EC, FAO
09:20	Design and objectives of the forum		CDAIS Coordination
09:30	The Food systems at risks, importance of innovation, government accountability and reality check with value chain actor		Panel of strategic experts (CIRAD, WUR), investors, policy makers in Asia/Africa/Central America and niche actor/s
<i>10:30</i>	<i>Quick Break</i>		
Session 2: What does CDAIS offer?			
11:00	Ideas and concept: An introduction to the common framework on capacities to develop agricultural innovation systems		TAP Chair and Global Experts
11:40	Implementation realities: Resources and processes used in the eight pilot countries		CDAIS Country teams
12:20	Evidence of change: actors of change share their own experiences		Niche actors
<i>13:00</i>	<i>Lunch break : Book Launch and Innovation Fair – presentation of country experiences</i>		
Session 3: Parallel sessions : What and how to strengthen the capacities to innovate as experienced by CDAIS and other initiatives			
14:00	<b>Ideas and concepts</b> <i>Objectives (15 min)</i> Gain deeper understanding of the ideas and concepts behind the Common Framework, other uses of the same ideas, different understanding based on contexts and experiences .... <u>World café on:</u> Innovation Functional capacities Dual pathways Stages of capacity development interventions Monitoring, evaluation and learning	<b>Implementation realities</b> <i>Objectives (15 min)</i> Reality check on implementation of complexity in diverse contexts (resources required, and processes taken)  <u>Interactive reflection and learning on how to implement projects on strengthening capacities to innovate.</u> The session will look into the required resources (people, time, finance) and processes used (coaching, mentoring, tools) not just in CDAIS but on similar initiatives	<b>Evidence of change</b> <i>Objectives (15 min)</i> Tracking the changes to adjust support and listening to actors about the changes experienced and seen.  <u>Panel discussions</u> Actors share the changes experienced and observed
17:30 – End of Day 1			

<b>Session 4: Plenary sessions: Brief sharing from Day 1 parallel sessions</b>			
09:00	Key recommendations (or lessons learnt) from the parallel sessions	Facilitators and working group leaders of the 3 parallel sessions	
<b>Session 5: Parallel sessions: Consolidating the lessons learnt to move forward</b>			
09:30	<b>Dynamic concepts</b>	<b>Flexible Resources</b>	<b>Active drivers</b>
	Identifying the key elements of the framework and how to adjust to better fit a wider range of realities. <i>Recommendations</i>	Identifying the critical elements (people, approaches, institutions) to ensure its impact and sustainability. <i>Recommendations</i>	Identifying who owns, is influenced and is held accountable towards the dynamic use and learning of the Common Framework <i>Recommendations</i>
<b>11:00</b>	<b>Quick Break</b>		
<b>Session 5 (continuation): Reporting back to the plenary</b>			
11:30	General recommendations from the parallel sessions	Chair and facilitators of the parallel sessions	
<b>Session 6: Plenary session: Shaping to influence actions and track commitments</b>			
11:30	Actions towards the use of the TAP Common Framework and its coaching approach to support <u>agricultural innovation systems</u> <i>Panel and plenary discussions</i>	Panel speakers APAARI, AFAAS, FARA, GFRAS, FORAGRO	
12:15	Actions towards the use of the TAP Common Framework to <u>support policy makers and the development/implementation of innovation policies</u> <i>Panel and plenary discussions</i>	Panel speakers Burkina Faso, Bangladesh, Ethiopia, Laos	
<b>13:00</b>	<b>Lunch break : Innovation Fair – presentation of country experiences</b>		
<b>Session 6: Plenary session: Shaping to influence investments</b>			
14:30	Actions towards the influencing and orienting development investments on the use of the TAP common framework and its coaching approach	Panel speakers EC (Desira framework) USAID CABI	
<b>15:30</b>	<b>Quick Break</b>		
<b>Session 7: Plenary session: Summary and conclusion</b>			
16:00	Summary	Agriatura	
17:00	Closing	FAO, EC	
<b>18:00</b>	<b>End of Forum (Project closing cocktail)</b>		