

Sustainable Agriculture Alliance

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Sustainable Agriculture Alliance

- An **alliance** of 6 Dutch organisations:
 - Heifer Netherlands
 - ETC Foundation
 - Agro Eco - Louis Bolk Institute
 - ILEIA
 - RUAF Foundation
 - Both ENDS

Why establishing a Sustainable Agriculture Alliance (SAA)?

- Similar views on the current **global challenge**
- Complementary character of the allied CSOs: **grass-roots, research, outreach, documentation, lobby**
- Complementary themes: **rural and urban, agriculture and livestock.**
- Programme proposal for DGIS under **Co-financing Subsidy Scheme (MFS2: 2011-2015)**;

Objective SAA

To empower **small-scale producers** and craft an **enabling environment** for **sustainable** and **equitable regional food systems.**

Basic Assumptions

- **Small-scale agricultural producers** provide a foundation for **resilient livelihoods, vibrant economies** and **sustainable environments.**
- With adequate **access** to and **control** over resources, they play a decisive role in innovation processes for **sustainable agricultural development**

Regional Food Systems

- “The ensemble of actors, relations and processes related to production, processing/packaging, distribution and consumption of food within a given geographical region. It is closely influenced by the local, national and global contexts and policies.” Eriksen (2007)
- Provide **nutritious, culturally-appropriate** food at **affordable** prices to **rural and urban** populations

Timeframe

- December 1 (2009): concept note submitted
- April 1: publication of results
- July 1: deadline for presentation of Phase 2 proposal
- November 1: publication of final results

Issues for discussion at the “World Café”

1. Regional food systems: what is it, and what do we have to add or learn?
2. Potential for collaboration with other local and international partners?
3. What are the options for Prolinnova if under a severe budget cut?
4. The way ahead for countries not in the MFS2 budget.