Our vision
A world in which women and men farmers play decisive roles in agricultural research and development for sustainable livelihoods

PROLINNOVA
Promoting Local INNOVATION in ecologically oriented agriculture and natural resource management (NRM)

PROLINNOVA is an international network that fosters local innovativeness and joint processes of innovation development. It focuses on the dynamics of indigenous knowledge and learning how to enhance innovation capacities of local people so that they can adjust more quickly to changing conditions, developing and adapting their own site appropriate systems and institutions of NRM for food security, sustainable livelihoods and a sound environment.

Country networks and coordinators
PROLINNOVA partners are active in 21 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America, usually coordinated by NGOs:

Bolivia: Vecinos Mundiales
Burkina Faso: Réseau MARP
Cambodia: Centre d’Études et de Développement Agricole Cambodgien (CEDAC)
Cameroun: NGO Collective for Rural Development and Food Security (COSADER)
Ecuador: EkoRural
Ethiopia: Poverty Action Network Ethiopia (PANE)
Ghana: Association of Church Development Projects (ACDEP)
India: Institute of Himalayan Environmental Research & Education (INHERE)
Kenya: World Neighbors (WN)
Mali: Association pour le Développement des Activités de Production et de Formation (ADAF Gallé)
Mozambique: Associação para o Desenvolvimento das Comunidades Rurais (ADCR)
Nepal: Local Initiatives for Biodiversity, Research and Development (LI-BIRD)
Niger: Centre Régional d’Enseignement Spécialisé en Agriculture (CRESA)
Nigeria: Development Resource Initiative (DRIVE)
Peru: Red de Accion en Agricultura Alternativa (RAAA)
Philippines: IIRR Asia Office
Senegal: Agroecol Afrique
South Africa: Institute of Natural Resources (INR)
Sudan: SOS Sahel Sudan
Tanzania: Participatory Ecological Land Use Management (PELUM)
Uganda: Environmental Alert (EA)

Making farmer led R&D the norm
PROLINNOVA builds on good practices in participatory research and development (R&D) focused on promoting joint innovation processes led by farmers (including livestock keepers, forest dwellers and other natural resource users):
- discovering how farmers develop new ideas to make better use of natural resources
- supporting farmer led joint experimentation, linking local and outside knowledge
- integrating this approach into institutions of research, advisory services and education
- stimulating policy change to enable this approach
- increasing farmers’ influence in decision-making about R&D, including managing funds to support local innovation processes.

Linking decentralised networks
In each country, stakeholders in agriculture and NRM design their own national or subnational network(s) and activities, tailored to their specific situation.

The coordinating units, usually NGOs, are guided by national steering groups composed of diverse stakeholders, e.g. from other NGOs, farmer organisations, development projects and institutions of research, extension and learning.

At international level, representatives from the country networks share and learn from each other's experiences, and plan and implement joint initiatives, e.g. related to local innovation and climate change, resilience-building, farmer-led documentation, curriculum development, gender mainstreaming, HIV/AIDS, community managed innovation funds, and participatory monitoring and evaluation.

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