Summary Report of the Prolinnova Oversight Group (POG) to the IPW 2012

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Purpose of the POG

• To ensure
  – effectiveness of the Prolinnova international programme/network, and
  – transparency and accountability to its country-level, regional-level and international partners and donors
Key responsibilities of the POG

- Provide overall guidance on major issues, directions and new areas of activity
- Provide oversight of Prolinnova on behalf of the country-level (CP) and regional-level (RP) platforms and donors
- Develop strategy, policies & principles, in consultation with CPs, RPs & IST, and to review those over time
- Oversee adherence of the CPs/RPs and the Secretariat to agreed strategy, policies & principles
- Oversee the functioning of the Secretariat, including financial management
- Arbitrate conflicts within the various Prolinnova members, partners and donors
- Ensure adequate means of M&E are being applied to safeguard network integrity
- Ensure advocacy activities are conducted effectively

Composition of the POG

- Composed of nine members
  - 4 from the CPs/RPs; one each from...
    - Andes
    - Asia-Pacific
    - Francophone Africa
    - Non-Francophone Africa
  - 3 ‘independent’
  - 1 from the IST (excluding ETC EcoCulture)
  - 1 ex-officio secretary from ETC EcoCulture
Key outcomes / results for 2011

• Conducted, minuted and shared results of two POG meetings
  – March 2011 – IPW in Tanzania
  – March 2012 – IPW in Mali
• Outstanding secretariat support from IST to organize & coordinate POG meetings
• Participation in and support to IPWs in both 2011 and 2012

Key outcomes / results for 2011

• Election of new POG representatives
  – 2011 – Assetou (francophone Africa), Vitou (Asia), Sergio (Latin America), Marise (IST)
  – 2012 – Elections postponed until after March 2011 IPW – non-Francophone Africa (vacated by Brigid) and independent (vacated by Oliver)
  – Selection of co-chair – Marise (IST)
• Approved new country-level initiatives
  – India country platform – March 2012
Key outcomes / results for 2011

• Policy guidelines
  – Partnership principles
  – Performance indicators for CP Coordinators
  – Minimum requirements of CPs/RPs, Int'l. Secretariat and POG
  – Process for determination of ‘inactive status’ of CPs/RPs
  – Updating of POG ‘terms of reference’ (TOR) – based on evolving experience/practice

Key outcomes / results for 2011

• Monitoring and oversight of …
  – Program impact assessment
  – Program-level M&E
  – Mainstreaming gender into global programme
  – Strategic linkages with global and regional ARD fora (e.g., GFAR, FARA, CORAF, APAARI, GCARD, etc.)
  – Review of special initiatives (FAIR, etc.)
  – Fund-raising and donor contact and follow-up
  – Financial management
  – Issues within/between CPs/RPs and/or IST/Secretariat
  – Strengthening CP-POG linkages and information sharing
  – Partnership with other initiatives (SCI-SLM, JOLISAA, INSARD, AgTrain, etc.)
Observations/Comments

• We are certainly surviving, and maybe even thriving!
  – Global network continues to grow (India)
  – Some CPS are ‘re-invigorated’ (Ghana, Kenya)
  – Evidence of partners coming together at regional level for planning, action and fund-raising (Asia, East Africa)
  – Changing, more positive external environment for LI and PID among formal ARD sector and institutions – even if somewhat donor-led
  – Exchanges, linkages based on interest and commitment from existing and new partners
  – Diversification of funding sources (beyond DGIS)
  – More active inclusion of Prolinnova global network and Secretariat in proposal development/fund-raising

However, not without challenges

• Many CPs are stretched to sustain activities without minimum core support
• Pressures on IST to respond and support to CPs/RPs
• In some cases, ‘minimum commitments’ not being met (e.g. CP annual reports)
• Limited resources to sustain and support partnerships with other platforms/networks/alliances
Observations/Comments

• Strong progress on gender integration across Prolinnova activities

• Urge to continue efforts in curriculum development

• Suggestion to use all Prolinnova face-to-face events (IPWs, workshops, etc.) for work on proposal/concept note development

• Aim for stronger strategic linkages with global/regional ARD fora
  – GFRAS, esp. at CP-level
  – GFAR linkages and support (?)
  – Regional fora (e.g., FARA, APAARI, etc.)

• Continuation of Prolinnova partnerships with other platforms, including PROFEIS, INSARD, JOLISAA, SCI-SLM, AgTrain

Thank you…