



* Project Proposal Development on NUS

Partnerships, Innovation and Processes

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* EU and GEF Project Development

- * Document existing information and capacities in the status and use of Neglected and Underutilized Species (NUS),
- * Increase linkages between in situ and ex situ conservation strategies of NUS to strengthen links in the conservation-breeding-use continuum
- * Support the use of these crops through commodity chain interventions aims to bridge gaps
- * Contribute to livelihood improvement, poverty reduction and economic development.



* Fitting into Policy Frameworks

The projects will contribute to:

- the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals
- the Millennium Development Goals (in particular Targets 1.A and 1.C of MDG16),
- Agenda 21 (esp. Chapter 37)
- the CBD (esp. Art.18)
- the Aichi Targets (esp. Target 149)
- the Second GPA for PGRFA of FAO (esp. Activity 1110)
- the International Treaty on PGRFA (esp. Art 6.2e11).



* Related Initiatives

- * “Reinforcing the resilience of poor rural communities in the face of food insecurity, poverty and climate change through on-farm conservation of local agrobiodiversity” in Nepal, India and Bolivia
- * Global network for *in situ* conservation and on-farm management of plant genetic resources for food and agriculture (currently being developed)
- * Growing Greener Cities Opportunity crops network for the promotion of agro-biodiversity
- * GEF Biodiversity and Nutrition project in Brazil, Kenya, Sri Lanka and Turkey

* Global Partnerships

- * Partnerships fostered through sharing of expertise and closer linkages for addressing common challenges and goals.
- * Capacity development is the top priority to ensure appropriate agricultural development for current and future needs.
- * There is a need for the research to be demand-driven, providing practical and locally adaptable solutions.
- * Improved donor coordination in agricultural research and development is necessary to increase stakeholder involvement and decrease fragmentation of initiatives and unnecessary duplication.
- * Policy awareness is critical and must be strengthened, in order to make agricultural research a priority in national programmes.
- * EPSO has identified European institutes/universities/researchers to contribute and build long-term partnerships to generate impact and outcomes.

* Effectiveness

- * Periodic follow-up surveys for tracking progress need to be done
- * Avoid establishing separate parallel structures as these can lead to duplication of efforts
- * Effective transfer of technologies to address the needs of countries
- * Strong multi-stakeholder participation and strong country ownership and leadership.



* Innovation

- * Need for increase in information exchange, networking and technology transfer
- * Need to pool resources to achieve critical mass (EU +GEF)
- * Role of the private sector
- * Avoid duplication (i.e. existing partnerships and networks should be adapted and used)



* How do we move forward?

- * Gap analysis and identification of constraints to fully understand the demands on the ground
- * Must be multidisciplinary & multi-stakeholder
- * Increased focus on value chain interventions
- * Foster linkages among existing networks
- * Continual learning and adaptive management
- * Clarification of rights and principles
- * Participatory and user-friendly monitoring
- * Strengthened stakeholder capacity

***THANK YOU!**

