



## ***Understanding Farming Diversity for Better Policy-making and Project Targeting***

### ***Lessons from the Pilot Phase and the Way Forward***

#### **Background**

It is estimated that approximately 85 percent of the world's farms are smaller than 2 hectares. In Sub-Saharan Africa and Asia, small-scale and family farmers produce approximately 80 percent of the total food consumed, and employ more than 75 percent of the population. Despite this, the contribution of smallholder family farmers to the formal economy is still underestimated due to limitations of the agricultural information systems in integrating family farmers into the official statistics. In other words, the social unit (i.e. the family) that constitute the majority of farm holdings is poorly documented and is not captured by the official statistics in the majority of the cases - rendering it difficult to target them according to their current situation and specific investment needs. As a result, for decades, policies and projects in support of family farmers did not consider the existence of various types of production structures operating in contrasted resources and environmental settings.

The World Agricultures Watch (WAW) is an international initiative currently supported by FAO, IFAD, and the Government of France, with some direct support to farmers organizations' inclusion in the WAW process being provided also by AgriCord.

WAW proposes to use a typological approach to categorize farming diversity based on the various assets managed by the agricultural holdings and the organizational, institutional and policy environment affecting the development of these assets, building national observatories for a continuing monitoring of socio-economic results and impacts of different farming systems. The typological approach also supports the collection and analysis of family farming data, which captures

key characteristics and needs of the different farms categories in the rural areas which usually are not captured by the official statistics in a comprehensive way. The approach helps ensure that policies and projects will focus/target the poorest and most vulnerable family farmers. It is an excellent planning tool to help addressing poverty issues in rural areas, as required in SDG's 1, 2 and others.

## **Objectives**

The overall objective of the workshop is to share lessons learned from the WAW Pilot phase implemented in six countries<sup>1</sup> contributing to strengthening the capacities of national observatories and organizations dealing with farm data collection, and analysis.

Specific objectives of the workshop are:

- Share lessons learned from the Pilot phase;
- Discuss about the consolidation and scaling-up of the project in the pilot countries and potential replication of the initiative in new countries;
- Identify major knowledge gaps and new areas to be covered/explored by the project in the next phase.

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<sup>1</sup> Senegal, El Salvador, Madagascar, Vietnam, Niger and Tunisia

## Workshop Program – Day 1

19 December	Day 1 – Reflections on the WAW learnings and partnerships perspectives		
Session	Time	Activity	Presenters
<b>Session 1</b> 9:00 – 9:30  Opening and Overview	8:00 – 8:50	Registration	
	9:00 – 9:05	Welcoming remarks	Ashwani Muthoo, IFAD
	9:05 – 9:10		Eduardo Mansur, FAO
	9:10 – 9:30	Overview of the WAW Initiative, background and objectives of the Workshop	Pierre-Marie Bosc, FAO
<b>Session 2</b> 9:30 – 10:45  WAW Lessons Learned	9:30 – 9:45	WAW Lessons from Senegal	Sylvie da Silva
	9:45 – 10:00	WAW Lessons from Niger	Idé Yacouba
	10:00 – 10:15	WAW Lessons from Vietnam	Minh Huy Hoang
	10:15 – 10:45	Facilitated discussion	Verena Wilke, FAO
<b>Coffee break</b>	<b>10:45 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b>Session 2</b> 11:00 – 12:10  WAW Lessons Learned (cont.)	11:00 – 11:15	Lessons from El Salvador	Yessica Sanchez Abrego
	11:15 – 11:30	Lessons from Tunisia	Mongi Sghaier / Salem Talbi
	11:30 – 11:45	Lessons from Madagascar	Nirina Bakonirina Ravevohitra
	11:45 – 12:10	Facilitated discussion	Verena Wilke, FAO
<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>12:10 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch break</b>	
<b>Session 3</b> 14:00 – 14:50  Farmer Organizations and their Information Systems	Open Discussion with Panel	CAPAD Burundi	Richard Ndikumana
		Pakisama Philippines	Violeta P. Corral
		CNCR Senegal	Yoro Idrissa Thioye
<b>Change of Panel</b>			
<b>Session 4</b> 15:00 – 16:00  Open Discussion on potential collaboration with other Initiatives	Facilitated discussion	Land Observatories and potential synergies with WAW	Eva Hershaw, ILC
		Tools to support evidence-based decision-making on agroecology	Maryam Rahmanian, FAO
		Family farms' registries in Latin America	Francesco Pierri, FAO
		Mapping territorial markets	Florence Tartanac, FAO
		Using farm typology for better focused analysis	Neli Giorgieva, FAO
<b>Coffee break</b>	<b>16:00 – 16:10</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
<b>Session 5</b> 16:10 – 17:00  General Discussion	Wrap-up	Facilitated discussion Reflections on the Pilot phase achievements, challenges and next steps	

## Workshop Program – Day 2

<b>20 December</b>	<b>Day 2 – Way forward</b>		
<b>Session</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Presenters</b>
<b>Session 6</b> 9:00 – 10:00  The way forward	9:00 – 9:15	Introduction: Perspectives Summary of Day 1	PierreMarie Bosc, WAW
	9:15 – 9:30	WAW perspectives in Tunisia	Talbi Salem & Mongi Sghaier
	9:30 – 9:45	WAW perspectives in Vietnam	Minh Huy Hoang
	9:45 – 10:00	WAW perspectives in Niger	Yacouba Ide
<b>Coffee break</b>	<b>10:00 – 10:10</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>	
<b>Session 7</b> 10:10 – 11:20  The way forward (cont.)	10:10 – 10:25	WAW perspectives in Senegal	Mamadou Diallo
	10:25 – 10:40	WAW perspectives in El Salvador	Francisco Márquez
	10:40 – 10:55	WAW perspectives in Madagascar	Onivola Ratsaramiarina
	10:55 – 11:10	Regional perspectives in Asia	Violeta P Corral, Asian Farmer Association
	11:10 – 11:25	Regional perspectives Africa	Nadjirou Sall, Réseau des organisations paysannes et de producteurs de l'Afrique de l'Ouest
<b>Session 8</b> 11:25 – 12:10  What next?	11:25 – 12:00	Discussion: How to move forward?	Verena Wilke
	12:00 – 12:10	Wrap-up and closing remarks	WAW Coordinator