



## 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

## Observations/Comments

- 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...