

# PROLINNOVA CAMEROUN

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in ecologically-oriented agriculture and natural resource management

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The first term of the 2011 year was occupied to prepare the application and their presentation to the national platform to Prolinnova Oversight Group (POG). The platform of Cameroon was admitted as member of the PROLINNOVA family during the year 2011. Activities during the year are in three categories:

- Meeting ;
- Training;
- Identification of innovation and innovators.

## 1. Meeting

After the IPW in Tanzania, the steering committee met on 26 April 2011 in COSADER. The topics of discussion during the meeting were:

- ❖ The restitution of the IPW;
- ❖ Internal organization of the platform;
- ❖ Re organization of the action plan.

The resolution during this meeting was to raise fund in order to train members of the platform on PID. The evaluation meeting to follow this resolution by the steering committee was scheduled on 01 June 2011. At this date the second meeting of committee took place. The committee decided to organize the training on 21, 22 and 23 July 2011.

The United Nations organize every year the rural women day on 15 October (UNWOMEN), the world food day on 16 October (FAO) and on 17 October the day against poverty by UNDP. In 2011 the UN system in Cameroon decided to celebrate the three days together in the city hall of Yaoundé. Prolinnova farmers' Innovation Matinee on the 16 October. The matinee was presented with the participation of two GLEN (Global Education Network) interns from France and Germany hosted by Prolinnova Cameroon.

## 2. Training

During the 2011 year, Prolinnova Cameroon was trained on the development of the value chain and in Participative development of Innovation (PID).

The training on the development of the value chain held on the 20 June 2011. The facilitator of the training was Peter TON, consultant of ProInvest. He trained 15 persons in the « Consolidation des capacités d'intervention des OIs en matière de la sécurité et la souveraineté alimentaire ».

The training in PID took place on the 21, 22 and 23 July in Yaoundé. 18 participants, 14 men and 4 women were trained by Pr. TCHAWA for the University Yaoundé I. The facilitator coordinate a similar project with similar purpose few years ago. According to the following program:

- Identification of farmer innovations and innovators;
- analysis and prioritisation of local innovations,
- PID in theory,
- experience in PID in practice (the night paddock),
- main Participatory Rural Appraisal (PRA) tools needed for PID,
- visit to the farmer innovator Léonard Enama,
- Developing an action plan for PID in Cameroon.

Participants were trained in participatory research and development techniques. Participant received certificate for Christine Andela and Paul Tchawa at the end of the training.

### 3. Identification of innovation and innovators

This was done from July to December 2011. The french en german interns from GLEN participated on this. For the first step of identification of peasant's innovations and innovators, the national platform works only inside the center region of Cameroon. The following table indicates the name of the farmer, the localatity where he lives and way on which he did innovation.

Table: innovation and innovators identified

N°	Name	Locality	Field of work	Organization
1	MBARGA René	Kondengui	Fisheries	AJCKK
2	MANI Dieudonné	Nkoebe	Pipper	None
3	MEKONGO Damien	Nkolmelen	Irrigation	
4	ENAMA NGA Léonard	Nkolondom	Vegetables	ELMA
5	AYANGMA Serges	Ombessa	Honey	GICAPIEBO
6	MAMBRIKI Alassan	Ombessa	Incubator Jupiter chicken	None
7	Mrs OMBEDE	Evodoula	Transformation	AFROPIRCE
8	Mrs GWET Anne	Kondengui	Transformation	

For the next year (2012), the national platform has scheduled to continue identification of innovation and innovators, to organize innovation day on May 2012, to characterize innovations and publications.

