



The Best Practice Association (BPA) is non-profit making organization under the status of Ethiopian Residents Charity. BPA believes responsibility food provision of Ethiopia is on the shoulders of the smallholder farmers. Therefore, Ethiopian development is unthinkable without success of smallholder farming. Many projects invest millions but they did not provide farmers appropriate technologies or solutions in this globalised world.

Farmers do not sit and wait until instead they are the sources of solutions for their problems. Therefore, BPA is supporting smallholder farmers by assessing, identifying, sharing and promoting effective farming processes. This includes farmers in production consumption and marketing processes where farmers can feed their families and the public. The most BPA prefers is best practices and appropriate technologies (www.bestpractice.org.net).



The Institute for Sustainable Development (ISD) was set up in 1996 to work in partnership with local rural communities and their agricultural professionals to explore how the rich traditional knowledge, practices and innovations of Ethiopia's farmers could be used and enhanced to rehabilitate their environments and improve crop productivity. As from 1998, it has also worked with youth to encourage good environmental management in schools and urban settings. Sustainable development has to be based on a sound understanding and combining of modern and traditional knowledge, which is now ever more urgent with the need to adapt to climate change (www.isd.org.et)



PROLINNOVA

Prolinnova (PRoMoting Local INNOVation in ecologically oriented agriculture and natural resource management) is a community of practice involving partners in over 20 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Initiated by NGOs, this Global Partnership Programme under the umbrella of the Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR) embraces both state and non-state organisations. It promotes recognition of local innovation by women and men farmers as an entry point to farmer-led participatory research and development. The ultimate aim is to integrate this approach into institutions of agricultural research, extension and education. The Prolinnova international network is hosted by ETC Foundation in the Netherlands (www.prolinnova.net).