

ILRI Annual Program Meeting 2013

Agenda

As you are already aware, this year, the theme of the meeting will be

Unlocking livestock development potential through science, influence and capacity development

Set against a backdrop of considerable change, the aim of this APM will be to give direction and meaning to our new ten-year strategy. The strategy addresses many of the imperatives of working in the changing CGIAR environment and beyond. A key issue in moving towards its implementation will be to ensure that we generate research outputs that support measurable, development outcomes and, moreover, that we have tangible evidence to demonstrate that this has been the case. We hope to use this APM to clarify just what this will mean for ILRI's diverse community of professional staff over the coming years.

We encourage you to take a look at this program summary before attending the meeting. It will help you to make a full contribution and, as a result, to take away some useful insights into where ILRI is likely to be heading over the next ten years and how you might contribute to this.

Wednesday 15 May

➤ **Session 1: Opening (08.30)**

- Introduction to objectives, overall agenda, process and rules (Peter Thorne)
- Welcome by Government of Ethiopia representative
- Welcome and update on the status of ILRI (Jimmy Smith)
- Introductory energizer and introduction to Day 1 (Iddo Dror)

Chat show (09.15)

The "Chat show" will take a look at the wider 'development' World around us. Hosted by Stuart Worsley, two senior activists for development will set the scene for the World to which ILRI's research must contribute. Chat show guests: Ms Gine Zwart (Senior Policy Adviser, Oxfam Novib, Netherlands) and Dr Modibo Taore (FAO Representative to the African Union, Ethiopia).

Icebreaker (10.00)

An interactive session introducing participants, the new strategy and our new staff led by Iddo Dror and Ewen Leborgne with numerous helpers.

➤ **Morning coffee (10.45 - 11.15)**

➤ **Session 2: ILRI's research for development (11.15)**

Two competitively selected examples of ILRI's research, highlighting its contributions to development outcomes will be presented to the meeting. Before opening the floor to wider comment and debate, the presentations will be reacted to by a panel of guests representing different interests of the development community. Chair: Siboniso Moyo.

➤ **Lunch (13.00 – 14.30)**

➤ **Session 3: Knowledge sharefair and market place (14.30 onwards)**

This major activity will allow us to share information about what we do as well as to learn more about what our colleagues are contributing to ILRI's mission. Many of ILRI's key research teams, regions and operational units will present their key achievements alongside their visions for the future. Groups may also present posters describing specific aspects of their work in more detail. There will also be some longer breakout sessions that will illustrate some practical examples of what some of the different teams can deliver.

➤ **Reception and scientific poster session (following on from Sharefair)**

Thursday 16 May

➤ **Session 4: Open space (09.00)**

This activity has been designed to help us explore some of the key issues that ILRI will face as we move towards the implementation of our new strategy. The open space is very interactive and allows **you** to bring along and air the messages issues that you think are important. These may be science focused challenges, or process aspects and may address questions such as:

- How must we behave and arrange our work to effectively take research to development?
- How can we assure that scientific excellence is preserved and enhanced?
- How can we effectively learn as we go?
- How can we prove our value-for-money to end-users and assure the ongoing confidence of our investors?
- What are the implications for us in the way that we do our work?

This will likely take the form of parallel groups discussing issues that are important to them. Facilitator: Stuart Worsley.

➤ **Lunch (13.00 – 14.30)**

➤ **Session 5 (14.30): Achieving the critical success factors**

The consultative process leading to the new ILRI strategy has identified five critical success factors and partnerships as the areas where ILRI needs to excel to deliver intended outcomes. The five critical success factors are:

- Getting the science right
- Influence decision makers
- Grow capacity
- Sustainable funding
- ILRI fit for purpose.

In this session, facilitated by Stuart Worsley, we will build on the ideas generated during the morning and address key questions that we need to tackle to achieve the five critical success factors and partnerships.

➤ **APM dinner (19.00)**

Please wear national or formal dress

Friday 17 May

➤ **Session 6: Dotmocracy wall! (09.00)**

Overnight, our facilitators will have worked hard to present the core messages from our deliberations of the previous day in a form that will allow us to reflect on the areas that are likely to be priorities for us as we implement the strategy. Participants will be able to review this information and then participate in a dotmocracy exercise facilitated by Jo Cadilhon, which will show us the top issues that participants believe to be important.

➤ **Morning coffee (10.30 – 11.30)**

➤ **Session 7: From talk to action (11.30)**

It is not the place of a meeting like the APM to come up with formal action plans for implementation. However, while we are together with our list of top burning issues, it is likely that many of us will have good insights into how to address them. This informal session based around an interactive “Samoa Circle” will allow us to get these into the open and to document them so that they can inform future planning where appropriate. Facilitator: Jo Cadilhon.

➤ **Lunch (13.00 – 14.30)**

➤ **Session 8: Roundup (14.30 – 16.00)**

Over the course of the three days we will have had a number of people engaged in capturing key messages and insights. In this final session, the review group will feed back some of these ideas for consideration by the participants. Peter Thorne may also introduce a few final surprises...

Find more information on logistics and a detailed agenda at <http://ilriapm2013.wikispaces.com/>