Recent international initiatives on Innovation systems & processes by CIRAD and its partners

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Who are we?

- Staff from INRA, CIRAD & Supagro working together:
  - ≈ 60 researchers & 25 Ph.D students
- 3 inter-disciplinary teams:
  - Technical & Organizational changes in Farming Systems
  - Food market & territorial development
  - Dynamics & Governance of urban agriculture
Main sites & thematic focus

- **Mediterranean**
  - Agriculture, food and territorial resources

- **S-E Asia**
  - Food security, Urban-driven markets

- **Burkina-Mali**
  - Sustainability of vulnerable agricultural systems

- **Argentina-Brazil**
  - Agricultural Dynamics and Innovation systems

- **Implantations**
  - Terrains de thèse
  - Outposted staff
  - PhD field work

- **CATIE**
- **Univ. Mexico**
- **ECOSUR**
- **IICA**
- **CATIE**
- **EMBRAPA**
- **SCRID**
- **CASRAD - Malica**
CIRAD UMR Innovation & AIS

- Understanding dynamics of innovation processes, systems and networks, with a particular focus on (poor) rural stakeholders (Farmers and FOs)
- Codesigning innovations at the local & regional scale with an array of public and private partners
- Effecting change through action-research & other forms of support / intervention
The JOLISAA project
JOint Learning in Innovation Systems in African Agriculture

- WUR, ICRA, ETC, CIRAD, KARI (Kenya), U. Pretoria (RSA), UAC-FSA (Benin)

- Objective:

  “To assess & learn jointly from recent experiences across Africa about how innovation processes involving multiple stakeholders & types of knowledge operate, in order to identify concrete priorities for research, practice & policy for addressing the needs & demands of smallholders & other rural actors.”

- Visit our JOLISAA web site:
  http://www.jolisaa.net/
JOLISAA main products

- **Inventory** of 57 innovation experiences
  - Available online June 2012
- **Collection of 12 “in-depth” case studies**
  - March 2013
- **Lessons & recommendations** for policy, research and practice
  - July 2013
- **International workshop** (May 2013) to share results and exchange experiences
  - Interested? Contact me, we are looking for participants and partners!
The ISDA book: Learning to innovate in an uncertain world: conceiving the futures of agriculture & food

- Available in English and French in late 2012 (QUAE and WUR editions)
- Some of you mobilized as co-authors
Innovate with rural stakeholders: Action-research in partnership

- An example of how to put IS in practice from the research perspective
- QUAE Editions, French only today; soon to be available in English...
An upcoming “summer school” on the new dimensions of sectoral systems of innovation

• Among the topics to be addressed:
  ◦ concepts, analytic and methodological aspects, Territorial dynamics and SSI, globalization and new geopolitics in SSI, SSI & Firms, etc.

• Where and when?
  ◦ Montpellier, 29/08-1/09/2012

• Organized as part of the Francophone Research Network on Innovation (RRI)
Thank you for your attention!
Sorry for being so brief...

Looking forward to partner with you on AIS