

IEA Work Plan 2014 – 2015 Highlights

The IEA Rolling Evaluation Work plan (REWP) and Budget were submitted to the Fund Council for approval in November 2013. It reflected an integrated evaluation system in which the IEA commissions and manages evaluations while also providing leadership for an enhanced evaluation culture throughout CGIAR. The REWP¹, and IEA strategy, build on the concept that a solid evaluation system in the CGIAR requires support at all levels and from everyone in the system, not only in terms of resources and collaboration, but also in terms of understanding and accepting the role evaluation can play in accountability, learning and decision-making. It also aims to establish a regular evaluation schedule and lays the foundation for the system-wide evaluation, which, as per the Evaluation Policy, is due in 2017.

In presenting the REWP to the Fund Council, IEA was requested to address the CGIAR's short-term needs for evaluation in support of the planned second call for CRP proposals expected in 2017. As such, the 2014-2015 IEA work plan was adjusted accordingly.

Following is a summary of the Fund Council approved IEA work plan for 2014-2015, and especially as it relates to CRP evaluations:

Over the next two years, IEA will complete a total of 10 CGIAR Research Program (CRP) evaluations (listed below). For the remaining five CRPs that will not undergo a full IEA commissioned evaluation in 2014-2015 (CRPs: Agriculture for Nutrition & Health; Dryland Systems; Humid Tropics; Grain Legumes; and Dryland Cereals), IEA will develop a common framework and provide methodological support to the CRPs as they conduct reviews on CRP progress and verify the continued validity of the planned impact pathways. The findings and reports from the evaluations and review and validation studies are expected to feed into the upcoming second round of CRP proposals planned for 2016.

CRP Evaluations in 2014

- CGIAR Research Program on Forests, Trees and Agroforestry (initiated in 2013)
- CGIAR Research Program on Wheat
- CGIAR Research Program on Maize
- CGIAR Research Program on Policy, Institutions and Markets
- CGIAR Research Program on AAS

¹ The complete REWP provides additional detail on the prioritization of evaluations, as well as access to the IEA log frame illustrating the strategy for improving and strengthening evaluations across the CGIAR, and can be accessed online: <http://goo.gl/csh52A>

CRP Evaluations in 2015 (preparation for the following evaluations will begin in 2014)

- CGIAR Research Program on Livestock & Fish
- CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change and Food Security
- CGIAR Research Program on Roots, Tubers and Bananas
- CGIAR Research Program on Water, Land and Ecosystems
- CGIAR Research Program on Rice - GRiSP

In addition to the above, IEA will continue working with the Evaluation Community of Practice (ECOP) to strengthen evaluations across the CGIAR by building a strong network of staff who are able to design, commission and manage evaluations, and by supporting evaluation staff with access to peer support and other resources, and enhancing joint planning. In 2014 and 2015, IEA will assist ECOP members in developing and implementing activities for knowledge/information sharing and capacity strengthening.

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CRP Evaluations

2014

Forest, Trees and Agroforestry (FTA)

Policies, Institutions, and Markets (PIM)

Wheat

Maize

Aquatic Agricultural Systems (AAS)

2015

Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CAAFS)

Livestock and Fish (L&F)

Roots, Tubers and Bananas (RTB)

Water, Land and Ecosystems (WLE)

Global Rice Science Partnership (GRiSP)

Review and Validation Framework for self-commissioned reviews for the following CRPs:
Dryland Systems, Humid Tropics, Dryland Cereals, Grain Legumes, and Agriculture for Nutrition and Health

