



# **The ISNAR Program at IFPRI**

## ***Strategy, Priorities, Implementation***

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## **The policy decisions re IFPRI/ISNAR**

- **CGIAR AGM: endorsed ISNAR Restructuring Team (IRT) Report**
- **IFPRI and ISNAR Boards: endorsed IRT Report**
- **ISNAR Board: decided to close ISNAR by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004**
- **Ethiopian Gov.: invited to Addis Ababa**
- **Cooperation agreement signed with ILRI**

# **Three new research and capacity strengthening programs of ISNAR at IFPRI:**

- 1. Agricultural Science Policy Research**
- 2. Institutional Change for Innovation Systems**
- 3. Organization and Management of Ag. Research (and a Training Unit)**

# 1. Agricultural Science Policy Research:

- **New knowledge of science and technology (S&T) policymaking processes, and normative policy research**
- **Analyses of trends and factors affecting public and private investments in agricultural research**
- **Evaluation of the impact of ag. research and development, including NRM**

**A global program**

## **2: Institutional change in agricultural innovation systems for enhancing the impact of agricultural research:**

- **Research that relates to institutional innovation *in all critical elements of the food-chain***
- **Public-private partnerships in ag. research**
- **New paradigms which link research, extension, universities, and farmers' organizations in participatory knowledge quadrangles**

***A global program***

### **3. Organization and management for strengthening of agricultural research institutions for improved performance of agricultural research systems:**

- **Continuation of the ISNAR capacity strengthening services for NARS**
- **Launch of new projects that link farmers' organizations, NARIs, universities, private sector research**
- **Collaboration with small and large NARS**
- **Training unit**

**A global program with focus on Africa**



## Management of ISNAR at IFPRI

1. A new division at IFPRI
2. Based in Addis Ababa and strong base with emerging IFPRI decentralization (Delhi, Beijing, Costa Rica)
3. Inception report issued to donors
4. Program Advisory Committee established
5. New staff recruitment in progress, incl. Director
6. 8 international staff hired
7. Hearings with partners initiated



**ISNAR remains highly relevant for  
Developing countries' agriculture  
Growth and poverty reduction !**

**Assistance to strengthening and building  
science and knowledge systems**