

PROLINNOVA UGANDA COUNTRY PLATFORM – KEY UPDATES, 2019.

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Outline of the presentation



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A) The New strategic plan, 2016-20

Vision

- A world in which women and men farmers play decisive roles in agriculture and NRM innovation processes for sustainable livelihoods.

Mission

- To stimulate a culture of mutual learning and synergy among diverse stakeholder groups to actively support and promote local innovation processes in agriculture and NRM.

Goal

- To contribute to equitable and inclusive development of resilient and sustainable farming communities.

A) The New strategic plan, 2016-20

Objectives

- To develop new methods and approaches to enhance local capacities to innovate in agriculture and NRM and provide evidence of the effectiveness of these methods and approaches
- To strengthen the capacities of agricultural research and development actors to support local innovation and farmer-led joint experimentation
- To scale up and mainstream participatory approaches to agricultural innovation in ways that enhance local innovative capacities
- To strengthen multi-stakeholder partnerships in promoting local innovation and farmer-led participatory research

A) The New strategic plan, 2016-20

Anticipated outcomes:

- Farmers are supported by all relevant stakeholders (including social entrepreneurs and agri-food businesses) in PID activities.
- A growing proportion of young people (under 35 years of age) are involved in PID activities related to agriculture and agri-food enterprises.
- Local Innovation Support Funds (LISFs) are more widely used to support farmer innovators' activities, not only within but also beyond the eight CPs in which LISFs were piloted.

A) The New strategic plan, 2016-20

Anticipated outcomes:

- Policies are changed to include PID and other farmer-led approaches to research and innovation and to ensure sustainability of LISFs.
- Diverse partners are sharing resources, responsibilities and recognition in effective MSPs operating at various levels: subnational, national, regional and global.
- Educational institutions (and all other partner organisations) promote participatory approaches and use PID-related materials in their work.
- Capacity of CPs and Regional Platforms is built in openness, inclusiveness, fundraising, networking, applying PID methodologies and influencing policy in agricultural research and development.

B) Key Updates from engagements by the Prolinnova Uganda Country Platform Secretaries C/o Environmental Alert

1) Attended International Partners Workshops (IPWs) i.e.

- in Tamale, Ghana – 2017;
- in Nairobi, Kenya – 2018;
- in Senegal – 2019

Review of Prolinnova strategic plan,
Information exchange/sharing
among CPs

NB: IPW reports are available at:
<https://www.prolinnova.net/resources/ipw-resources>



B) Key Updates from engagements by the Prolinnova Uganda Country Platform Secretaries C/o Environmental Alert

2) Preparation of Prolinnova Uganda Country Platform reports – 2017, 2018, 2019 – submitted to the International Support Team (IST) and Prolinnova Oversight Group (PoG). This helped in documentation and sharing on about the achievements, challenges of the country program with partners and stakeholders. This are available online and disseminated widely.

***NB:** the reports and further information about Prolinnova Uganda Country Platform is available at: <https://www.prolinnova.net/uganda>*

3) Regular communication and coordination with Prolinnova Partners and stakeholders at the national, sub-regional and international levels – largely through online platforms. This has kept the country platform alive & active.

B) Key Updates from engagements by the Prolinnova Uganda Country Platform Secretaries C/o Environmental Alert.

4) Continuously resource mobilization efforts/initiatives as part of program development for the Country platform. Unfortunately many proposals have not been successful and this is a key challenge for effective coordination of the activities. Though, there are some successes for instance:

- a) *Strengthening Resilience and promoting inclusive governance program (STRENPO) for women and youth in vulnerable communities 2018-2021 – (project brochure attached)***
- b) *Sustainable Transition to Entrepreneurial Production in Agriculture through Upgrading (STEP-UP) Project in Uganda. Further information about the project is available at: https://leap.iamb.it/?page_id=313***

NB: Ongoing proposal development targeting the **Horizon 2020** – with consortium partners from Europe and Africa.

B) Key Updates from engagements by the Prolinnova Uganda Country Platform Secretaries C/o Environmental Alert.

- a) *Strengthening Resilience and promoting inclusive governance program (STRENPO) for women and youth in vulnerable communities 2018-2021.***
- i) Strong community-based organizations empower citizens and allow women and youth to build as-sets and take leadership roles in strengthening community resilience;
 - ii) Civil society organizations and networks have in-creased capacity and expand spaces for negotiation between empowered citizens and refugees and accountable duty bearers through multi-stakeholder platforms focused on resilience;
 - iii) Government and other duty-bearers, at district and national levels are inclusive and accountable in delivering a well-coordinated response to key drivers of risks and thereby responding to the demands and needs of citizens and refugees.

B) Key Updates from engagements by the Prolinnova Uganda Country Platform Secretaries C/o Environmental Alert.

b) Sustainable Transition to Entrepreneurial Production in Agriculture through Upgrading (STEP-UP) Project in Uganda

1. Achieve sustainable intensification of Smallholder Farm Enterprises and the transition of diverse farms to commercial enterprises that contribute to food and nutrition security while minimizing trade-offs in other sustainability dimensions;
2. Provide key actor groups, local authorities and decision-makers with instruments and information for discussion and decision support based on participatory ex-ante and ex-post impact assessments;
3. Inform policy implementation towards a supportive public-policy environment based on locally-relevant sustainability principles, criteria and indicators

B) Key Updates from engagements by the Prolinnova Uganda Country Platform Secretaries C/o Environmental Alert.

These **ongoing Environmental Alert projects/programs** have been used in leveraging some resources to offset actual costs for coordination and supporting Prolinnova Uganda CP activities.

5) Continuous pursuance of collaboration with Prolinnova Uganda CP strategic Partners and stakeholders e.g. UNCST, MoSTI; Makerere University, Kulika Uganda, PELUM –Uganda, MAAIF, NARO, UNFFE,...

This has been through courtesy visits and some cases development of MoUs was initiated e.g. with ***Horizont 3000; Makerere University and PELUM Uganda***. Some of these have as well been involved in several resource mobilization initiatives.

B) Key Updates from engagements by the Prolinnova Uganda Country Platform Secretaries C/o Environmental Alert.

6) Participated and contributed to the process of regionalization of the Prolinnova International Network from the North to the south by establishment of Prolinnova Regional Platforms at continental level.

Process resulted in **development of memorandum of principles to guide the process/transition**. Sub-regional platform **coordinator** for East and South Africa was recruited i.e. **Ms. Brigid Letty**. CPs in the sub-region are being mobilized to participate and operationalize the platform. Furthermore, there various resource mobilization initiatives as part of program development to operationalize the sub-regional platforms.

Moving forward a secretariat/host for the sub-regional platform will be selected.

NB: Further information about the Coordinator's report on the regionalization process is available at: https://www.prolinnova.net/eastern_southern_africa

Opportunities -- Decentralization of the coordination of Prolinnova at sub-regional level

- a. There are some issues/challenges which can be addressed through existing regional policy and legislative frameworks and spaces.
- b. Enhanced information sharing and exchange on PID among the different country programs in the sub-region.
- c. More involvement of country programs in decision making in the management of the Prolinnova Network.
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Implications - Decentralization of the coordination of Prolinnova

- a. **Advance resource mobilization efforts and country program development to address both national and regional level issues/priorities**
- b. **Need to identify a Regional host for the Prolinnova Eastern and Southern regional Platform.**
- c. **Need to develop the memorandum of principles clarifying the roles of the Regional platform and country platforms.**

B) Key Updates from engagements by the Prolinnova Uganda Country Platform Secretaries C/o Environmental Alert.

7) Popularization of the CP and Mobilization of new members /partners

-**Horizont 3000** – expressed interest to joint! They promote innovation through the Enabling Rural Innovation (ERI) approach. **Further information available at:** <http://www.horizont3000.at/en/eastafrica/projects/eri>

-**A Growing Culture** – operates the Farmers Innovation Library – currently hosted at PELUM-Uganda. **Further information is available at:** <http://www.agrowingculture.org/>

C) Key emerging issues



- i) Establishment of the **Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MoSTI) in Uganda;**
- ii) Ongoing initiative for development of the **Technology Needs Assessments (TNS)** by **MoSTI** and **the Uganda National Council of Science and Technology in collaboration with UNEP-DTU and financial support from the GEF** – targeting key priority sectors (i.e. *Water, Agriculture, Forestry, Energy*) to advance climate change adaptation;
- iii) Ongoing policy reviews e.g. **Science and technology policy** by MoSTI;
- iv) Prolinnova Strategic plan under review for the next strategic plan period, 2021-25.
- v) National actors Platform on agro-ecology – for promotion of agro-ecology;
- vi) National Organic agriculture Policy approved.
- vii) Inadequate funding to implement the Prolinnova Uganda Platform initiatives/interventions

D) Future outlook



- i) Finalize MoUs with strategic partners – Makerere University, PELUM-Uganda, Horizont 3000, MAAIF, ...
- ii) Advance resource mobilization for development of the Prolinnova Uganda country program
- iii) Preparation of the Prolinnova Uganda Country Platform annual report
- iv) Participation in the IPW – 2020
- v) Conduct regular steering committee meetings for information, updates and decision making and oversight to the Secretariat
- vi) Participate in the ongoing policy reviews e.g. science and technology policy by MoSTI
- vi) Participate in the Prolinnova Strategic plan under review for the next strategic plan period

E). About Environmental Alert

Environmental Alert was founded in **1988** and is officially registered **Non Government Organization** with board. Thus, in 2018 – EA made **30 years** of contribution to **food security and sustainable environment and natural resources management** in Uganda.

Environmental Alert is a **1st prize winner of the Energy globe award** for environmental sustainability- 2005 under the category, earth.

Environmental Alert is a member of the **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)** and a **Member of The IUCN National Committee for Uganda**.

Environmental Alert envisions, ***‘Resilient and dignified communities, managing their environment and natural resources sustainably.’***

Environmental Alert’s mission is to, ***‘Contribute to improved livelihoods of vulnerable communities by Enhancing agricultural productivity and sustainable natural resources management.’***

Further information about Environmental Alert is available at:

<http://envalert.org/>

Environmental Alert as a **Secretariat** mobilizes and coordinates **250 CSOs/CBOs** for joint action engagement at national and local levels through the various **CSO Networks**

Environmental Alert hosts **Secretariat** for following networks:

- a) The **Network for Civil Society Organizations in Environment & Natural Resources Sector (ENR-CSO Network)** <http://enr-cso.org/> ;
- b) **Uganda Forestry Working Group** <http://ufwg.envalert.org/>;
- c) The **Standards Development Group**; and
- d) **Promoting Local Innovation in ecologically oriented agriculture and natural resources management (PROLINNOVA-Uganda Network)** <http://www.prolinnova.net/uganda>.
- e) **National Renewable Energy CSO network**

EA Program focus (components, approaches and location)

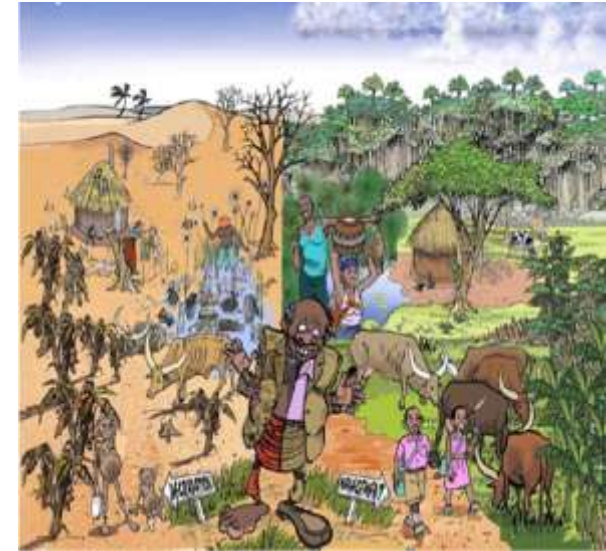
Scale of Implementation:

As at end of December 2019, EA led interventions reached 40 districts across the country (i.e. 20 in the Albertine graben --Arua, Nebbi, Koboko, Moyo, Adjumani, Maracha, Masindi, Hoima, Buliisa, Kagadi, Kyenjojo, Kibaale, Kasese, Bushenyi, Rubirizi, Mitooma, Rukungiri, Kabarole, Kisoro and Bundibugyo, Rakai); Kampala, Arua, Kyegegwa, Kyenjojo, Wakiso, Mukono, Jinja, Buikwe, Luweero, Isingiro, Rakai, Kyegegwa, Gulu, Masindi, Kabalore, Kyenjojo, ...

National level policy engagement on Agriculture and Environment and Natural Resources Management Issues

EA as a Secretariat for various mobilized and coordinated over 260 CSOs/CBOs for joint action engagement at national and local levels through

CSO Networks such as **Uganda Forest Working Group** - <http://ufwg.ervalert.org/> ; **Standards Development Group; Environment and Natural Resources -CSO Network** - <http://enr-cso.org/> ; **PROLINNOVA-Uganda Network** - <http://www.prolinnova.net/uganda> ; and **CSO Network on renewable Energy in Uganda.**



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