



National Partnership

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“CDAIS has helped us to develop a much deeper understanding of key concepts, such as multi-stakeholder partnerships, innovation, capacity building, niches, common vision, and the complementarity of functional and technical capacities using concrete examples. This project has also showed the benefits of participatory methodologies and innovative communication technologies through the practical use of brainstorming, interviews, video presentations, needs prioritization, etc.”

(CDAIS country report, 2016)

“Government participation is critical for catalyzing agricultural innovation”

(CDAIS country report, 2016)

Global
partnership



Agrinatura is a grouping of European universities and research organizations supporting agricultural development.



The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations leads international efforts to defeat hunger.

PILOT COUNTRIES

Central America : Guatemala, Honduras

Africa : Angola, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Rwanda

Asia : Bangladesh, Laos

This flyer is intended as one of a series that will report the many and varied activities of CDAIS in each country, including, for example, policy dialogues, ‘marketplaces’, and specific outcomes.



HONDURAS



Introducing innovation niche partnerships

STRENGTHENING CAPACITY FOR AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION IN HONDURAS



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Beans

The niche aims to become a network of the value chain stakeholders, serving as a point of reference at the national level by promoting self-sustainable business development through innovation, training and quality standards in the beans' field. Beans are produced mainly by smallholder farmers and are very important to food security. The niche is located at Olancho department, which supplies 40% of national production. Smallholders are organized in associations including ASOPRANO with 1171 members. This partnership and related ministry-led initiatives are spreading CDAIS methodology to other production areas, and is stimulating dialogue among actors and respond to issues at the policy level.



In Honduras, capacity is being developed through four CDAIS innovation niche partnerships



Potatoes

There are 6000 mostly smallholder potato producers, cultivating 2,500 hectares in the western region of the country, and generating some 15,000 permanent jobs. Most of them belong to the Lenca and Chortí ethnic groups. Annual national production is about 40,000 tonnes which largely meets domestic demand. The country's main challenge was identified as the lack of a domestic seed potato supply system. This niche aims to increase the average income of potato producers in Intibuca and La Paz, by adapting the crop production to climate change and plagues, as well as developing a financial strategy between producers and financial support.



Coffee

International demand for specialty coffee is increasing, but not all the production reaches the quality standards to enter in this specialty market. The aim of this partnership is to improve smallholder livelihoods in Lempira department by improving the coffee quality, strengthening cooperative organization and business management, improving market links and coordination with other rural development actors, and improving investment capacity and access to finance and to export.



Cocoa

Most of the cocoa plantations in Honduras are concentrated in the northern coast, which has the ideal climatic conditions for cocoa production. However, only 10% of national production is exported as high quality cocoa. This niche aims to encourage producer partnership to improve postharvest handling and quality, and increase exports through building capacity of smallholder farmer associations. It works at strengthening management and entrepreneurial vision, improving access to technical and financial services, storage facilities and other infrastructure, and the standardization of quality cocoa. The niche also aims at improving links with national and international markets, with other stakeholders in the value chain, and with the financial sector.



CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FOR AGRICULTURAL INNOVATION SYSTEMS

CDAIS enhances innovation in agriculture by improving the functional capacities of individuals, organizations and systems. It brings partners together and uses continuous learning cycles to address the challenges and opportunities in and around selected 'innovation niche partnerships' in eight pilot countries in Central America, Africa and Asia. Agricultural innovation systems have been repeatedly shown to have great potential for driving sustainable growth, poverty reduction and in helping to meet the Sustainable Development Goals