

BRIEFING NOTE

Knowledge Share Fair for Agricultural Development and Food Security : An Opportunity to Share and Learn



Knowledge Share Fair

CGIAR¹, FAO, IFAD and WFP, are jointly organizing a Knowledge Share Fair to be held at FAO Headquarters in January 2009. The Rome-based international organizations have agreed to a closer collaboration in addressing the evolving needs of stakeholder countries. One major item in this broad agenda is to harness the opportunities in the global knowledge society.

Objectives of the Share Fair

The main objectives are to:

- demonstrate how knowledge sharing improves the effectiveness, efficiency and impact of the organizations; and
- provide the organizations with an opportunity to learn from each other.

Approaches to learning from each other

The Share Fair will provide an interactive experience, allowing staff and our Rome-based constituents to:

- share and learn from each others good practices;
- experiment with tools and methodologies for knowledge sharing;
- create linkages and networks for future collaboration between the organizations;
- develop ideas to support and enhance knowledge sharing within and across our organizations.

The Share Fair will showcase examples of knowledge sharing strategies, policies and operational practices using case studies, anecdotes, and face-to-face events.

Structure

The Fair will be held in the FAO Atrium and meeting rooms. The current planned structure is:

- **Day 1:** A preliminary opening ceremony and opening of the exhibition, with participation of the organizers' senior management, country representatives, CGIAR members and invited guest expert speakers.
- **Day 2:** Full day of events, comprising keynote addresses from guest speakers, panel discussions, workshops, demonstrations, exhibition booths, videos, informal corners, open discussion spaces. All staff from the organizations would be strongly encouraged to participate.
- **Day 3:** Full day of follow-up events, workshops and training sessions for staff.

The success of this Fair will depend on active contribution and participation of all staff of the organizations.

¹ Bioversity International, and CGIAR Program on Information and Communication Technology – Knowledge Management (ICT-KM)