

Participatory Process for Conducting the Integrated Assessment of the Organic Agriculture sub -Sector in Uganda

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Introduction

- OA is a diverse sub sector
- Participatory process is designed to ensure that views of all stakeholders and actors in the organic agriculture sub sector are captured
- Mobilization and raise the profile of OA among the different stakeholders
- Commitment and support in the implementation process.
- Empowerment- PMs are not only used to gather information but makes the assessment process itself a contribution to empowerment through learning.

Guiding Principles

- Identifying the stakeholders and the levels at which they are/will be affected
- Identifying stakeholder groups within the category of marginalized groups that need to receive special attention
- Identifying interests of the different stakeholders to be involved and conflicts if any.
- Determining the most appropriate techniques for participation in the assessment.
- Informing the stakeholders about the assessment in time and the proposed methods for their involvement.

Stakeholder Analysis and Mapping

- Policy Makers e.g. ministers, MPs and technocrats(e.g MAAIF,MWLE,MTTI,NEMA,UEPB, UNBOS, NPA etc)
- Civil Society Organizations and CBOs e.g. NOGAMU, VECO, VEDCO, EA,SEATIN UNFF,CONSENT, PELUM (U)
- Smallholder farmers
- Private sector e.g. Ugocert, Producers, Processors Exporters, etc
- Academic and Research Institutions e.g. MUK, NU,CIAT, NARO etc
- Development Partners e.g. Austrian Development Cooperation, HIVOs, SIDA etc

Participatory Tools

- Interviews with key stakeholders
- Literature Review
- Focused Group Discussions
- Questionnaires and Memoranda
- Workshops and Meetings
- TV and Radio Talk shows

Conclusion

- Participatory methods are diverse and flexible.
- Although participatory methods and tools can be used on their own for rapid assessments, they are not sufficient to conduct an IA of the nature we are going to embark on
- For reliability, the participatory methods need to be used alongside other analytical tools as part of the assessment.

End of Presentation

I thank you for your attention