



FP7 KBBE Project JOLISAA: *JOint L*earning about *I*nnovation *S*ystems in *A*frican *A*griculture

A quick overview of key aspects

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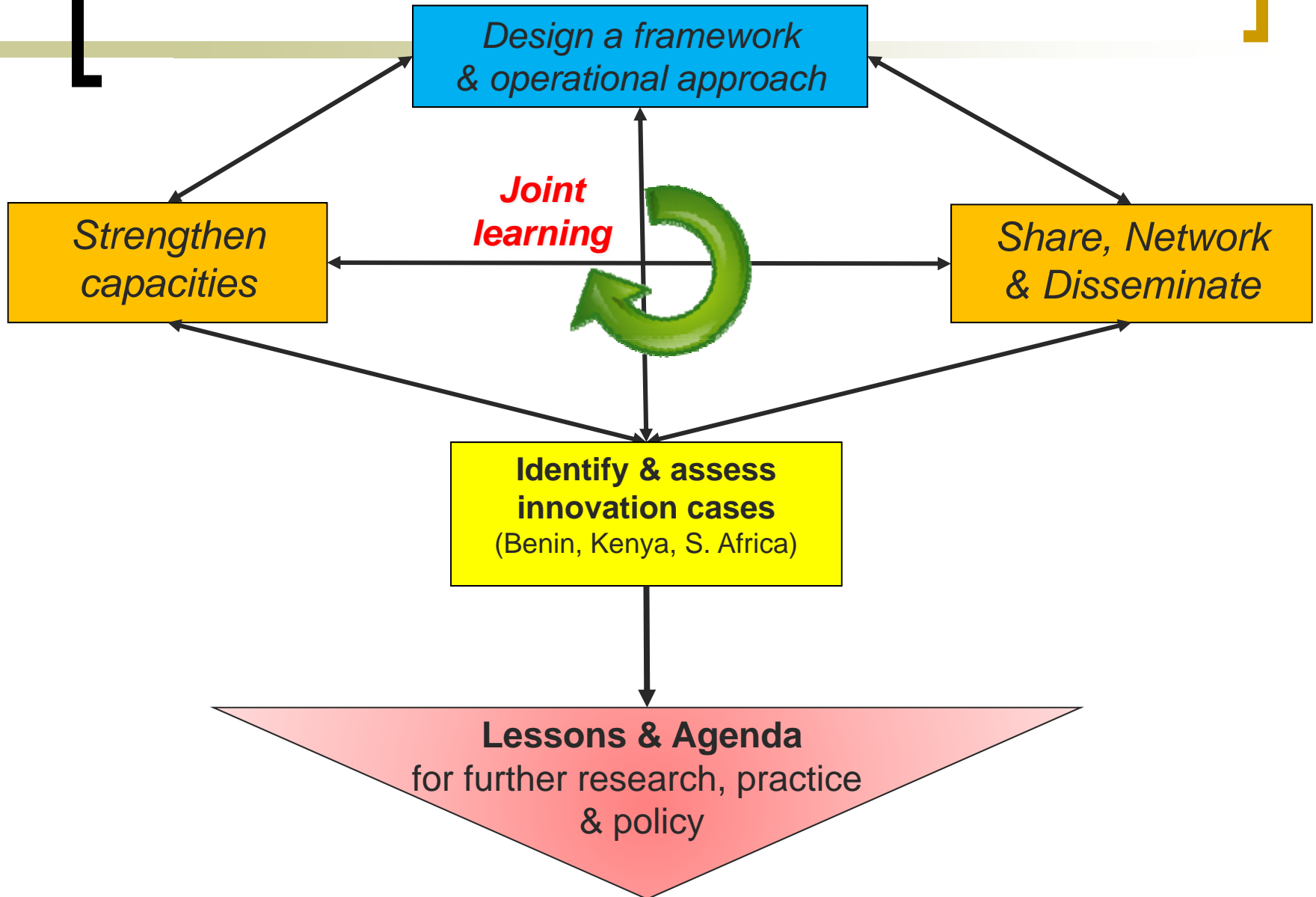
[Overall objective]

*“To **assess and learn jointly** from recent experiences across Africa about **how innovation processes** involving multiple stakeholders and types of knowledge **operate**, in order to identify concrete priorities for research, practice and policy for addressing the needs and demands of smallholders and other rural actors.”*

[Specific objectives]

- Incorporate concepts and approaches related to IS and L/TK into a framework and an operational approach (WP1);
- *Assess in a comparative and collaborative manner a series of cases of agricultural innovation involving multiple stakeholder and knowledge sources (WP2);*
- Identify, synthesise and validate **collectively** the corresponding **results, lessons and challenges** (WP5);
- *Strengthen the capacities of members of existing innovation platforms to assess, learn collectively from and facilitate multistakeholder innovation approaches (WP3);*
- **Improve local, national and international exchange, learning and networking** about innovation experiences and approaches (WP4);
- *Propose to policy- and decision-makers (EC, FARA, others) an itemised, collectively validated **agenda for future research, practice and policy** related to multistakeholder innovation approaches and L/TK in Africa (WP5).*

JOLISAA OVERALL APPROACH & STRUCTURE



[Sites & case studies]

- Sites
 - Kenya, Benin, South Africa
- 2 levels of cases
 - General « enriched » Inventory of cases using a combination of a worksheet template and a qualitative narrative, based on existing information (10-30 / country)
(Final reports: Summer 2012)
 - Collaborative cases (3-6 / country, new evidence) (M24-M32)

[JOLISAA partners]

Name	Role	Key participants
CIRAD	Coord. Gen., WP2, WP5	B. Triomphe, B. Bridier, H. Hocdé, JM Touzard, (Rose Fagbemissi, post-doc – left in July 2012)
WUR-LEI & TAD	WP1, (WP2)	J. Van den Berg, C. Almekinders, T. Crane, (B. Arne – left in April 2012)
ETC	WP4, WP5	N. Oudwater, A. Waters-Bayer
ICRA	WP3	N. Selamna, (A. Maatman)
KARI	WP2, WP4	G. Kamau, Teresiah N'ganga & collab.
U. Pretoria	WP2, WP4	J. Stevens, B. Letty & collab.
U. Abomey-Calavi	WP2, WP4	D. Voduhe, Anne Floquet, Rigobert Tossou & collab.

[What is an innovation case?]

- Any type of innovation (sociotechnical and organizational) involving at least 3 different types of stakeholders
 - From production to transformation and marketing
- A minimum « scale » (geographic or otherwise)
- Past or on-going experiences (> 3 years) with a minimum trajectory
- Orchestrated or non-orchestrated
- Existence, availability and quality of documentation and resource-persons

INNOVATION CASES OF INTEREST TO JOLISAA

Cases in which one can « **see** »
an innovation **process** *unfold over time*

**...starting with a
(new) idea ...**

*Coming from whatever source: farmers,
researchers, entrepreneurs, policy-makers, etc.*

*with the potential to solve a problem, improve a
situation or take advantage of an opportunity*

**...which gradually develops into new
ways of doing things thanks to
contributions from diverse
stakeholders...**

*products, methods,
organization, marketing
channels, etc.*

**...allows to get « satisfactory »
results....**

*...economic, social,
environmental, etc.*

**...and reaches a certain scale,
depending on « enabling » factors &
conditions.**

*...local, national,
international*

[WP 1: Framework]

■ Title:

- Developing an integrated framework and approach for assessing agricultural/rural innovation systems and local/traditional knowledge

■ Activities:

- **1.1: Collecting, documenting and analyzing baseline information**
(lit review AIS et al.)
- **1.2: Developing an analytical framework for assessment of innovation cases**
- **1.3: Designing operational approach and guidelines for participatory assessment of innovation systems**
- **1.4: Methodological synthesis and lessons learnt**

■ Leadership: WUR & CIRAD

- Most discussions through e-mail / Skype exchanges
(details to be clarified with WUR)
- Deadline: coming up with an operational framework by June (for 1st global workshop)

[WP 2: Case studies]

- Title
 - *Assessing experiences with agricultural/rural innovation systems and local/traditional knowledge*
- Activities
 - *2.1: Inventory and classification of experiences with multistakeholder innovation processes*
 - *2.2: Selection of innovation cases and validation of the case-study assessment approach*
 - *2.3: Collaborative case study assessment*
 - *2.4: Lessons learnt on the potentials and limitations of agricultural innovation processes*
- Leadership: CIRAD, UP, UAC, KARI

[WP3: Capacity building]

- Title:
 - Strengthen capacities to assess & share lessons learned from stakeholders' own experiences and to facilitate multistakeholder innovation processes at various scales
- Activities:
 - **3.1: Training on assessment of IS cases**
 - **3.2: Local-level reflection sessions**
 - **3.3: Strengthen capacity of national innovation platforms**
 - **3.4: Assembling sets of training materials**
- Leader: ICRA

[WP4: Networking]

- Title
 - Sharing, learning together & disseminating information
- Activities
 - 4.1: Outreach – information sharing and dissemination
 - 4.2: International platform to promote learning & exchange with other initiatives & resource persons
 - 4.3: In-country networking & learning
- Leaders: ETC-PROLINNOVA, KARI, UP, UAC

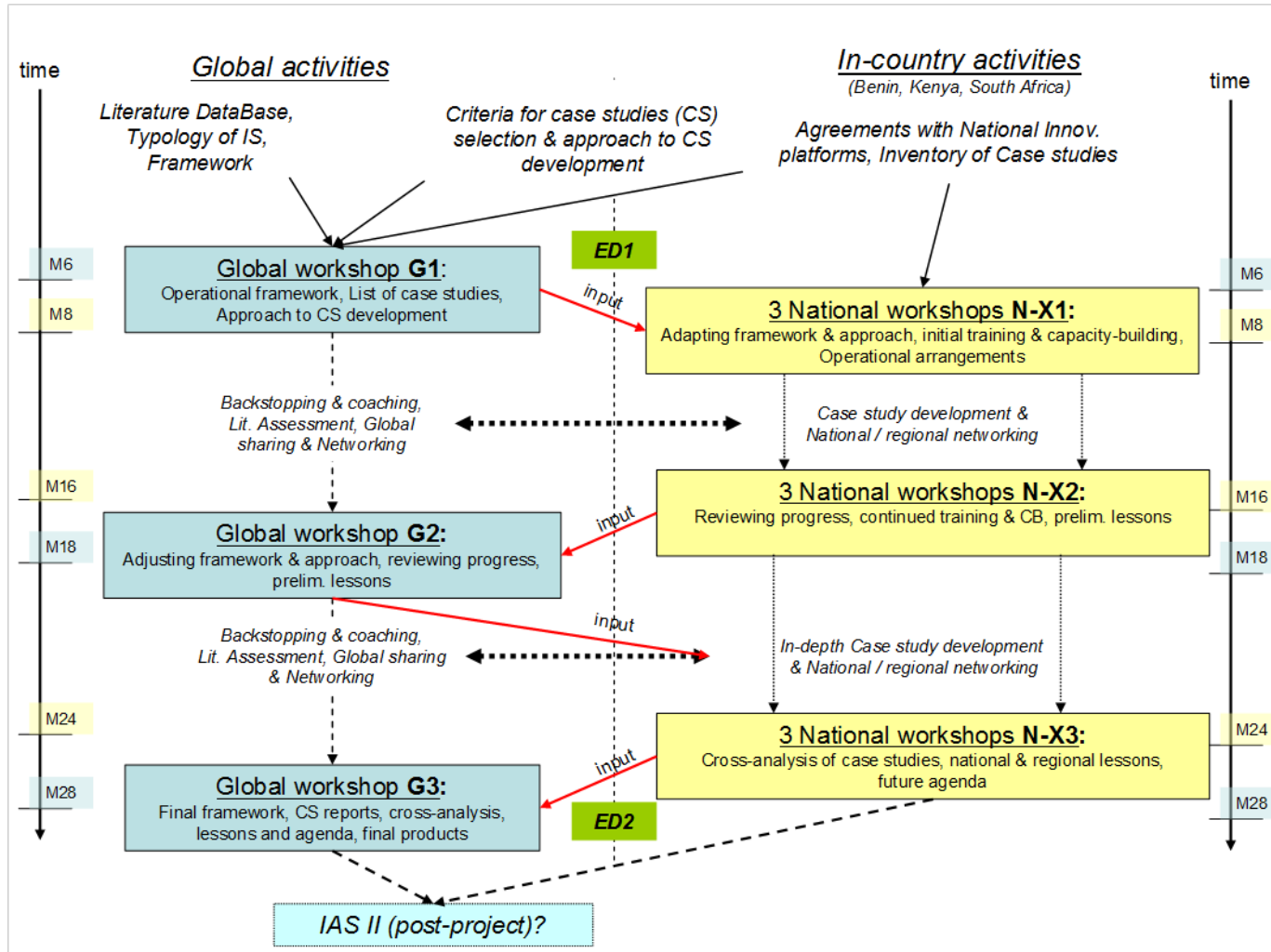
[WP5: Lessons]

- Title
 - Synthesising lessons & setting the agenda for future research, practice & policy
- Activities
 - 5.1: Identifying lessons and priorities for future research, practice and policy
 - 5.2: Documenting and disseminating lessons learnt and formulating a future agenda
 - 5.3: Policy recommendations
- Leaders ETC & CIRAD

[Calendar: main deadlines]

- Overall duration: 36 or 42 months
- Feb 2010 - Oct 2010: ***Framework***
- Feb 2010 - Aug 2012: ***Inventory***
- Nov 2011 - Dec 2012: ***Collab. case assessment***
- Dec 2012 – July 2013: ***Lessons, products, wrap-up***

Key « global » activities



[JOLISAA: main products]

- A review paper & a scientific article about concepts
- 3 quality national inventories, carefully analyzed (6 to 12 /2011) (poster and articles, “booklet”)
- 9 to 15 collab. case studies in the 3 target countries (monographs, articles)
- Lessons, policy briefs & concrete recommendations specific for each country / at EU & international level
- Strengthened capacities for JOLISAA members, national partners and stakeholders
- Networking & sharing strengthened at various levels
- A series of pedagogic materials
- A joint learning process with the potential to continue post-JOLISAA

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Welcome

Welcome to JOLISAA (joint learning *in and about* Innovation Systems in African Agriculture), a project funded under the EU FP7 KBBE program that was launched in February 2010 and will last until early 2013.

JOLISAA aims to increase understanding of agricultural innovation systems focusing on smallholders' livelihoods and the articulation of local and global knowledge. Specifically, JOLISAA's goal is to **assess** how smallholders' innovativeness, knowledge, capacities and other resources can be tapped into, strengthened and linked effectively to those of other stakeholders - public or private, local or global - to contribute to reducing rural poverty and improving food security in Africa.

To this end, **lessons** learnt about recent experiences with agricultural/rural innovation involving multiple stakeholders in **Kenya, South Africa and Benin** are being synthesised by combining **joint case-study assessment with capacity-strengthening and networking** at various scales. Lessons are sought in terms of the practices, concepts, approaches, methods used, and in terms of the context ("enabling environment"), in which such experiences took place.

Case studies developed in a participatory manner according to a common analytical framework tackle diverse innovation types and scales: from natural resource management to production and agribusiness, from local initiatives to national and regional ones, from orchestrated to more bottom-up processes.

Joint learning among project partners and with local/ national stakeholders is at the heart of the project's operation: it is being fostered by engaging diverse stakeholders, including researchers, practitioners and policymakers in JOLISAA activities.

Latest news :

[International workshop 2013](#)
JOLISAA plans to organize, in collaboration with other interested partners, a small (60-70pax.) international workshop during which selected...

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[Collaborative case assessment under way!](#)
After the successful completion of the N-Xtra workshop series in February 2012, Collaborative Case Assessment (CCA) has now started in the field. I...

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