

Smallholder Mitigation: Mitigation Options and Incentive Mechanisms

Expert workshop

7-8 July 2011, Rome

Purpose: To identify incentives for pro-poor smallholder-based mitigation

Objectives:

1. Explore mitigation incentives that also support smallholder livelihoods and food security
 - Costs and benefits of mitigation options at the farm level and barriers for their adoption
 - Incentive mechanisms and associated institutional arrangements
 - Mechanisms specifically to reach women and the poor
2. Develop principles for pro-poor incentives for smallholders
3. Identify priorities for action and research

Outputs:

- Comparison of different mitigation options and their costs and benefits
- 1-page summaries of pros and cons of incentive mechanisms (for audience of practitioners and policy makers)
- Principles or framework for identifying feasible, pro-poor incentives for smallholders and their institutional arrangements
- Recommendation of priorities for action and research

Agenda

Thursday 7 July

8:30–9:00 Introduction to the workshop: Welcome and Objectives

9:00–10:30 Costs and benefits of mitigation options (presentations, 15 min each)

- Empirical evidence of food security and mitigation benefits from improved cropland management - Giacomo Branca, FAO
- Comparison of cost-benefit analyses for mitigation in different agroecosystems - Alex de Pinto, Beatrice Obiri, Khalil Allali, IFPRI
- Constraints to adoption of sustainable land management practices and what they imply for increasing adaptation and mitigation from smallholder agriculture in developing countries - Leslie Lipper, FAO
- Simulating farmers response to incentives and impacts- Trade-offs Analysis – minimum data (TOA-MD) model to simulate farmers’ response to such options or incentives, and also simulate the associated economic, environmental and social impacts of the changes in management/technology associated with greenhouse gas mitigation - John Antle, Oregon State University

10:30–11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00–12:00 Informal sharing of experiences and brainstorming on costs, benefits and trade-offs of different mitigation options and how to best support their adoption – participants are invited to (verbally) present their experiences

12:00–13:30 *Lunch*

13:30–15:30 Working groups

1. What is well understood and what not with respect to costs and benefits of agricultural mitigation options? Where are the uncertainties? Where is further work needed?
2. How will costs and benefits or adoption barriers differ for different social groups, e.g., the poor, men and women?
3. Identify what is generalizable. Construct principles or guidelines for decision-making about mitigation options to best support benefits for and adoption by smallholders

15:30–16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00–17:30 Report back from working groups and discussion.

17:30–19:00 *Aperitivo in the Aventino Room*

Friday 8 July

8:30–9.00 Brief summary of outcomes of first day and introduction to incentive mechanism topic

9.00–10:30 Incentive mechanisms for smallholder mitigation (presentations, 20 min each)

- Financing options for smallholder agricultural practices and possibilities to support mitigation opportunities -Tanja Havemann, BeyondCarbon
- Creating incentives and benefits through climate change mitigation for smallholders - Charlotte Streck, Climate Focus
- Discussion

10:30–11:00 *Coffee break*

11.00–12.00 Informal sharing of experiences with different incentive mechanisms from projects and countries

12:00–1:00 *Lunch*

13:00–14:30 Working groups

1. Which incentives are working well, or not, and what are promising areas for further development?
2. What makes these mechanisms pro-poor and favorable for women farmers?
3. Identify principles or guidelines for delivering mitigation incentives to smallholders

14:30–15:00 *Coffee break*

15:00–17:00 Recommendations for a framework and further action for mitigation options for the farm level and promising incentive mechanisms for pro-poor outcomes

- Priorities for action among participants in their respective sectors

Sponsoring and hosting organizations: Climate Change Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

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