The Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development (SARD) Initiative

People Shaping their Sustainable Futures

An Emerging Initiative

1992 Dialogue with mandate to continue
2000 CSD-8 FAO Council Endorsement
2001 E-conference, FAO COAG dialogue
2002 WFS- five years later
2002 Adelboden Mountain Conference – SARD Themes
2002 COAG 19
2003 Design & Initial Activities
2005 COAG 19
2006 CSD 16

WSSD – SARD Initiative launched by FAO DG
Strengthening cooperative relationships and work among Major Groups, governments and intergovernmental organizations

Expected Outcomes

**Good Practice and Good Policy for SARD**
- Increased capacity of poor rural communities to transition to and implement SARD
- Strengthened capacities of Major Group constituencies, institutions and networks to implement SARD practices, programmes and policies

**Target 2015 – Benchmark 2008**
- Concrete contributions to the SARD-related elements in the Millennium Development Goals, Chapter 14 of Agenda 21 and the WSSD Plan of Action
Thematic Areas

- Improve Access to Productive Resources
- Promote Good Practices and their Dissemination
- Foster Fairer Working Conditions
- Local Learning Exchanges
- Indigenous Rights /Access
- Sustainable Livestock Production
- Farmer Capacity Building
- Resource Facility
- SARD Inventory
- Partnership Contributions
- SARD Initiative

Contributing Partners

**Civil Society Partners**

**Supporting Governments**
- Canada, Germany, Switzerland, USA, Indonesia, Kenya, Nigeria, Philippines, S. Africa, Bolivia, El Salvador, Panama, Tunisia

**Interested Governments**
- Australia, France, Finland, Italy, Sweden, Netherlands, Norway

**Affiliated National Projects**
- Colombia, Indonesia, Venezuela

**IGOs**
- ILO, IFAD, UN Regional Commissions, NEPAD, EU
Building Partnerships for Action

- Building on Common Objectives among Different Stakeholders
- Mediating Unequal Stakeholders for Common Efforts
- Facilitating a Transparent Structure for Implementation
- Improving Indicators and Ability to Assess Good Practice

Take Home Messages

- The SARD Initiative is the result of a fully participatory process and builds on the synergistic commitment and ownership of diverse partners and based on an agreed upon set of indicators, values, actions and goals.

- Within the context of the key thematic areas of SARD, the Initiative provides an avenue to scale up and replicate proven on the ground experiences while informing good decision making at the national and international level.

- By 2008, collection of good practices, pilot exchanges for scaling up, an interactive resource facility and synthesis of results of SARD to inform CSD-16.

- By 2015, scale up, replicate and reflect in national and international policies the good practice experiences of SARD.
Opportunities to Partner in Good Practice

- Link an existing project or initiative to share lessons learned and successful case studies that can be scaled up;
- Share expertise and experiences, services, knowledge and other resources on SARD to community, regional, and national initiatives;
- Fund, host, or provide expertise for South-South and South-North inter-community and inter-stakeholder learning exchanges and targeted training activities on a demand basis;
- Offer financial resources in support of community level participation, innovation, pilot testing, scaling-up of demonstrated good practice and participatory approaches and support of the management teams to coordinate these efforts;
- Offer mechanisms or venues for people, practice and policy linkages.

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Evolving CSO roles & perspectives on formulation of policies

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- Participatory learning (PM&E)
- Monitoring & Evaluation
- Conventional policy cycle and evolving CSO roles

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