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Netherlands-CGIAR Research

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Presentation

- Overall aim and objectives of the combined instruments
- Role of NWO-WOTRO
- Overview of 4 instruments in NWO’s NL-CGIAR research programme


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- Role of Food & Business Knowledge Platform
- YEP




Aim & objectives

- Fill gaps in and add to direct NL support for and NL engagement in CGIAR
- Intensify Netherlands – CGIAR collaboration to mutual benefit
 - *For CGIAR*: draw on Dutch expertise in specific thematic areas and in the area of transdisciplinary research with multi-stakeholder partnerships
 - *For NL*: learn from the excellence of CGIAR and increase engagement in research partnerships with CGIAR
 - *Both*: benefit from each other's networks and expertise
 - Focus on priority NL-CGIAR knowledge domains



Four priority domains NL-CGIAR

Priority Knowledge Domains for Strategic collaboration	NL cross-cutting IAR strengths
Agriculture for nutrition and health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systems approach • Public-Private Partnerships • Enabling & scaling
Sustainable agri-food value chains & sectors	
Genetic improvement and propagation materials	
Climate smart agriculture	



Developing the instruments*

- MoU CGIAR – The Netherlands
- NL-CGIAR Working Group consultations
- CGIAR System Office consultation and feedback
- Call development and management by NWO-WOTRO
 - *E.g. SSD-call objectives/focus: a scoping exercise by F&B knowledge platform*
 - *Conditions, criteria: WOTRO in consultation with NL-CGIAR working group and System Office*
- Young Experts (YEP) by F&BKP

* *Supporting the NL-CGIAR research partnership in addition to direct NL-funding of the CGIAR*



The role of NWO-WOTRO

- NWO is *the* Dutch research council
- NWO-WOTRO: focus on development-oriented research
- DGIS research policy: knowledge platforms
- NWO: intermediary organisation for research i.r.t. knowledge platforms
- Develops, formulates, manages research programmes / calls
- WOTRO: links development-relevance with scientific excellence
- Collaboration with Food & Business Knowledge Platform and CGIAR



Four instruments - NWO

1. Call for research proposals:
Seed Systems Development
Enabling and scaling genetic improvement and propagation materials
2. Senior Expert Programme (SEP)
3. Co-financing fund
4. Secondment public-private partnerships (PPP) and research uptake expert



1. Call for research on Seed Systems Development

Enabling and scaling genetic improvement and propagation materials of crops, livestock and fish

- **Why:** to address a priority missing in direct funding by NL
- **Aim:** improving the extent to which quality propagation materials for crops, livestock and fish contribute to smallholder farmers' food and income security
- **Focus:** enabling and scaling
- **What:** grant for joint 3-yr research project
- **Conditions & approaches**
 - A systems approach
 - Public Private partnerships (profit and not-for-profit): Consortia: NL and CGIAR researchers, private partner(s), local partner (research or governmental institution)
 - Co-creation
 - Theory of Change and Impact Pathway (alignment with CGIAR)




2. Senior Expert Programme (SEP)

- **Why:** to support and enhance strategic level participation of NL in CGIAR
- **Aim:** to facilitate NL-CRP relations at strategic level
- **Focus:** CRPs/Platforms linked to the four priority domains
- **What:** contribution to personnel costs for current or extended involvement NL senior experts
- **Conditions:**
 - Senior experts from NL research institutions
 - Management position (or senior – coordinating- research position) in CRP or Platform
 - Grant to the NL-institution employing the expert (option is that NL institution compensates for CRP-costs of the expert involved)



3. Co-funding CGIAR-NL research

- **Why:** facilitate NL researchers → new projects with CGIAR
- **Aim:** enable and enhance new joint NL-CGIAR research cooperation
- **Focus:** NL with CRPs/Platforms linked to the four priority domains
- **What:** provide mandatory co-funding for new joint NL-CGIAR research
- **Conditions:**
 - New projects to be submitted to calls from e.g. CRPs, EU, others
 - Mandatory co-funding would be a barrier for NL participation
 - Co-funding guarantee or voucher – concrete award after notification of positive award external funder (within 1 yr)
 - Call is expected during summer, continuously open till “tbd”



4. PPP expertise

- **Why:** sharing the cross-cutting PPP expertise of NL with CGIAR
- **Aim:** enhance private sector engagement (incl. SME's and not-for-profit private sector) in CGIAR
- **Focus:** CRPs/Platforms linked to the four priority domains
- **What:** facilitating sharing NL expertise, potentially funding 1 temporary expert
- **Conditions:**
 - This is still work in progress and being discussed among partners.




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 • **Food & Business Knowledge Platform**
 • **Young Expert Programme**



Young Expert Programmes Water & Agrofood (YEP)

- ✚ YEP offers young professionals opportunity to gain international experience.
- ✚ Since 2 years open for research assignments to work within a CRP (post-doc or researcher; Dutch or local; 1 or 2 years).
- ✚ Dutch partner of CRP submits proposal, contracts the expert.
- ✚ Co-financing by YEP is max. €40,000 per year (Dutch) or max. €12,000 (local) per year.
- ✚ Five examples:

KIT	ILRI	NL-1	Kenya	Livestock CRP
Shared Value F.	CIFOR	NL-1	Kenya	Land governance and Food Sec.
Shared Value F.	CIFOR	Local-1	Uganda	Land governance and Food Sec.
Wag. UR-KTI	IITA	NL-2	Nigeria	Biocontrol of aflatoxin in Maize
Wag. UR-Human Nutrition	Biodiversity Int.	Local-2	Ethiopia	Food Systems for Healthy Diets
- ✚ Next deadline is 15 October 2018.