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Sessions 12 & 13: Regional Breakout Groups

Current and Emerging Threats to Crops: A Practical Course

Day 4: CETC Approach and Action Plan to address Current and Emerging Threats to Crops



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ACTION PLAN – CENTRAL AMERICA

- How do I stay in the room, apart of this conversation? // **¿Cómo me quedo en la habitación, aparte de esta conversación?**
- How can I contribute? // **¿Cómo puedo contribuir a la conversación?**
- How do we get the trust back with farmers? // **¿Cómo recuperamos la confianza con los agricultores?**
- How do we sustain our relevance after gaining the farmers' trust? // **¿Cómo recuperamos la confianza con los agricultores?**
- Focus on a systems perspective and incorporating resiliency / Sustainability / Longevity
 - Economic viability
 - Socially acceptable
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PLAN DE ACCIÓN – CENTROAMÉRICA

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- Centrarse en una perspectiva de sistemas e incorporar resiliencia
 - Viabilidad económica
 - Socialmente acceptable
 - Respetuoso del medio ambiente



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HOW DO I STAY IN THE ROOM AND CONTRIBUTE TO THIS CONVERSATION?

From Emil – Honduras Dream Team with Zamorano University

I can continue contributing my opinions in the discussion based on my own experience working with the CETC-IL in Honduras and also giving information about the context of Central America or specifically Honduras.

I believe that I can contribute to the discussion from my experience as a research assistant and trainer of farmers in farmer field schools, but especially from my own experience as a farmer.



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HOW DO WE GET THE TRUST BACK WITH FARMERS?

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Based on the experiences of our first phase with potato producers in Intibucá, I believe that when intervening, the training of farmers should go hand in hand with research, which gives greater credibility. It is also essential to share the results in terms that the producers understand. It is more ideal to have a field day to learn about the results than to share a document with them.



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HOW DO WE SUSTAIN OUR RELEVANCE AFTER GAINING THE FARMERS' TRUST?

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At the end of each intervention activity, it is important to seek feedback from the producers to continue working, that is, we may have a defined plan, but it must always be flexible to change or redirect what the farmers prioritize. For example, based on our experience with NURU, the producers told us that they liked the application very much but they hope that it can be updated for other diseases in potatoes, for example Paratryoza (*Bactericera cockerelli*) and they asked us to continue with the field schools and the experimental plots now focused on parathyroid disease, which is a priority for them. So, based on our first experience, we can highlight that if we consider what farmers prioritize and take this into account in our action plans, they will feel valued and will continue to trust any organization that wants to support them.



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FOCUS ON A SYSTEMS PERSPECTIVE AND INCORPORATING RESILIENCY

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Opinion

When exposing actions, it is important to consider the intervention of small groups of producers, because it is preferable to small groups that can later share with others, since considering, for example, that in Honduras, based on the experience in the CETC-il one of The biggest differences is the educational level of the producers. Not all of them understand what we want or seek to do. It is easier to talk and coordinate actions with 15 than with 50.



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Specific

Gender equity in the actions, if it were in Intibucá, I would think more about family participation, that is, husband and wife. Our experience with the CETC-IL FFS reported the participation of 81 potato farmers in total (41 men and 39 women), but the ones we saw the most in the FFS sessions were men when women arrived who wanted to write their husbands' names because they only sent them when the men could not attend. What we did was ask them to write their names first and then those of their husbands in parentheses to have that information about their participation.



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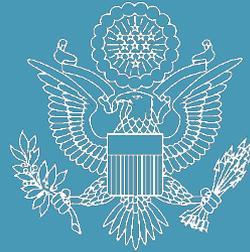


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