

Annex 21: Completed questionnaires from CIRAD

We received 8 completed questionnaires. They are pasted below, unedited and with the authors' names removed.

Questionnaire TECA #1

1. In your view, who is the target audience(s) for the 'fiches or technical fact sheet ' that you evaluated; and why do you say that?

Concerning the document I reviewed I think the target audience are professional in agriculture or agronomic research because the precision or detail of the technical fact-sheets are often not enough to be utilized directly by non specialist such as farmers, NGO technician or field extensionists.

2. Have you visited the TECA portal?

Yes and I noticed that my remarks have been generally taken into account, especially modification of 1 or 2 words but not very well with regards to the general comments I made and which would have required a deeper rewriting.

What happened to the check lists (not fund in the on-line documents)

3. What other mechanisms for north-south and south-south technology exchange do you know about? Are these more or less effective than TECA; why?

There are several. For example: to complement a hard copy, short video documents (on DVD or CD format) that explain and show a particular technology can be very efficient (and now cheap) for the same purpose. Video document can be downloadable on the Internet. With DVD format several languages (id: local idioms) for voice or subtitles can be propose, that can be very useful fortargeting illiterate people.

4. Will you publish your work on TECA in future? If not, why not?

It could be possible

5. What 'added value' do you feel you were able to contribute to the records?

Input on bibliography with some personal documents

6. What made your task easy/difficult?

Easy : the documents were relatively short (maxi 6 pages)

Difficult : Delay for receiving them, change in schedule

7. If in the future we asked you to do the same task, what advice could you give to us about how we manage the process?

When you send a list of documents to be reviewed add the resumé of each items. Choice will be easier and more relevant to do that only with the document's title.

Then send directly to the reviewers only technical fact sheet they have chosen with the additional related documents if any. But do not ask to us to do a complicated work to download them. (personally I received them directly but I know that the first documents had to be pulled out from a htp site and the process was not so easy.)

Questionnaire TECA #2

1. In your view, who is the target audience(s) for the 'fiches' that you evaluated; and why do you say that?

I suppose that the objective of these 'fiches' is to give some information and to popularize agricultural technology through the results of different project. The target audiences are national research and extension services in agriculture; students, NGOs; Rural development projects. I say that because the subject and the objectives are well described and the results which are given are focussed on the impact and benefit more than to the application.

2. Have you visited the TECA portal?

yes I did

3. What other mechanisms for north-south and south-south technology exchange do you know about?

FAO, CityNet

Are these more or less effective than TECA; why?

I don't know

4. Will you publish your work on TECA in future? If not, why not?

Yes, If possible

5. What 'added value' do you feel you were able to contribute to the records?

I mentioned the lack of precise information about the application of the technology. It is important to give information about its feasibility in the different area because the target audience will not go easily to the mentioned literature.

6. What made your task easy/difficult?

It was easier to give an advice after visiting the TECA portal. This should be recommended ;

7. If in the future we asked you to do the same task, what advice could you give to us about how we manage the process?

Give us more information about the target audience and the use of these fiche.

Questionnaire TECA #3

1. In your view, who is the target audience(s) for the 'fiches' that you evaluated; and why do you say that?

Field technicians, managers (respectively for the "fiches" presenting technical advices and decision tools)

2. Have you visited the TECA portal?

No yet. Would you please give me the address?

3. What other mechanisms for north-south and south-south technology exchange do you know about? Are these more or less effective than TECA; why?

Paper "fiches", trainings.

The two main problems that I see for TECA is:

- the poor internet connexions in Africa
- the fact that some techniques really need to be presented on the field.

The main advantage is a wide diffusion and a low cost in comparison to international trainings.

4. Will you publish your work on TECA in future? If not, why not?

I didn't know that TECA is open to CIRAD researchers. I would be interested to publish some work on TECA. Please provide me with more informations.

5. What 'added value' do you feel you were able to contribute to the records?

In my case, the "West-African" field experience is somewhat different from the Eastern one because the main vectors of Trypanosomosis here are riverine species. I think that if my positions are taken into consideration, it would widen the application range of the presentations.

6. What made your task easy/difficult?

Easy: all the attached documents were available for my fiches and I already knew the main papers (except internal reports)

Difficult: I had really little time to work (only a week) and I had to stop part of my other works to finish in time

7. If in the future we asked you to do the same task, what advice could you give to us about how we manage the process?

- at least 15 days for 8 fiches
- integrate a feed back from the authors

Questionnaire TECA #4

1. In your view, who is the target audience(s) for the 'fiches' that you evaluated; and why do you say that?

Research centres, NGO, extension service, ..

I think that the fiches are giving general information about ongoing or finished projects but in some cases, the

results can't be directly easy to use by stakeholders without local transfer

2. Have you visited the TECA portal?

Yes, but very recently

3. What other mechanisms for north-south and south-south technology exchange do you know about? Are these more or less effective than TECA; why?

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4. Will you publish your work on TECA in future? If not, why not?

Yes , why not

5. What 'added value' do you feel you were able to contribute to the records?

I only gave my opinion on such or such fiche but I am not sure that this work can be regarded as "added value"

6. What made your task easy/difficult?

Easy:

Fiches give a clear and overall idea of the subject.

Difficult:

1 - I didn't know the TECA Portal

2 - In some cases, the absence of real precise data concerning the results obtained

7. If in the future we asked you to do the same task, what advice could you give to us about how we manage the process?

To give us the fiches earlier

Questionnaire TECA #5

1. In your view, who is the target audience(s) for the 'fiches' that you evaluated; and why do you say that?

I am not sure at all!... As a matter of fact I was wondering... who is going to use these Fiches?... Plant protection services ? (Quarantine services?)

2. Have you visited the TECA portal?

Yes, I did , quickly.

3. What other mechanisms for north-south and south-south technology exchange do you know about? Are these more or less effective than TECA; why?

Some Internet "forums".

4. Will you publish your work on TECA in future? If not, why not?

Not sure. I need to know more about the possibilities, the users, and the impact...

5. What 'added value' do you feel you were able to contribute to the records?

No idea.

6. What made your task easy/difficult?

I did not know who will read these fiches !

Some important technical data were not included in the documents.

7. If in the future we asked you to do the same task, what advice could you give to us about how we manage the process?

1- to ask a longer time before

2- to provide all the technical data.

Questionnaire TECA #6

1. In your view, who is the target audience(s) for the 'fiches' that you evaluated; and why do you say that?

I think they aim at somewhat evaluation committees or financial purposes or answering to international project support call.

Because of the shortness asked : some question have only to be ticked, so as to classify quickly this fiche if joined to a project call.

2. Have you visited the TECA portal?

No

3. What other mechanisms for north-south and south-south technology exchange do you know about? (i) Are these more or less effective than TECA; (ii) why?

(i) CGIAR , and so on

(ii) ?????

4. Will you publish your work on TECA in future? If not, why not?

Why not?

5. What 'added value' do you feel you were able to contribute to the records?

Because we are external agents to those programs we bring from our scientific and supporting background an other view of the texts and read them as might do any other readers. So we can help to make the fiches more clear and comprehensives. More, we can give an opinion about the relevance of the program concern.

6. What made your task easy/difficult?

Karen has perfectly defined the difficulty.

An other point would be, to remain honest, an heavy lack of the background of the fiches concerning program

7. If in the future we asked you to do the same task, what advice could you give to us about how we manage the process?

Take into account the Karen remarks.

Give us a better knowledge of the program concerned

Questionnaire TECA #7

1. In your view, who is the target audience(s) for the 'fiches' that you evaluated; and why do you say that?

Reading the only "fiche" I had to comment (CPP0019) it was not clear at all. Some light came visiting the TECA portal

2. Have you visited the TECA portal?

Yes

3. What other mechanisms for north-south and south-south technology exchange do you know about?

If you mean formalised ones , none

Are these more or less effective than TECA; why?

N/A

4. Will you publish your work on TECA in future? If not, why not?

Yes, If possible

No, simply because I am no more involved in research personally. However I would recommend it to the researchers I am in contact with.

5. What 'added value' do you feel you were able to contribute to the records?

Difficult to say for one record only. However I do think the comment I made (mainly on the difficulties (technical and economical) of implementation of the technique. which were not enough forwarded (lack of "caution" notice) may contribute to some added value somewhere, hopefully !

6. What made your task easy/difficult?

I was not really sure of what was expected from me. seeing the philosophy on TECA portal it was more clear.

7. If in the future we asked you to do the same task, what advice could you give to us about how we manage the process?

To have more clear information on what is expected, I hope (but still not sure) my comments were relevant enough and well fitted to your questioning

Questionnaire TECA #8

1. In your view, who is the target audience(s) for the 'fiches' that you evaluated; and why do you say that?

Actors working development related issues or development orientated research. NGOs, Development agencies, NARS, extension service

2. Have you visited the TECA portal?

Yes

3. What other mechanisms for north-south and south-south technology exchange do you know about?

In the case of participatory research: CGIAR system wide initiatives e.g. PRGA programme

Are these more or less effective than TECA; why?

PRGA has maybe more general guidelines besides case studies, but maybe more restricted to CGIAR members or partners, PRGA mostly in English and more research related

4. Will you publish your work on TECA in future? If not, why not?

Would be an option

5. What 'added value' do you feel you were able to contribute to the records?

I pointed out some weaknesses of the technologies in order to be sustainable for users e.g. missing partnerships Furthermore, sometimes the project detailed description did not really showed some of the categories or titles "ticked"

6. What made your task easy/difficult?

I looked late on the TECA side, it would have been easier to understand the task if I would have consulted it earlier. Maybe a clear offer to look at the side would have reminded me or a clear task description would have helped. It was sometimes difficult to realise for whom I revise and if the form or the described project should be revised. Sometimes I had the feeling the "detailed project description" wasn't sufficient to revise the form.

7. If in the future we asked you to do the same task, what advice could you give to us about how we manage the process?

Be more clear as mentioned in point 6