



FEED^{THE}**FUTURE**

The U.S. Government's Global Hunger and Food Security Initiative

Human and Institutional Capacity Development, InnovATE, and Feed the Future

Clara Cohen

Office of Agricultural Research and
Policy

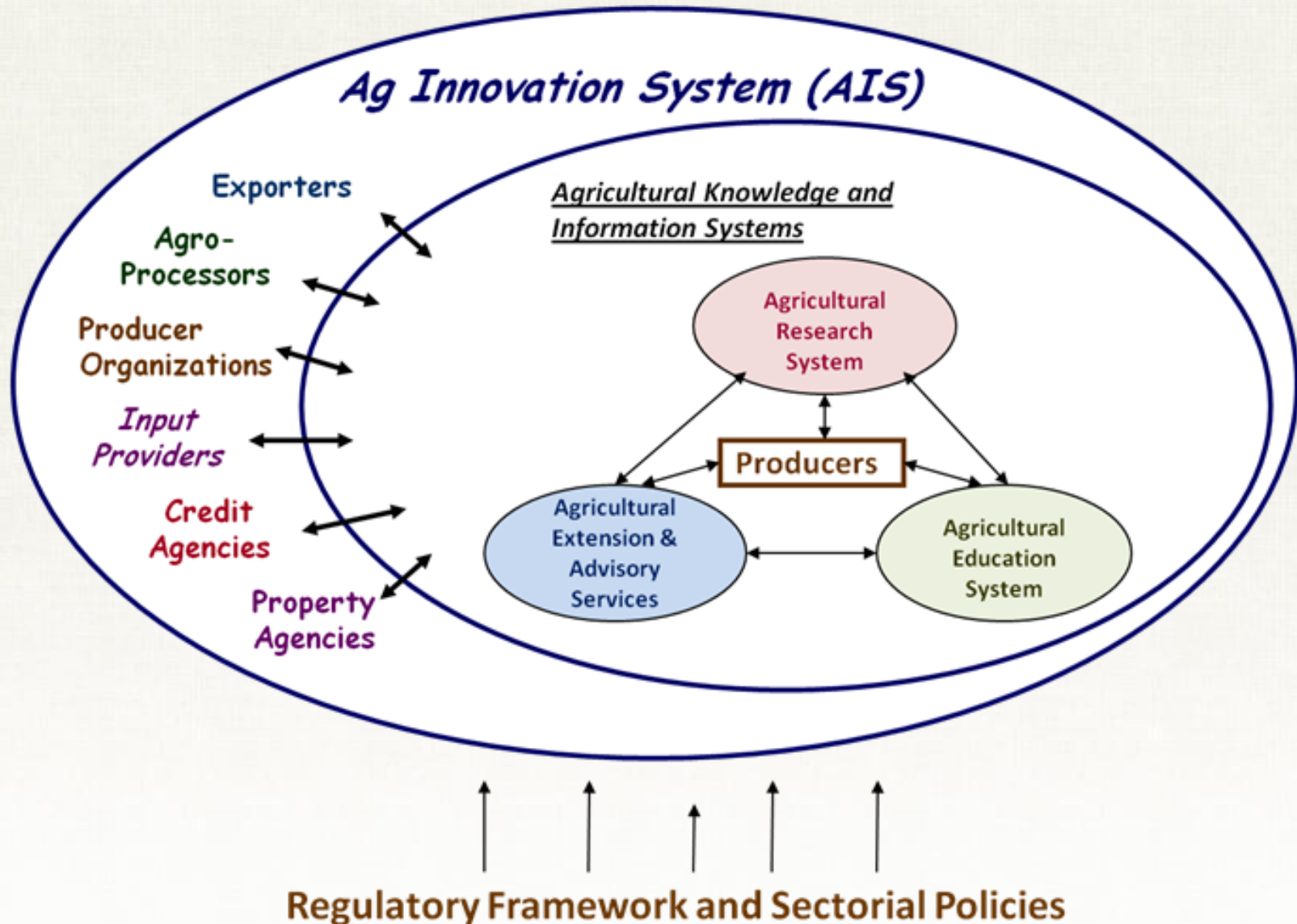
Bureau for Food Security, USAID

February 26, 2014

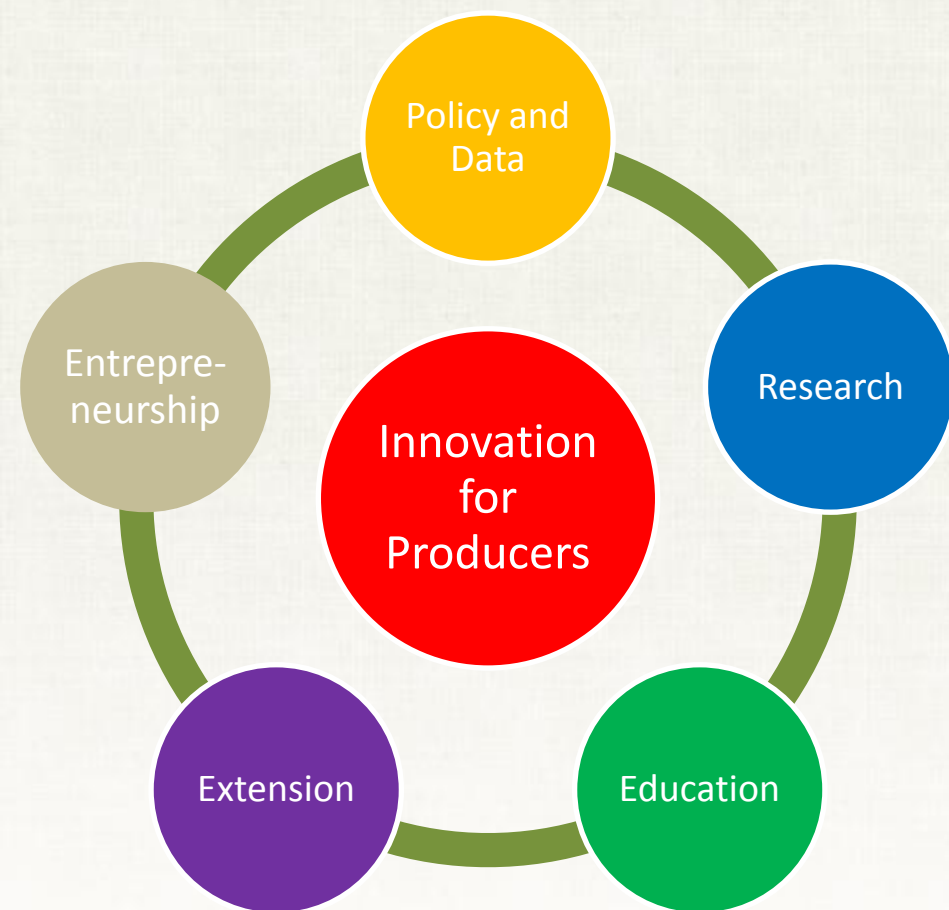


FEED THE FUTURE

The U.S. Government's Global Hunger and Food Security Initiative



Change Agents Across the Agricultural Innovation System



Education: *InnovATE*, TEAM Africa, Farmer to Farmer

Extension: *Modernizing Extension and Advisory Services (MEAS)*, mFarmer, Farmer to Farmer, Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services (GFRAS), New Alliance ICT Extension Challenge

Agribusiness/Entrepreneurs: Africa LEAD, Cooperative Development Program (CDP), New Alliance Technology Platform, Enabling Agricultural Trade, Farmer to Farmer

Policy and Data: USDA capacity building of national statistics services (NASS/ERS); Enabling Agricultural Trade (EAT), Program for Biosafety Systems (PBS), Policy Innovation Lab

Research: *AWARD*, Borlaug LEAP, *BHEARD*, *US Global Fellows*, Innovation Labs, CGIAR



Mission and Bureau Investments

- IAGRI – Tanzania
- EHEDD – Liberia
- ERA – Senegal
- RHEA – South Sudan
- Tegemeo/Egerton – Kenya
- Africa Bureau – Trilateral partnerships in Kenya (Egerton) and Malawi (LUANAR)

Develops food and agricultural innovation system capacity by strengthening institutions, organizations and individuals; increasing direct relationships with local organizations; and promoting best practices and effective capacity development models.

Program Area Technical Lead: Clara Cohen

Current Activities	Activity Manager	Lead Institution
Borlaug Higher Education for Agricultural Research and Development (BHEARD)	Clara Cohen	MSU
Borlaug Leadership Enhancement in Agriculture Program (LEAP)	Clara Cohen	UC Davis
US Global Food Security Fellows Program (US GFSFP)	Clara Cohen	Purdue University
African Women in Agricultural Research and Development (AWARD)	Sylvia Cabus	ICRAF
Innovation for Agricultural Training and Education (InnovATE)	Clara Cohen	Virginia Tech
Modernizing Extension & Advisory Services (MEAS)	Suzanne Poland	U. of Illinois



Extended Team – ARP/HICD BIFAD

Rob Bertram, ARP Office Director

Susan Owens, BIFAD Executive Director, HICD-BIFAD Division Chief

Karen Duca (AAAS)

Lindsay Parish (AAAS)

Clara Cohen

Shana Gillette

Gary Alex (CSI)

Suzanne Poland (CSI)

Sylvia Cabus (CSI)



New Developments

- BIFAD-commissioned report on HICD
- APLU Knowledge Network reports
- NARS strengthening: Mission survey, issues paper, mapping
- Potential HICD implementing partner workshop (May?)
- USAID Forward IPR2: Local Systems Framework
- USAID/IDEA commissioned study www.developmentiscapacity.org
- Higher Education APS (E3)
- Senior Higher Ed Coordinator (E3)
- USAID Research Policy (OST)



InnovATE Yr 1 Accomplishments



- Leadership in reaching out to community (e-consultation, symposium, COP, RFA); networking; phone calls w/Missions
- Leadership in coordination with GCFSI and TEAM Africa
- Networking with practitioner community – initiating a priority setting process
- Body of analytical work completed
- Development and application of tools
- Hard work building Mission relationships



Growing Mission Demand

Program	Associate Awards	Buy-ins
MEAS	\$10,400,000	\$1,817,470
Innovate	\$2,500,000	\$44,435
BHEARD	--	\$7,810,000
AWARD	--	\$1,490,000



Challenges to Discuss

- Balance between learning and mining experience vs. creating new
- Inclusiveness: diverse voices to enhance leadership role
- Thought leadership is intellectual curiosity to get at answers together.
- Integrating best practice – Innovation Labs, Mission portfolio
- Coordination and Mapping: many players in the space; many IPs working with the same institutional actors but not in a coordinated way



Challenges to Discuss

- Dynamic, ongoing process for priority-setting for an analytic agenda
- Metrics
- Retail vs. wholesale? What are the scaling game-changers in AET?
- What is the palette of innovative CD tools? (e.g., P2P learning, endowment funding)
- Public-private engagement? PPP pilots?
- Relationship building with missions and bureaus; commitment and strategic investment