INCENTIVE MEASURES TO ENHANCE SUSTAINABLE USE AND CONSERVATION OF AGROBIODIVERSITY

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Agrobiodiversity has multiple functions and represents different values for farmers who plant and manage the agrobiodiversity and for human mankind in general. Use of agrobiodiversity by farmers is a dynamic way of conservation. Incentive measures can positively affect the sustainable use - and thereby conservation - of agrobiodiversity by increasing the value and appreciation of agrobiodiversity, and thus the possibilities of farmers to benefit from it. Incentives can be of economic character as well as non-economic, for example when it relates to cultural aspects or when incentives contribute to food security. At present, however, incentives that negatively affect the sustainable use of agrobiodiversity seem to prevail.

The workshop ‘Incentive Measures for sustainable Use and Conservation of Agrobiodiversity’ identifies incentives and mechanisms for their operationalisation. It concentrates on crop and animal genetic diversity and focuses on the SADC region. For the workshop 5 fields of incentives are identified: policy, market, farmer-level, public awareness and education/training. In those fields key notes and interesting case are presented.

The workshop is hosted by SPGRC and Ministry of Agriculture of Zambia, Plant and Animal Genetic Resources. The organisation is being carried out by a committee involving the hosting organisations, CTDT (Community Technology Development Trust), GTZ, IPGRI and CTA.

The poster will present the results of the workshop to be held on 11-14 September 2001 in Lusaka, Zambia.