

Road Map for Documentation

What is the current state of documentation in the region?

- *Little available, not well documented and not accessible*
- *Different systems*
- *Needs assessment and regional agreement*

What to document?

- *Farmer's knowledge plus all other documentation at each stage. Linked together and at international best practice. Accession level info integrated and fingerprints*
- Need uniform data capture-descriptors
- *Added value: Varietal adoption info, Diversity info, Value chain*

Harmonisation of documentation through all activities-standards

- *Agree on standards and descriptors, ontologies, evaluation standards (Genesys) Genetic Resources and Breeders adopting same standards*
- *Types of documents-breeders, researcher, farmers, agri-entrepreneurs, language, hard copies*

Databases

- set up, curation, sustainability. Single database-format. Searchability
- *Staffing*
- *Future proof*
- *Alternatives for low connectivity*
- *Other information to appeal to users-variety info and characteristics, use*
- *Links to universities*
- *Regional and international integration*
- *Accessibility and promotion*
- *Downloadable onto hard drive-operates stand alone*
- *Genesys Compatible-including fingerprints*

Capacity building at national level

- *Challenge of different systems-harmonisation*
- *Training across the board*

Feedback documentation

- *Contact person in NARS to enter use info on database. Easy accessibility. Possible monitoring for benefit sharing.*
- *Monitoring private sector and other stakeholders*