



## Dear PIM Partners, Supporters, and Colleagues,

I am pleased to share with you our first and long-awaited PIM newsletter. We will communicate each month and highlight the latest PIM news, products, and upcoming events. We look forward to sharing news of latest developments with you, and encourage you to submit items for the newsletter. Our Communications Specialist, Michelle DeFreese, will receive submissions. Please feel free to contact Michelle, and to forward the newsletter to interested colleagues.

Thank you for your support to and for PIM, and for your patience in awaiting the newsletter. I look forward to lively and regular interaction.

Karen Brooks  
PIM Director

## News

### Expanded PIM Management Meeting

The annual meeting of the expanded PIM management group is taking place on July 9 and 10 at IFPRI headquarters in Washington, DC. The meeting will allow us to share perspectives on progress and processes, and set the stage for upcoming developments and continued emphasis on cross-cutting issues such as gender and value chains. Information including the agenda, presentations, and meeting notes can be found on TeamSpace.

## Workshops and Events

- On June 18-21, PIM joined with the Consortium Office to co-convene a workshop on Methods and Standards for Research on Gender and Agriculture in Montpellier, France (contact Cheryl Doss).
- On June 24-25 2013, PIM joined OECD to co-convene a workshop on Shared Approaches to Measuring the Agricultural Policy Environment in Paris, France (contact David Laborde).
- PIM is organizing a Workshop on Agricultural Extension in October 2013 (contact Pascale Sabbagh).
- PIM will convene a Workshop on Policy Processes, currently planned to be held in November 2013 (contact Ruth Meinzen-Dick).
- PIM is also sponsoring panel of participants in the African Association of Agricultural Economists (AAAE) Conference in Tunisia, on papers on the theme: “Research for Better Outcomes in Policies, Institutions, and Markets” on 22-25 September 2013 in Hammamet, Tunisia.

### Consortium Office Meeting

Karen Brooks, Cheryl Doss, Maximo Torero, and Ehsan Dulloo represented PIM at the CGIAR Program Engagement Meeting with Donors and External Stakeholders which took place on June 17-28, 2013 in Montpellier, France. Donors and partners were generally supportive of PIM’s work, and appreciated the linkage with other CRPs and the strong focus on gender. They conveyed a clear message that they recognize the particular challenges associated with metrics of impact for policy-related research, but nonetheless require that the metrics in the form of IDOs be in place.

### Project Highlight: Arab Spatial

Arab Spatial was launched in February 2013 by IFPRI, PIM, and IFAD. The online, interactive tool allows users to access data on macroeconomies, information at the regional, national, and subnational level, and maps related to trade, agriculture, water, energy, and nutrition across the MENA region. The tool features aggregated food security and development information which uses open data sources and is freely accessible. More information on Arab Spatial can be found here <http://www.arabspatial.org/>. An interview with IFPRI Senior Research Analyst Perrihan Al-Riffai on her preliminary analysis of the data acquired by Arab Spatial will be published on the PIM website later this month.

### Feature: TeamSpace

Be sure to check out TeamSpace where you can find information on upcoming events, workshop outcomes and presentations, as well as Management Committee meeting notes and updates. For access to TeamSpace, please contact Michelle DeFreese at [m.defreese@cgiar.org](mailto:m.defreese@cgiar.org).

### Upcoming Publications

#### Annual Report

A version of the PIM Annual Report suitable for broad communication is currently in process and will be available for download from the PIM website. The Annual Report will feature highlights from success stories of ongoing research. If you have submissions that did not fit in the earlier material offered to the CO, please feel free to send it in.

#### Upcoming Discussion Papers

We are in the process of finalizing four joint PIM/CCAFS/FAO Discussion Papers from the Food Security Futures Conference. The first of the papers will focus on foresight with additional Discussion Papers on climate change, nutrition, and natural resource management. The papers will be announced on the PIM website. Information and resources (such as session summaries, presentations, and papers) from the Food Security Futures Conference can be found on the PIM website at: <http://www.pim.cgiar.org/food-security-futures-conference/>.

### Upcoming Events

Dates	Event	Location
Jul 15-20	6 <sup>th</sup> Africa Agriculture Science Week	Accra, Ghana
Sept 22-25	African Association of Agricultural Economists Conference	Hammamet, Tunisia
Sept 25-27	3 <sup>rd</sup> International NUS Conference	Accra, Ghana
Oct 15-16	Workshop on Prioritizing Research in Agricultural Extension for Efficient and Effective Knowledge Sharing Systems	Washington DC, USA
Oct 25	Science and Policy Advisory Panel (SPAP)	Washington DC, USA
Nov 18-20	Policy Processes Workshop	Washington DC, USA
Dec 16-17	OECD Global Forum on Agriculture (will include a technical follow-up from the June meeting)	TBD

