

Workshop:

Political Economy for Improved Policy Analysis and Implementation in CGIAR

September 11-12, 2019

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Overview

The feasibility of achieving policy reforms relevant to agricultural productivity, food security, and rural transformation often depends on political economy dynamics. Conflicting interest group pressures, norms and biases of policymakers, and institutional dysfunction often undermine the implementation of evidence-based policy recommendations. While this is implicitly understood by many researchers within CGIAR, they often are unsure about how to rigorously incorporate a political economy perspective into their analysis and how to effectively navigate political economy dynamics to pursue improved policy outcomes.

Consequently, this two-day workshop aims to fill four objectives:

- 1) expose interested CGIAR researchers to a variety of frameworks and tools for political economy analysis;
- 2) identify priority political economy constraints relevant to particular policy domains in which CGIAR works;
- 3) identify options to overcome political economy constraints in areas relevant to the CGIAR agenda; and
- 4) generate consensus on areas of CGIAR priority that would benefit from the integration of a political economy perspective and identify a process for taking action on them.

AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

8:00-9:00am	<p>REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST <i>Please bring boarding passes and any required receipts for reimbursement</i></p>
9:00-9:30am	<p>INTRODUCTIONS, OVERVIEW OF WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES, AND LOGISTICS <i>Frank Place (PIM), Danielle Resnick (IFPRI), and Ramela Carrion (IFPRI)</i></p>
9:30-11:30am	<p>OVERVIEW OF POLITICAL ECONOMY FRAMEWORKS AND APPROACHES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaleidoscope Model of Policy Change, <i>Danielle Resnick (IFPRI)</i> • Public and Political Will, <i>Eric Raile (University of Montana)</i> • USAID’s Political Economy Approach, <i>Sarah Swift (Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance Bureau, USAID)</i> • World Bank Political Economy Applications, <i>Shomikho Raha (Governance Global Practice, World Bank)</i>
11:30-11:50am	<p>COFFEE AND TEA BREAK</p>
11:50-1:00pm	<p>PANEL 1: SEED SYSTEMS, <i>Moderated by Frank Place (PIM)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political economy of seed system development in Ghana and Kenya, <i>David Spielman (IFPRI)</i> • Exploring the regulatory space for improving availability, access and quality of vegetatively propagated crop seed: the case of seed potato in Kenya, <i>Margaret McEwan (CIP)</i>
1:00-2:00pm	<p>LUNCH</p>
2:00-3:30pm	<p>PANEL 2: NATURAL RESOURCE GOVERNANCE AND CONFLICT (PART 1), <i>Moderated by Danielle Resnick (IFPRI)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political Economy of the Promise of Commons Initiative in India, <i>Ruth Meinzen-Dick (IFPRI)</i> • Resource competition and conflict as threat to social stability and equity, <i>Blake Ratner (Collaborating for Resilience)</i> • The Politics of Legal Pluralism in the Shaping of Spatial Power in Myanmar’s Land Governance, <i>Diana Suhardiman (IWMI)</i>
3:30-3:50pm	<p>COFFEE AND TEA BREAK</p>
3:50-5:00pm	<p>Panel 3: NATURAL RESOURCE GOVERNANCE AND CONFLICT (PART 2) <i>Moderated by Evgeniya Anisimova (PIM)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disentangling resource conflicts in East Africa, <i>Michael Hauser (ICRISAT)</i> • Expanding the margins: Understanding the complex political economy of land and water use in north-east Uganda, <i>Alan Nicol (IWMI)</i>
5:30-7:00pm	<p>COCKTAIL RECEPTION AT IFPRI</p>

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8:00-9:00am	BREAKFAST
9:00-10:30am	<p>PANEL 4: BUSINESS-STATE RELATIONS <i>Moderated by Rui Benfica (PIM)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-scale political economy of low-emission dairy development”, Todd Crane (ILRI) • Political and economic drivers and outcomes of medium and large-scale investments in maize for smallholder farmers in Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda, Gideon Kruseman (CIMMYT) • Transforming the food retail environment to deliver healthy options: Economic rationale and policy strategies, Jonathan Mockshell (CIAT)
10:30-10:50am	COFFEE AND TEA BREAK
10:50-12:00pm	<p>ROUND TABLE 1: POLITICAL ECONOMY WORK IN THE CGIAR <i>Facilitated by Jean Balié (IRRI)</i></p> <p>This session aims to brainstorm on other political economy topics that need to be covered in CGIAR or that participants are pursuing in their own research. Participants will engage informally at their tables, highlighting up to two priority research areas that they subsequently will present to the group in plenary.</p>
12:00-1:00pm	LUNCH
1:00-2:30pm	<p>ROUND TABLE 2: HOW TO HAVE INFLUENCE WITH POLITICAL ECONOMY RESEARCH <i>Facilitated by Ruth Meinzen-Dick (IFPRI)</i></p> <p>This session recognizes that political economy research can be difficult in many of the country settings in which we work and can sometimes put developing country partners at risk. Participants will discuss whether there are opportunities for ensuring greater impact of such research on the policymakers we wish to influence while not jeopardizing our reputations or those of our colleagues.</p>
2:30-3:30pm	<p>CONCLUDING SESSION</p> <p>This session will focus on next steps for creating a community of practice for political economy research in CGIAR and consider how PIM could further support such research, in collaboration with other CRPs</p>