

Group D

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PRIORITY THEMES	ACTORS AND PARTNERSHIPS	ACTIONS AND MECHANISMS
<p>Education, Training and Information Systems</p>	<p>Government, Private Sectors, USDA, Procis, Universities, Agrifood Canada, Consumers</p> <p>Universities/ regional centres e.g. CATIE, CARDI</p>	<p>Strengthen Technology and innovation systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build capacity in biotechnology and risk assessment • Build regional biotechnology centre • Build capacity in market research and development. Use information to drive R&D • Review approach to training university students to make professionals more relevant to the needs of the region <p>Improve technology transfer mechanisms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build public private sector partnerships • Adopt US model of including extension services as part of university outreach programmes • Support semi-private / quasi-government commodity associations approach of using competitive research funding / bidding for contracting research and hiring consultants • Invite private sector to patent technologies <p>Build credibility/ build public image and communicate results to governments and stakeholders and consumers e.g. EMPRABA</p> <p>Develop a strategy for getting governments to invest more in research and technology innovation systems</p> <p>Promote linkage between agriculture and agribusiness to support greater investments and engender cooperation</p>

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Management and Control of Pest and Diseases	EMBRAPA, CIPMNET-Caribbean, USDA, INIFAP-Mexico, INTA-Nicaragua, CATIE, Agriculture Canada, Agro-industrias Mexico.	<p>Focus on IPM within meeting SPS requirements</p> <p>Research and Training (Farmer Field School)</p> <p>Public and private sector partnership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Invite private sector to partner - Patenting of bio-control agents <p>(Cheaper for smaller countries)</p>
Clean Production Sustainability Market Access and Competitiveness	USDA/ Regional institutions	<p>Focus on Food Safety, Organic horticulture, Pesticide residue & GMOs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Product quality • Policy development • Training • Risk assessment <p>N.B USDA has resources to support food safety initiatives</p>
Conservation Characterization and use of genetical resources	Embrapa; Universities (UWI Mona)	<p>Focus on New product development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phytochemicals /nutraceuticals • Benefit sharing
Conservation of Natural Researches soil, water, biochemistry		Focus on Water Resources management

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Remodelling NARI's	NARI's	<p>Examine Capability</p> <p>Build Alliances / Exploit synergies</p> <p>Improve coordination</p> <p>Build systems for evaluation & validation of outputs</p> <p>Commercialize R&D and provide services to generate funds.</p> <p>Promote commodity associations to use competitive funding as a mechanism to facilitate research</p> <p>Build the system such that the NARI's in collaboration with the stakeholders & commodity associations have the responsibility for facilitating the collaboration with sub-regional and regional networks and institutions which can then link with the international institutions and funding agencies.</p>
Bridging National, Regional & international Priorities		<p>Strengthening producer and agri-business associations and organizations – build credibility for attracting funding.</p> <p>Involve these organizations/associations in problem identification / determination of relevance</p> <p>Prioritize for attracting partnerships, identifying expertise and tapping resources</p> <p>Match problems / priorities with skills through coordination & dialogue</p>

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Diversified institutional framework		<p>Keep institutional framework simple and expand linkages</p> <p>NARI ---- Sub-regional & Regional --- -----International</p> <p>Inventory & identify /build centres of excellence</p> <p>Match problem resolution with skills / centres of excellence</p>
Strengthening the regional coordination		<p>Evaluate network operations, achievements and determine impact.</p> <p>Re-examine the need for multi-thematic and commodity networks at national, sub-regional and regional levels.</p> <p>Improve coordination, dialogue and management to attract financing</p>
Developing stronger sense of ownership / belonging by national institutions		<p>Review financing mechanisms given competition between national, sub-regional and regional mechanisms</p> <p>Generate funds</p> <p>Identify a theme for interventions and promote joint actions</p>