Global GODAN/CIARD Consultation on Open Agricultural Knowledge for Development, 22-24 April 2014, Rome, Italy

Objective of the Matchmaking Session 09.15- 10.15 Thursday 24th April

One of the key aims and objectives of both CIARD and GODAN is to enhance networking and information-exchange amongst partners. We are also aware that there is a vast array of technical skills and disciplinary backgrounds amongst delegates but that knowledge of these is not currently openly available.

Whilst the objective of the mapping session on Wednesday 23rd is to identify what activities partners are currently undertaking, feedback has indicated that people are also keen to get a much better grip on what resources (not necessarily financial) and skills people are bringing to the table. The objective of this session is therefore to identify this in an informal and participatory manner, as well as to provide an opportunity for you to share what you may need from others.

Remember, neither GODAN nor CIARD are funded initiatives; instead they rely on the interest, goodwill, knowledge exchange and in-kind contributions from their partners.

In this session, we need you to be active participants in order for this to work!

The basic idea behind this is very simple. At the invitation of the facilitator, we would like you to stand up and state your request for support (in a maximum of 2- 3 sentences!) or to offer to share a particular skill or service.

Please also write this up on a post-it note. We will not attempt to match requests and offers there and then, but the facilitator will write these up and share via the website. This facility will only be open to registered GODAN and CIARD partners. Note that there is an expectation that you if you make a request of others, you should also be prepared to offer some of your own time and services to someone else in return (a 'pay it forward' approach!).

Examples of possible requests for support could include:
* e.g. peer review a proposal or open data workplan
* e.g. help to design a website or open data portal
* e.g. reviewing an open data portal from a user perspective
* e.g facilitating introductions to other open data experts
* e.g. being a speaker or invited expert in an open data meeting or e-discussion
* etc etc.

Please have a think about this before we meet in Rome and come prepared to share your requests and offers of support.