

Supporting the integration of young people in small family farming in the South

A conference proposed in the framework of the International Year of Family Farming

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Colloque
« Accompagner l'insertion des jeunes dans les agricultures familiales au Sud »

Proposé dans le cadre de l'Année internationale des agricultures familiales, le colloque a pour ambition de contribuer, par l'échange de pratique et d'expérience, à la réflexion stratégique, à comprendre les enjeux, les perspectives, les programmes d'action pour le développement, la recherche & la formation sur cette thématique

Programme

4 juin Partage d'expérience avec des praticiens engagés dans des actions d'appui à l'installation des jeunes agriculteurs dans différents pays au Sud


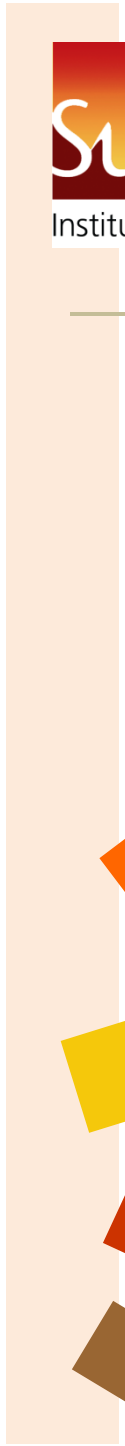
5 juin Quels freins, quels leviers pour l'installation durable des jeunes en agriculture au Sud ?

6 juin Comment construire les liens entre formation et insertion pour des installations durables des jeunes en agriculture au Sud ?

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- ✓ **Objectives** : through exchange of practice and experience the seminar aims to :
 - ✓ understand in their diversity the conditions for a sustainable establishment of young family farmers in the context of the South today;
 - ✓ contribute to the strategic thinking on supporting the integration of young people in small farming;
 - ✓ identify areas for development, research, and training activities;
 - ✓ initiate or strengthen networks of actors mobilized by this problem.

- A seminar involving 100 participants from 20 countries :
 - practitioners in the South and North,
 - NGOs,
 - Farmer's organizations,
 - training institutions,
 - microfinance institutions and banks,
 - institutional representatives,
 - donors,
 - researchers.

- **1st session** : Sharing experiences with practitioners engaged in actions supporting the establishment of young farmers in different countries of South
 - *Opening conference* : Challenges and prospects of the renewal of family farming, H Rouille D'Orfeuil (Cirad)
 - Context and objectives of the seminar, B Wampfler (Irc-SupAgro)
 - The integration of young people in family farming: AFOP experience in Cameroon, P. Bl. Ango (Head of AFOP)
 - To leave or to stay : youth and smallholding agriculture in Cambodia, Kimlong Li (PhD student)
 - The integration of young people in family farming: the agricultural colleges of Madagascar experience, M. Randriamampianina, M. Randriamasinjaka, C. Bouland (FERT)
 - What can we learn from the methods to support farmers establishment in France : a movie by Moquas students ; discussion with G. Massin ADEAR

- **2nd session** : What brakes and levers for establishment of young farmers in the South (1/3)
 - *Workshop 1*: What kind of systems of production and activities? How access to land? Which approach ?... to sustainable establishment of young farmers
Moderator: K.Belarbi (Irc-SupAgro)
Contributions:
 - Chaiya Kongmanee (Psu University Thailand)
 - E.Offomou (Coopara, Ivory Coast)
 - K.Doucoure (IFAD)
 - Synthesis : B. Wibrecht

- **2nd session** : What brakes and levers for establishment of young farmers in the South (2/3)
 - *Workshop 2: What access to finance for viable installation of young farmers?*
Moderator: G. Golstein (IRAM)
Contributions:
 - P Amawissa (Young farmer, AFOP Cameroun)
 - O Savodago, Confederation of Financial Institutions in West Africa (CIF West Africa)
 - A. Barry (Rural Credit of Guinea, Guinea)
 - N. Mahamadou (Mooriben, Niger)
 - A.L.Roy (IFAD)
 - *Synthesis : A Britsch (IECD)*

- **2nd session** : What brakes and levers for establishment of young farmers in the South (3/3)
- *Roundtable*: Support for family farming installation in the South: What role for the professional agricultural organizations and for the territories?

Moderator : B Wampfler

Panelists :

- F. Boly, CNOP Mali,
- A. Ganame, FNGN Burkina
- B. Samb, College of rural youth in Senegal CNCR
- Y. Youssoufa, APESS West Africa & Central
- N. Mahamadou (Mooriben, Niger)

■ **2nd session : What brakes and levers for establishment of young farmers in the South**
(3/3)

A poster session and largely open discussion /participants :

- Association ALFANG – Jappoo, Sénégal
- APESS, Cameroun
- Tools for young's project analysis, France
- An Agris Mundus study , youth in AFOP, Cameroun
- Collèges agricoles, FERT, Madagascar
- AFDI, France
- Womens's Association of Deir El Ahmar, Liban
- Innovative training for young farmers in Benin, a movie
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- **3rd session** : How to build links between training and integration for sustainable establishment of young farmers in Southern countries (1/2)

Moderator: C Lambert (Irc-SupAgro)

Contributions :

- Introduction I.Touzard , SupAgro
- M. Hyle, FAR Network, Benin
- A. BA, FAR Network, Guinea
- L. El Jid, Maisons familiales rurales, Morocco & B.Duriez (MFR international)

■ **3rd session** : How to build links between training and integration for sustainable establishment of young farmers in Southern countries (2/2)

Moderator: C Lambert (Irc-SupAgro)

Contributions :

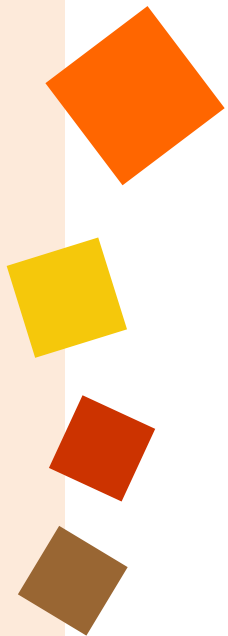
- The training of young shepherds in sahelian countries, A.Marty , IRAM
- A national training program for Young farmers & Formapro experience in Madagascar, F. Rasolofonirina & Serge Merison
- AFOP training experience in Cameroun, P.B.Ango
- Synthesis, J Thonnat (Irc)

- **3rd session** : How to build links between training and integration for sustainable establishment of young farmers in Southern countries

- What to do now? Workshop on the agendas
Moderator: B Wampfler (Irc-SupAgro)
 - The workshops are intended :
 - to strengthen networks of actors,
 - to bring out research issues discussed in the conference (land, micro-credit, farm viability, family farming system ...)



Main results



What are the conditions of establishment of youth in agriculture today?

- highly diversified situations :
some pictures picket out from the contributions :

Kim
clearing land to settle
in North Cambodia

Abdou (35 y.old)
working in the family field
with his father
Mali

Ernest & Marie
new little family
shareholder in Madagascar

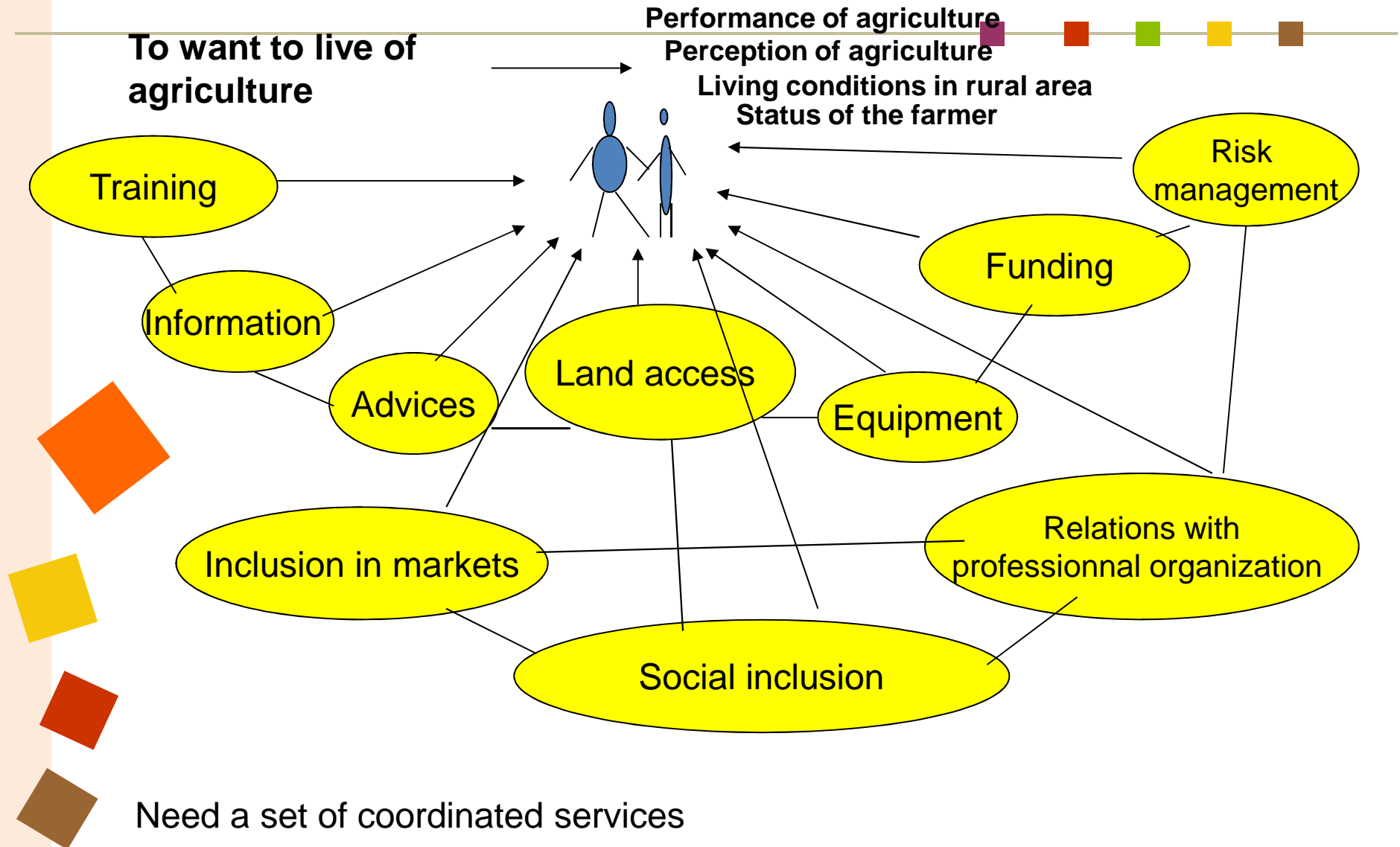
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Young women,
poltry farmer
Ouaga, Burkina

Edouard
Young back in his family
after being soldier in civil war
in Ivory Coast

Youth unemployed
but who don't want to work in
market gardening like theirs
parents in Niamey

Youth wanting
to work in agriculture
but having no acces
to land in overpopulated
areas (Cambodge, ...)

What are the conditions for a sustainable establishment of youth in agriculture ?



- Risks and difficulties for establishment of young people in agriculture shared in the different contexts analysed in workshop :
 - Access to land
 - Low capital
 - No access to financial services
 - How to live the first year
 - Project oversizing
 - Technical risk
 - Risk management
 - Market risk
 - Health risk
 - Social risk

What should be the components of an adapted support system for youth establishment in agriculture ?

- Knowledge production :

- Family farming,
- Production systems,
- Sectors,
- Markets,
- Conditions of establishment of youth in agriculture

- Capacity building :

- Youth agriculture training
- Accompany capacity training (skills / new jobs)

- Actors engaged around a shared vision :

"Productive family farming, with high social and environmental value"

- A social contract between family agriculture and society to recognize the role / status of family farming
- State committed, capable of investment policies
- Territories involved
- Agricultural organizations mobilised
- Private sector involved : market opportunities , contract farming, ...
- Financial institutions (Microfinance and banks) involved
- Committed public aid

- Strong governance of the support system

- Strategic thinking, guidance / family farming
- Coordination, clear rules and procedures
- Rules and means to ensure the sustainability of the support system

What do we want to do together now ?

- To improve knowledge/youth integration in family farming
- To improve the international awareness /necessity to promote youth integration in family agriculture in South countries
- To extend, to test and to improve support systems /youth integration in agriculture
- To mobilize the key actors : States, territories, farmer organisations, financial institutions, donors /youth integration in agriculture
- And coordinate them ...
- To promote exchanges /youth integration in agriculture : South/South, North /South, practitioners/academics/politics, society, ...

How to do that ?

- A web site giving access to all the workshop contributions (under construction)
- Workshop proceedings (on a synthetical form for a large and easy use)

A special development publication with Inter-Réseaux

- Free access and utilisation of the movie produced by the MOQUAS Students on french support systems to young farmers
- An exchange network / youth integration in agriculture (under construction), in the framework of FAR Network
- A research & development project / youth integration in agriculture (under construction)