

CGIAR Research Program on Forests, Trees and Agroforestry (FTA)
16th Meeting of the Independent Steering Committee
7-8 December 2020 (virtual on zoom)

Item 3
Update on impact assessment work
following from the 2019 ISC workshop with FTA senior leadership

Cover note

Provisional agenda for the item (90 minutes)

- Introduction by ISC Chair (5')
- Presentation by FTA MELIA team of Doc 3 (20')
- Discussion on the study (40')
- Discussion on the next steps / way forward (15')
- Conclusion by the ISC Chair (5')

The ISC is invited

- to discuss the results of the preliminary results of the Integrative FTA Outcome Evidencing and Impact Estimation for Challenge 1 and 5 (Doc 2), and
- to make recommendations to FTA on the content of the MELIA workplan 2021, in light of the 2020 workplan progress and of overall work prioritization recommendations¹ decided by the ISC at its meeting of 26 October 2020.

Background documents for this item

Doc 1: Minutes of the ISC workshop on Impact Assessment of 5 November 2019

Doc 2: Preliminary draft Integrative FTA Outcome Evidencing and Impact Estimation (draft 24 November 2020): Challenge 1 (Deforestation and Forest Degradation) and Challenge 5 (Food and Nutrition Security)

Doc 3: Draft MELIA workplan 2020

¹ ISC recommends that FTA use the following overarching principle when preparing its 2021 POWB. To fulfil its responsibilities to donors and prepare itself for the future, FTA should:

- (i) demonstrate the achievements of the program through finalization of key previous activities and their synthesis, and through appropriate impact assessments,
- (ii) show how to effectively connect with end users to increase FTA's sphere of influence (including through programme-level communication), and
- (iii) draw lessons for the future from its 10 years of operations.

A necessary condition to achieve these objectives is that an appropriate amount of resources be allocated to programme coordination (including FPs and partners), and to reporting and communication with donors.