

## **CGIAR Research Program on Forests, Trees and Agroforestry**

### **Foresight workshop 19 June 2018**

FTA ISC and FTA scientists

Draft synopsis and agenda

#### **Introduction**

At its 9th meeting in March 2018, the ISC held a discussion on foresight. It raised the issue of how FTA can be sufficiently flexible and able to adapt itself to changing external demands. There are knowledge gaps, but also rapid changes in FTA's environment. A good foresight strategy would allow FTA to increase the consistency of its research with respect of a common set of forward-looking approaches and scenarios. It could also improve the program's resilience in terms of ability to adapt and respond to a changing environment and changing needs of end-users and donors (in addition to political demands from the CGIAR system). ISC considered that a workshop type of discussion, with relevant FTA scientists to be held back to back with next ISC meeting would be useful. The discussion would include reflecting on what kind of ex-ante analysis can contribute to these objectives and what kind of partnerships are needed to support this effort in 'looking ahead'.

#### **Participants**

ISC, Management team. Participants to the first part of the workshop on Sentinel landscapes are welcome to attend as well.

#### **Background documents**

1. MSU note on Foresight.
2. PPTs by FP leaders.

#### **Expected outcomes**

- Shared understanding of where FTA currently stands on foresight, and of FTA's specific needs regarding foresight.
- Shared understanding of options for FTA to address its needs in foresight and on the way forward

#### **Workshop agenda**

14:30 Introduction by ISC Chair on objectives (10')

14:40 Presentation by FTA Director on current status of CGIAR work on foresight, on the Oxford Foresight4Food Initiative, and FTA's needs in terms of foresight work (10') and discussion (10')

15:00 Presentations by the 5 FP leaders and gender leader (30') on their respective needs for foresight studies (see requests to FP leaders below)

15:30 Coffee break

15:45 Discussion of presentations: why/what/how and way forward (50', introduced by FTA Director)

16:55 Wrap up by ISC Chair (10')

17:00 End of meeting – MT members take the bus to Alberese.