

Theme 3: Capacity Development for Policy Research and Influence
(Moderators: *Suresh Babu / Thom Jayne*)

This session will feature a summary presentation of the **FSP Synthesis Report 3** on *Building the Capacities of Locally-managed Policy Analysis Institutions: Lessons from Experience*, and a panel discussion to identify the way forward.

DETAILED OUTLINE

A. Presentation of main conclusions and lessons from Synthesis Report 3 (30 minutes)

- Introduction and setting the stage: Duncan Boughton (5 min)
- Capacity strengthening for multi-sectoral coordination and planning -- Sheryl Hendriks (8 min)
- Lessons from capacity strengthening in Asia – Suresh Babu (8 min)
- Lessons from capacity strengthening in Africa – Thom Jayne (8 min)

Q & A: 10 min

B. Panel discussion on “What Works in Capacity development for Policy Research and Analysis and What Way Forward?” (30 minutes). Panelists will present for 6 minutes each on their perspective on Policy Research Capacity development and this will be followed by moderated discussions with the audience.

Panelists:

- Kimsey Savadogo, Chief of Party, IFPRI/Dakar Office
- David Kraybill, Professor Emeritus, Ohio State University
- Mary Mathenge, Egerton University and former director, Tegemeo Institute, Kenya
- Chris Shepherd-Pratt, USAID/BFS Director, Economic Growth
- Dr. Thanda Kyi, Director, ASEAN Division, Department of Planning, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Myanmar

C. Floor discussion (20 min), Moderators: Suresh Babu / Thom Jayne

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PRESENTATION ABSTRACTS

Capacity strengthening for multi-sectoral coordination and planning

-Sheryl Hendriks

A number of FSP IL activities focused on building capacity for multi-sectoral coordination and planning among different stakeholders. Some efforts focused on building the capacity of professionals (journalists and ministry staff), helping them develop the capacity for engaging with food security policy issues. Other activities offered practical support to complex policy reform processes. This presentation will review interventions in Malawi to strengthen the mainstreaming of gender in nutrition policy and supporting institutional capacity building. It will also reflect on capacity building in support of the review and revision of National Agriculture and Food Security Investment Plans in Africa. A number of innovations are highlighted along with the benefits of the partners' long-term capacity engagement in Africa.

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Lessons from capacity strengthening in Asia

- Suresh Babu

In this presentation, drawing on the recently completed synthesis report, the key lessons from the Bangladesh and Myanmar country level capacity development activities will be presented and discussed. While the efforts in Myanmar is recent covering the last four years, the capacity activities received high level of recognition and support from both state and non-state actors in the policy system. In Bangladesh, long-term research and capacity strengthening activities with the Ministry based policy and planning units have been successful in avoiding food crisis over the years and in supporting policy making process in the food and agricultural ministries. The presentation will show the contrast in the efforts needed, nature of capacity development activities and the results obtained and will highlight the key opportunities for the future investment in policy analysis capacity strengthening in Asian context.

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Successes and Challenges in Developing the Capacity of Agricultural Policy Research Institutes in Africa

- Thom Jayne

The presentation will distil lessons from success and failure in developing the capacity of African-led agricultural policy analysis institutes, and draw out implications and guidance for future capacity development programs.

Key document on these three presentations:

Babu, S., T. Jayne, S. Hendriks, E. Mkandawire, D. Boughton, and F. Meyer. 2019. Building Agricultural Policy Analysis Capacity: Lessons from FSP-IL Implementation. FSP Synthesis Report 3 (forthcoming). East Lansing: Michigan State University.