



KM Workshop # 2-b:

InfoBridge Platform: Systematized Sharing of Information for Development

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Frans gave a background on information needs and users and the cycles of information sharing. InfoBridge is described as a repository of: information experts, projects, organizations, outputs/publications, GPs; one time entry and update in a relational system; three levels of management searchable by organization, theme, keywords; ability to upload full text documents and videos; full text indexing; use of Google Search; link to own web page possible. It is used for the following purposes: quick online access, reduced costs, direct access to shared data and content, organizes own information, strengthens own website, and maintains identity.

Discussion Points

1. *Is InfoBridge specifically involved in agriculture?*
Contents are from agriculture but there are other classifications, like health, governance, and other topics where InfoBridge may also be use. The purpose is to serve, for better knowledge management, link ideas and information. Information coming from different countries are translated into English.
2. *What problems did you encounter?*
Bring technology, train the people, and get them involved in the process so that information is shared to participants as well. Summarizing all the knowledge that goes to the database is the key. Research and development is the main activity for updated and additional information that will be shared.
3. *What program are you using?*
Microsoft.
4. *What does names database do? Why are there many names listed? How can we use this?*
Serves as a reference list of experts around the world. This will eventually be able to link these sources of information for easier access