

# INSARD

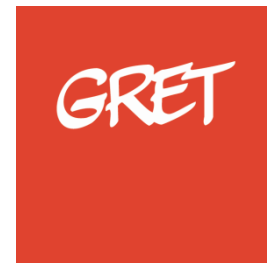
Including Smallholders in Agricultural Research for Development



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# Partnership...

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- ▶ **Agriculture Research and Development (ARD) works better if:**
  - ▶ It is fed by and feeds into knowledge and activities of a multitude of stakeholders
  - ▶ It recognises that all stakeholders – including smallholder farmer organisations – have complementary strengths

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# At the international level

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- ▶ **Momentum!**
- ▶ **BUT**
  - ▶ Complaints of difficulty of civil-society organisations (CSOs) – farmer organisations and supporting NGOs – “speaking in one voice”
  - ▶ Participation of CSOs in ARD decision-making remains isolated phenomena, ad hoc and sometimes “window dressing”.

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# Here is where INSARD comes in

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▶ INSARD aims to:

*“Ensure an informed participation of a broad range of European and African civil society organisations in the formulation and implementation of ARD policies.”*

A channel through which diverse voices can be made heard

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# INSARD main pillars

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- ▶ Develop a mechanism for consultation and participation of smallholder farmer organisations and NGOs in ARD decision-making
- ▶ Use this mechanism in various processes of policy dialogue at regional and international level
- ▶ Identity research priorities from smallholder farmer organisation and NGO points of view

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# First step:

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Mapping CSO engagement in ARD and resource allocation processes:

- ▶ Basis for developing a Coordination and Communication Mechanism for FOs and supporting NGOs in ARD
- ▶ Informing policy-influencing activities:
  - ▶ A more demand-driven and smallholder focussed ARD
  - ▶ Greater resource flow to research involving farmers

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# Challenges mapping study

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- ▶ Defining ARD and its main actors – casting the net too widely or too narrowly?
- ▶ Complexity
  - Different levels (national, regional and international)
  - Different actors & perspectives
  - Decision-making processes – black box

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# Question

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What opportunities / entry points exist for CSOs to become more engaged in influencing ARD foci, approaches and methodology?

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# Thank you

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