

# **Mapping and Assessing University-Based Farmer Extension Services: Perspective from the Global Forum For Rural Advisory Services**

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# Emerging Context of Extension and Rural Advisory Services

- **Extension and rural services remain indispensable; facilitate inclusive rural development**
- **Small family farms dominate rural landscapes 87% are in Asia; produce 70% of food supply**

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- **Growing urbanization, changing eating patterns, and agriculture's ability to respond by small farms**
- **Organic agriculture as an opportunity has proven success but has its share of constraints**



**Provision of pluralistic, demand-driven and market oriented agriculture in a decentralized system is weak and cannot demonstrate sufficient impact.**

**Extension is back in the agenda:  
GFRAS was established in 2010 as a  
global response**




**GFRAS provide advocacy and leadership on pluralistic and demand-driven rural advisory services for sustainable development (15 regional networks)**

**APIRAS serves as its regional network and voice of extension and advisory service providers to the international level (MELA, PIRAS, AESA, APEN, CA-RAS)**

# GFRAS and Organic Agriculture

**GFRAS an advocate of sustainable development and support advisory services as partners in this advocacy (vision, mission, guiding principles and Strategic actions)**



# **APIRAS: Strengthening extension and rural advisory services to support smallholder farmers (capacity development, knowledge management, and policy dialogue thru IFAD grant**

# The New Extensionist

**New Extensionist Learning Kit ready for pre-testing**

**- 15 modules which comes together with a manual, student workbook, a facilitator's guide and a powerpoint presentation.**

**Each module will be converted into on;ine version/e-training material.**



# Conclusion

- **Need for an Extension Research Agenda to dispel out dated notions (technology transfer to management of information and institutions)**
- **Focus on organizational forms, methods and institutional structures in relation to the new Extension.**



**More comprehensive understanding of the needs of the integration among new global, national and local institutions agenda and appropriate structure/mechanisms**

**Innovating financial schemes and their institutionalization towards sustainability**



# Thank you!