

Towards holistic, safe and affordable pest management systems
of income poor smallholder farmers in the tropics

WORKSHOP ON DEMAND

Workshop Module **“From Web to Field to Web”**

Integrating OISAT into Agricultural Training and Extension Services

The Module

The OISAT concept, “From Web to Field to Web” comprises a content-based component, the OISAT database with user-friendly information on non-chemical pest management in the tropics (available at www.oisat.org) and a process-based component, which has as focus the field validation of OISAT-derived information. The outputs of the OISAT concept are an increased adoption of non-chemical pest management practices by local farmers and validated technical information that can be fed back to the OISAT database thus contributing to a South-South information exchange.

Objectives

This workshop is aimed at elaborating jointly with interested agricultural training and extension services how they can integrate OISAT, the online information service for non-chemical pest management in the tropics, contributing to a reduction of the use of hazardous chemical pesticides, the generation of new know how on safe alternatives and the increase of income.

Approach and methodology

Building on the experiences of a pilot project in Kenya in which OISAT was tested in cooperation with four collaborating training and extension services for its suitability as tool for trainers and extension workers servicing poor and also illiterate smallholder farmers in remote rural areas, PAN Germany has elaborated this workshop module.

Pre-workshop phase

1. Description of the current approach

The basic workshop module will be adapted to the specific situation of each training and extension service. To achieve this adaptation, a thorough analysis is first being conducted of the existing work approach of the requesting training and extension service, the area where the integration of OISAT is intended to be piloted and the vision with the adoption of OISAT elicited.

2. Drafting the integration of the OISAT concept

Following the basic module, a series of draft papers are elaborated by the various responsible persons of the requesting training and extension service in close cooperation with the responsible

person of PAN Germany. These draft papers look at each step of the integration and shall finally lead to a concrete work plan at the end of the workshop.

The Workshop

- During the workshop, the draft papers will be discussed in a first step by the participants.
- This output will be discussed in a next stage with the “clients” of the training and extension service, the farmers and comments from the farmers elicited.
- The comments and recommendations of the farmers will be integrated and a final version established.
- For a continuous improvement of the integration of the OISAT concept, a monitoring and documentation system is developed and a mode for regular assessment involving all partners in this process.
- As a last step, a time-activity-table will be elaborated which acts as a roadmap for the requesting training and extension service.

Output

The output describes in detail, what should be done when, by whom and with which means. It is the direction and working guidelines, which is agreed upon by all involved in the jointly defined process.

Participants

The integration of the OISAT concept into the requesting training and extension service involves all stakeholders, specifically management, information dissemination, training and extension, research institutions, focal farmers, community farmers, etc. Representatives of all identified stakeholders of the requesting training and extension service should participate. This is vital to ensure that the integration of the OISAT concept complies with our quality standards and truly reaches poor farmers in remote areas.

Organisation of the workshop

The workshop will be organised and financed fully by the requesting training and extension service. They will also decide where the workshop will be held, in consultation with PAN Germany. The PAN Germany representative will act as resource person during the preparation of the workshop and during the workshop itself.

You are interested?

The first thing you can do is to visit the OISAT database at www.oisat.org, see for yourself if this is what would add value to your current training and extension work. Do not miss to visit the Library. Under OISAT documents there are various workshop reports available to learn more about the OISAT process.

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