Ideas for knowledge management activities

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Case studies on...
- Case study 1
- Case study 2
- Case study 3

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Core principles

• Tap into ongoing processes, connect them, feed back into them, redistribute information, cross borders, open silos
• Decentralised: avoid central authorities, be a network of networks
• Inclusive: encourage open participation especially Southern
• Neutral, multiple perspectives
• Minimise burdens on members
• Focus on practical, sectoral relevance and results chain
• Participant-driven: respond to people's needs; core audience is practitioners “on the ground”
• Open source: promote accessibility, innovation; share tools
Potential areas of cooperation

Cataloguing and sharing information products

Networking and community-building

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Cataloguing and sharing information products

- News aggregation/distribution service ("updates")
- Shared calendar of events
- Catalogue of ongoing projects / initiatives
- Library of publications (tools, guidance, research...)
- Library of case studies (case window, insights)
- Support preparation of cases (consultancy-plus)
- "Resource corners" (topic guides, subject guides)
- Research service
Networking and community building

- Support communication tools e.g. newsletters, mailing lists, blogs
- Lists of volunteer opportunities, ways to contribute
- Support workshops, knowledge fairs, other events
- Promote and support existing networks/communities, regional and thematic focal points
- Support network go-betweens / connectors
- Assist finding informal support, advice, mentoring
- Expert advisory service
- Facilitate projects that bring working groups together
Formal learning / professional development

• Draw on shared information products and link to networks / communities
• Maintain directory of training opportunities (courses, etc)
• Develop learning packages and the systems for producing them (see workshop 3)
• Facilitate and support learning events (conferences, workshops, knowledge fairs)