

Swiss Forum for Rural Advisory Services (SFRAS)

SFRAS is an informal group of experts from Swiss development, research, education and private sector organisations, who are involved in Rural Advisory Services (RAS) in developing countries. It is an active country chapter of the Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services (GFRAS).

OBJECTIVES

- Exchange and learn from each other, particularly on good practices, tools and innovation in RAS;
- Have space for networking among members of different institutions (public, private, NGOs);
- Coordinate advocacy and lobbying on RAS in order to keep it high on the agenda in international cooperation.



THEMES ADRESSED

- Pluralistic RAS systems
- Role of the private sector in RAS
- RAS and Making Markets Work for the Poor (M4P)
- Measuring the impact of RAS
- Capitalisation of RAS experiences



MEMBERS (NON-CONCLUSIVE LIST)

Research & Education

- CDE, University of Berne, Centre for Development and Environment
- FiBL, Research Institute of Organic Agriculture
- HAFL, Berne University of Applied Science, School of Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences

Centres of Excellence & networks

- Agridea
- GFRAS – Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services
- Independent consultants

Private Sector

- Nestlé
- Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture

Development NGO

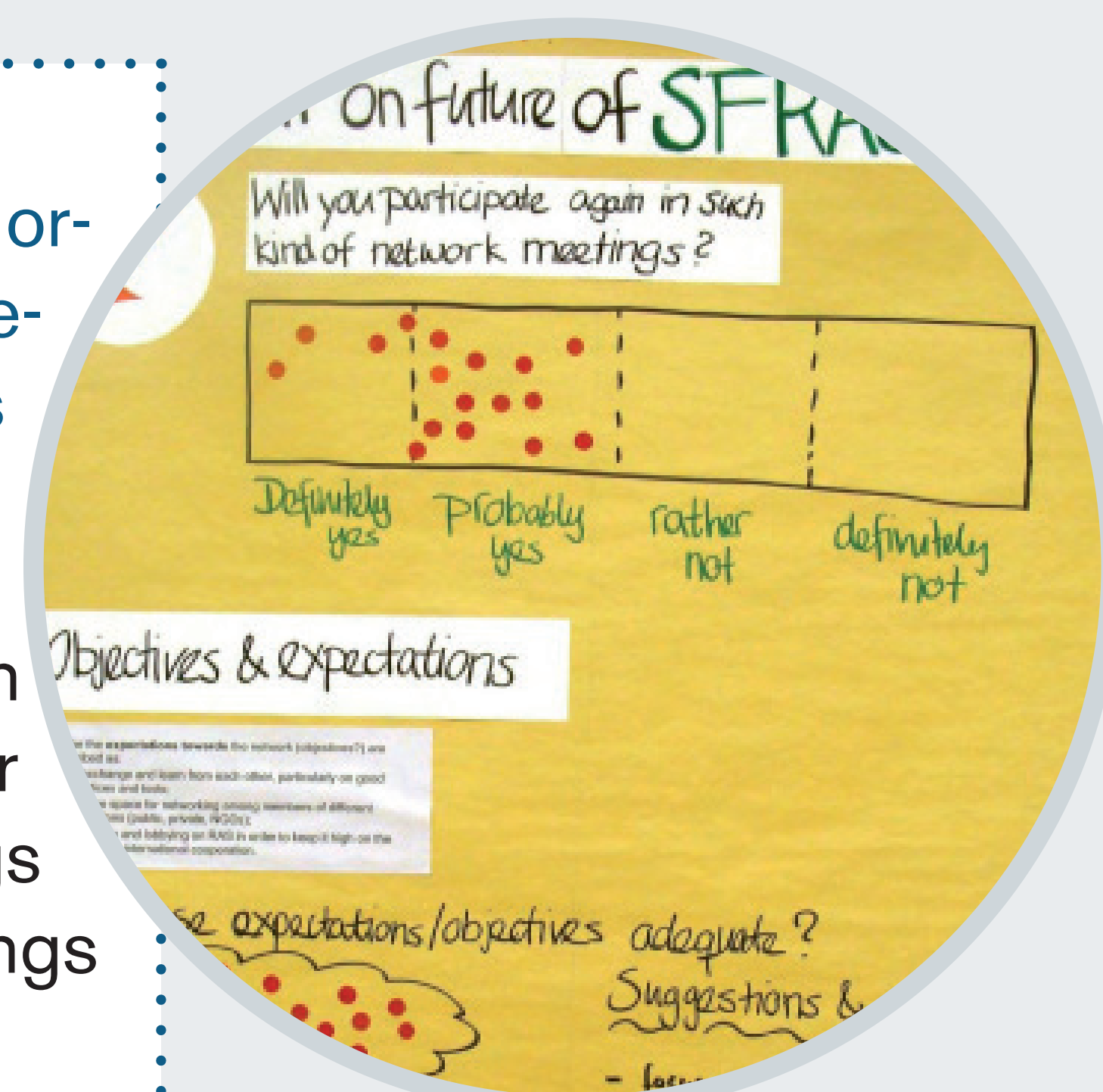
- Cabi Europe, Switzerland
- Caritas Switzerland
- HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation
- HEKS – Swiss Interchurch Aid
- iDE
- Swisscontact
- World Vision Switzerland

Development NGO

- Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Agriculture and Food Security Network

FUNCTIONING

- The thematic meetings are hosted in rotation by different organisations and are open to representatives of organisations and to individuals interested and engaged in RAS.
- Including the first meeting in April 2010 the SFRAS met for five lively face-to-face meetings (aim is 1-2 face-to-face meetings per year).



LINK

- http://www.sdc-foodsecurity.ch/en/Home/Focus_areas/Rural_advisory_services/SFRAS

