

EVIDENCE FOR TRANSFORMATION: FRAMING ATAI'S RESEARCH AGENDA IN AGRICULTURE FOR DEVELOPMENT

June 21, 2019 | 2 pm - 6 pm

Nigeria Room, C215, FAO

Discussion questions for breakouts on stages of agricultural transformation

Increasing Productivity | Building Output Markets & Value Chains | Agricultural Transformation / Rural Transformation

- Consider the causal chain outlined in ATAI's framing paper (adapted from the ACET report), with respect to your breakout group thematic area (Increasing Productivity, Building Output Markets and Value Chains, Agricultural/Rural Transformation):
 - How are implementers intervening to move outcomes within this thematic area? What do you see as the most promising or innovative interventions? What opportunities do these interventions create for ATAI to fund the generation of policy-relevant evidence?
 - What do you think are the most pressing evidence gaps within your breakout group thematic area?
 - What key assumptions should ATAI-funded evaluations prioritize testing within your breakout group thematic area?
- What are dimensions or questions (beyond "just" market-scale RCTs) on which an experimental research agenda could generate actionable evidence on agricultural transformation (within your specific group themes)?
 - Drawing from your own expertise or remarks from the previous panel, what would you identify as priority contexts, value chains, or implementation to evaluate?
 - Where do you see opportunities for innovations in research design to move the evidence base forward, building on a methodological foundation of RCTs?
 - In what kinds of experimental evaluations would you invest to shed light on agricultural transformation and strengthen the evidence base in your group's sub-themes? Why?
- Please review the proposed indicators listed in the annex of ATAI's research framing paper.
 - Which would be most vital to measure in research on agricultural transformation?
 - Do you think any key indicators are missing?