







Global analysis and perspectives of NUS policy issues S. Padulosi Bioversity International

Consulted documents include:

Chennai Platform for Action 2005 GFU-GRPi studies 2008 FAO SWR on PGRFA 2010 Suwon ABD Framework 2010 FAO-Bioversity Conference on Sustainable Diets 2010 ISHS NUS Conference 2011 FAO GPA on PGRFA 2012 Cordoba Declaration 2012 NUS Policy study Latin America 2013

NUS: sustainable conservation and use

Policy Areas:

- 1. Agriculture (incl. conservation)
- 2. Education
- 3. Health and Nutrition
- 4. Investment, Marketing and Export

Recommendations to policy makers

AGRICULTURE National Level

- 1. Policies to support ARI 's better **access** to NUS germplasm
- 2. Include NUS in **Sustainable Agriculture Development** policy frameworks
- 3. Policies to support in situ/ on farm conservation of NUS & associated IK/PACS
- 4. NUS mainstreamed into land use policies
- 5. Policies to support **role of women** in conserv/ enhanced use
- 6. Policies in support of wider **documentation** of NUS resources for enhanced use
- 7. Policies to support integrated approaches to **seed systems** (linking formal & informal systems)
- 8. Policies to leverage's **extension services** in support of use enhancement of NUS

AGRICULTURE International Level

- 1. Expansion of **Annex I** of the ITPGRFA (esp. NUS for resilient prod. systems and diversified diets) (incl. eligibility **of Trust** funds)
- 2. More consistent interpretation of Art 9 (re Farmers' Rights) of the **Treaty** by lending more support to in situ sustainable conservation of NUS (linked to Art 6).
- **3. CBD** to direct more resources to NUS conservation (LA study)
- 4. CBD to make **ABS** more clear and easy to be implemented to the benefit of NUS conserved in situ (LA study)
- 5. More attention by **FAO GPA** on in situ conservation
- 6. Establishment of **Ombudsman** for representing the rights of future generation in safeguard NUS /livelihood options

EDUCATION National Level

- 1. Policies in public/private research institutes that will promote **NUS research** with stakeholders participation (esp. with regard to **value chains**)
- Encourage the preparation of curricula development guidelines for NUS in higher education

EDUCATION International Level

- Encourage the preparation of curricula development guidelines for NUS & their incorporation in UNESCO-sponsored educational programs
- 2. Policies that encourage the preservation of **intangible cultural** heritage contained in NUS

HEALTH & NUTRITION National Level

- Identify specific crops having potential nutrients required in food diets in national nutrition/health policies
- 2. Strengthen linkages between Agriculture/ABD, food/nutrition and health sector
- Policies to mainstream nutritious NUS best practices, methods and tools in Governments' programmes

HEALTH & NUTRITION International Level

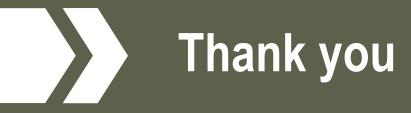
- Under the WHO (Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health) consider the potential of negative impact of adhering to existing food standards on the use of NUS products
- 2. Consider negative impact of **EU Novel Food Regulations** on NUS imports to Europe
- 1. Enriching **food aid** with NUS

INVESTMENT, MARKETING & EXPORT National Level

- 1. Reform of tax system based on impact studies on **tax levied on agricultural production** esp. in regions where people live mainly out of NUS
- 2. Review Agricultural Subsidy Policies to include also NUS (e.g. India's inclusion of minor millets in PDS /Food Security Bill)
- 3. Develop **micro-credit and micro-finance** systems that suit the circumstances of local farmers in support of their NUS use enhancement activities
- 4. Develop policies that **encourage involvement of private sector** in small-scale agriculture/NUS
- 5. Mainstream NUS in Agric. marketing policies incl. for supporting **dev. of local markets**
- 6. Address market imperfections (eg market organization)
- 7. Include NUS in export commodity lists based on demands in export markets
- 8. Policies to support vertical/horizontal **integration** in VC (e.f. Multistakeholder Platforms)

INVESTMENT, MARKETING & EXPORT International Level

- Provide clarity on *Codex Alimentarius* regarding its scope (i.e. are NUS also included under 'principal foods'?)
- Better access of NUS resources to international markets: ensure equity, fairness among all participants & remove trade barriers



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