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Nr.	Participant	
1	 Carlos Alberto Ruiz-Garvia Bolivia	<p>Carlos A. Ruiz-Garvia is Forestry Engineer from University of Concepcion, Chile. He has 5 years of experience working for Foundation Chile, FAO and ITTO in Chile and Bolivia. In 2003, he received a M.Sc. in International and Tropical Forestry from the University of Goettingen, Germany. He is currently involved in doctoral research at the University of Goettingen in the frame of the International PhD Program in Agricultural Sciences - IPAG. Mr. Ruiz works for the Project IAI – CRN001 “Biogeochemical cycles under land use change in the semiarid Americas”. His current research focuses on the production potential and ecosystem quality of secondary forests recovered from agriculture in Northern Yucatan, Mexico. His areas of interest are related with tropical forestry, land use management and its implications on global climate.</p>
2	 Carlos Icaza Mexico	<p>Carlos Icaza Lara has a MSc. degree in Local Economic Development from the London School of Economics. He works at the Regional Office For Latin America of the Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), where he is currently engaged in the design, negotiation, and initiation of a regional development strategy to be carried out in several regions within Mexico, Brazil and Chile.</p> <p>The project aims to improve the coordination between different actors (government at its different levels, social, and economic actors, cooperation agencies...) and efforts regarding territorial development.</p>
3	 Erika Trigos Peru	<p>Erika Trigos Rubio has a M.A. in Geography from the University of Arizona, U.S.A. She also has a Specialist degree in Cartography, Geographic Information Systems and Remote Sensing from the Universidad de Alcalá de Henares in Spain.</p> <p>She is currently enrolled at the Ph.D. program at the University of Arizona.</p> <p>Her present research involves the study and cartographic mapping of risk and socio-economic vulnerability related to El Niño impacts of floods in northern Peru (Piura) and drought in southern Peru (Puno).</p>

4	 <p>Ines Margarita Torres Rivero Cuba</p>	<p>Profesora de Filosofía y Sociedad de la Facultad de Humanidades de la Universidad de Pinar del Río-Cuba. Investigadora del centro de Estudio de Desarrollo Cooperativo y Comunitario de dicho país. Master en desarrollo social y Ciencia Sociales. Actualmente facilita el desarrollo de un proyecto local de impacto comunitario y doméstico que constituye el fundamento práctico del doctorado que realiza.</p>
5	 <p>José Pedro Castaño Uruguay</p>	<p>José Castaño was graduated as Agronomy Engineer from the Universidad de la República, Uruguay. He works at the Uruguayan National Agricultural Research Institute in the GRAS Unit who the main objectives are evaluate impacts of climate change/variability in agriculture/livestock systems and monitoring actual vegetation condition (pastures and crops) with remote sensed images and GIS.</p>
6	 <p>Magali Garcia Bolivia</p>	<p>Magali Garcia Cardenas holds a Ph.D. degree from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium. She works in the State University of La Paz, in the Faculty of Agronomy as well as in the National Programme of Climate Change of Bolivia, working on vulnerability and adaptation topics of the agricultural of her country, specially working with reaction of farmer communities to extreme meteorological events.</p>
7	 <p>Man Yu Chang Brazil</p>	<p><b>Man Yu Chang</b>'s background is socio-economist in rural development. She received a PhD in Environment and Development from the Federal University of Paraná. Currently she is assisting the Department of Environment of the State of Paraná to design forest carbon projects in micro watershed at ecologically sensitive areas in the state. The project aims at selling carbon credits as an additional incentive for farmers to restore their legal forest reserve and riparian vegetation in their properties.</p>

8	 <p data-bbox="208 320 383 387">Maria Methol Uruguay</p>	<p data-bbox="622 145 2112 360">Maria Methol is Agronomy Engineer from the Agronomy College, Uruguay National University. She is currently enrolled at the Master of Science program at the University of Montevideo (final thesis in process on Integration Policies and International Commerce). She works as Advisor at Agricultural Policy and Programming Office (OPYPA) of the Ministry of Livestock, Agriculture and Fishery of Uruguay (MGAP). Her activities are technical support of Minister's decision related on agricultural and environmental policies, mainly climate change, methane in Agricultural Sector, sustainable development, biodiversity and Agricultural Insurance Program.</p>
9	 <p data-bbox="208 687 555 751">Rodolfo Osório de Oliveira Brazil</p>	<p data-bbox="622 403 2112 655">Rodolfo Osório de Oliveira is an Agronomical Engineer and received his Master of Science degree in Economic Development from the State University of Campinas, Brazil. He works at Food and Agriculture Organization Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean – FAO RLC, in the Policy Assistance Branch. He is currently involved with the regional and territorial development approach, participating in a project that aims to promote the institutional strengthening of the articulation forums between social actors since the local level to the planning and implementation levels of the regional and territorial development strategies. He is also working with the food security and rural extension themes in Latin America.</p>
10	 <p data-bbox="208 1038 506 1106">Sandra Mejía Mendoza Nicaragua</p>	<p data-bbox="622 762 2112 1126">Sandra Mejía received a M.Sc. degree in Rural Development and Land Ecology Survey, from the International Institute for Geoinformation Science and Earth Observation (ITC) in Enschede, The Netherlands, she also holds a M.Sc. in Food Security and Nutrition from the University Centro Americana (UCA) of Nicaragua. During her career she has been involved in different projects and researches within governmental and international organizations dealing with local development, strengthening of local Government, natural resources management, governance, food security promotion of Remote Sensing/GIS at national and local level and related issues. She had participated in the publication of several proposals and scientific articles dealing with the former issues mentioned. She is currently part of a team work in Natural Resources Management project. This project aims to devise a strategy for the management of a protected area and the forestry management plan for the Northern part of Nicaragua as well.</p>

11	 <p>Sergio Omar Saldaña-Zorrilla Mexico</p>	<p>Sergio O. Saldaña-Zorrilla is a Ph.D. candidate in economics at the Vienna University of Economics (WU-Wien), and has recently served as a Collosio Fellow at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA). Most recently, he received an award from the World Bank to pursue research on financing strategies for economic losses due to natural disasters in the Mexican agricultural sector. Currently, he is a fellow at the START-IIASA Advanced Institute on Vulnerability to Environmental Global Change, conducting research on the effects of natural disasters and trade liberalization on the agricultural livelihoods and its implications upon the poor. Mr. Saldaña worked four years within the Mexican federal government as Head of Department at the Ministry of Finance, and previously as financial advisor at the Chamber of Representatives. He is committed to building on his current research for a genuine reduction of poverty in Mexico, and to working towards a broader planning and design of governmental policies for the economic development of Mexico.</p>
12	 <p>Tania Zambrano Venezuela</p>	<p>Tania Zambrano is Forest Engineer and recently she has gotten a Doctorate in Tropical Ecology from the Instituto de Ciencias Ambientales y Ecológicas (ICAE), Universidad de Los Andes, Venezuela. She is part of the RICAS a co-operative research network studying the patterns of biodiversity on Andes and Savanna ecosystems. She is currently working in a project about criteria and indicators for assessing the sustainability of the tropical forest management in Venezuela. It involves policy and legal framework, investment, production, techniques, ecological, and social aspects, and its impacts on the forest managed.</p>
<b>CEMEDE</b>		
13	Herbert Yanes Honduras	
14	Maria Ernestina Ardón Quezada Guatemala	

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15	 <p>Barthélemy G. Honfoga Benin</p>	<p>Mr. Barthélemy G. Honfoga holds a MSc degree in agricultural economics from the University of Abomey-Calavi (Benin), 1986. He worked 10 years with the International Institute for Soil Fertility and Agricultural Development, IFDC-Africa Division based in Lome, Togo and served for 4 years as Programme Officer of the Foundation for Sustainable Food Security in Central West Africa (SADAOC) in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso. Under the collaboration between the Centre for Development Studies / University of Groningen (The Netherlands) and the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences / University of Abomey-Calavi (Benin), he is now conducting a Ph.D. research on fertilizer marketing and agricultural intensification in Benin. He has a keen interest in policy capacity-building to develop the private sector towards an increased agricultural productivity and agricultural market integration in West Africa.</p>
16	 <p>Charity Kagiso Kerapeletswe Botswana</p>	<p>Charity K. Kerapeletswe has a PhD in Environmental Economics from University of York in United Kingdom (UK). She is currently a research fellow at Botswana Institute for Development Policy Analysis (BIDPA) in Botswana. Charity's research is mainly on development policy analysis specifically in biodiversity conservation and livelihoods especially community participation and governance in natural resources management. Other areas of focus are gender, welfare, food security and poverty as well as agriculture and land use.</p>
17	 <p>Marie J. Rarieya Kenya</p>	<p>Marie Rarieya received an M.S. in Information Systems from the University of Sunderland, UK. She is currently a doctoral candidate in the Department of Science and Technology Studies at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Her research focuses on the ways transfer and adoption of new and improved agricultural technologies and information infrastructure can support the agriculture and sustainable development. She is particularly interested on the advocacy of and options for "scaling up" technologies aimed at increasing food production. Prior to joining Rensselaer, Marie spent nine years working for the World Agroforestry Centre in Nairobi, Kenya.</p>

18	 <p>Shuni Leonard Unganai Zimbabwe</p>	<p><b>Leonard Unganai</b> is an Agroclimatologist by profession. He holds a PhD (Climatology) from the University of Witwatersrand (South Africa), MSc in Agrometeorology from Reading University (England), BSc in Agricultural Economics (University of Zimbabwe), and Diploma in Business Administration (Zimbabwe Institute of Management). Leonard has worked with the SADC Drought Monitoring Centre as a Regional Agrometeorology Expert and the Zimbabwe Weather Service where he has served in a number of capacities until appointment to Deputy Directorship in 2002. He has to his credit a number of international peer reviewed publications and chapters in books.</p> <p>He chairs the Board of Trustees of the UNDP Africa 2000+ Network Foundation. Africa 2000+ is a Non-governmental Organization using the Participatory Development Model to uplift the living standards of the rural poor in selected parts of Zimbabwe. Leonard has also been involved in climate change research and the applications of climate information for the benefit of small-holder farmers in the country. His main research interests are in global environmental change with special emphasis on detection, prediction, impacts and adaptation.</p> <p>Leonard is married and has four lovely children, three boys and a girl.</p>
19	<p>Jiehua Lu China</p>	
20	 <p>Kanthi Wijetunge Sri Lanka</p>	<p>Kanthi Wijetunge received a B.Sc. from the University of Colombo &amp; Master degree in Public Administration from the University of Sri Jayawardenapura, Sri Lanka. She is a Senior Officer of the Sri Lanka Administrative Service and currently works as the Additional Secretary to the Ministry of Information and Media. Before this she held the posts of Senior Assistant Secretary of the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Director of Women's Bureau of Sri Lanka. She is a Humphrey Fellow and has completed one-year professional development program at Rutgers University, New Jersey, U.S.A. She has gained multi disciplinary experience through working in the Public Sector and has particular expertise in integrating gender concerns into development policy &amp; programs. She has been involved in formulating a number of policies &amp; programs related to food security, addressing women's vulnerability in globalizing world.</p>
21	<p>Lilibeth Acosta-Michlik Philippines</p>	
22	 <p>Suruchi Bhadwal India</p>	<p>Suruchi Bhadwal has done her Masters in Environmental Sciences and has since then been working in the field of climate change. Her work has been mainly related to impacts, vulnerability and adaptation assessments. Some of the projects worth mentioning relating her involvement include a study on, Vulnerability to climate change in the Indian agricultural sector in the context of economic globalization, a study supported by CIDA and the Government of Norway, and her contribution to the Vulnerability and Adaptation component as part of India's first national communications submitted to the UNFCCC.</p> <p>She has published several papers on related issues and will be contributing to the IPCC AR4 WGII Report in the capacity of a Lead Author.</p>

23	 <p>Thanh Vo Vietnam</p>	<p>Vo Dinh Thanh received a MS. from State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry (SUNY ESF), USA, in Environmental Policy. He is currently pursuing his doctoral program in Environmental and Natural Resource Policy in SUNY ESF. He is working for the Department of Science and Technology of Thua Thien Hue Province, Vietnam and is the founding member of Green Volunteer Network and The Nature Care Association working toward environmental education and rural community development. His researches focus on the changes of natural resources due to the response between rural livelihoods, national policy globalization (through trade liberalization and science and technological diffusions). The research will also aim at finding policy implications for the sustainable of rural areas of the country in new context of integration into regional and global economy.</p>
24	 <p>Gabriela Nedita Romania</p>	<p>Gabriela Nedita received her M.S. in Neurobiology and Ecology and Sustainable Development, both of them from University of Bucharest, Romania. She is currently doing doctoral studies in Ecology and Sustainable Development, focused on the management of the man-dominated ecological systems.</p> <p>Gabriela works as senior scientist at Institute of Food Bioresources, Bucharest, being involved as manager and researcher of various projects, under national and international projects. Her main research interest is on food quality and safety management systems, food legislation and policies and interdisciplinary approach of the agri-food systems.</p>
25	 <p>Livia Bizikova Slovak Republic</p>	<p>Bíziková Livia (28) graduated from mathematics and environmental sciences in the Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia. Later she completed the second master degree from biostatistics. During years 2000 – 2003, she also completed postgraduate courses in environmental policy and economics. Currently she works on her PhD. thesis related to the economic consequences of climate change and land-use change in transition countries in the Institute for Forecasting, Slovak Academy of Sciences.</p> <p>Most of her research work is connected with the addressing the impacts of climate change to different problems in economy, agriculture and social aspects.</p> <p>On same time, she has shown deep interest to the gender issues in the field of development policy and public participation. She works for nearly two years as program coordinator of women's information and documentation center. Her interest is focused on the assessment of the structural funds on development and on gender issues in the context of Central and Eastern European countries.</p>