

## Editorial

This Issue of RRA Notes is devoted to Local Level Adaptive Planning, and represents a departure from the usual form of RRA Notes. It reports the discussions and findings, together with 15 summary papers, of a workshop held in December 1990 in London and organised by the Sustainable Agriculture Programme of IIED and the Development Administration Group of the University of Birmingham. The aim of the workshop was to take stock of current experience in local level participatory planning approaches, to reflect on how these relate to more conventional planning, and to explore the implications for organisation, management and institutionalisation of local level planning in different settings. The principal findings and challenges for the future as identified by participants are recorded in part A of this issue. These resolved into six areas: the role of RRA in adaptive planning; institutionalising adaptive planning; methods and training issues; scaling-up and scaling-down; governments and NGOs; and organisation and management.

Part B of this RRA Notes represents a selection of the contributions made at the workshop. Some are in abstract form, others have been extended to summary papers. For more information on the specific cases, please contact the authors directly.

We are very grateful to Martin Greeley, Susanna Davies and Robin Grimble for providing commentary during the workshop so as to establish the agenda for discussion sessions. Their comments are not recorded, but have been incorporated along with those of other participants in the overview. The Swedish International Development Authority funded the workshop through a grant to the Sustainable Agriculture Programme at IIED.

### Request for Readership Survey Forms:

At the time of printing we have received about 120 returns of the readership survey sent with Issue No.10, for which we are extremely grateful. There are many valuable comments and suggestions, and we will report fully on these in a future issue. Can we take this opportunity to remind anyone thinking of sending in their yellow form, but who have not done so, that every contribution is helpful and is certainly gratefully received. If you do not have a copy and would like one, please make contact with the Sustainable Agriculture Programme at IIED. Many thanks.

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