



Access to Seeds Index - Roadmap 2014

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Introduction

The Access to Seeds Index is developed and introduced in a process of four phases: (1) feasibility study (2) market research (3) stakeholder consultations and methodology development (4) Index implementation. Phase 2 and 3 are described in the plan for 2012 and 2013. Phase 3 is expected to conclude in March 2014. Phase 4 consists in 2014 of four main activities.

1. Start Expert Review Committee

The Expert Review Committee (ERC) is a key component in the stakeholder engagement process. It is an independent body in the governance of the Access to Seeds Foundation (see annex). The ERC is made up of individuals from a variety of stakeholder groups, all active in some capacity on the access to seeds agenda.

2. Release of the Methodology Report

Phase 3 concludes with a report with the high level methodology of the Access to Seeds Index. Phase 4 (starting March 2014) starts with finalizing the methodology by the Expert Review Committee, after which the Methodology Report is released.

3. Data collection

After the release of the methodology report, data collection will start accompanied by company training, feedback round, verification processes. For the data collection an online platform is provided to ease the data provision by companies.

4. Data analysis

After the collection of the data, the data analysis starts. First step is building score cards per company. Companies get the opportunity to review their scorecards. After this step the analysis focus on general findings, trends and patterns. The ERC plays a role in reviewing the conclusions.

