**Side Event:** Harmonization of Methodology for Country Studies in the Program for Accompanying Research for Innovation (PARI)

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**Abstract**
The Program for Accompanying Research for Innovation in Africa Agriculture (PARI) is a partnership initiative of the ZEF, FARA, IFPRI and other German organization, entrenched in the “One World – No Hunger” initiative of the Germany government. The PARI project aims to foster the scaling of agricultural innovations in Africa and to contribute to the development of the agricultural sector through science. The PARI activities are aligned with the works of the Agricultural Innovation Centers (AICs) in Africa countries; it addresses the needs of the smallholders and other actors along the commodity value chain through partnerships. The PARI project builds on the experiences and success of the agricultural innovation systems, particularly, the Integrated Agricultural Research for Development (IAR4D) concept and the use of the Innovation Platforms as a forum to facilitate interactions and learning among stakeholders. The interaction leads to the generation of agricultural innovation with accompanying socio-economic benefits along the targeted commodity chain(s). PARI is currently being implemented in 12 Africa countries in a strong partnership with the lead National Agricultural Research Institution (NARI), and coordinated FARA in close relationship with the IFPRI.
The PARI side event will provide an overview of the program, set the background for its results and update of progress; it will also seek to harmonize the methodology for the backdrop studies at the country level.

**Objectives**
The objectives of the side-event include:
- Foster a joint understanding of the PARI work program among its implementing partners.
- Harmonize the methodologies for country studies to foster comparison.