

## **Social-Economic Aspects in Bambara Groundnut Research: Problems/Themes and Objectives**

### **Research problem 1: Perception and knowledge of farmers, marketers/processors and consumers of Bambara groundnut**

- to understand the perception of the stakeholders on the social, cultural, nutritional and economic aspects of production, marketing/processing and consumption of the legume
- to identify and map existing knowledge (including indigenous knowledge) available in association with the production and utilization of Bambara groundnut.

### **Research Problem 2: Economics and Value-chain analysis**

- assessment of the economics of Bambara groundnut production and marketing; to ascertain (comparatively) the returns on investment in a bid to encourage farmers and potential investors to adopt
- supply and demand analysis of Bambara groundnut with a view to identify (update) the present production and utilization clusters and to quantify volumes of grains per country or region
- production inputs (particularly seeds) availability as well as issues relating to guaranteeing their supply for a sustainable production.
- value chain analysis and products variety economic assessment with a view to identify all intermediaries along the chain with the aim of reducing transaction costs for a more efficient marketing of the legume
- assessment of economics of storage of the grains; identification, mapping and economic assessment of methods of grain storage- to promote bean quality that commands a competitive retail price

### **Research Problem 3: Policy and financing support**

- Policy analysis to assess support biases or otherwise for Bambara groundnut production and utilization
- Assessment of institutional support and provisions to encourage production and utilization
- Assessment of associated financing problems and the viability of alternative financing options.
- Promoting donor agencies support to prioritize Bambara groundnut research, production and utilization