The DMC Initiative: Linking Local Initiatives in a Global Program

The DMC (Direct sowing Mulch-based systems and Conservation agriculture) is a GPP under GFAR, an international initiative of the following stakeholders: CIARD, CIMMYT, IAPAR, FAO, ICRA/Wageningen, IFAD, Anapo, GTZ... Its aims are to strengthen the capacity of key stakeholders to develop suitable DMC systems and to accelerate their dissemination with a wider range of stakeholders. The proposed program features a process of learning and synthesis. By analyzing and comparing experiences and stakeholders, by synthesizing lessons learned, and by identifying filling gaps - not only on technologies, but also on processes - DMC practices can be harnessed by a wider range of stakeholders.

Since March 2002, this Program is being implemented by a facilitator from IAPAR, Mrs. Ribeiro hosted by IAPAR. A DMC Website and case studies have already been implemented with the aim at better understanding of factors that can constrain the adoption of DMC systems. By comparing experiences from decentralized initiatives, by synthesizing lessons learned, identifying filling gaps, DMC practices can be harnessed by a wider range of stakeholders. In 2004, the DMC coordination will be proposed to IAPAR.

DMC for AFRICA: a side event during the II Conservation Agriculture Congress at IGUACU

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