

10 YEARS OF AGRILINKS: A COMMUNITY RETROSPECTIVE

CHAT TRANSCRIPT

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[Charles Turner] Good morning!

[Adam Ahmed] Hi Charles, Good Morning!!

[Dick Tinsley] '

[Adam Ahmed] Are you the same Charles that worked on Agrilinks?

[Charles Turner] I sure am!

[Adam Ahmed] Hi Dick, glad to have you with us!!

[Dick Tinsley] Good Morning and congratuations on 10 years of presentations

[Adam Ahmed] Awesome! Glad you could be a part of this to see our evolution.

[Adam Ahmed] Thanks Dick

[Charles Turner] Yeah, I'm excited to see what you all have been up to. This platform is way better than Adobe Connect so far!

[Ekanath Khatiwada] Hello Everyone , Greetings from Nepal

[Dick Tinsley] For those for whom it is appropriate: Ramandan Karim

[Margaret Anne McEwan] hallo everyone, greetings from Scotland (via Kenya)

[Dan Norell] Looking forward to the presentations.

[Jean Markendy CHARLES] Hi Agrilinks team & everyone.

[Meron Asfaha] Hi Zachary!

[] congrats for still exist till today

[Jean Markendy CHARLES] Thank for all off your help!

[Paul Guenette] You ARE, Zach! Lol

[Bill Thomas] Greetings! All good!

[Manoli Strecker] hello everyone, excited for the presentation and greetings from DevWorks

[Julie MacCartee] Hi everyone! Thank you, Zachary! It's been an honor to facilitate Agrilinks webinars over the years.

[Alejandro Ortega-Beltran] Greetings from Nigeria.

[PK Barua] Good morning from Ottawa, Canada

[Guest] Yeah, Julie! You so ably helped with my many digital ag webinars! Yeah to Zachary too!

[Julie MacCartee] I'm excited to see how things work with BlueJeans. After ~9 years of using Adobe Connect, it's quite a change!

[Clara Cohen] Congratulations to Zachary, Julie, and the whole AgriLinks team for a very successful 10 years. Deep thanks for all you have done to bring our community together and explore emerging areas. Your work is very much appreciated!

[Clarissa Perkins] Yes!

[Zachary Baquet (USAID)] Welcome All! Thank you for joining!

[Julie MacCartee] Thank you so much, Clara! And thank you for being an Agrilinks champion.

[] Hello everyone. this is Lade from Federal University of Agriculture Abeokuta Nigeria.

[SIDIBE Ibrahim] Good evening everyone, My name is Ibrahim SIDIBE, I come from Mali and I am the coordinator of a national NGO for agricultural and rural development in Mali. I am delighted to follow this event and the presentations are very important. Thank you

[Mamadou Chétima] Greetings from Shawinigan, Québec.

[Zachary Baquet (USAID)] Welcome Ibrahim!

[Tom Shaw] So hard to believe it has been 10 years since the first event. I fondly remember coming down to DC from Baltimore for live event but it has been much easier to connect remotely now.

[Clarissa Perkins] What a great story!

[Zachary Baquet (USAID)] Hi Meron!

[] mehrdad pouya, lecturer, Bu AliSina University, Hamedan

[Zachary Baquet (USAID)] Hi Paul Guenette! How are you?

[Julie MacCartee] @Tom I am also glad that it has become so easy for people to connect via webinar. In the beginning, the webinar was an "add-on" to the in person event, and over time, we've seen the value of making all participants equal via online-only events. But we do hope to have some in-person events again one day.

[Zachary Baquet (USAID)] Yes Tom, I do miss the meetings on the USAID mezzanine

[Nathalie Me-Nsope] Yay... Go GREEN

[Dr Md Sultan Mahmud] Hi all, I am Dr Sultan Mahmud, from Bangladesh

[Paul Guenette] I have fond memories of USAID/Rwanda ACDI/VOCA working with COOPAC & other coffee coops in Rwanda on improving washing stations. Peace broke out over DRC border when coffee farmers worked together.

[Nathalie Me-Nsope] Great to see you, Mywish!

[Zachary Baquet (USAID)] Welcome Dr. Mahmud! Thank you for joining us

[Dr Md Sultan Mahmud] My email: smahmud76@gmail.com

[Zachary Baquet (USAID)] Please remember if you have questions, click the Q&A button on the right of your screen.

[Zachary Baquet (USAID)] We will asks your Qs after the moderated Q&A portion of the event. When asking a question, let us know who your question is directed to.

[] my name is Osubiyi Nurudeen from Nigeria last year it great year which I don't what to experience anymore because I lost most of farming product in farms because. government declare cufew which last for five months

[SIDIBE Ibrahim] Our vision is to help promote public policies for agricultural development, poverty reduction and food security. Improve the resilience of farms in the face of climatic and economic hazards by diversifying production. This involves, for example, developing ecological market gardening in the dry season: 6 lowlands have been fitted out with wells, which has made it possible to improve the availability of water to enhance the off-season with market gardening (tomato, onion) and more than 400 producers have been trained in the manufacture and use of biopesticides. Regarding small livestock, 250 people were trained in breeding techniques and 78 benefited from improved housing (henhouse or sheepfold).

[Paul Guenette] I think there's a rip in my Bluejeans.

[Brian Hernandez] Hi Paul, please try refreshing your web browser and if that doesn't do the trick there show be a "low-bandwidth mode" that should help.

[Paul Guenette] Thanks, it's back!!

[Brian Hernandez] 👍

[Julie MacCartee] So nice to see you, Vern! RFS misses you.

[Bill Thomas] Yay Coffee!!

[Ahmed Kablan] Nice to see you Vern!

[Julie MacCartee] #coffeecoffeecoffee

[Zachary Baquet (USAID)] First AgExchange done for the series on Integration of Climate Change and NRM into Ag and Food Security

[] So thanks. It's nice to see you

[Meaghan Murphy] Agreed, well said Vern and appreciating so much this reflective look back and context. This is such a wonderful group - to see familiar and new names and organizations! Hello here from Meaghan with KDLT, with the current team supporting Agrilinks and the original team involved in working closely with BFS 10 years ago to launch these early events and iterations of site. It is fitting too Zachary that original topic and where we are today!

[Zachary Baquet (USAID)] We built on the Speaker's Corner series started by MicroLinks (now MarketLinks). Shout out to our Links+ Family of sites!

[SIDIBE Ibrahim] Nous cherchons des partenaires pour collaborer enfin de soutenir les agriculteurs, les organisations paysannes et communautés rurales au Mali et pour toute information, veuillez contact : info@idar-mali.org or ibrahim.sidibe@idar-mali.org

[Zachary Baquet (USAID)] Doing the curation Vern mentioned through the Agrilinks COVID Learning HUB <https://www.agrilinks.org/collections/usaaid-bureau-resilience-and-food-security-covid-19-learning-hub>

[SIDIBE Ibrahim] We are looking for partners to collaborate finally to support farmers, peasant organizations and rural communities in Mali and for any information, please contact: info@idar-mali.org or ibrahim.sidibe@idar-mali.org

[Julie MacCartee] @Meaghan You have played multiple important roles with Agrilinks over the years - from launching the initial site to shaping the use of Activities Pages to overseeing many upgrades and and improvements and more. Thank you for your dedication to the community!

[Zachary Baquet (USAID)] Checkout our sister site climatelinks <https://www.climatelinks.org/>

[Zachary Baquet (USAID)] Please note that you can do 'likes' for questions posted in the Q&A section

[Zachary Baquet (USAID)] What do you find most useful about Agrilinks?

[Meaghan Murphy] @julie

[Paul Guenette] Always nice to hear from Rob Bertram - an impressive professional technician with great communication skills!

[Meaghan Murphy] Thank you for that- its been great to serve the community and the great vision behind this work. Continuing to bring new stakeholders, innovative approaches and perspectives into this community and dialogue is really exciting as we look ahead as well.

[Moffatt Ngugi] @Zachary, I really appreciate the community platform agrilinks provides. Lots of good info that is curated and I often dig into it for resources to support our work.

[Zachary Baquet (USAID)] @Moffat, glad to have you as part of the community and your engagement from the beginning as presenter on Agrilinks webinars and facilitator on AgExchanges

[Julie MacCartee] Thank you, Rob - I find value in reflecting on how Feed the Future began and how it has evolved. It's interesting to remember that certain lenses we take for granted now were new ways of doing business 10 years ago.

[Zachary Baquet (USAID)] Thanks for posting Qs! Please keep them coming!

[Ekanath Khatiwada] This is a great knowledge platform. I have been attending most of the series from the start and highly benefited. Thanks to the Agrilinks team!

[Zachary Baquet (USAID)] Thank you @Ekanath for joining us!

[Zachary Baquet (USAID)] What role or roles do you see knowledge sharing platforms like Agrilinks continuing to play in agriculture and food security?

[g] Outstanding insightful presentation, key point on need for theory of change for food systems, thanks Rob

[Julie MacCartee] Many, many kudos to KDLT for your vision and leadership

[Clarissa Perkins] I love all the graphs, Rob! Very helpful to see these trends and how they relate.

[Meaghan Murphy] Rob, thank you for your leadership and perspective in that session.

[Zachary Baquet (USAID)] Thanks to KDMD, KDAD, and KDLT colleagues for their hard work and creativity in making Agrilinks what it is!

[Jane Lowicki-Zucca] Important points on inclusion, including on participatory approaches. Recognizing inclusion as critical to driving and achieving the key development objectives, is also key. It's not only a consequence, there is a reciprocal relationship there. It's not doing things for people, it's doing things with them.

[Jane Lowicki-Zucca] And recognizing those contributions and behavior changes and viewpoints as central to theories of change.

[Jane Lowicki-Zucca] Agrilinks is an excellent and critical resource! Thank you to all who have made it possible!! Happy Anniversary! Hearing about the history, the now and the future has been excellent!

[Adam Ahmed] Thanks Jane, you've been a great member of the Agrilinks community. We really appreciate all of your contributions.

[Jane Lowicki-Zucca] Points on digital and access to information on existing technologies and information, including good agronomic practices are very important. Focus on demand vs supply is important. It involves engagement and intentionality re: understanding how to reach key populations, including young people, for example.

[Mamadou Chétima] Absolutely, Rob, I agree, funding issue are current and geography dependent!

[Adam Ahmed] As a reminder, you can access the slide deck from today's webinar by going to the Agrilinks event page <https://www.agrilinks.org/events/10-years-agrilinks-community-retrospective>. We will also be posting a link to the video recording and chat transcript in the coming days.

[Paul Guenette] Thanks Zach and presenters. Enjoyed the Agrilinks 10th Birthday Party. Keep up the good work, all!

[g] Thanks for replies on ToC. So we have compelling ToC of Ag research increases productivity, drives down price and increases welfare of poor. With ToC evidenced on one graph, challenge to get something similar for food systems

[Nicholas Corker] Sustainable intensification and biodiversity ?

[Nicholas Corker] How do we increase biodiversity provision within a sustainable intensification agenda ?

[Brian Hernandez] Hi Nicholas, please post any question in the Q&A box. Thank you

[Michael Saltz] Heads up! The next Agrilinks theme month is Staple Crops: Roots, Tubers, and Bananas. Keep an eye out for that webinar and please submit Roots, Tubers, and Bananas blogs if you have something to say on the topic.

[] Vern speech is very usefull, good on you

[Ahmed Kablan] DO whatever you need to do Vern to keep coffee supply steady please!

[Adam Ahmed] <https://www.agrilinks.org/events/10-years-agrilinks-community-retrospective>

[Julie MacCartee] Thank you, Zachary and Agrilinks team!

[Dick Tinsley] Thank you for a very interesting webinar. Wishing you the best in the next 10 years

[Dan Norell] Thanks so much. Very helpful.

[] @Vern, I totally agree, and like @Rob noted earlier, aligning with the government gave rise to the ZOIs. This is a key driver for sustainability and enabling environment.

[g] Fantastic panel, congrats to Agrilinks

[] thank you.

[Mywish Maredia] Thanks to all for your participation and interest in this webinar.

[Peggy Carlson] Thanks! Great discussion

[Adam Ahmed] Thanks Dick, Dan and Julie!

[] Thank you

[Clarissa Perkins] Thanks all!

[Dick Tinsley] I will also say i enjoy the new platform

[Biniam Iyob] Thanks to Zachary, Mywish, Rob, Vern, Julie, KDLT and all!

[Moffatt Ngugi] Thank you so much and Happy Birthday Agrilinks!!!!

[] Thanks all! Super useful!!!

[Michael Saltz] Thanks all! Great discussion, big blue jeans fan

[Meaghan Murphy] Thanks Zachary for your ongoing vision and the great event today!

[Romao XAVIER] Thanks

[Eduardo Centeno] Thank you very much.. Congratulations

[Billy Hall] Thanks for a great webinar!

[Annette Scarpitta] Fantastic session! HB Agrilinks!
