

The needs

- Agricultural information on the web to be better organized for easy access.
- Greater awareness of what information services exist and how they can be exploited

The solution

A **R**outemap to **I**nformation **N**odes and **G**ateways (**RING**) to better share information related to agricultural research for development (ARD)

The CIARD RING is a global map of information sources and services in agriculture such as search engines, databases, repositories, Open Archives, feeds...

The CIARD RING provides a structure to improve the accessibility of agricultural information, and specifically to::

- provide a **map of accessible information sources** with instructions on how they can be searched effectively;
- facilitate the sharing and use of information that is drawn from diverse sources for a wider range of uses;
- provide **examples** of good practices on sharing information;
- guide towards building enhanced integrated services that repackage information in different ways.

This makes the RING a real “routemap” that guides the user in discovering, accessing and exploiting the existing information sources

Who can use the RING?



The RING is designed mainly for agricultural information professionals to source information; consumers of agricultural information can also find it useful as a map of agricultural information services.

How it works

The RING categorizes and links services according to:

>> content criteria such as

thematic coverage

geographic coverage

content type

target audience

>> technical criteria such as

standards adopted

vocabularies used

technologies used

protocols implemented



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The RING invites information providers to register their services under the relevant categories, thus facilitating the discovery of sources of agriculture-related information across the world.

REGISTER YOUR SERVICE ON THE RING WEBSITE AND DISPLAY THE RING LOGO



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