

Summary of previous round of the debate

Improving Efficiency: agro-industries operations management

This discussion addresses the proposition that capacity to introduce and apply advanced techniques for supply chain management and logistics will increasingly become a requirement for competitiveness of agro-industries targeting global and regional markets. It was noted that the abbreviated title "Improving Efficiency" did not match the proposition all titles in the e-forum were adjusted to show their full title. It was felt that "operations management in the context of small and medium scale agroindustries in less developed countries has not received sufficient attention in agroindustrial development efforts" but what recommendations of what those interventions should be have not yet been addressed. Hence the next question will focus on this aspect.

Current focus of the Debate

What are the most critical aspects of operations management small and medium-sized enterprises in developing countries need to improve efficiency?

Do these differ greatly between small, medium and large enterprise. What are the implications for public policy?