

USAIN White Paper & AgNIC Strategic Planning Report



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A Meeting of Minds



- **2001 NAL Blue Ribbon Panel Report on the National Agricultural Library**
 - Call for an NDLA
- **Presentations to USDA officials about AgNIC**
 - Call for collaboration and coherence
- **Presentations to ARL & Land-Grant Library Deans & Directors**
 - Call for engagement
- **Leadership Council for Agricultural Information**
 - Conducted survey, prepared reports & identified components
- **Randy Heatley et. al. paper(s)**

Complementary Initiatives

- NEH Preservation programs
- **Million Book project**
- University of Minnesota study
- **eXtension**
- IAALD outreach
- **Other international initiatives:**
 - FAO (advocacy, content, & capacity building)
 - survey
 - e-agriculture



USAID Gets Involved

- Government Relations Committee
 - Letters of support for NAL budget and AgNIC
 - Suggestions for white paper since 1998
- Luti's call to action in 2005
- Ag Info Infrastructure Task Force
- Writing consultant approved and hired
- Wiki established
- After many delays and revisions – a finished draft completed...two days ago!

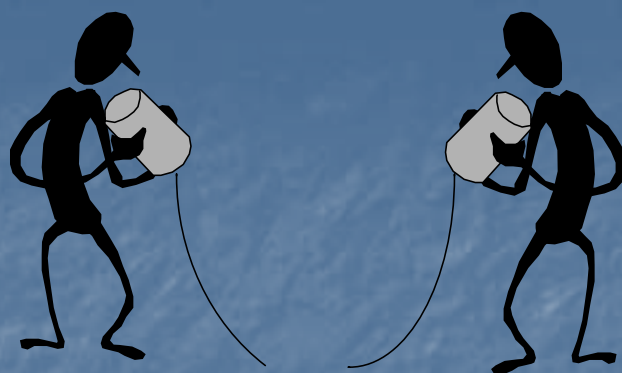


Making the Case

- Developing the Next-Generation Information Infrastructure to Ensure America's Leadership in Agricultural Sciences in the 21st Century



Content



NDLA Call to Action

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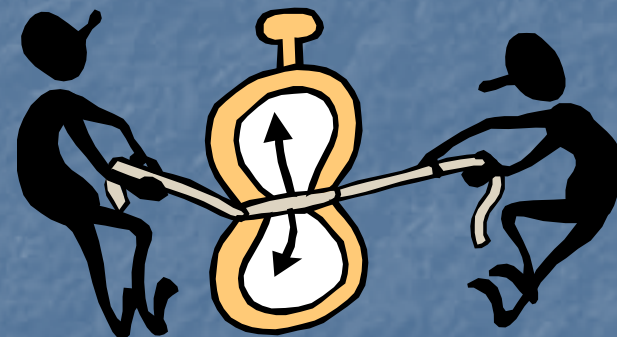
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AgNIC Executive Board Discussion

- What does the NDLA mean for AgNIC?
 - **What are the opportunities?**
 - ✓ Improve access to information & resources
 - ✓ Support development of repositories
 - ✓ Conduct IT research and development
 - **What are the challenges?**
 - ✓ Informal nature of AgNIC
 - ✓ Lack of funding
 - ✓ Lack of broad-based institutional support
 - ✓ Interoperability



Next Steps

- Conduct inventory of partners (institutional capacity, activities, and resources)
- **Develop AgNIC space for discussing agricultural information issues**
- Consider a pilot project
- **AgNIC Board will meet in January in Washington D.C.**
 - ✓ Define possible AgNIC role in larger initiative
 - ✓ Discuss organizational structure
 - ✓ Consider alternatives for funding
 - ✓ Draft strategic plan for 2007-2010
 - ✓ Plan spring meeting to present & finalize the plan

