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- Considerations before answering the questions:
 - Define global: global for participation, but African focus
 - There is a need for comprehensive information on existing demand
 - There are already several platforms online
 - CGIAR, FAO, WB, OECD, UNIDO, etc.
 - Bologna Club
 - Agrimachine.
 - What should be the target audience? – Farmers and farmers' associations
 - The current commercial platforms do not have info on what is demanded for different locations
 - It should be a platform for technology as well as knowledge
 - The offered machinery should be sustainable.

ICT level platform

- Website/e-platform that manages information and can link to other ICTs that serve to farmers (SMS, whatsapp, youtube, databases, etc). Also to be resource center for statistics.

What are the suggested modalities of its establishment

- Selection of an existing institution in the region that has the capacity (ACT i.e.), manufacturers should participate too. One host institution. Prioritizing small and medium manufacturers.

What should be objectives and outcomes

- Objectives: Share knowledge, give visibility to equipment and its use. Help farmers to connect with manufacturers and vice versa. Facilitate access to existing technologies. Validate existing technologies setting minimum requirements. Immediate action should be targeting farmers.
- Outcomes: How to adapt technologies or contribute to develop technologies from the knowledge exchange.

What will be they contributions from stakeholders

Distinguishing between short term and long term development:

- Product information, performance from farmers' perspective. Let participate and give opinion on equipment shown. Surveys, statistics, reports can be also hosted.

Content of the platform

- Burning issue: start with a technology transfer platform (match farmer need to manufacturer offer), capacity building, market information.
- Longer term issues: new developed equipment, practices, developments, scientific publications, finance options/models. Should be country focused for some of the topics.

How will be organized

- Maybe dual organization between manufacturers (agrievolution) and agricultural institution (ACT).

Who it will be running / be funded

- Kick start from donors. Self-sustained by advertisement, private sector fee,...