

The word **'transition'** means the process of changing or converting from one condition or practice to another.

Farm input subsidy programmes (FISPs) should be phased out and replaced with an approach that favours agro-ecology, public investment in extension services that support agro-ecology, farmer-based research and development, the support and recognition of farmer-managed seed systems, and bulk infrastructure (water and roads) – all of which offer collective, long-term benefits.

Supporting participatory approaches

- ▶ Farmers and public-sector extension officers need support through training in agro-ecological techniques.
- ▶ There is need for multi-disciplinary partnerships that cut across social, organisational and technical fields.
- ▶ There should be a multi-directional flow of knowledge between farmers, scientists, policy and practices, with each part informing the other.



Taking back control

Small-scale farmers must:

- ▶ demand inclusion and participate actively in the processes that affect them;
- ▶ monitor and evaluate outcomes; and
- ▶ mobilise against the diversion of resources to wealthy elites.

Transitioning out of FISPs