

## What makes a Good Question on InfoSpring?

### Questions should be:

- Related to a practical development issue
- Answerable in a direct manner
- Related to one or more of the development themes that the InfoSpring community is focused on – NRM, food security, agriculture, land use, and climate change.
- Sensitive to the diverse cultural backgrounds of the InfoSpring community
- Written in clear language - facilitating potential translation into other languages

### Best format when entering a question:

- **Title:** This is a concise, direct version of the question, usually 20 words or less, with a question mark at the end.
- **Text:** Use this space to provide more background and context for your question (why it's important to you, how it relates to your work as a practitioner). You can include references to other data (e.g. website link), if that helps to frame the issue. This section may be as long or as short as you like.

### Examples of good questions (focused and relevant to other practitioners):

- How is climate change currently affecting decisions taken by farmers in semiarid areas of West Africa?
- Can anyone direct me to a case study of the economic production of biogas for rural communities in South Asia, as a substitute for fuel wood?
- What community-based approaches have proven to be most effective in resolving conflicts over land use and ownership?
- How can tons of domestic refuse in urban slum areas be turned into economic opportunities for the local populations?

### Examples of bad questions (too general or theoretical)

- Would increased cloud density build up enough natural screening to block any increase in solar radiation?
- Is development aid from rich countries effective in reducing poverty?
- Should Barack Obama sign a cap and trade bill in the US?

