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In response to FR Doc. 03-19935 on Research Business Models, I suggest that policy relevant, outcome driven research, with performance measures geared towards evaluating sustainable development, "triple bottom line" impacts - meaning economic, environmental and social impacts are integrated and optimized - is a way to stimulate the innovation and the "multi" - should be "inter" (to encourage integrated, not just multifaceted) - disciplinary approaches sought. I also suggest participatory/community based research projects need to be encouraged, as well as stakeholder/community involvment in defining research agendas and funding to ensure research relevance to sustainable development policy goals. Please provide me with a schedule of regional meetings. Thank you

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