



Continental Knowledge Management for Agricultural Development

Knowledgizing AR4D in Africa, for Africa



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Meeting with KM South Africa

You're Invited to a Webinar on

Knowledge Sharing across the African Continent

This webinar aims to highlight innovative practices in knowledge sharing across the continent. This engaging session will feature three remarkable practitioners from different parts of Africa, who will discuss how knowledge management fosters collaboration, resilience, and sustainable development in African contexts. Africa is rich in knowledge, and with the power of technology, we can share, learn, and collaborate.

Date/Time:

19 June 2025

12:00 - 13:00

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Speakers

Diana Kazooba: KM & Learning Officer, Simavi

Obinna Richfield Anah: Knowledge Leader

Benjamin Abugri: KM, Digitalization, Learning & Communications Cluster Lead Specialist, the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) Knowledge Leader

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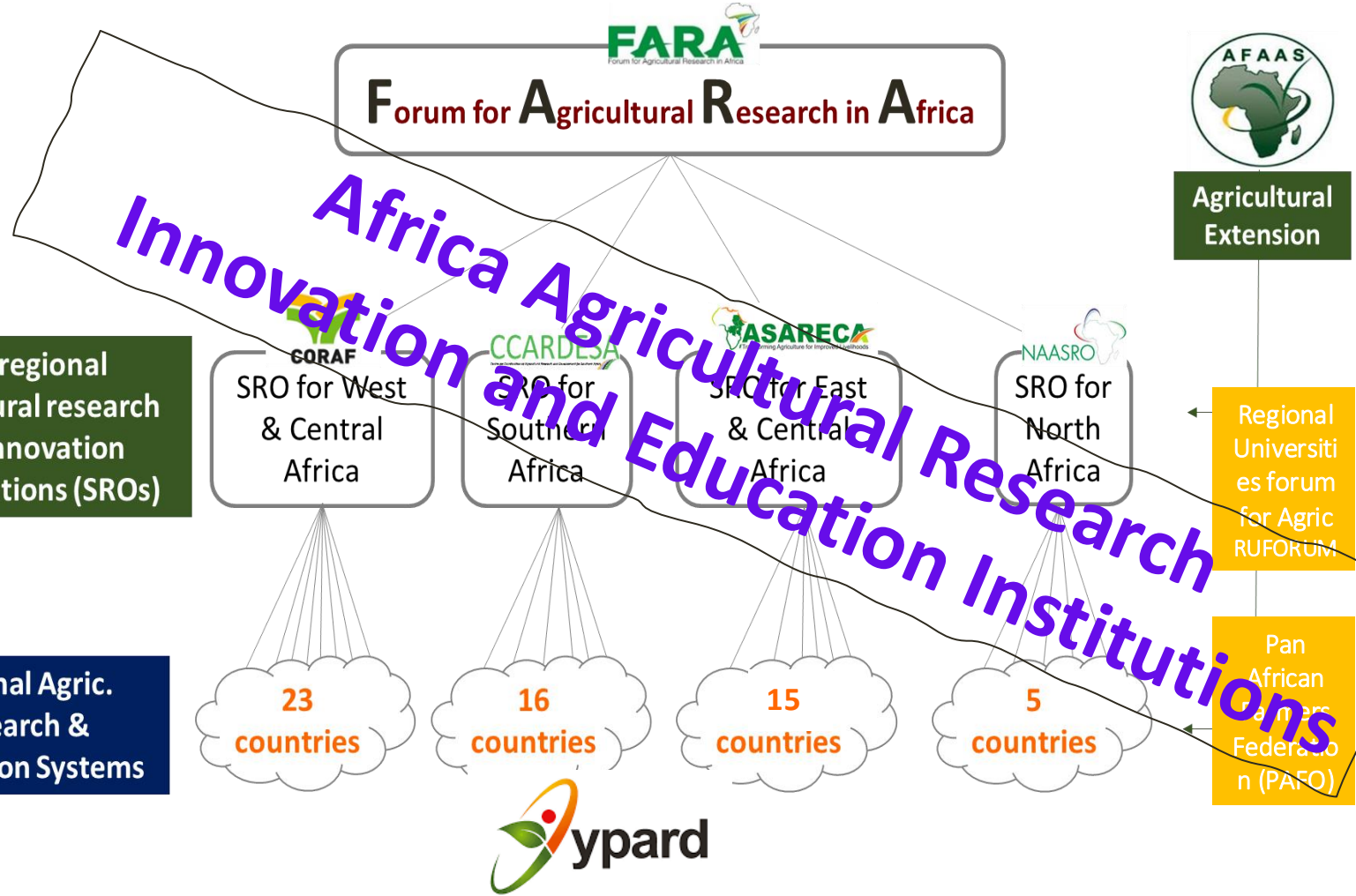
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The AR4D Consortium - AARIEI

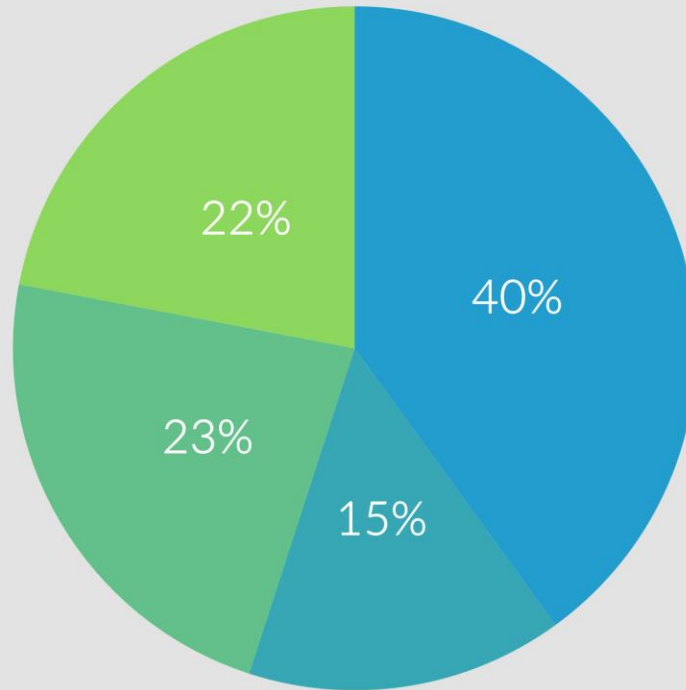
The apex Regional & Continental organisations for agricultural research and innovation in Africa

Convenes and facilitates partnerships and joint actions among stakeholders in agricultural research and innovation in Africa



Partnership in AR4D

Our Stakeholders (Continental – Over 16m)



■ Research & Academia

■ Policy

■ Extension & Farmers

■ Private sector



Wisdom is like a baobab tree; no one individual can embrace it. — Ewe proverb

Africa.com

Online Reach Through Various Platforms



Over 16M

Reach directly and indirectly through partners

Blog Feedback

Many requests by users to pay and promote their products

Google has requested that we monetize the blog



Over 5M

Online reach via various portals

OUR DIRECT REACH AROUND THE WORLD



Blog

4M
20K/month

CoP

40K
75% Africa

Web

985K
55 Countries

SOCIAL MEDIA REACH

76,943 Followers



3,551 Views | 432 Subs



24,724 followers



1,143 Followers



33,314 Followers

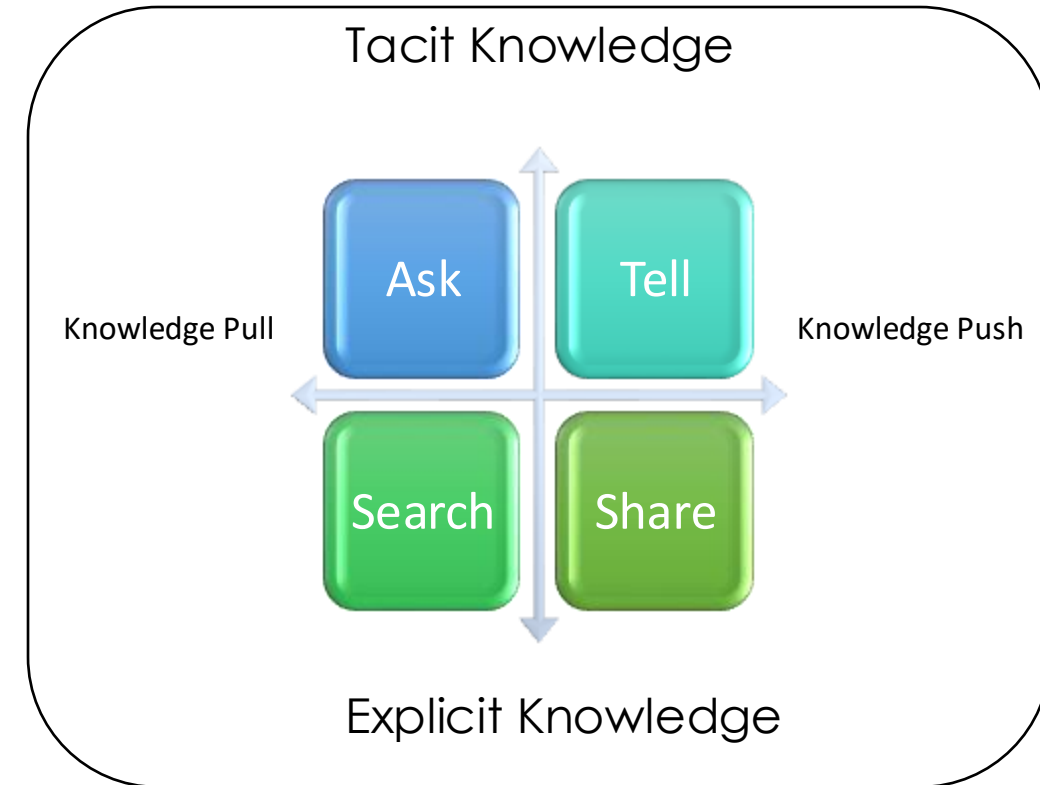


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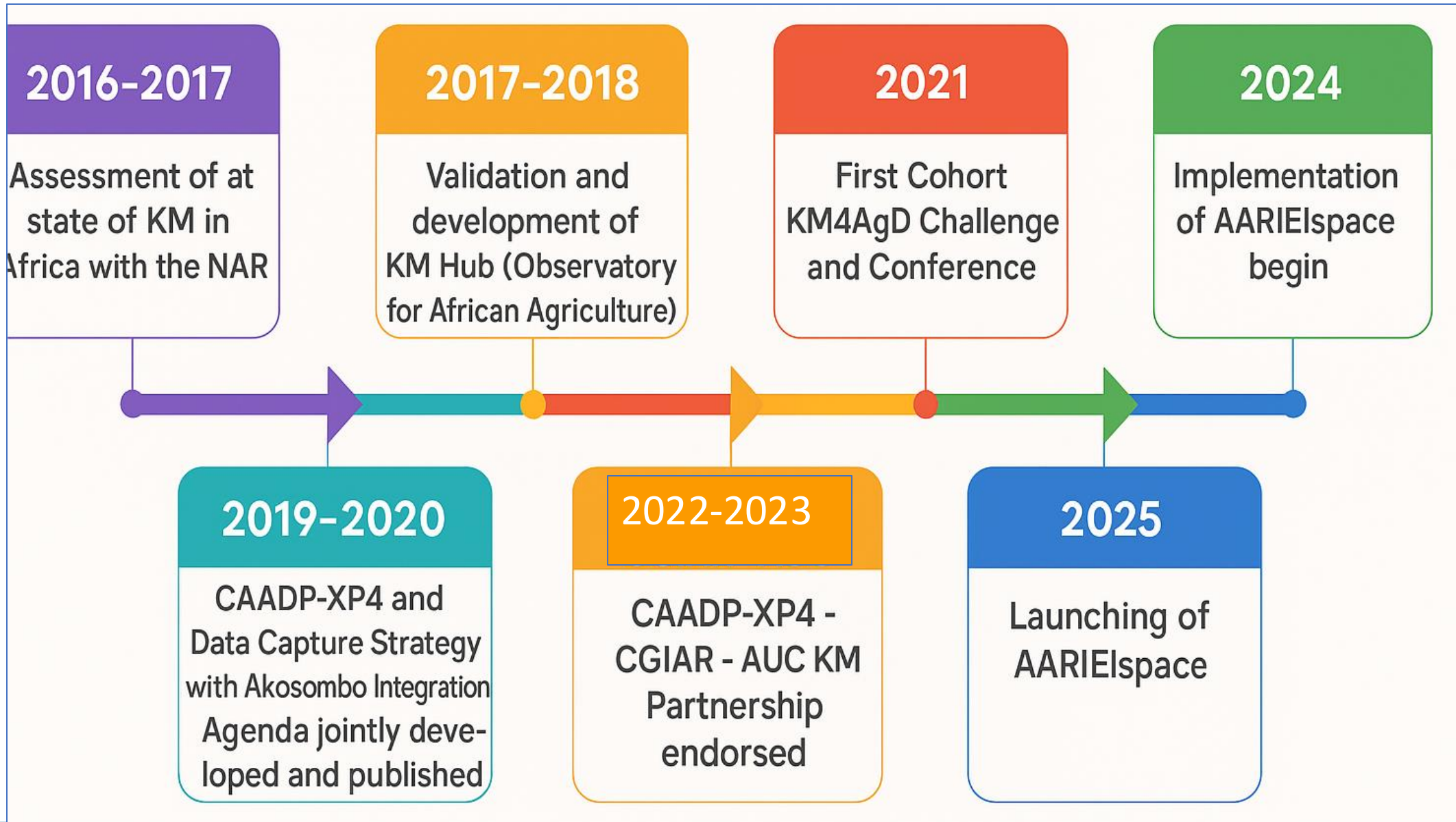


Knowledge Management Approach

- KM is not only about **collecting knowledge**; it's about **connecting people to that knowledge**;
- **Two forms of knowledge:**
 - i. **Explicit knowledge**
 - ii. **Tacit knowledge (minds experience)**
- **KM ensures that we can push (share) relevant knowledge and pull (find) needed knowledge.**



Important Partnership Milestones



Joint Action on KM – The KM4AgD Agenda

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- ❖ Digital platforms and repositories
 - ❖ Harmonized KM strategies
 - ❖ Learning events and communities



Examples

1. Observatory for Africa Agriculture – KM-Hub – 2017-2018



www.datainforms.faraafrica.org



Linkage, Recommender System & Interoperability

Examples

2. Repositioning - Akosombo Agenda



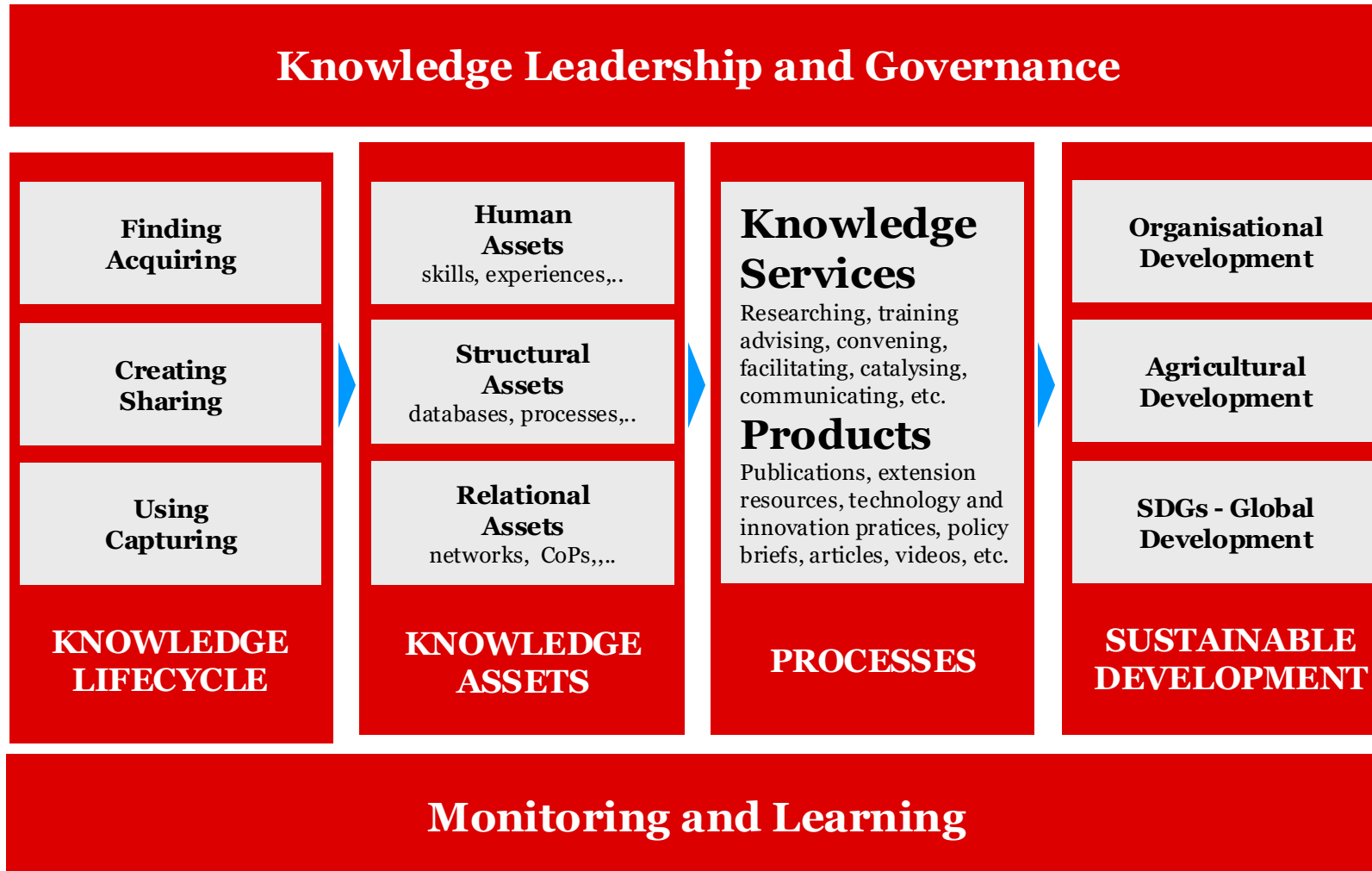
Examples

2. Repositioning - Akosombo Agenda

The Akosombo Integration Agenda is about integration of



Continental KM4AgD Framework



Source: Abugri & Brandner (2021): Continental Data Capture Strategy

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Examples

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Examples

4. Strengthening the KM Ecosystem

Accra Declaration
2021 (En&Fr) - KM
Agenda for Africa
AR4D

<https://faraafrica.org/2022/02/15/accra-declaration-on-the-km4agd-agenda-for-africa/>

CAADP XP4 PROGRAMME

KM4AgD CHALLENGE



Knowledge Management for Agricultural Development Agenda



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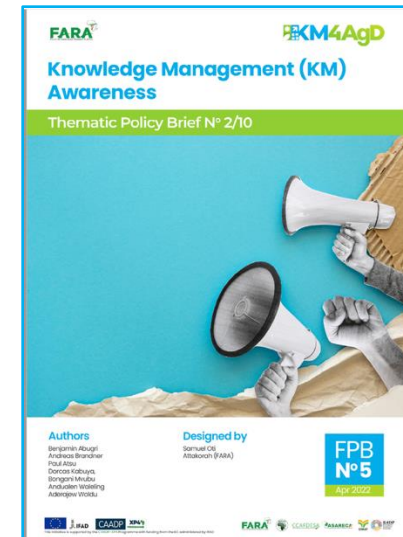
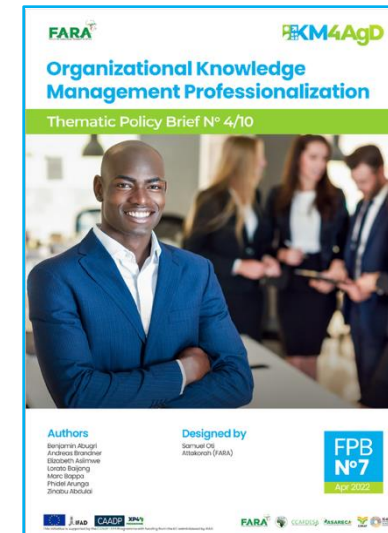
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KM Briefs Explaining Each Agenda

Publication and dissemination Mechanism

Collaboration with the International Knowledge Management Journal – Four Publications ready



KM4AgD Community of Practice

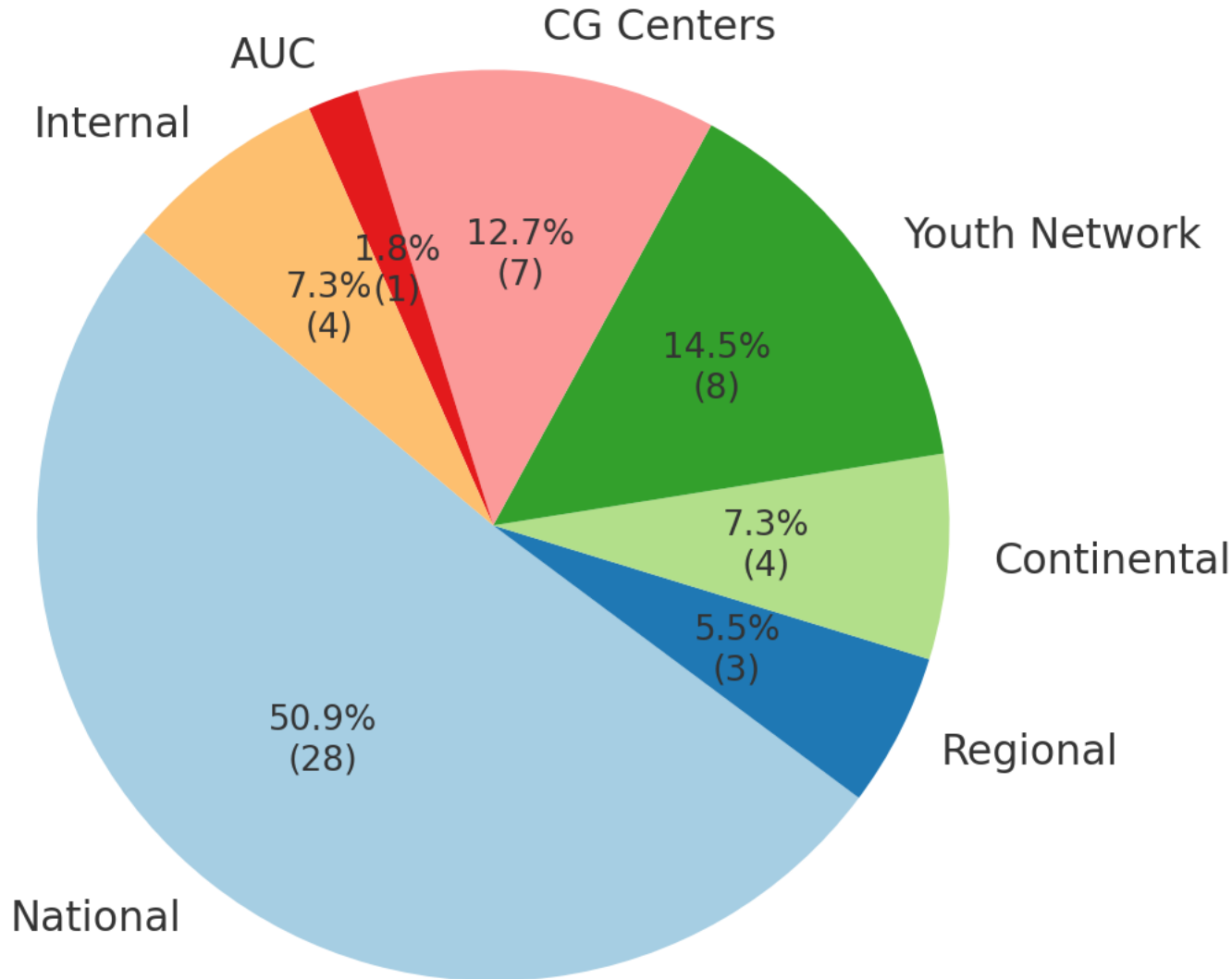


KM4AgD Community of Practice

77 Certified KM Managers for Sustainable Development – Fellows

Join Us

<https://km4agd.faraafrica.org/fellows/>



Dgroups: simple solutions for building sustainable online communities (engagements, co-creation & Networks)

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CHALLENGE

Kwazi Zuma
Agricultural Research Council.
– South Africa, 2024

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Welcome to the Knowledge Management for Agricultural Development Practitioners platform. We seek to advance KM for Agricultural development in Africa. This group is coordinated by FARA, AFAAS, CORAF, CCARDESA, ASARECA and NAASRO

<https://km4agd.faraafrica.org/fellows-2/>

Dgroups: simple solutions for building sustainable online communities (engagements, co-creation & Networks)

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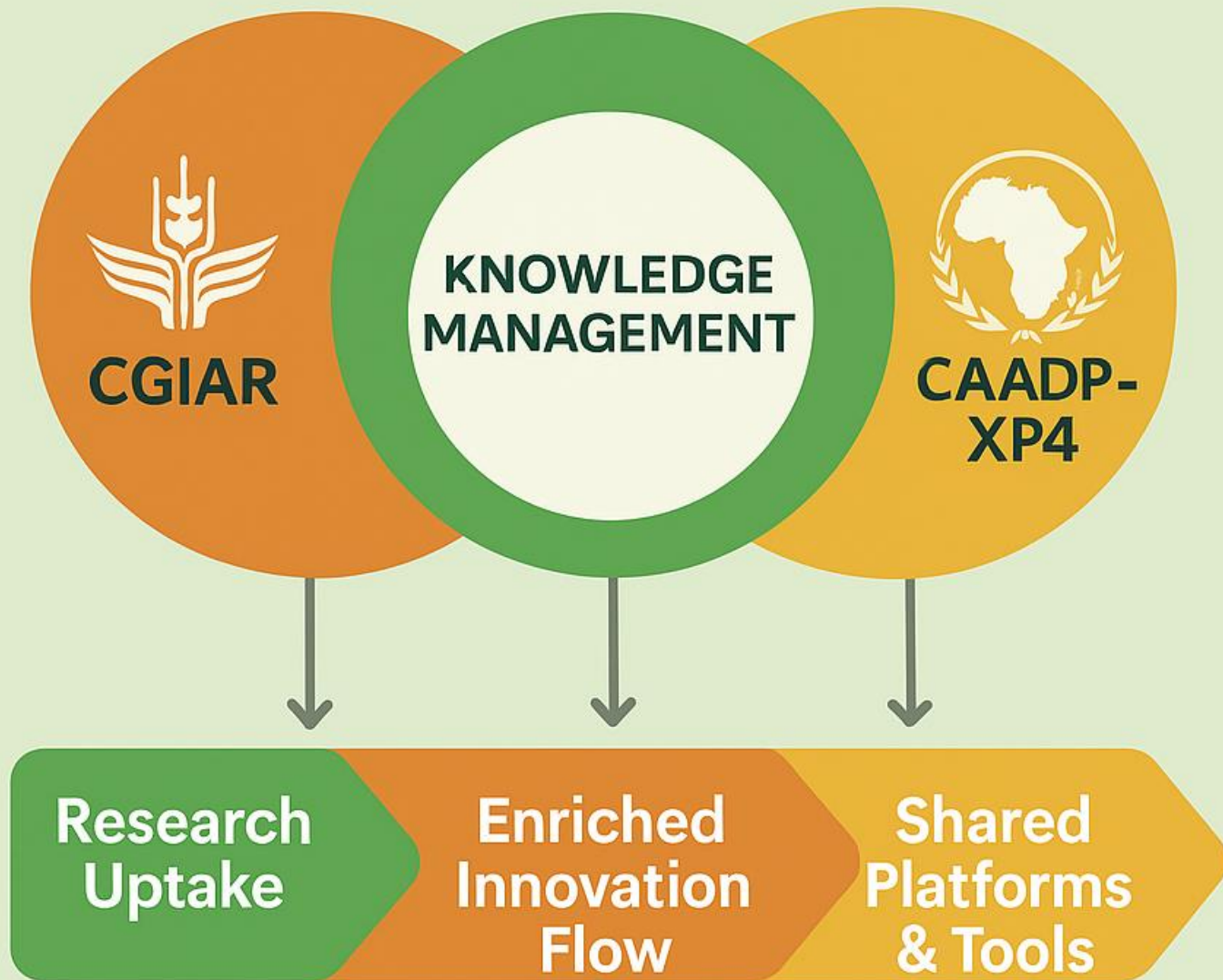
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CGIAR - CAADP-XP4 KM Partnership

Knowledge Management Partnership Framework for AR4D in Africa

A joint AUC, CAADP-XP4 CONSORTIUM (FARA, AFAAS, ASARECA, CCARDESA & CORAF) and CGIAR recommendations from the 2022 KM4AgD Challenge & Conference



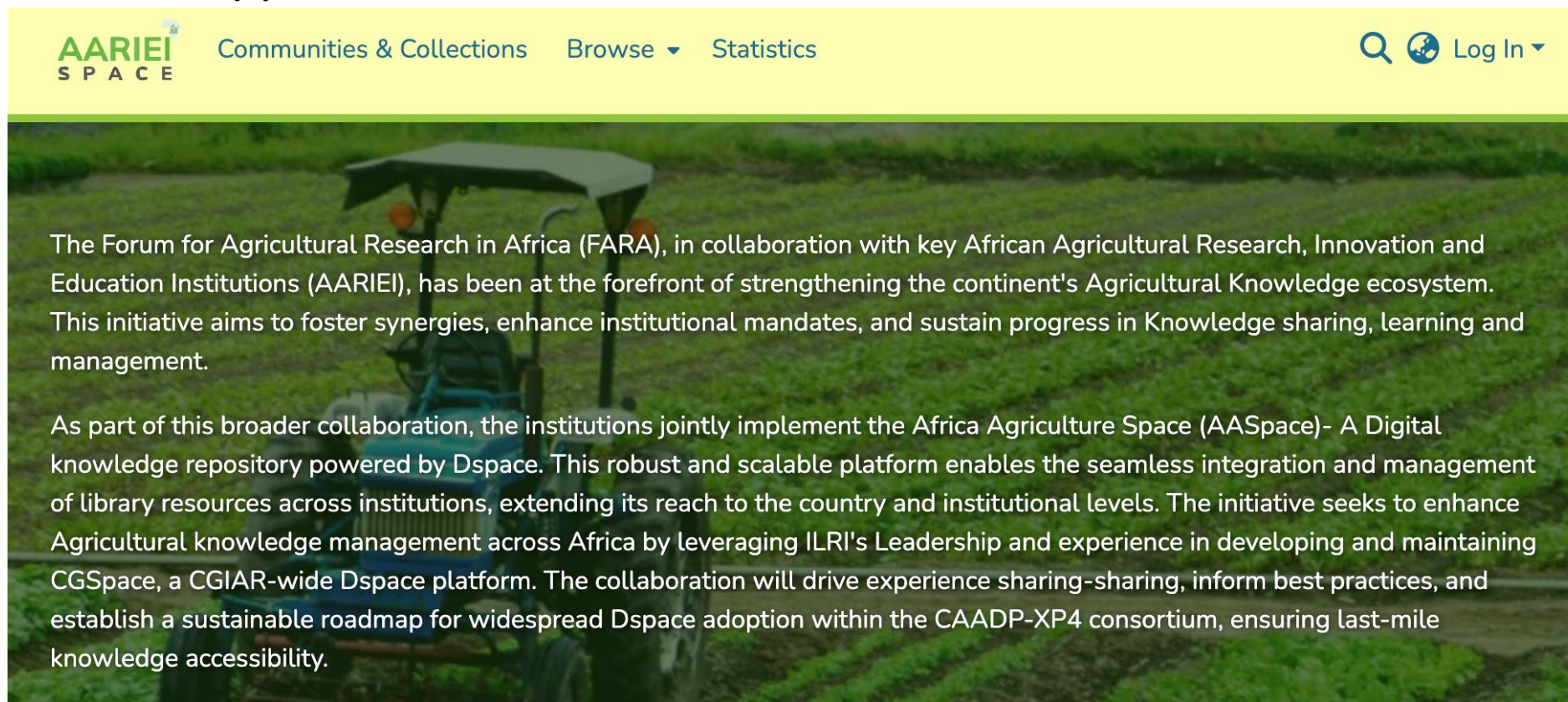
AARIEspace Implementation

- ❖ Data integration, analytics, dashboards
- ❖ Value to decision-makers and stakeholders
- ❖ ILRI's technical support



AARIEI
SPACE

<https://aaspace.org/home>



The screenshot shows the AARIEspace website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the AARIEI SPACE logo on the left, followed by links for 'Communities & Collections', 'Browse', and 'Statistics'. On the right side of the navigation bar, there is a search icon, a globe icon, and a 'Log In' button. Below the navigation bar, there is a large green banner image of a tractor in a field. Overlaid on this image is text describing the collaboration between FARA and AARIEI to strengthen the African agricultural knowledge ecosystem and the implementation of the Africa Agriculture Space (AASpace) digital knowledge repository.

The Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), in collaboration with key African Agricultural Research, Innovation and Education Institutions (AARIEI), has been at the forefront of strengthening the continent's Agricultural Knowledge ecosystem. This initiative aims to foster synergies, enhance institutional mandates, and sustain progress in Knowledge sharing, learning and management.

As part of this broader collaboration, the institutions jointly implement the Africa Agriculture Space (AASpace)- A Digital knowledge repository powered by Dspace. This robust and scalable platform enables the seamless integration and management of library resources across institutions, extending its reach to the country and institutional levels. The initiative seeks to enhance Agricultural knowledge management across Africa by leveraging ILRI's Leadership and experience in developing and maintaining CGSpace, a CGIAR-wide Dspace platform. The collaboration will drive experience sharing-sharing, inform best practices, and establish a sustainable roadmap for widespread Dspace adoption within the CAADP-XP4 consortium, ensuring last-mile knowledge accessibility.

Last Mile Access to and use of Strategic Knowledge Products

The AU-EU International Research Consortium Platform

Transitioning the AU-EU Food Nutrition Security for Sustainable Agriculture Partnership to a long-term sustainable Platform:

African Union

FARA Research Report

ABLA
Agri-Business Learning Alliances

Agribusiness Learning Alliance (ABLA) Toolkit

For Business Development in Agriculture Research for Development

CAADP XP4 PROGRAMME

<https://library.faraafrica.org/>

Report
Good Practices to facilitate lessons learning & advocacy

A Study Conducted Jointly by the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme X-Pillar Four (CAADP-XP4) Partners (ASARECA, CCARDESA, CORAF & AFAAS) and Published by The Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) 2022

Strategies for Continuous Development of Climate-Smart Agriculture Technologies in Africa

Tunde AJAYI, Wole FATUNBI, Aggrey AGUMYA and Yemi AKINBAMIJO

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more K-Products (389 total)



Conclusion:

The Power of Co-Creation & Collaboration

- Enhances local ownership
- Facilitates adaptive learning
- Builds sustainable systems

Call to Action – 3 Topical Issues



**INVEST IN
INTEROPERABLE
DIGITAL KM
SYSTEMS**



**SCALE UP
CAPACITY FOR
EVIDENCE-
INFORMED
DECISION-MAKING**



**INSTITUTIONALIZ
COMMUNITIES
OF PRACTICE**



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3. <https://km4agd.faraafrica.org/> - KM4AgD Agenda Website
4. www.datainforms.faraafrica.org – Observatory for Africa Agriculture
5. <https://faraafrica.community/fara-net/km4s3a/km4agd> - Africa KM4AgD Community of Practice (Please click to Join)
6. AARIEI Space - <https://aaspace.org/home>
7. INTERFACES Project - <https://sustainable-landmanagement-africa.net/en/>
8. <https://youtu.be/38Kg8MDIq-I> - Video KM4AgD Challenge

For More Information on CAADP:

The CAADP Strategy and Action Plan 2026–2035 and the Kampala Declaration are available in the following languages in the [AARIEspace](#):

<https://faraafrica.org/2025/05/05/africa-charts-a-new-path-to-agri-food-transformation-with-the-launch-of-the-caadp-strategy-2026-2035-and-the-kampala-declaration/>

Strategy and Action Plan 2026–2035: [English](#) | [French](#) | [Portuguese](#) | [Arabic](#) | **Swahili**

Kampala Declaration: [English](#) | [French](#) | [Portuguese](#) | [Arabic](#) | [Swahili](#)



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