



AFAAS Annual Report 2025

Reimagining Extension,
Transforming Agriculture

AFAAS Secretariat

Continental Stakeholder Briefing



Africa's continental platform for agricultural advisory services

- Apex body under the African Union, mandated to coordinate and strengthen agricultural extension and advisory services (AEAS)
- Anchored in the CAADP-Kampala framework, contributing to the AU goal of 6% average annual agricultural growth
- A system integrator: connects research, policy and innovation so they reach the last mile
- Affiliated to GFRAS, linking African priorities to the global rural advisory agenda

768

member organizations across Africa

1,278

individual members across the public and private sectors

Our vision

Advisory services that contribute to sustained productivity, profitability and growth of African agriculture for poverty reduction

Our mission

Promote lesson learning and professionalism, and add value to national agricultural extension and advisory service systems

2025 in numbers: reach across 35 countries

35

countries reached through the AFAAS network

15M+

agricultural value chain actors indirectly reached

USD 10M+

active project portfolio

13+

continental, regional and country-level projects

1,000+

extension providers trained and supported

10

digital repositories strengthened

A year of transition: Dr. Lilian K. Lihasi succeeded founding Executive Director Dr. Mohammed S. Nahdy, and the continent moved from the CAADP Malabo Declaration to the Kampala Agenda, with renewed emphasis on implementation, investment, inclusivity and resilience.

How we drive change: three reinforcing pillars

Extension is the link between knowledge and action. Stronger interactions among AEAS actors build more inclusive, resilient and productive agricultural systems.

1

Institutions and networks

Strengthen coordination, networking and knowledge management so extension systems work and share what they learn.

28 Country Fora strengthened

2

Scaling to the last mile

Build capacities of institutions and value chain actors to scale technologies, innovations and practices.

3,500+ farmers reached with climate-smart innovations

3

Professional, sustainable AEAS

Advance professionalism, leadership and technical competence for lasting advisory services.

1,900+ practitioners trained

In focus: from Digital Connectors to agripreneurs

16

Digital Connectors trained in Kenya and Uganda (EU-funded AIRTEA) to link farmers to digital advisory platforms



Agripreneurs

By year-end they ran independent advisory, input and market-linkage services in avocado, maize and bean chains



4,684

value chain actors reached, 45.3% of whom actively used digitalized advisory services

Outcomes

- Five youth-led agritech enterprises incubated; 10 interns mentored
- Kenyan and Ugandan local governments committed to expand the model
- Around USD 250,000 mobilized from public and private partners
- Peer-learning WhatsApp network sustained with no external facilitation

Youth engagement in extension generates employment, not just knowledge transfer

Ten lessons shaping our 2026 programming

- 1 Take a systems approach**
Extension works best as a core function of agrifood transformation
- 2 Anticipate policy shifts**
Align programmes with emerging continental priorities
- 3 Partnerships are the foundation**
Co-design solutions and align investments across actors
- 4 National action for continental goals**
Country Fora turn priorities into policies and investment
- 5 Evidence drives policy**
Capture and communicate programme evidence systematically
- 6 Knowledge and data are strategic assets**
Quality repositories, local content and trusted data governance
- 7 People are the top investment**
Professionalization and mentoring; youth and women as leaders
- 8 Local, participatory approaches**
Farmers adopt more when they help co-design and test
- 9 Design inclusion on purpose**
Address gender, youth, language and digital access barriers
- 10 AI needs strong foundations**
Institutional readiness, policies, data systems and local testing

Looking ahead: five strategic priorities for 2026

1

Scale AI-enabled advisory services

Advance the continental AI-AEAS agenda, digital infrastructure and blended finance

2

Strengthen the sustainability of Country Fora

Institutional capacity, business models, strategic planning and resource mobilization

3

Deepen the professionalization of AEAS

Certification, competency frameworks and continuous learning, including digital, AI and climate skills

4

Mobilize strategic partnerships and resources

Position extension as a priority investment in continental and global agendas

5

Influence implementation of CAADP Kampala

Integrate AEAS into national investment plans with evidence-based dialogue and accountability

Beyond Silos: operationalizing the AARIEI platform and the Continental Extension Coalition to turn commitments into national action



African Forum
for Agricultural
Advisory Services

Flagship: 8th Africa-Wide Agricultural Extension Week

GHANA

participants from across Africa and beyond

AUGUST, 2027, ACCRA ,GHANA

Delegates called for

- PARTNERSHIPS
- COLLABORATION
- SPONSORSHIP

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Why partner with AFAAS

A ready continental delivery network: 768 organizations and 1,278 individual members across 35 countries, able to reach millions of value chain actors

Scale digital and AI-enabled advisory services

Professionalize the extension workforce

Strengthen Country Fora as sustainable delivery platforms

Expand youth- and women-led agripreneurship

Accelerate agroecology, climate resilience and bioeconomy solutions

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