CONCEPT NOTE

Knowledge Management for Agricultural Development Challenge & Conference 2022

THEME

Strengthening the African Knowledge Ecosystem for achieving & Sustaining the CAADP Malabo targets 2025
Introduction

The Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), established in 2002, is a strategic platform that fosters continental and global networking to strengthen the innovation capacities of Africa’s agricultural research system. FARA comprises the Secretariat as its functional arm and the “Forum”. The “Forum” encompasses all African and non-African stakeholders committed to enhancing Africa’s agricultural productivity, competitiveness, and markets as a contribution to the achievement of the national, regional, continental and global Sustainable development goals (SDGs) for poverty and hunger reduction, and environmental sustainability. FARA is mandated by the African Union Commission (AUC) and the African Union Development Agency (AUDA) to serve as their lead institution on Agricultural Research and Development (AR&D). In this regard, FARA coordinated the framing and implementation of the Comprehensive Africa Agricultural Development Programme (CAADP) workstream responsible for agricultural research, technology dissemination and adoption, i.e., Pillar IV. FARA performed this role in collaboration with ASARECA, CCARDESA, CORAF and AFAAS. The five entities are collectively referred to as the CAADP ex-Pillar IV (CAADP XP4) organisations.

The CAADP XP4 organizations secured resources from the European Union (EU) under the Development Smart Innovation through Research in Agriculture (DeSIRA) initiative to implement a 4-year project (2019-2023) in Africa titled “Supporting implementation of a Science-Led and Climate Relevant Agricultural Transformation in Africa (SISTA)”. This funding is administered by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

The overall objective of this programme is to enable agricultural research and innovation, including extension services, to contribute effectively to food and nutrition security, economic development, and climate mitigation in Africa.

The specific objective is to improve the individual and collective capacities of the critical supra-national agricultural research and innovation institutions in their support to countries to achieve the programme’s overall objective, through (i) strengthening the technical and organizational capacities of individual CAADP XP4 organizations in multi-stakeholder programme management, resource mobilization and fiduciary processes; (ii) establishing and strengthening multi-stakeholder partnerships (including with European institutions) for climate-relevant innovation; (iii) strengthening policies, investments, market linkages, and foresight capacities plus application; (iv) enhancing knowledge management and communication for advocacy, decision support and sharing innovation related to climate-relevant agricultural transformation; and (v) strengthening coordination (including planning, M&E and learning), reporting and governance.
As part of its implementation of component four on Knowledge Management and Communication and within the overall Knowledge Management Strategy of FARA, the CAADP-XP4 Partners jointly designed and rolled out the annual Knowledge Management for Agricultural Development (KM4AgD) agenda (Challenge & Conference) in 2021. The annual Challenge seeks to build appropriate capacities, establish communities of practice for Knowledge Management (Artificial Intelligence) and strengthen the knowledge ecosystem to accelerate the achievement of the CAADP Malabo goals by 2025 and the SDGs by 2030. The Challenge is implemented through an integrated, strategic, educational, and transformational approach. The KM4AgD Challenge is the lighthouse project for a knowledge-based development in AR4D in Africa. It will take place annually in a growing number of countries. In 2021, twenty-eight (28) participants from twenty-two (22) countries joined the Challenge.
Background

Knowledge is at the heart of Sustainable Development. Today’s societies are characterized by a predominant and still growing share of knowledge work at all levels of institutions. Knowledge is essential because it supports decision making, evidence-based planning and increases institutional credibility. Knowledge is critical for research organisations because research is an essential component in generating knowledge. The role of AR&D institutions in knowledge generation towards Africa’s agenda in halving poverty by 2025 through the CAADP Malabo commitment as well as contributing to the SDGs 2030 cannot be overemphasized.

According to Knowledge for Development Partnership (K4DP), understanding the nature of knowledge, knowing how to manage knowledge professionally, and continuously advancing knowledge is essential for agricultural growth and development at the individual, organizational, and societal levels. Knowledge is a primary resource of societies - dynamically changing through several drivers like globalization, digitalization, specialization, and more (K4DP, 2018). A competent, targeted, and integrated approach to knowledge in societies is necessary to achieve the CAADP commitments, the SDGs and National Development Plans. Unfortunately, many countries and institutions are still struggling to manage huge amounts of knowledge to demonstrate evidence of progress towards the Malabo Targets and the SDGs.

Abugri (2020) identified three main drivers to enable Africa to achieve the CAADP Malabo Commitments 2025 and the SDGs by 2030 with the required evidence, namely: (i) capacity building in Knowledge Management, (ii) institutionalization of KM products and (iii) implementation of KM products aligned with sustainable development goals. Therefore, a lot of efforts will require concrete knowledge management efforts in building the appropriate country-level capacities, coordinating the right networks/partnerships for collaborating, learning, and sharing, and ensuring that the right information exists at the right place, in the right form and at the right time.

The 2021 Accra Declaration on KM4AgD Agenda for Africa

In July 2017, the CAADP-XP4 organizations (FARA, AFAAS, CORAF, CCARDESA, CCARDESA, NAASRO) and other continental, regional and national agricultural stakeholders, rolled out the Science Agenda for Agriculture in Africa (S3A) as an African-owned instrument for achieving the CAADP target of doubling agricultural productivity by 2025. This led to the development of a continental knowledge management strategy including the FARADataInformS as an observatory for Africa Agriculture linking with Knowledge hubs of the SROs and AFAAS. With the EC DeSiRA funding support in 2019, FARA and

![Logos of FARA, CCARDESA, CORAF, ASARECA, ypad, CGIAR, and K4DP]
the CAADP-XP4 partners jointly initiated the Knowledge Management for Agricultural Development (KM4AgD) Challenge in July 2021 as part of the implementation of the seven recommendations from the “Akosombo Integration Agenda” for agricultural development, published by FARA as the Continental Data Capture Strategy. The 2021 Continental Conference on Knowledge Management for Agricultural Development (KM4AgD) was the climax of the first year Challenge. The Conference was hybrid in nature and had about 377 representatives from 44 organisations in over 28 countries in Africa and 3 countries in Europe met in Accra, Ghana from 6th to 10th December 2021. Thirty (30) participants from 20 countries who successfully completed all requirements of the 3 months Challenge were jointly awarded as “Knowledge Managers for Sustainable Development” by the CAADP-XP4 Partners, K4DP and Partner Universities (Makerere University & International University of Namibia) and GFAR (FAO). Again, about 20 draft National Knowledge Management Policies, 26 organizational Knowledge management Strategies and 10 thematic Knowledge briefs were developed by participants of the 2021 Challenge. These were presented at the maiden Conference in Accra and some countries (eg. Ghana, Tanzania, Eswatini, Uganda, etc) have started implementing their strategies.

The Accra Declaration on KM4AgD agenda for Africa (below), developed by participants and experts during the 2021 Challenge and jointly ratified by leaders of the CAADP-XP4 institutions, identified ten (10) major areas of concern to guide institutions mainstream KM4AgD to help accelerate AR4D in Africa and beyond and sets the foundation for Knowledge-Based Societies in Africa.
The 2022 KM4AgD Challenge & Conference is therefore a continuation of the 2021 edition but with more focus on new countries and institutions. In addition to existing objectives, it will also seek to develop a KM4AgD Impact pathway for each of the 10 agenda items. Further support will also be given to the 2021 countries who have initiated activities to mainstream their National Policies and Organizational Strategies within their respective countries.

**Rationale**

Existing agricultural knowledge and statistics are spotty and unreliable in Africa – this despite the existence of official statistics agencies in most, if not all, African countries (housed either by national bureaus of statistics, National development planning commission, the national chamber of commerce, or within ministries of agriculture) with the responsibility to collect, manage, and make available reliable agricultural knowledge. This situation has substantially hampered efforts to ground agricultural planning and policymaking in evidence. The case poses a substantial challenge to CAADP-Malabo Indicators and the monitoring of progress towards the biennial targets of these indicators which is tracked through Biennial Reviews (BR) at country level. This situation also poses challenges in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Several significant institutional developments in recent years by FARA and partners provide a valuable foundation for an attempt to improve Africa’s agricultural knowledge, information and data capture and dissemination in Africa:

As the bodies that coordinates agricultural research for development in Africa, the CAADP-XP4 Partners are a one stop-shop for technology, knowledge generation, networking, and information. In recent years, FARA, AFAAS & SROs has received several requests to mobilize and strengthen the collaboration of international and regional partners to enhance linkages of science (extension & Research) with business. We consider this an opportunity to effectively engage with the private sector, strengthen technology adoption through commercialization of research products, and track the cross-border trade prospects that may arise from the Africa Continental Free Trade Area (ACFTA) agreement.

**Operationalizing the Continental Data Capture Strategy (CDCS):** FARA led the CAADP-XP4 institutions to develop and validate a CDCS for Africa Agriculture. The development of the CDCS was based on analysis of current strategies, documents, and systems, as well as interviews and workshops. The CDCS identified seven key recommendations to help ensure a sustainable knowledge capture programme. These are; (1) Continental Knowledge Development Goals, (2) Continental Knowledge Governance, Monitoring and Learning, (3) Continental Knowledge Products and Services, (4) Continental
Knowledge Skills Programme, (5) Continental Knowledge Systems and Data Integration, (6) Continental Knowledge Communities (CoPs), and (7) Eight operational Knowledge Capturing processes. While developing a CDCS in 2020, the CAADP-XP4 partners established a collective agenda christened the “Akosombo Integration Agenda”. The agenda (included in the CDCS document) also outlined seven key areas of integration, including the integration of (1) Knowledge Management Approaches, (2) KM Tools, (3) Knowledge Resource, (4) KM Processes, (5) Communities, (6) KM Capacity Development and (7) Knowledge Ecosystems for AR4D.

Therefore, this activity seeks to operationalize the recommendations of the CDCS by generating content for the CAADP-XP4 Institutions Knowledge Hubs, creating/consolidating Communities of Practice and strengthening the knowledge ecosystem by building the capacities of about 25 KM country focal persons from about 15 African Countries and generating key knowledge products such as the country KM policies, organizational/national KM strategies, thematic knowledge briefs addressing key challenges and profiling of KM capacities at the country level, through a set of sub-activities collectively referred to as the Knowledge Management for Agricultural Development (KM4AgD) Challenge.

The KM4AgD Challenge is an integrated, strategic, educational and transformational long-term initiative to advance sustainable agricultural knowledge societies, linked with research to create scientific substance, evidence and outreach for Africa AR4D. The KM4AgD Challenge shall be a lighthouse project for knowledge-based development in AR4D in Africa. It will take place annually in a growing number of countries.

It also seeks to operationalize the 2021 Accra Declaration on Knowledge Management for Agricultural Development (KM4AgD) Agenda for Africa by developing an impact pathway for the 10 recommended thematic areas.

Finally, the KM4AgD Challenge will contribute to accelerating the achievements of existing CAADP-XP4 initiatives on innovation, futures, extension and Capacities development including the Agricultural Research and Innovation Fellowship for Africa (ARIFA), the Africa Foresight Academy (AFA), the Research to Extension (R2E) Initiative, amongst others.
Purpose and objectives of the KM4AgD Challenge 2021

The central objective is to improve the capture and dissemination of African agricultural knowledge to support achievement of CAADP commitments and SDG targets.

Specific Objectives

1. Strengthening of capacities of national level stakeholders in Knowledge Management to actively contribute to the mainstreaming of knowledge for agricultural development for attaining optimum benefits. Demonstrating the value add (including business) of KM4AgD agenda and a recommended framework for KM in the FARA (CAADP-XP4) – One CGIAR collaborative agenda.
2. Establishing/strengthening the community of practice for knowledge managers in Africa AR4D to provide scientific foundation, artificial intelligence, and foresight for the advancement of knowledge societies in AR4D.
3. Providing a framework for the establishment and operationalization of a continental Center for KM4AgD in FARA and AFAAS with regional centers in CORAF, CCARDESA and ASARECA, and hubs in each country along the lines of the Foresight Academy and with linkage to the K4DP School of Knowledge Sciences.
4. Generate political support (Annual Conference) and evidenced-based knowledge products and content for the FARADataInformS and the various knowledge platforms of the CAADP-XP4 institutions.
Approach and Activities

Approach:

The following approach and activities will be employed in implementing the 2022 KM4AgD Challenge which is expected to span from April to November:

Step 1: Preparation and Publicity of the event (April - May)
- Design flyers, banners, and videos
- Announcement of event on online portals by all CAADP-XP4 institutions
- Identify and establish a virtual training/meeting facility.

Step 2: Recruitment of Consultants, Facilitators, and participants (May)
- Retain/recruit a long-term KM (Graphics & IM) Junior Consultant at FARA level to support editorials, graphics/packaging, administrative and web updates (August).
- Recruit a long-term Web-developer/database expert at FARA level to support content generation, upgrades, interoperability with CAADP-XP4, and maintenance of FARADataInformS (August).
- Evaluation and engagement of about 20 - 25 country Focal points from about 15 countries as direct beneficiaries/participants of the 2022 challenge with sponsorship confirmed as follows;
  - FARA – 10 participants (YPARD-5, INSTI-1, CCARDESA-1, ASARECA-1, Others-2)
  - AFAAS – 5 participants
  - CORAF – 5 participants (Cape Verde, Liberia, Togo, Central Africa Republic, and Congo)
  - CCARDESA – 2 Participants (Namibia, Zimbabwe)
  - ASARECA – 1 participant
  - One CGIAR – 5 Participants (ILRI-2, IITA-2, CIAT-1)
  - Also opened to other development partners to sponsor their participants
- Engage the Knowledge for Development Partnership (K4DP) to mobilize thematic experts and facilitate the KM4AgD Challenge 2022 with cooperation from SROs, AFAAS, national partners and other development partners who will join.

Step 3: Training and certification on Knowledge Management for selected participants in collaboration with K4DP (June – August)
- Kick-off webinar opened to all stakeholders – June 10, 2022 @ 10:00 – 12:00 GMT
- Provide a 5-day organizational Knowledge Management
- Additional 3 workshops on Advance KM, Knowledge Societies and Knowledge cafes.
- Assess participants, certify, and admit them into the KM Community of Practice.
Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, these courses will largely take place virtually but will ensure to give participants the most well-rounded experience possible.

**Step 4: Review the 10 thematic knowledge briefs and seek to develop their value add, business value and impact pathway (June – August).** Beneficiaries of the 2022 edition will seek to provide answers to the following questions:

1. What is the state of Agricultural knowledge practices, challenges, and solutions in your country/community/organization/network?
2. What are the capacities, skills and extend to scale to enable the achievement of the Malabo goals in AR4D in your country? Capacities for knowledge generation, innovation, dissemination, and application?
3. How can KM influence policy and how can policy direction support the advancement of KM? How are these linked to achieving CAADP goals by 2025 and the SDGs by 2030 in your country?

4. - Mentoring activities on Knowledge Management
   - Organize three (3) virtual Knowledge Management Workshops linked with the three questions/challenges (in alignment with the CAADP Commitments and the SDGs)
   - Workshop 1: The state of Agricultural knowledge in Africa (country/participant specific). Knowledge Management Strategies for the participating countries/organizations (conceptual)
   - Workshop 2: The level of capacities for knowledge generation, dissemination and use in Africa (country/participant specific). Support updates of AR4D experts (average of 100 per country) in the CAADP-XP4 Expert Directory.
   - Workshop 3: The extent to which knowledge management can influence policy direction for AR4D in Africa? National and thematic Policy briefs for Knowledge Agendas. Also demonstrating value add, business value and impact pathway of the KM4AgD Agenda.
   - Scientific article reflecting the process and findings.

**Step 5: Organize the Second KM4AgD Conference – Hybrid (September 12 – 16)**
   - Packaging and publicity of Conference banners, flyers, etc
   - Engage facilitators, language interpretation and organizing committee
   - Participation and Logistics arrangements. Face-to-face: About 50 CAADP-XP4 sponsored Participants, Facilitators, resource persons and staff as follows:
     - FARA – 10+5= 15 slots
     - AFAAS – 4+3 = 7 slots
     - CORAF – 5+3= 8 slots
     - CCARDESA – 2+3 =5 slots
• ASARECA – 1+2 3 slots
• One CGIAR (ILRI, IITA, CIAT etc) – 7+3 10 slots
• IFAF and EC – 1+1 2 slots
• Also opened to other development partners to sponsor their participants = 6 slots – This number can be increased with self-sponsorship

- About 200 expected participants to join virtually
- Presentation and Exhibition (online & on-site) of the project results (Strategies and policies)

The following will also be relevant for the initiative’s short, medium to long term sustainability:
1. Evaluation of the possibility of developing focused training programs (university level, as well as post-graduate level), and the associated development of recommendations as to the structure of such training programs.
2. FARA and the Knowledge for Development Partnership (K4DP) will facilitate the KM4AgD Challenge 2022 with cooperation from SROs, AFAAS, national partners and experts in thematic areas.
3. Other KM Experts from partner and donor organizations/initiatives (CGIAR, NGOs, AUDA, AfDB, IFAD, UN, AU, etc) in Africa, will be invited to join both the Challenge and the Conference at their own cost.
4. Participants of the Challenge shall have the opportunity to advance their KM careers at Universities under the School of Knowledge Sciences (Makerere University, International University of Management – Namibia, etc).
Expected Outputs and Outcomes

Successful implementation of this activity will achieve the following outputs and outcomes:

Capacity Building in KM

- Capacities of selected KM focal persons in Africa AR4D developed.
- A community of practice of agriculture KM professionals updated with new qualified members.
- Initial building blocks for the establishment of a Continental KM4AgD Center established with clear linkage to the K4DP School of Knowledge Sciences, the Africa Foresight Academy and relevant Universities in Africa.
- The dedicated online presence for the KM4AgD established/updated.
- Mentoring activities on KM focusing on identified challenges of African agricultural research and innovation identified and validated.

Content generation in response to the Questions for the 2021 Challenge

- About 10 National Knowledge Management Policies developed and packaged.
- About 15 Organizational Knowledge Management Strategies developed and packaged.
- The KM4AgD value add (including business) and impact pathway developed and packaged within the context of the 2021 KM4AgD agenda.
- Bios of at least 1,000 AR4D experts collected and entered in the Expert Directory in FARADataInformS.

KM Conference

- Second Africa KM4AgD Conference Organized to showcase the outcomes from the challenge.
- Communiqué / declaration spelling out some commitments by the countries / the key actors.
Milestones

- **Kick-Off Webinar** held on Friday June 10, 2022 at 10:00 – 12:00 GMT
- About 25 beneficiaries from 15 countries trained and certified as Knowledge Managers by December 31 2021.
- Two long-term (120 days in 12 months) KM junior consultants recruited by August and October 2022.
- The K4DP engaged to co-facilitate the challenge alongside the CAADP XP4 organisations
- At least 10 National Knowledge Management Policies Developed by October 31, 2022
- At least 15 organizational/national/sector Knowledge Management strategies Developed by October 31, 2022
- KM4AgD value add and impact pathway developed by October 31, 2022. Including a CAADP-XP4 – One CGIAR recommended framework for KM
- Bios of at least 1,000 AR4D experts collected and entered in the Expert Directory in FARADatasyncs by December 31, 2022.
- A second KM4AgD Conference organized by October 31, 2022. Supported by at least 4 facilitators.

Primary Beneficiaries

CAADP XP4 institutions (FARA, AFAAS, ASARECA CCARDESA, CORAF) and NARES, KM professionals, KM networks/partnerships and users of FARADatasyncs (eg YPARD, University Agricultural Students, etc) as immediate beneficiaries. The ultimate beneficiaries are agricultural policy makers, producers and agribusinesses that will benefit through the better decisions and policies and enhanced access to relevant information.

Secondary Beneficiaries

It will also benefit AU/AUC, AUDA-NEPAD, RECs and Mandated institutions, other Knowledge Networks, NGOs, EC/EU, IFAD, World Bank, FAO, CGIAR (ILRI, etc) and the donor community. Finally, AOSTI (AU), ASTI (IFPRI), ASTII (NEPAD), African Development Indicators (WB), FAOSTAT, GFRAS, PanAAC, PAFO, Climate Smart Agricultural Youth Network (CSAYN), Association of Africa Universities (AAU), ReSAKSS, GODAN, AWAN, KM4Dev, etc. are key implementing agencies that will benefit from this activity.
**Expected Participants & Facilitators**

1. Twenty-five (25) selected participants from at least 15 countries from Africa for the KM4AgD Challenge sponsored as follows:
   - FARA – 10 participants (largely from the YPARD network and countries following discussions with SROs)
   - AFAAS – 4 participants
   - CORAF – 5 participants
   - CCARDESA – 2 Participants
   - ASARECA – 1 Participant
   - One CGIAR (ILRI, IITA, CIAT, etc) – 7 Participants

2. Over 15 experienced KM practitioners and Faculty members drawn from the Knowledge for Development Partnership (K4DP) network as facilitators.

3. About 50 participants (40 for CAADP-XP4) joining the face-to-face Knowledge Management Conference and about 200 joining via online. At least 4 Facilitators engaged to support the conference. Face-to-face participants sponsored as follows:
   - FARA – 10+5=15 slots
   - AFAAS – 5+3=8 slots
   - CORAF – 5+2= 7 slots
   - CCARDESA – 2+3 =5 slots
   - ASARECA – 1+2 = 3 slots
   - One CGIAR - 7 + 3 slots
   - EC, IFAD, AUC-AUDA, AfDB, etc – 5 slots

   Also opened to other development partners to sponsor their participants – This number can be increased with self-sponsorship

4. Other CAADP-XP4 institutions (ASARECA, CCARDESA, CORAF & AFAAS) may enhance the Challenge by sponsoring many more country representatives.
References


FARA (2021). Accra Declaration on Knowledge Management for Agricultural Development (KM4AgD) agenda. https://library.faraafrica.org/2022/02/17/accra-declaration-on-the-km4agd-agenda-for-africa/

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