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AFAAS STRATEGIC SUMMARY UPDATES

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A. Introduction

This summary report provides Strategic engagement updates for the month of March 2022. It mainly outlines key activities carried out in the period with focus on:

- i. Training of Trainers on “Integrating TAP Common Framework into African Research and Extension Organizations”.
- ii. Strengthening Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Ecosystem for Inclusive Rural Transformation and Livelihoods in Eastern Africa (AIRTEA) Project
- iii. CAADP-XP4 Progress Report
- iv. Annual Workplan and Budget 2022
- v. AFAAS-GIZ strategic partnership Update
- vi. GFRAS funding to AFAAS
- vii. Consultation with The Department for International Partnerships (DG INTPA) and African partners on Research & Innovations (R&I) priorities agroecological transitions
- viii. Field School Hub (FSH) and International Institute of Rural Reconstruction (IIRR) partnership meeting
- ix. GFRAS Global Nutrition working group Meeting
- x. The Eighth Tokyo International Conference on African Development Side events (TICAD)
- xi. Bio4Africa Global Meeting.

B. Summary some key activities carried out in March, 2022.

1. Training of Trainers Integrating the TAP Common Framework into African Research and Extension Organizations



The Training for Trainers “Integrating the Tropical Agricultural Platform Framework (TAP) into African Research and Extension Organizations” was held from 23rd to 25th March 2022 at Hilton Hotel Nairobi Kenya. The training was organized by FAO’s Research and Extension Unit, together with CAADP - XP4 institutions through the TAP- Agricultural Innovations Systems (AIS) project. The Overall objective of the Training was to enhance capacity of the African CAADP-XP4 Organizations to adapt and promote TAP common framework and tools in supporting countries in Africa to unleash their potential for innovation. The TAP-AIS project also aims to strengthen countries' AIS by promoting the common framework for Capacity Development for Agricultural Innovation System, an approach developed by the Tropical Agricultural Platform, a global consortium initiated by the G20 in 2012. The common framework includes tools, assessment methodologies and operational guidelines for practical use. This action will support the transformation of national AIS, through strengthened regional and national research, extension and advisory organizations in these regions.

2. AIRTEA Project

The project component “**Digital Connectors for farming communities**” led by AFAAS, was among eleven (11) third-party projects that were launched during the AIRTEA Kick-off workshop from 28th March – April 1, 2022 in Nairobi Kenya. With guidance from the Project facilitation team, AFAAS renamed its component as “**Digital Connectors for acceleration of Extension Services for the farming Communities in Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda**”. The team also developed a new log frame and workplan. The AIRTEA project is coordinated by the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), together with the Association for



Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA) and the East African Farmers’ Federation (EAFF) sponsored by the Organization of African, Caribbean, and Pacific States (OACPS) through the ACP Innovation Fund with funding support from the European Commission, through the 11th European Development Fund (EDF). The AIRTEA Third Party Component 9 focusing on Digital Connectors for Farming Communities led by AFAAS will be implemented in collaboration with the Country Fora in Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda.

3. CAADP-XP4 Progress Report

The AFAAS CAADP-XP4 progress report with focus to CAADP-XP4 and other projects has been finally consolidated and shared with the IFAD team. Similarly, the report was shared with the board for information.

4. Annual Workplan and Budget 2022

The AFAAS Annual workplan and Budget has been finalised and was submitted to the IFAD team and furthermore to the Board. Summary herein:

COMPONENTS	Consultancy	Equipment and Materials	Goods, Services and Inputs	Operating costs	Salaries and related costs	Workshops	Training	Travel and related allowances	TOTAL USD
Output 1: Strengthened Capacity	5,000	43,000	10,000	39,237	257,840	18,500	52,000	60,900	486,477
Output 2: Partnerships among Multi stakeholder actors	38,500	-	286,600	27,500	50,400	63,000	176,000	375,000	1,017,000
Output 3: Strengthened national policies, regional institutional arrangements and market access	48,000	-	42,500	42,300	-	37,500	34,000	168,000	372,300
Output 4: Knowledge Management for advocacy and decision support and Communication	7,800	-	251,000	6,000	-	50,000	30,000	84,000	428,800
Output 5: Planning, Coordination, Monitoring, Evaluation, Learning & Reporting	42,040	-	112,973	15,000	12,444	63,295	100,694	204,493	550,939
TOTAL	141,340	43,000	703,073	130,037	320,684	232,295	392,694	892,393	2,855,516

5. AFAAS-GIZ strategic partnership Update

GIZ is partnering with AFAAS in the implementation of the Prosilience Project. In this respect, the GIZ team shared the Inception Report of Prosilience project that was prepared for the European Union funding, this provided more details about the activities on global and country-level. As a precursor to funding, the due diligence check on AFAAS is expected to start in April 2022.

6. GFRAS funding to AFAAS

GFRAS and AFAAS signed an LoA to fund key support activities under AFAAS. GFRAS shall provide AFAAS a grant of \$40,000 to implement activities around capacity strengthening, in the context of the Last Mile Project. Strengthening networks is one of the four strategic objectives of GFRAS and this has been given an important place in its Operational Plan 2021-2025. The supported activities will be undertaken jointly with the CFs

7. Consultation with DG INTPA and African partners on R&I priorities agroecological transit

AFAAS took part in the consultative meeting between the Department for International Partnerships (DG INTPA) and its African partners on R&I priorities for agroecological transitions of African food systems to discuss feedback on the next steps for the consultative process and the prioritisation of topics. This was a follow up of the initial reflections shared during the Side Event held at the Africa-Europe Week 2022 of 17 February 2022 and the exchange between INTPA, CAADP-XP4, RUFORUM (the pre-consultation meeting) of 10 February 2022.



8. AFAAS and IIRR partnership meeting



AFAAS team and IIRR team, held a partnership meeting on 26th of March 2022 at Hilton Hotel Nairobi. The objectives of the meeting were to follow-up on the MoU signed between AFAAS and IIRR and discuss how best it can be implemented and Receive updates from both Field School-HUB and IIRR team. In order to operationalise the MoU, IIRR has been provided with a sub-grant of \$40,000 from AFAAS/FAO LoA to support in the implementation of the current LoA between AFAAS and FAO in the field schools.

9. GFRAS Global Nutrition working group Meeting.

AFAAS represented by Mr. Max Olupot and Mr. Peter Mwangi, KEFAAS participated In the GFRAS Global Nutrition Working group that was held virtually. The purpose of the meeting was to rethink the role of extension in



promoting nutrition-sensitive agriculture and the improvement of food systems at the territorial level.

10. The Eighth Tokyo International Conference on African Development Side events (TICAD)

AFAAS in preparation for the TICAD, slated for Aug 27- 28 ,2022 in Tunis, has jointly developed a side event concept note on “Pluralistic and Digitally-enabled Multidimension Agricultural Extension in Africa”. The side event will be co-organized with African Union, International Food Policy Research Institute and Sasakwa Africa Association.

11. Bio4Africa project Global Meeting.

AFAAS participated in the Bio4Africa Meeting that was undertaken virtually and coordinated from QPLAN France. A presentation on Co-designing of sustainable business modules was made.