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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 April 2022. It mainly outlines key activities carried out in the period with focus on:

- i. High-level Consultation Meeting on Articulating a Common African Position on the One CGIAR Reform
- ii. AFAAS internal review, reflections, planning and capacity building with CFs and RFs
- iii. AFAAS Regional Gender Workshop.
- iv. National Jury's Annual Agricultural Awards granted to AFAAS' ED
- v. AFAAS takes leadership of Tropical Agriculture Platform (TAP)
- vi. AFAAS-CAADP-XP4 meeting with DESIRA/Advisory Services for Resilient Agri-Food Systems (ASRAFS)
- vii. CAADP-XP4 Preparatory Mid Term Review
- viii. Other Meetings and engagements.

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

1. High-level Consultation meeting on Articulating a Common African Position on the One CGIAR Reform



AFAAS, represented by Dr. Mercy Akeredolu, Board Member and Dr. Silim Nahdy participated in a one-day preparatory meeting for the High-level Consultation on Articulating a Common African Position on the One CGIAR Reform. The meeting was hosted by the African Development Bank in Abidjan, Cote D'Ivoire. The main objective of the planning meeting was to review the rationale and objectives of the forthcoming Dakar high-level consultation. The planning meeting was organized in preparation of a high-level consultation in Dakar, Senegal to be held

on 19th May 2022, to be organized by the African Development Bank together with the African Union Commission and the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA).

The consultation is in context of the recently released Third Biennial Review (BR3) Report on progress in the implementation of the African Union Malabo Declaration on "Accelerated Africa Agricultural Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods", the report shows that out of the 51 countries that reported on their progress in 2021, only one is on track to achieve the Malabo goals and targets. The report also reveals that 25 countries increased their scores between 2019 and 2021, but not sufficiently to be on track. This underperformance is attributed to systemic and recurrent factors, as well as the emerging and recent shocks, notably intensifying climate change effects and the COVID-19 pandemic. The report's findings underscore the urgent need for the continent to make the critical interventions required to accelerate progress to achievement of Malabo targets and associated SDGs

2. AFAAS internal review, reflections, planning and capacity building with CFs and RFs



Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Madagascar, Mali, Malawi, Nigeria, South Africa and Uganda.

AFAAS organised and held an Internal review, reflections, planning and capacity development training workshop for CAADP-XP4 key implementing Country Fora and Technical Working Groups. The weeklong event ran from the 9- 15 April 2022, in Nairobi Kenya. The workshop brought together eleven country fora, namely Cameroon,

The purpose of the workshop was to Review key achievements, document lessons and challenges of the CAADP XP4 project, design and plan the next activities and implementation framework for the year 2022 and beyond. A parallel workshop focused on training Gender Experts and update the AFAAS Gender Strategy and operationalize a framework for the AFAAS Gender Community of Practice as well as Consult on AFAAS and Country Foras Value Proposition.

Among the partners, AGRA participated and presented their new strategic plan and Extension model (Village Based Advisor)to the participants



Dr. Silim Nahdy having a light moment with Mr.Qureish Noordin – PP from the Extension And Capacity Building Unit at AGRA during the official closing of the workshop.

3. AFAAS Gender Workshop.

Furthermore, AFAAS organized and held a side/ parallel event during the Internal review, reflections, planning and capacity development workshop on “Gender Integration in Agricultural Advisory Services”



The objectives of the gender workshop was to: appreciate the changes in the AEAS operating context and position the Extensionist for effective service delivery in Agricultural Innovation System (AIS); Develop a common understanding of gender concepts and strengthen integration of gender in Programmes, projects and institutions; Review and update the AFAAS Gender Main

streaming strategy and develop priorities for gender actions at continent and country level; Constitute and institutionalize the AFAAS Gender Community of Practice with clear terms of reference for implementation. The gender side event attracted gender experts across the continent, comprising of University professors, senior government officials, representatives from private organizations, private sector and gender champions.

4. Dr. Silim Nahdy wins the Jury’s Award at the Annual Agricultural Awards.



Dr. Silim Nahdy, Executive Director AFAAS, receiving the award during the Annual Agricultural Awards.

Dr. Silim Nahdy, Executive Director was among other awardees honoured with a Jury’s award during the Annual Agricultural awards that was held on 20th April 2022 in Kampala Uganda. The Agricultural awards aimed at appreciating the outstanding individuals, institutions and Organizations that have played a role in the development of Agriculture in Uganda and Africa as a whole.

5. AFAAS takes leadership of Tropical Agriculture Platform



AFAAS, on the 04th of April 2022, took over the leadership of the Tropical Agricultural Platform (TAP). The TAP Steering Committee, in a meeting held on 4th April 2022, unanimously nominated and endorsed Mr. Max Olupot the Director of Programs at AFAAS as the Chair TAP for a period of two year. (2022-2024), deputized by Guido. Guido Bonati (CREA), Italy.

6. AFAAS-CAADP-XP4 meeting with DESIRA/Advisory Services for Resilient Agri-Food Systems (ASRAFS)

In order to collect information and data on the results achieved to date by each DeSIRA project, AFAAS had an engagement with Pascale Debord who is in charge of developing a global Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) framework for DESIRA. The discussion focussed on the achievements of the CAADP-XP4 project indicators and how they map out within the global DESIRA logical framework. This process will feed into the Mid Term review by IFAD and EU.

7. CAADP-XP4 Preparatory Mid Term Review

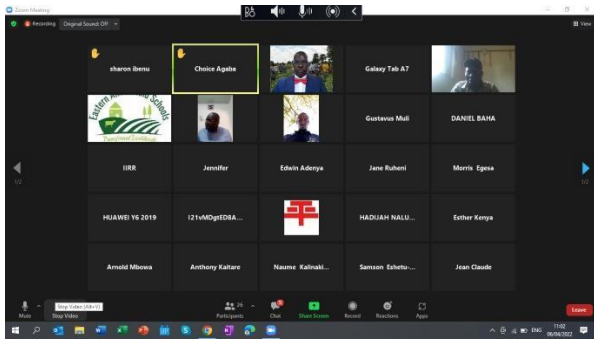


Ahead of the CAADP-XP4 mid-term review, the CAADP-XP Consortium organised a preparatory meeting that was held from 18th to 23rd April 2022, at Hilton hotel, Nairobi, Kenya. The pre-meeting objectives were to: (i) undertake an internal self-assessment of the relevance of the CAADP-XP4 intervention; and (ii) progress made towards achieving the planned objectives. Among other objectives, were:

(i) review progress towards achievement of CAADP-XP4 project objectives and draw lessons and make recommendations for enhancing project implementation and performance; (ii) Review and discuss impact pathways towards achievement of program impacts and assess the relevance, cost effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability and impact of CAADP-XP4 interventions; (iii) Identify potential indicators whose targets can be recommended to IFAD for revision and discuss issues with regards to availability of data evidence for the MTR; (iv) Discuss the extension for the CAADP XP 4 program; (v) Identify key gaps that need to be addressed by the CAADP-XP 4 organizations in preparation for the MTR that is slated for 16th of May 2022.

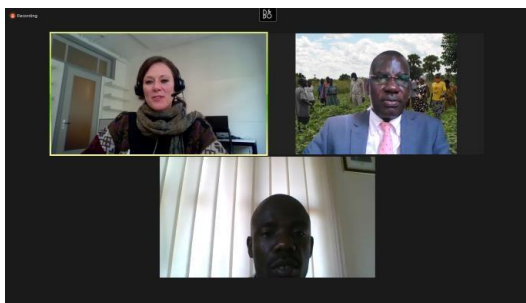
Other Meetings.

8. East African Field School Hub webinar for capacity building and networking.



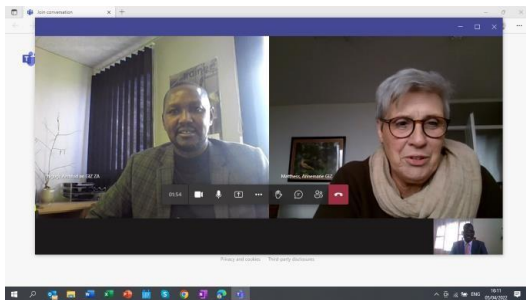
AFAAS is currently conducting capacity development sessions focusing on skills development clinics for Extension Practitioners in writing / documenting case stories and success cases. This is being done in partnership between International Institute of Rural Reconstruction and AFAAS.

9. WOCAT and AFAAS partnership meeting



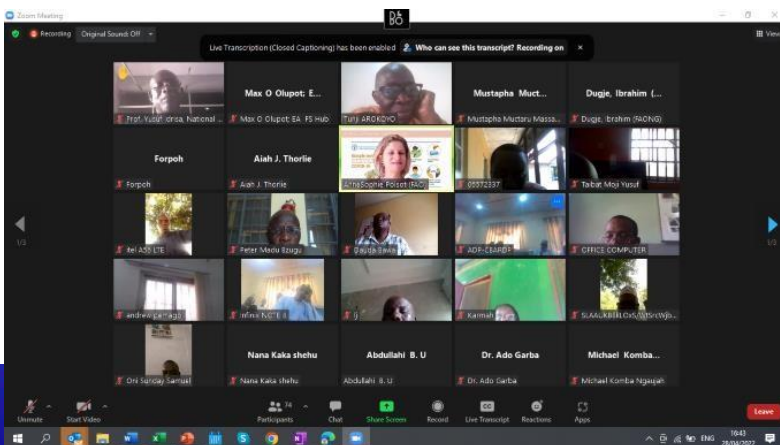
AFAAS and WOCAT had a meeting on Agroecology and discussions were also centred around a potential for collaboration and developing partnership on Farmer innovation and Better technology.

10. GIZ -AUC advancing Farmer Business Schools.



AFAAS had a meeting with GIZ -AUC on advancing Farmer Business Schools. Potential for partnership and collaborative were discussed and presented.

11. AFAAS-Field School Hub backstopping the Anglophone West Africa FFS.



AFAAS-FS Hub backstopping the formation of West Africa Anglophone formation process, with FAO Rome, Global Field Network secretariat.

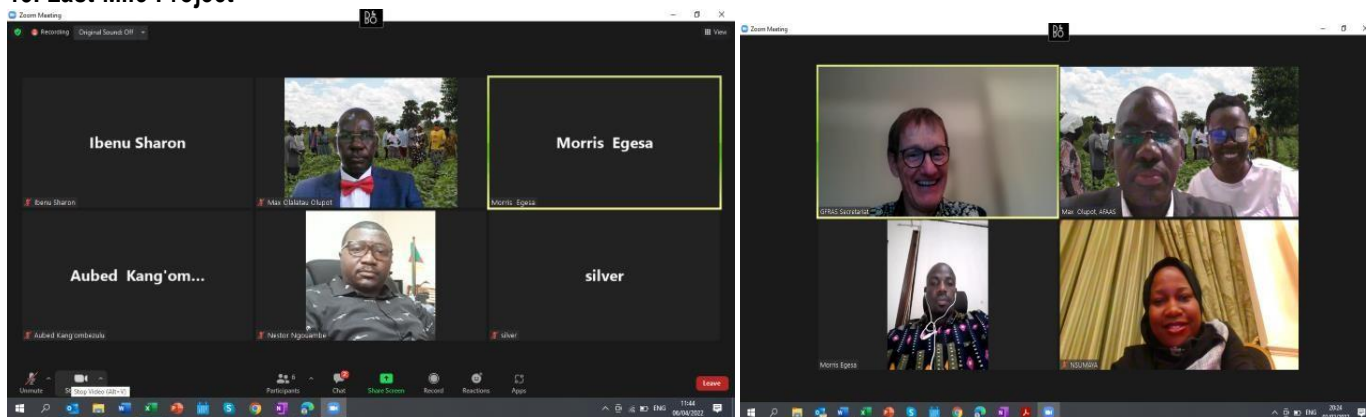
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12 Bio4 Africa Project Global meeting



AFAAS is one of the partners implementing Bio4Africa project, hence participating in planning meetings.

13. Last Mile Project



Planning meeting between GFRAS and AFAAS on LMP work planning and budget review for 2022