

CAADP-XP IV MULTI-STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND LEARNING EVENT

Theme: *Scaling Nature-Based Solutions: Energizing Growth Through Targeted Approaches*

Agenda

DATES: 10TH -12TH JULY, 2024
ADDIS ABABA-ETHIOPIA



BACKGROUND

The African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (AFAAS) is a Continental body that brings National Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services (AEAS) under one umbrella. The AFAAS' goal is to enhance utilization of improved knowledge, technologies and innovations by agricultural value chain actors for improving productivity oriented towards their individual and national development objectives. AFAAS Operational Plan (OP, 2018-2022) sets three major measurable objectives that are clearly linked and support its Strategy 2018-2027. A number of projects including the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme EX Pillar 4 (CAADP-XP4) have been implemented to contribute to the achievement of the AFAAS Strategy and MTOP.

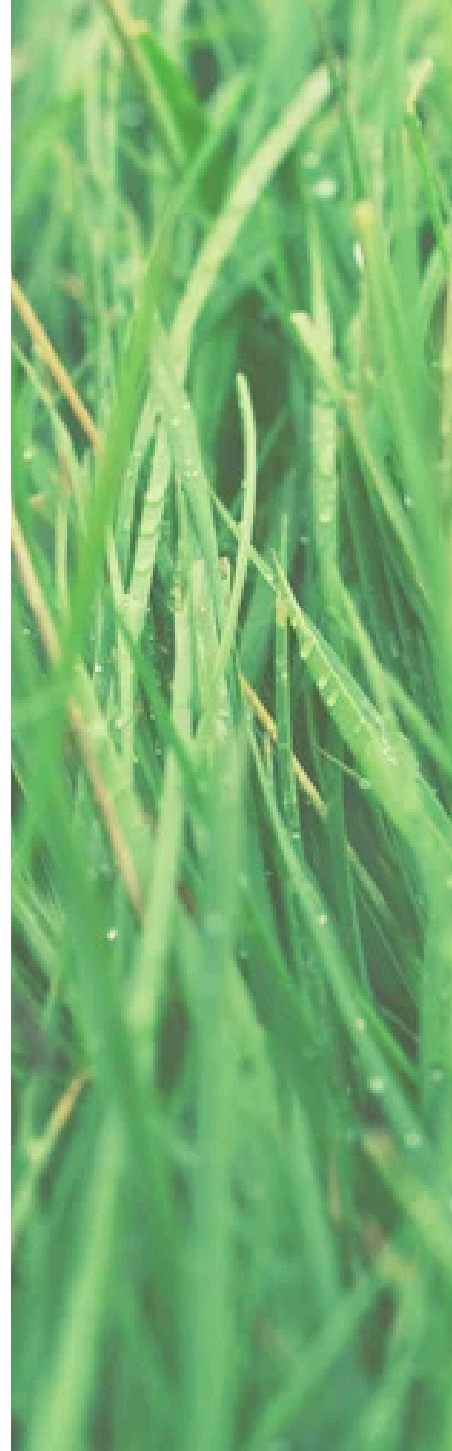
The CAADP-XP4 Project under the DeSIRA program is financed by the European Union and managed by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). The direct beneficiaries of this action are the National Agricultural Knowledge and Innovation Systems (NAKIS) in African countries-the Country Fora (CFs) and their members. The ultimate beneficiaries are the rural poor comprising smallholder farmers, including women and youth Agripreneurship and pastoralists, as well as marginalized communities.

Leveraging the CAADPXP4 project, several national level initiatives were mapped and partnership projects initiated on CSA and agroecology. In addition, a number of activities aimed at promoting institutionalization of policies and practices of Agroecology among national level partners have been supported, including research studies. As the project, comes to an end, sustaining this momentum among the partners, while benchmarking and capturing lessons on what has been achieved is critical. In this regard, AFAAS proposes to hold a continental multi- stakeholder engagement and learning event to foster a collective stakeholder response in sustaining the scaling of agroecology and CSA practices in Africa

OBJECTIVES

The multi-stakeholder engagement and learning event seeks to:

- 1.Enhance understanding of the theory and practice of resilient and sustainable agricultural practices in supporting agri-food systems in Africa
- 2.Discuss continental initiatives on CSA and Soil Health within Context of the AARIEIs (evolution from CAADP-XPIV to AARIEIs)
- 3.Share existing TIMPs on agroecology/CSA that are promoted by the countries- the impactful case stories, studies and lessons in institutionalizing policy and practice
- 4.Identify opportunities and draw a collective roadmap for sustaining scaling of nature-based solutions in line with the NAIPs
- 5.Discuss the financial and administrative issues; and roadmap for the smooth completion of projects; including the CAADP XP4 project



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AGENDA

Virtual Link; <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81973530169?pwd=bCKVpLaG8UAjtJv92fPWmxGojUGVVo.1>

DAY ONE: WEDNESDAY, 10th JULY, 2024

TIME (HRS)	DESCRIPTION	FACILITATOR
8.00 - 8.30	Registration	Esther Michaala/Jacqueline Ikee
8.00- 10.00	<p>SESSION 1: OPENING SESSION</p> <p>Welcome Address: Dr. Yenenesh Egu Bezabih</p> <p>Opening remarks: Chair, AFAAS, Dr. Paul Fatch</p> <p>Good will messages: CAADP-XP IV Partners</p> <p>ED FARA – Dr. Aggrey Agumya</p> <p>ED CCARDESA – Dr. Cliff Sibusiso Dlamini</p> <p>ED CORAF - Dr Alioune FALL</p> <p>ED ASERECA - Dr Enock Warinda – ED</p> <p>Representative of Development Partners EU representatives IFAD representative</p>	Dr. Silim Nahdy

10:00-10:30	Key note speaker: Dr. Mel Oluoch - Sasakawa Africa Association (SAA)	
10.30 – 11.00	TEA BREAK AND PHOTO SESSION	
SESSION 2: PRESENTATIONS ON THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF AGROECOLOGY/CSA AND ITS CRITICAL ROLE IN SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE AGRIFOOD SYSTEMS IN AFRICA		
11.00-11.15	Thematic Paper Presentation: Theory and Practice of Agroecology/CSA and its Critical Role in Supporting Sustainable Agri-foods Systems in Africa – Dr. Lilian Lihasi	Dr. Gabriel Owusu
11.15 - 12.15	Panel Discussions: Experience sharing on the promotion of Agroecology and the scalable innovations/practices employed Panelists 1. AGRA 2. FAO 3. TAAT 4. SNV 5. AFAP 6. ATREA	Moderator – Dr. Jeff
12.15 – 13.00	Questions and Answers Session	
13.00 – 14.00	LUNCH BREAK	
SESSION 3: THE EVOLUTION OF THE CAADP-XPIV to AAIRIEIs: CONSOLIDATING THE ROLE OF AFAAS IN SCALING OUT TECHNOLOGIES AND INNOVATIONS		
14.00 – 14.30	Thematic presentation- 1. Opportunities and challenges in institutionalizing the AARIEIs and progress made – ED FARA - Dr. Aggrey Agumya 2. The Role of AFAAS in scaling of science-based soil health capacities, information, and practices - ED AFAAS - Dr. Silim Nahdy	Dr. Lilian

14.30 – 15.00	Round Table Discussions - CAADP-XP IV Partners	Moderator Dr. Kisauzi Dan
15.00 -15.30	Q&A Session	
15.30 – 16.30	BREAK-OUT SESSION - Theme: Consolidating the role of the AFAAS network in Scaling Nature based Technologies and Innovations Cohort 1: Leveraging Technology (Digital) in scaling nature- based solutions Cohort 2: Strengthening Collaboration and Partnerships in support scaling of nature-based solutions Cohort 3: Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning and replication of successful Models Cohort 4: Policy advocacy, financing and investment in scaling nature- based solutions	All
16.30-17:00	Plenary Presentations of cohort Discussion	Cohort Rapporteurs

END OF DAY ONE



DAY TWO, THURSDAY, 11TH JULY 2024

9.00 - 9.15

RECAP OF DAY ONE

Rapporteur -Mercy Mburu

SESSION 4: EXISTING SOLUTIONS ON AGROECOLOGY/CSA PROMOTED IN THE COUNTRIES - THE IMPACTFUL CASE STORIES, STUDIES AND LESSONS IN INSTITUTIONALISING POLICY AND PRACTICE

	Presentations: Continental experiences, and lessons learned in implementing interventions on Nature based solutions	Michael Surdarkasa/ Martin Sekeleti
9.15 - 9.30	Plenary Discussions	
9.30 – 9.45	AEAS Approaches and models for Agroecological Transition in Africa: Key lessons from the ATREA project: Prof. Oladele	
9.45- 10.00	The business models approach for promoting the Bio-based economy in Africa- Mr. Kubai Robert/ Egesa Morris	
10.00 - 10.15	Accelerating promotion of CSA approaches through bundled services: A case of Digital Connectors in Uganda and Kenya- Mr. Peter Mwangi	Michael Surdarkasa/ Martin Sekeleti
10.15 -10.30	Agroecology Living Labs driving agroecological transitions in Africa: The CANNALS project- Mr. Nestor Ngouambe	
10.30 – 10.45	Participatory Rural Advisory Services (RAS) championing Agroecological Transition in Africa- Beatrice Luzobe	
10.45 -11.00	Plenary Discussions	
11.00 - 11.30	TEA BREAK	

11.30 - 13.00	Panel Discussions: Country Fora experiences, and lessons learned from in implementing interventions on Nature based solutions Ghana, Mali, Burkina Faso, Zambia, Ethiopia, Liberia, Nigeria, Malawi, South Africa	Moderator Lilian
13.00 - 14.00	Lunch Break	
SESSION 5: MAPPING OUT OPPORTUNITIES AND A ROADMAP FOR SUSTAINING SCALING OF TIMPS ON AGROECOLOGY/CSA TO SCALE IN LINE WITH THE NAIPS		
14.00 - 14.15	Thematic Presentation: The continental CSA Map - partnership initiatives promoting CSA – FARA, Dr. Kwaku Antwi	Jerry Egessa
14.15 - 15.00	Panel of Discussants - Uganda, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria to understand internal and external factors affecting the scaling of TIMPs and map out opportunities/ key actions	
15.00 - 15.30	Questions and Answers session	
15.30 -16.00	TEA BREAK	
16.00- 16.40	Group Discussions based on issues emerging: For each action, specify the responsible stakeholders, required resources, and timelines. Prioritize the actions based on their impact and feasibility	All
16.40 – 17.00	Group Presentations	Group Rapporteurs
17:00	END OF DAY TWO	

DAY THREE, FRIDAY, 12TH JULY 2024

9.00 - 9.20	RECAP OF DAY TWO	Rapporteur Mercy Mburu
9.20 - 10.00	Plenary Discussions – Prioritization of identified actions	Dr. Lilian
10.00 - 10.15	Presentation: MEL & Deep -Dive - Delivering Extension Services to the Last-Mile (The case of Kenya)	Mercy Mburu
10.15 - 10.30	Questions and Answers	

10.30 - 11.00	TEA BREAK	
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11.00 - 12.30	Group Discussions Developing a Roadmap for Sustaining Scaling of TIMPS on Agroecology/CSA To Scale - Develop a detailed timeline for the implementation of each action (based on previous discussion) ensuring a logical sequence and interdependencies are considered.	All
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12.30 - 13.00	Plenary Presentations of the Discussions Outcomes	Dr. Lilian
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13.00 – 14.00	LUNCH BREAK	
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SESSION 6: TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COUNTRY FORA AND PARTNERS FOR SEAMLESS CLOSURE PROJECTS; INCLUDING THE CAADP XP4 PROJECT

14.00 - 14.30	Financial discussions - accountability, procurement and record keeping;	Cate, FAD
14.30 -15.00	Technical - Projects due for closure in 2024 - Key pending activities and outputs to be implemented before closure of the projects - Roles of the stakeholders in the project closure activities	Jerry Egessa
15.00 – 16.00	Meet the AFAAS Board – Consultative meeting between participants and AFAAS Board members	Chair AFAAS Board
16.00 -16.30 16.30 – 17.00	Next steps and Closing Session	ED AFAAS/ E&IS ED