

CONCEPT NOTE

CAADP-X4P - CGIAR Knowledge Management Session: KM4AgD, Acting on a collaborative agenda.

Dates: June 7, 2023 @ 14:00 – 17:00 GMT+2
Venue: ACCRA-C
Conveners: CAADP-XP4 Partners (FARA, AFAAS, CCARDESA, CORAF, ASARECA), CGIAR (ILRI, IITA, CIAT, AfricaRise)
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Moderator: Prof. Andreas Brandner, K4DP

Introduction

Transforming and sustaining African food, land and water systems is a complex challenge that requires different stakeholders working together using spaces for them to share their knowledge, expertise, and experiences. To facilitate this, Knowledge Management will be essential.

Since 2021 the CAADP-XP4 partners (FARA, AFAAS, CCARDESA, CORAF & ASARECA) and the CGIAR have been codesigning and rolling out a collaborative [Knowledge Management for Agricultural Development \(KM4AgD\)](#) framework (Challenge & Conference). This initiative have been largely supported by the Africa Union Commission DARBE, the European Commission and IFAD, as well as YPARD. The framework includes an annual Challenge that 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. It is the lighthouse project for a knowledge-based development in AR4D in Africa and takes place annually in a growing number of countries. About fifty five (55) participants from twenty-nine (29) countries, regional and continental organizations have joined and certified as Knowledge Managers for Sustainable Development and [Fellows](#) of the Continental Knowledge Centre. This has also led to the development of the CAADP XP4-CGIAR Knowledge Management Partnership Framework, within the High-level framework between FARA, CGIAR, AfDB, etc as part of the Dakar 2 agenda.

In addition, there have been steps towards creating a regional learning alliance in East and Southern Africa. There is also the jointly developed Research to Extension (R2E) agenda that seeks to accelerate the dissemination of TIMPs produced/documentated in institutions and in the NARIs making them more accessible, uptaken and used by African farmers by 2030.

The purpose of this session is to launch the CAADP XP4-CGIAR Knowledge Management Partnership Framework for AR4D in Africa and begin to chart out an action plan to implement it. The session will also highlight implementation progress of selected national

knowledge management action plans which were developed in the last years' CAADP-XP4 KM4AgD challenge to promote learning and sharing.

Specific objectives:

- Launch the CAADP XP4-CGIAR Knowledge Management Partnership Framework for AR4D in Africa and get high level buy in for its implementation.
- Learn from progression on national KM action plan implementation.
- Identify best practice and lessons learned in the designing and delivering regional learning alliances
- To enhance collaboration and coordination among researchers, AEAS workers, and farmers.
- To support general publicity and documentation of the AASW8 events

Expected Outcomes

The expected outcomes of this process will be:

- CAADP XP4-CGIAR Knowledge Management Partnership Framework launched
- A group of KM4AgD & R2E champions shares impactful AR4D knowledge products.
- Strengthened collaboration, learning and coordination among knowledge workers in agricultural value chains.
- Increased visibility and recognition for the selected champions and their organizations during the African Science Week.
- All sessions from the Agricultural Science Week well documented/reported and widely communicated through social media and other communication means.

Expected Participants

The expected participants include the Knowledge Management and Communications officers from the CAADP-XP4 institutions, the CGIAR, IFAD, AU-DARBE, selected Champions from the KM4AgD Community of Practices drawn from national and regional agricultural research and extension institutions, ministries, private sector and the YPARD network and open to other partners within the KM ecosystem. Resource persons will be drawn from the Knowledge for Development Partnership.

The side event session anticipates having a maximum of 50 participants. The CAADP-XP4 will sponsor a total of 20 persons (FARA-10, AFAAS-2, CCARDESA-5, CORAF-XX and ASARECA-XX), and the CGIAR will sponsor a total of 30 participants (IITA-3, ILRI-XX, CIAT-XX, AfricaRise-XX, etc). The rest of the participants will be sponsored by collaborating partners. The participants' list is presented in the attachment.

Facilitation

While the Meeting will mainly be coordinated by the CAADP-XP4 ICKM Working Group and CGIAR ICKM Leads, the facilitation and moderation of the various sessions will be led by resource persons identified from the KM Network of Experts.

Logistics and Services

- i. Coffee and lunch breaks
- ii. Working logistics (video projector, notebooks, and pens)
- iii. Interpretation for the 2hr parallel session
- iv. Travel and accommodation

- v. Advance for incidentals, covid tests, and visas

Working documents and tools

1. CAADP X4P-CGIAR Knowledge Management Partnership Framework
2. [Accra Declaration on the KM4AgD Agenda for Africa \(EN&FR\)](#)
3. [Continental Data Capture Strategy](#)

Budget

The costs of the side event is shared between the CAADP-XP4 Institutions and the CGAIR Institutions. While the CGIAR takes care of paying for the venue, FARA and the CAADP-XP4 takes care of the logistics.

Agenda

Time	What	How	Who
10	Welcome/introduction		Max Olupot (CAADP-XP4) CGIAR
	Session 1: Launching CAADP X4P-CGIAR Knowledge Management Partnership Framework for AR4D in Africa		
10	Overview of the CAADP X4P Framework	Presentation	Michael & Benjamin
30	High Level Panel discussion on its implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr. Aggrey / Mr Max Olupot - DG/CGIAR Rep - DG of RO - High level scientist - Ms Gadzeni Mulenga (IFAD) 	Panel	Moderator: Prof Andreas Brandner Supported by: Peace Mutuwa
10	Signing of the Framework + Photo op		Christel Kenou (CORAF)
	Session 2: Learning from implementation of National KM4AgD plans		
5	Introduction to the KM4AgD challenge and Impact on AR4D	Presentation	Benjamin
35	Presentations from KM4AgD Fellows 5 - on national achievements and lessons - 5 presentations X 8 minutes	Presentations	Uganda (Elizabeth), Ghana (Paul), Cameroun (Bebel) Botswana (Keneilwe), Namibia (Mirjam), Mali (Bandiougou), CGIAR
10	A minute updates by all other KM4AgD Fellows on their progress		

			Erick, Dorcas, Bongani, Carlos, Murrielle, Soji & Tsehay
10	Discussions/lessons		Andri Raso & Andreas
10	Break		all
Session 3: Best practices in Learning alliances			
10	Introduction to session and UU Learning Alliance		Bridget and Michael
30	Expert panel discussion on lessons learned in implementing learning alliances (4-5 people who have experience implementing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CEO ASARECA good practice - KALRO - Boniface (Michael to ask) - Influencer/media/champion (Nina) - Organic Farmer (Already coming) - Digital learning/using (Mulimi Apunzile) - 		
5	Wrap up and implications for UU learning Alliance		
10	Closing of session and next steps (Minimum of 2 actions per category)		

Proposed Moderator: Prof Andreas Brandner – K4DP

Expected deliverables from the Workshop.

1. A Press statements.
2. About 3 actionable points to be carried through
3. At least a 2-pager report
4. Photos & Social Media Buzz

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List of Expected Participants

