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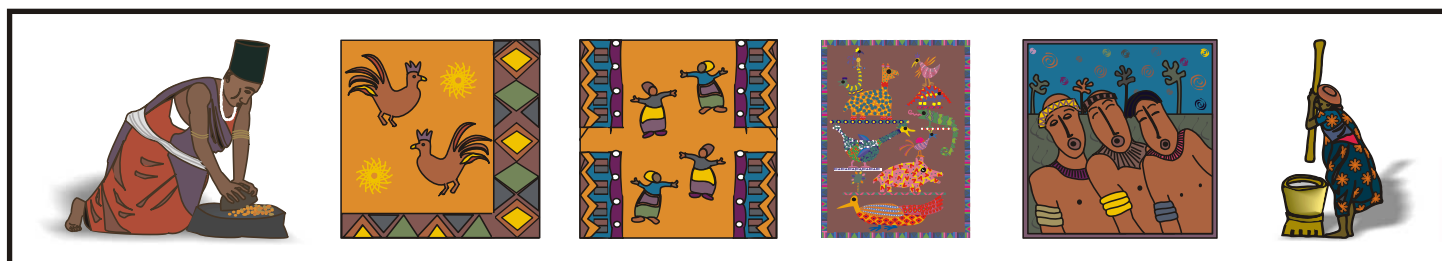


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Food Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN)

The origins of the Food, Agricultural and Natural Resources Network (FANRPAN) for Southern Africa can be traced to the first Conference of Ministers of Agriculture of Eastern and Southern Africa held in Harare in April 1994. At the meeting Ministers agreed to support the establishment of a regional agricultural policy network to enhance the capacity for policy formulation and analysis in the region.

While the original understanding of the geographic coverage of the network was the whole of Eastern and Southern Africa, a subsequent meeting proposed to establish separate networks for Eastern and for Southern Africa. At a follow-up of a meeting held in July 1994, SADC Ministers of Agriculture approved the establishment of an agricultural policy network for Southern Africa. FANRPAN was then launched in July 1997.

FANRPAN's mission is to co-ordinate, influence and facilitate policy research, analysis and dialogue at the national, regional and global levels in order to develop the Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources sector through networking, capacity building and generation of information for the benefit of all stakeholders in the SADC region.

The FANRPAN objectives are to:

- ▶ Promote appropriate agricultural policies in order to reduce poverty, increase food security and enhance sustainable agricultural development in the SADC region.
- ▶ Improve policy analysis, research and formulation of priority SADC agricultural research themes.
- ▶ Develop human and institutional capacity for co-ordinated dialogue among stakeholders.
- ▶ Improve policy decision-making through the generation, exchange and use of policy related information.