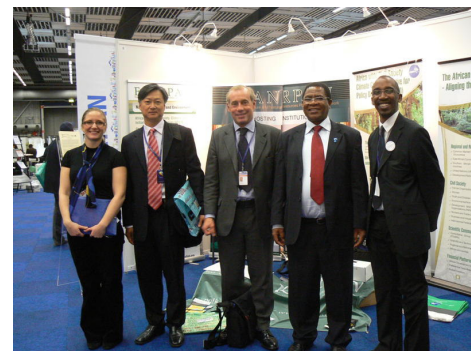


**FANRPAN represented at European Development Days (EDD)  
Stockholm, Sweden  
22 – 24 October 2009**

**The Food Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Advocacy Network (FANRPAN) participated in the fourth edition of the European Development Days (EDD) in Stockholm, Sweden from 22-24 October 2009.**

Organised and hosted by the European Commission and the Presidency of the European Union, the EDD is an annual platform for debate, discussions and networking, between partners in Europe and developing countries. This year's edition, with the themes of democracy, tackling climate change and responding to global economic downturn, attracted more than 5 000 participants from 125 countries.

FANRPAN was represented at the EDD by the External Relations and Protocol Officer, Mr. Lufingo Mwamakamba. The EDD offered an opportunity for FANRPAN to promote its advocacy programmes, in particular, the African Climate Solution (ACS) - the most ambitious initiative towards climate mitigation, adaptation and improved rural livelihoods for the continent. The African Climate Solution entails the reduction of green house gas emissions by forest resources (REDD) and carbon sequestration through agriculture, forestry and land use (AFOLU) in Africa and other developing countries. Visitors to the FANRPAN booth were able to endorse the REDD/AFOLU initiative by signing a petition to be presented at the COP 15 in Copenhagen, Denmark in December 2009. This year's EDD took place six weeks ahead of the UN Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen in December 2009, where leaders from 190 nations will gather to address the issues on climate change.



*COMESA Secretary General and FANRPAN Board of Governors Chairman, Mr. Sindiso Ngwenya with EDD Delegates*

FANRPAN was invited as one of ten partner organizations of the Technical Centre for Agriculture and Rural Cooperation (CTA) to the three day colloquium which has been an annual event in the EU calendar since 2006. The 2009 edition which featured 200 speakers, 25 parallel events and more than 160 exhibition stands also focused on Climate Change and the Road to Copenhagen. Panel discussions during the EDD dealt with the overall issue of greenhouse gas emissions and the mitigation of the climate change, also discussed were the challenges associated with the application and transfer of innovative technologies, such as geographical information systems, that can empower farmers to improve the management of their land in a sustainable manner.

Year 2009 was the second time that FANRPAN has been invited to participate in the EDD and showcase its work and identify synergies with other organizations/networks involved on food, agriculture and natural resources issues.



*Dr Hansjörg Neun, Director of CTA (centre); Mr. Busani Bafana (left) & Mr. Lufingo Mwamakamba (right) at the FANRPAN Stand*