



FANRPAN and CARE International Partnership

The **Food Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN)** and **CARE International** in Southern Africa marked the start to a great and exciting year by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in Pretoria, South Africa on the 3rd March 2017. FANRPAN and CARE International in Southern Africa signed the collaborative agreement to jointly advocate and promote the sustainable development of Africa's agriculture, food and nutrition security, rural economy, environment and natural resources, and climate resilience. Through this shared common objective with regards to inclusive growth, economic and social empowerment, and sustainable development, the two organizations will collaborate to further common goals to overcome poverty and achieve food and nutrition security in the context of climate change.

Dr Lindiwe Majele-Sibanda, CEO and Head of Mission signed on behalf of FANRPAN

CARE International.

The two organisations recognize that agricultural development in Africa is a key engine of growth and progress and that addressing the challenges for African agriculture, food and nutrition security, and climate resilience require seizing opportunities for agricultural research, policy advocacy and capacity strengthening. These efforts are critical to improve agricultural policy and investment that responds to the needs of women small scale farmers who are the primary food producers on the continent. CARE and FANRPAN hope that through the partnership, together we can influence governments' policy and investment in agriculture to be sustainable, productive, and equitable and climate resilient to deliver positive outcomes for small-scale food producers who are responsible for 80% of food production in the continent. The partnership is therefore an important milestone to help achieve CARE's goal of improving the food and nutritional security of 10 million vulnerable people, especially women small-scale farmers, in southern Africa.

About FANRPAN: FANRPAN is an autonomous stakeholder-driven policy research, analysis and advocacy network. The FANRPAN policy network was formed in response to a call made by Agriculture Ministers in the Eastern and Southern Africa region for a network that could provide independent evidence to inform policy making processes harmonisation at regional level. The Network is mandated to work in all African countries to promote effective Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources (FANR) policies by: (i) facilitating linkages and partnerships between government and civil society, (ii) supporting demand-driven policy research and analysis and (iii) building capacity for policy analysis and policy dialogue in Africa.

About CARE: Founded in 1945, CARE is a leading humanitarian organization fighting global poverty. CARE has more than six decades of experience helping people prepare for disasters, providing lifesaving assistance when a crisis hits, and helping communities recover after the emergency has passed. CARE places special focus on women and children, who are often disproportionately affected by disasters.

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