From the CEO’s Desk

Welcome to this edition of the FANRPAN Quarterly Newsletter.

Allow me to further take this opportunity to inform you that FANRPAN’s strategy is due for renewal and plans are underway to carry out this exercise.

As a leading Network in food and nutrition security, we are committed to making our journey very transformative. In order to succeed, we as a Network need to grow. It is through our combined effort that we will make agriculture transformative.

Over the past decade FANRPAN has made some strides to enhance agricultural development across Africa. However, we cannot escape the reality that the continent continues to face serious challenges of hunger, malnutrition and rural poverty. This reality has further energized FANRPAN to be in the forefront in championing its vision of a food and nutrition secure Africa free from hunger and poverty.

The African Union’s Agenda 2063 lies at the heart of the vision for a future integrated Africa that is prosperous and at peace with itself. Agenda 2063 is a fifty year framework that sets Africa on the path to achieving integration, prosperity and peace.

Agenda 2063 is premised on the following seen aspirations:

- A prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development;
- an integrated continent, politically united, and based on the ideals of Pan Africanism;
- an Africa of good governance, democracy, respect for human rights, justice and the rule of law;
- a peaceful and secure Africa;
- an Africa with a strong cultural identity, values and ethics;
- an Africa where development is people-driven, relying particularly on the potential of women and youth; and
- Africa as a strong and influential global player and partner.

Achieving this goal is both necessary and possible. It requires us to continue working in partnership and as a collective.

I hope you enjoy this edition, and I encourage you to send in your story ideas to dialogue@fanrpan.org so we can continue to make “The FANRPAN Quarterly” a platform to share experiences and new ideas.

Thank You
ZEF member of new research initiative “NutriHAF” to combat hunger and malnutrition in Eastern and Southern Africa

As part of the research initiative NutriHAF (“Diversifying agriculture for balanced nutrition through fruits and vegetables in multi-storey cropping systems”), ZEF will promote the cultivation of vegetables and fruits in multi-storey cropping systems in Ethiopia and Madagascar.

Funded by the German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture for three years, the aim of the research project is to find and introduce adequate varieties fruits of and vegetables that help to improve the nutritional status of the local population. Providing new sources of food and income will then help to reduce the pressure on natural resources and prevent resource depletion.

Farmers, policy makers and other actors along the whole value chain will be involved at all stages of the project. Gender issues are a central aspect as women are often responsible not only for cooking but also for food production.

The NutriHAF consortium consist of the following organizations:
- ZEF - Zentrum für Entwicklungsforschung (Center for Development Research)
- GlobalHort - The Global Horticulture Initiative
- KoGa - Kompetenzzentrum Gartenbau
- FRC - Forestry Research Center from the Ethiopia Institute of Agricultural Research (EIAR)
- CGS - Center for Gender Studies at the Addis Ababa University
- FOFIFA – Centre National de la Recherche Appliquée au Développement Rural
- FANRPAN – Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network
- ASARECA - Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa
- WHH – Welthungerhilfe (Madagaskar)
- ECFF - Environment and Coffee Forest Forum
- AVRDC – The World Vegetable Center
- Horticulture Innovation Lab
- IZNE – International Centre for Sustainable Development at the University of Applied Sciences Bonn-Rhein Sieg
- UoA - University of Antananarivo

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As a result of the 15 CSA Policy Scoping Studies that were conducted in year 2014, FANRPAN has achieved the following outcomes:

Through partnership with the 15 national universities, robust evidence was generated through the commissioned CSA policy scoping studies. FANRPAN now has strong linkages with these universities which are now using the results of the commissioned studies to inform the CSA teaching curriculum. The latter, through academic teaching and trainings, will enhance out scaling of CSA best practices.

FANRPAN has also reinforced its position as the African voice on issues of CSA in the global space. The evidence from the policy scoping studies is enhancing FANRPAN’s campaign “No agriculture, no deal” which underpins the negotiations when presenting an Africa’s position on climate change. The Global Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture (GACSA) Enabling Environment Action Group (EEAG) has picked up FANRPAN CSA studies and will be using them as a basis for detailing the climate-smart challenges that countries face, and the policies and programs they are implementing to address those challenges.

The following have been observed as significant effects of the ACBF funding:

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The evidence generated was used to inform:

- **National CSA multi-stakeholder policy dialogues:** Multi-stakeholder policy dialogues were convened to share the CSA scoping studies’ reports outputs/results with stakeholders; validating the outputs from the draft CSA scoping study report; soliciting policy recommendations from stakeholders; and communicating the recommendations to decision and policy makers.

- **Advocacy campaigns for the development and implementation of responsive CSA policies and national and international levels:** The robust evidence generated elevated FANRPAN to be the go-to network in Africa for CSA evidence. For example: FANRPAN has been invited to high-level platforms and has entered in Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with like-minded organization engaged in climate change work.

- **Regarding high-level global platforms, first, in June 2015, FANRPAN participated in the African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (AFAAS) Policy Dialogue and shared the FANRPAN Policy dialogue model. The presentation was well received and GFRAS has requested FANRPAN to publish a “global good practice” note on policy dialogue as a process as part of the policy compendium (http://www.g-fras.org/en/policy-compendium.html).**

Second, FANRPAN represents African voices, the evidence from the policy scoping studies is enhancing FANRPAN’s campaign “No agriculture, no deal” which underpins the negotiations when presenting Africa’s position on climate change. The Global Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture (GACSA) Enabling Environment Action Group (EEAG) has picked up FANRPAN CSA studies and will be using them as a basis for detailing the climate-smart challenges that countries face, and the policies and programs they are implementing to address those challenges.

Third, in June 2015, FANRPAN was invited by the United Nations Secretary-General’s Climate Change Support Team to participate in a two-day exclusive expert workshop on resilience to climate change in Geneva for 20 experts on resilience, disaster risk reduction, climate change and development. The objective of this workshop was to brainstorm on initiative(s) that can: (i) inform a coordinated approach on climate resilience within the UN system, as well as between regional and national actors, recognizing the different policy processes already in place, (ii) serve as a catalyst for accelerated action and cooperation on resilience in developing countries, and (iii) facilitate engagement with the private sector in risk mitigation efforts. FANRPAN was invited because of “our pioneering work on agriculture and food security in Africa”. 
## FANRPAN Climate Change initiatives

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<td>Strengthening Policy Advocacy And Research Capacity For Enhanced Food Security In East And Southern Africa (SPARC)</td>
<td>Improve capacity of FANRPAN network to support development of FANR policies in ESA sub-regions</td>
<td>ACBF</td>
<td>5 year project (01-Jan-13 to 31-Dec-17)</td>
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<td>COMESA-SADC-EAC Climate change tripartite programme</td>
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## New Grants Signed

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<td>The German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL)</td>
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<td>16 March 2015 - 15 March 2018</td>
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<td>FAO</td>
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Partnerships

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FANRPAN has signed an Non-Disclosure and teaming agreement with two International Institutions 1) Development Alternative, Inc, and 2) Abt Associates, based in USA, for development of the Southern Africa Harmonized Seed Regulation in the Southern Africa Development Community proposal.

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**Policy Advocacy Engagement Highlights**

**2\(^{nd}\) Africa think Tank Summit & 4\(^{th}\) Consultative Forum**

FANRPAN was represented at the 2\(^{nd}\) Africa think Tank Summit & 4\(^{th}\) Consultative Forum of the ACBF’s Policy Institutes Committee from 6-8 April in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The aim of the Summit was to explore the ways in which Africa’s think tanks are currently making a difference in the continent’s transformation, and how they can become increasingly relevant and important contributors as the vision for Africa in 2063 rolls out. The Summit focused on the organizational and policy challenges facing think tanks in the region and how they might increase their sustainability, value and impact. The participants made a number of important recommendations that fall into four areas: capacity development, knowledge sharing and networking, resource mobilization and regionally based initiatives and partnerships.
Inaugural Pan Africa Alliance and Platform on Climate Smart Agriculture Conference platform

FANRPAN participated in the Inaugural Pan Africa Alliance and Platform on Climate Smart Agriculture Conference platform. The event was held in Addis Ababa from May 13-15 and brought together over 150 participants from throughout Africa. The event sought to launch the Pan Africa Alliance and Platform on Climate Smart Agriculture. It Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture in Africa sought to utilise the event for establishing a platform for CSA knowledge exchanged, to identify best practice and catalyse partnerships across stakeholder groups.

The inaugural session was opened by the Ethiopian State Minister for Agriculture H.E Ato Sileshi Getahun, the Assistant Minister for Sustainable Development and External affairs in the Arab Republic of Egypt H.E Yasmine Foad and the Norwegian Ambassador to Ethiopia H.E Andreas Gaarder. Countries such as Ethiopia, Malawi and South Africa presented on what they are doing in CSA. It emerged that African countries are buying into CSA and already have some CSA initiatives on the ground that need to be up-scaled. At the end of the conference a communique (action statement) declaring the purpose of the Alliance was shared and adopted by participants to make the Alliance meeting an annual event.

The Alliance will continue to foster a coherent African CSA Agenda as well as sustaining the collective power and urge for action in CSA. It will also facilitate assessment of individual (country, region, sector, etc.) performance against continental and even global benchmarks. The Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture in Africa looks forward to engaging with the newly formed Pan Africa CSA Alliance to coordinate agendas, share information and work together towards reaching Alliance targets.

London launch of The Chicago Council on Global Affairs

The Chicago Council on Global Affairs launched a new report, *Healthy Food for a Healthy World: Leveraging Agriculture and Food to Improve Global Nutrition* in London. This event defined pathways between the food system and health and explored opportunities to incentivize collaboration between the agriculture, food, health, and nutrition sectors. It also considered the nexus between food, nutrition, and sustainability and discuss frameworks for optimizing livelihood, environmental, and health goals. The event was co-convened by the London School for Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, The Chicago Council on Global Affairs, Agriculture for Impact, and The Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) an held alongside the 5th Annual Leverhulme Centre for Integrative Research on Agriculture and Health (LCIRAH) annual research conference.

Presenters included: Catherine Bertini, Distinguished Fellow, Global Agriculture & Food; Gregory D. Miller, PhD, Chief Science Officer, National Dairy Council; Executive Vice President, Dairy Management, Inc.; Per Pinstrup-Andersen, Cornell University; University of Copenhagen; Chair, High Level Panel of Experts on Food Security and Nutrition; Lindiwe Majele Sibanda, CEO and Head of Mission, FANRPAN; Jeff Waage, Technical Advisor, Global Panel on Agriculture and Food Systems for Nutrition.
FANRPAN participated in the Third International Conference on Financing for Development in Addis Ababa, 13-16 July 2015. The event brought together high-level political representatives, including Heads of State and Government, and Ministers of Finance, Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, as well as all relevant institutional stakeholders, non-governmental organizations and business sector entities.

One key expected output of the Conference was to result in an intergovernmental negotiated and agreed outcome, which should constitute an important contribution to and support the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda.


FANRPAN CEO, Dr Lindiwe Majele Sibanda participated in the side event: “Leadership and Partnership to achieve Global Food Security” during the United Nations Third International Conference on Financing for Development. The event was co-hosted by the U.S. Government and the African Union Commission.

The event highlighted how proven approaches to food security and nutrition spurred by the African Union’s Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP) are working across Africa and on other continents.

**Key objectives:**
- Showcase results on improving food security and nutrition in Africa, particularly through country ownership;
- Generate enthusiasm around partnerships that harness the power of science, technology, and innovation to achieve our goal of eliminating hunger; and
- Highlight successful models of food security approaches that are being leveraged to achieve impact on global food security and nutrition.

Dr Sibanda was joined by the following presenters and panellists:

**Co-chairs:**
- Alfonso Lenhardt, USAID
- H.E. Erastus Mwencha, AUC

**Moderator:** John Graham, Save the Children Ethiopia

**Panellists:**
- H.E. Rhoda Peace Tumusiime, AUC
- Dr Khalid Bomba, Ethiopian Agricultural Transformation Agency;
- Hassan Bashir, Takaful Insurance;
- Carlos Morales, Guatemala;
- Richard Greene, USAID;
- Osefina Stubbs, IFAD;
- Patricia Haslach, US Ambassador to Ethiopia;
- James Makini, YALI and One Hen Campaign
FANRPAN AgriDeal

The FANRPAN AgriDeal Volume 3, which is focusing on CSA related topics, is due for publication on the 19th of August 2015. The magazine showcases the CSA policy scoping studies, partnerships formed and the CSA policy platforms where FANRPAN’s work has been presented.

FANRPAN website

The FANRPAN website has seen an increased visitation. FANRPAN’s website has been a knowledge hub for research work and related FANR knowledge. The website has seen an average of 41,096 visits per month as compared to 35,766 visits reported in the previous quarter; and 827,931 hits per month as compared to 476,149 hits reported in the previous quarter. The visits has significantly and steadily increased from an average of 28,400 visits in 2013 to 41,518 in 2015 website visits per month.

Average Website Visits per Month
- 2006: Av. 11,400 visits
- 2010: Av. 16,378 visits
- 2013: Av. 28,400 visits
- 2015 (Mar): Av. 39,155 visits
- 2015 (June): Av. 41,518 visits

Summary by Month

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FANRPAN has been visible and aggressive on social media platforms. The FANRPAN Twitter account followers has gone up from 7,263 followers in the previous quarter to 7,928 followers to date.

Global FANRPAN Conversation Cloud: (the larger the word the more prominent the theme)
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**Vacancies**

"Improving Nutrition Outcomes through Optimized Agricultural Interventions (ATONU)"; to be implemented over a six-year period, ending in December 2020.


Please note that applications will remain open until the posts are filled.

- **Gender Specialist:** Postdoctoral Fellowship Opportunity—[http://www.fanrpan.org/documents/d01863/](http://www.fanrpan.org/documents/d01863/)

- **Socio-Economics:** Postdoctoral Fellowship Opportunity—[http://www.fanrpan.org/documents/d01862/](http://www.fanrpan.org/documents/d01862/)

Please note the closing date is 30th August 2015

Request for expression of interest (firms)

- **Mid term review of the Strengthening Policy Advocacy and Research Capacity for Enhanced Food Security in SADC and COMESA member states project**

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