Dear Colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that I share this second issue of the FANRPAN Quarterly Newsletter. Since we published our April Issue, a lot has happened in the past quarter.

In celebrating its 50th anniversary, the African Union has earmarked 2013-2014 as the year of Pan Africanism and African Renaissance. As FANRPAN, we celebrated Africa’s milestone during the 5th Partners’ Meeting held in Pretoria on the 30th of May. We had the opportunity to share the Network’s programmes and future plans with existing and prospective partners. The event was a highlight for strategic alignment and identification of opportunities for future collaboration.

The meeting was attended by over 75 delegates representing NGOs, INGOs, Media, CGIARs, researchers, government, RECs and development partners.

Social Media - More than 31,024 people were reached via Twitter, resulting in almost 263 tweets and 488,601 impressions.

Presentations – Speeches and presentations made on the day are available online (http://www.fanrpan.org/documents/d01593/).

Let me end by inviting you to the annual FANRPAN multi-stakeholder food security policy dialogue where we will be dialoguing on Climate Smart Agriculture.

Let us meet in Maseru, Lesotho, 2–5 September as we champion the fight against poverty and create a sustainable base for Africa’s development.

I thank Mr Shane Hardowar (Mauritius Node) and Mr Joseph Mbinji (Zambia Node) for contributing to this second issue.

Lindiwe Majele Sibanda (PhD)
Chief Executive Officer & Head of Mission

From the CEO’s Desk

5th Partners Meeting, Pretoria, South Africa 30 May 2013
Node Hosting Arrangements

**Namibia:**
From the 23 – 25 of June 2013, a team from the Regional Secretariat, led by the Board Chair, Hon Sindiso Ngwenya, visited Namibia to review the FANRPAN node hosting arrangements and to consult with key stakeholders in Namibia on the opportunities for strengthening the FANRPAN country platform.

The Regional Secretariat will further conduct a detailed analysis based on the Partner Institution Viability Assessment (PIVA) Score Card from the information collected during this mission. After the analysis, in consultation with the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry for endorsement and following due processes, a node hosting institution will be appointed and presented at the FANRPAN AGM to be held from 2 – 6 September in Maseru, Lesotho for re-admission.

**Angola:**
The FANRPAN Board of Governors has tasked the FANRPAN Regional Secretariat to engage in one-on-one meetings with key FANR stakeholders in Angola in order to strengthen the FANRPAN Angola Node platform. The regional secretariat is planning a mission to Angola in late August to review the FANRPAN country node hosting arrangements and to consult with key stakeholders.

**Benin:**
Following keen interest by partners in Benin to join the Network, the FANRPAN Board of Governors has tasked the Regional Secretariat to engage key FANR stakeholders in Benin. A Regional Secretariat delegation will visit Benin from the 15 – 19 July to consult with stakeholders as they identify and endorse a node hosting institution. Benin will then be formally presented for membership admission at the FANRPAN AGM to be held in Lesotho.

### Profiling Nodes & Hosting Institutions

**FANRPAN MAURITIUS NODE**
The Faculty of Agriculture of the University of Mauritius, plays a vital role in providing trained human resources locally as well as in the region for the development of agriculture and related fields. It has the privilege of being the Node Hosting institution for FANRPAN, and as such it represents an ideal platform for the academic and student community and all stakeholders including the private sector to come together, to share knowledge and experiences in the FANR sector. The Faculty of Agriculture will be celebrating its 100 yrs of existence in 2014.

The Faculty of Agriculture (FOA) has become active in the region. It has strengthened its collaboration with FANRPAN and also with the Southern African-Regional Agricultural Forum for Training (SA-RAFT), the African Network for Agriculture, Agroforestry and Natural Resources Education (ANAFE) as well as the Southern African Network for Biosciences (SANBIO). The vice-chair of the SA-RAFT is Assoc Prof M F Driver (OSK) from the FOA. The University of Mauritius is also the regional Project Coordinating Node for the SANBIO and Prof Y. Fakim from the FOA is the Bioinformatics Coordinator.

**Key Events:**
The FANRPAN secretariat and the Mauritius Node of FANRPAN and the Faculty of Agriculture, University of Mauritius organized a national dialogue which was held on 12 April 2013 at the University of Mauritius, Reduit, Mauritius. The workshop was attended by more than 100 participants. These participants were drawn from diverse backgrounds and comprised stakeholders from the student community, the Government, academic and non-academic community, NGOs, Youth Clubs, parastatal bodies, civil society, teaching and education sector (secondary school) and the private sector.

**Important Events for Mauritius Node in 2013**
- Policy review on Youth policy dialogue for dissemination to stakeholders.
- PIVA Assessment scheduled in July/August 2013 by the Secretariat in Mauritius.

Shane Hardowar
Node Coordinator
The Agriculture Consultative Forum (ACF) is a multi-stakeholder Non-Governmental Organization which evolved from a project in 1988 to a formal institution in 2003. It is currently the node hosting Institution of FANRPAN. The ACF secretariat is made up of a staff complement of eight. However, its general membership which currently stands at 52, comprises stakeholders in the agricultural sector representing the following constituencies; public sector, private sector, NGOs, farmer organizations, research institutions and donor agencies. ACF’s mission is to contribute to the development of a viable and responsive agriculture sector through the generation of evidence for policy analysis and dialogue, stakeholder engagement and knowledge management.

ACF has remained a credible and influential player in fostering policy debate, policy research and advocacy on different aspects of Zambia’s agricultural sector.

Over the past three years, the forum has prepared a number of significant Policy Advisory Notes which have been submitted to government and some have been utilized in the policy formation process.

ACF has in the past provided leadership and opportunities to stakeholders in the agriculture sector to dialogue and make inputs in the formulation of important national policies and development programmes in the sector. This includes annual agriculture budget analysis, the National Agriculture Policy, Livestock Policy, the Agriculture Credit Act, the agricultural chapter in the Poverty Reduction Strategic Paper (PRSP), the Fifth National Development Plan, CAADP compact and National Agricultural Investment Plan (NAIP).

Recently ACF has achieved various milestones including influencing the adoption of an electronic voucher system to be introduced by government under the Farmer Input Support Programme (FISP) in the 2013/2014 farming season.

Joseph Mbinji
Node Coordinator

FANRPAN Zimbabwe Node Coordinator, Dr Isaiah Mharapara in the Mail & Guardian

Dr Mharapara (FANRPAN Zimbabwe Node Coordinator) from the Agricultural Research Council recently participated in a debate on genetically modified organisms (GMOs), organized by the Food Matters Zimbabwe and facilitated by Dr Sam Moyo, the Director of the African Institute of Agrarian Studies.

Mail & Guardian quotes Dr Mharapara as “an eloquent speaker, who did indeed appeal to the audience's emotions. But judging from the laughs and applause from spectators, his efforts were well received and the audience largely seemed to support his view that commercial GMO farming should not be permitted without more vigorous investigation into the possible health risks and long-term threats to food security”.

Read more: Biotech crops tempt Zimbabwe (http://mg.co.za/article/2013-05-31-00-biotech-crops-tempt-zimbabwe)

Swaziland House of Assembly passes Plant Health Protection Bill

According to the Swazi Observer Newspaper dated Thursday, 13 June 2013, the House of Assembly has passed the Plant Health Protection Bill.

Through the support of the FANRPAN HaSSP funded by SDC, the passing of this Plant Health Protection Bill will open doors to mobilising Plant Health Protection Regulations. The Swaziland Node HaSSP Team is now mobilising Parliament for the adoption of the Bill in the House of Senate.

The Bill seeks to prevent the spread of trans-boundary plant pests and to facilitate trade in plants and plant products in accordance with the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) standards. The Bill proposes a repeal of the current Plant Control Act, 1981.

The overall objective of the Platform for African – European Partnership in Agricultural Research for Development Phase II (PAEPARD II) is to build joint African-European multi-stakeholder partnerships in agricultural research for development contributing to achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

The specific outcome is “Enhanced, more equitable, more demand-driven and mutually beneficial collaboration of Africa and Europe on agricultural research for development with the aim of attaining the MDGs”.

The success of the PAEPARD project is mostly attributable to the use of strategic partnerships as a means of addressing the complex challenges in the uptake of research evidence in the agricultural sector. This involves engaging multi-organization partnerships (i.e. networks, alliance and consortia) and the different stakeholder sectors (e.g. farmers, private sector, civil society organisations, government and media) throughout the research process continuum. The approach recognizes the role of the end users particularly farmers, in taking a lead in articulating their research needs with the aim of fostering social innovation.

Recent events:

The project focus is on strengthening civil society engagement in policy analysis, dialogue and implementation of the CAADP process.

CAADP Implementation Update (as at 1 August 2013)
(Information summarized from www.caadp.net/library-country-status-updates.php)

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FANRPAN has developed and submitted the following proposals for funding:

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<td>Post-harvest management in Sub-Saharan Africa</td>
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<td>Increasing irrigation water productivity in Mozambique, Tanzania and Zimbabwe through on-farm monitoring, adaptive management and Innovation Platforms</td>
<td>ACIAR</td>
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<td>Mozambique, Tanzania, Zimbabwe</td>
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<td>Supporting smallholder farmers in southern Africa to better manage climate-related risks to crop production and post-harvest handling</td>
<td>FAO</td>
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<td>Joint Research Proposal Household Vulnerability to Disasters: An Application of the Household Vulnerability Index (HVI)</td>
<td>IDRC</td>
<td>ZAR1 million 1 year</td>
<td>South Africa</td>
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<td>Building Capacity of State and Non State Decision Makers for enhanced uptake of Climate Smart Agriculture Research Evidence (BCCARE)</td>
<td>DfID</td>
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<td>Building resilience through evidence based climate change adaptation in the Limpopo and Volta River Basins</td>
<td>IDRC</td>
<td>$ 2 257 439 5 years</td>
<td>Botswana, South Africa and Zimbabwe in the Limpopo and Benin, Burkina Faso and Ghana in the Volta river basin.</td>
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<td>Improving nutrition outcomes through optimized agricultural interventions</td>
<td>Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation</td>
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<td>Tanzania, Uganda, Ethiopia, Kenya, Nigeria and Ghana</td>
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<td>Leveraging Agricultural investments and research for improved Nutrition in Africa</td>
<td>Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation</td>
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<td>From Research to Policy and Practice: Strengthening the Evidence Base for Climate Smart Agriculture Policies in East and Southern Africa</td>
<td>COMESA</td>
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<td>Strengthening the Capacity of Smallholder Farmer in Sub-Saharan Africa to Engage in Post-Harvest Management Policy Making Processes</td>
<td>CTA</td>
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National multi-stakeholder youth policy dialogues
FANRPAN convened four national youth policy dialogues (Malawi, Mauritius, Tanzania and Zimbabwe). The objective to deliberate on the issues of youth involvement in agricultural policy processes, especially those policies aimed at mainstreaming youth and to share findings from the country case studies.
Read more: http://www.fanrpan.org/projects/youth-in-agriculture/

Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) Workshop in Malawi & Lesotho
FANRPAN convened two Climate Smart Agriculture Common Vision Workshops in Lesotho and Malawi aimed at facilitating a participatory project management approach that allows national stakeholders to be part of the project processes and to be fully informed of the progress of the project. A wide range of stakeholders including representatives from government, NGOs, university faculty members, researchers, farmers and development partners attended the meeting.

In Lesotho, students from the National University of Lesotho (Mr Kanono Thabane and Ms Relebohile Letele) presented findings of their studies. Thabane’s study was on ‘The Impact of Climate Change on Households in Maphutseng, Lesotho’ using the FANRPAN Household Vulnerability tool. Relebohile’s study was on ‘Cost and Benefits of Adapting to Climate Change in Lesotho.’

Harmonized Seed Security Project (HaSSP) Field Days—Swaziland and Zimbabwe
The Harmonized Seed Security Project held field days in Swaziland and Zimbabwe on the 10th of April and 3rd of June respectively. The field day was attended by over 50 people which included representatives from Seed Quality Control Services (SQSC), CANGO, the government extension services, and the Swaziland National Agricultural Union (SNAU) as well as the village chief Mr Dlovula.

In Zimbabwe, the highlights of the event were the field tour of sugar bean crop, varieties - Noah 45 and Gloria. The crop was at pod formation stage. The HaSSP seed growers- Mr Mahowa and Mr Mabasa who had produced seed crops of the variety Gloria and Noah 45 respectively provided information on how they had managed the seed crops from planting, fertilizer application, weeding, irrigating and spraying of crop chemicals to protect the crop from pests and diseases.
Following the first issue of the FANRPAN AgriDeal Magazine that looked at the Women Accessing Realigned Markets (WARM) project, FANRPAN is releasing the second edition of the FANRPAN AgriDeal magazine focuses on the CPWF work on water in the Limpopo Basin and climate smart agriculture technologies for alleviating poverty. This edition will be published in August.

Regional and Global Policy Engagement Highlights

The Dublin Conference on Hunger, Nutrition and Climate Justice, 15—16 April 2013

FANRPAN CEO participated at the Dublin conference hosted jointly by the Government of Ireland and the Mary Robinson Foundation – Climate Justice. Dr LM Sibanda participated in a high-level panel with the Hon. Minister for Environment Phil Hogan, Rachel Kyte VP for sustainable development World Bank, Mitchell Lay President of the Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organization and Carlos Klink, National Secretary for Climate Change and Environmental Quality with the Brazilian Ministry of Environment on Tuesday, 16th April 2013: ‘From learning to leading’, shaping the post-2015 development agenda – Challenges and Opportunities.

The international conference in Dublin was convened to open dialogue and debate on linked challenges, and to encourage and inspire innovative thinking and solutions. The conference was organized in partnership with the World Food Programme and the CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS). The objective was to facilitate a respectful dialogue and learn from practical experience and robust evidence to inform a new approach to addressing hunger, nutrition and climate justice, in the context of the new international development agenda.

For further information about the conference, visit the conference website or http://www.fanrpan.org/documents/d01541/

KEY MESSAGES: Dublin Conference on Hunger · Nutrition · Climate Justice

The Hunger – Nutrition – Climate Justice (HNCJ) was a conference with a difference. The Conference explored the links between climate change, hunger and poor nutrition, and their impact on the world’s most vulnerable people.

Of the 300-plus delegates from 60 countries at Hunger – Nutrition – Climate Justice, 100 were representatives of grassroots communities. They told their stories, and high-level policy makers listened and learned, while informing them of the processes in train for the next steps in global development.

The Conference report outlines (available online: ) the Conference’s highlights, its objectives and achievements, the commitments made by representatives of government, policy, business and civil society there, the lessons learned from organizing such a unique event and the key messages that came out of vibrant and respectful dialogue between grassroots community representatives and the people whose global policy decisions affect their lives.
Integrate science and society — at the Chicago Council Global Food Security Symposium 2013

FANRPAN CEO at the Global Food Security Symposium, “there is renewed focus across public, private, and international organizations towards ending global food insecurity…”

Dr. Sibanda joined experts including Ren Wang, Assistant Director General of the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), advocating for an increase in long-term, stable support and investment. Science and society must be better integrated to comprehensively address the challenges of food and agriculture.

As part of her participation at the Chicago Council, Dr Sibanda published a Blog commentary titled “A Social Innovation to Solve the African Food and Nutrition Paradox”

“It is time for Africa to come up with its own panel to deliberate and raise food security issues the continental and global level with the aim of informing food security policies. The name that springs to my mind is "Kilimo Kwanza Africa" which means "Agriculture First in Africa" - a forum where issues raised at national levels through different platforms can be escalated to the panel for deliberation and endorsement for policy recommendations.”

Read more on the blog: http://www.fanrpan.org/documents/d01598/

Nutrition for Growth: Beating Hunger through Business and Science, 8th June 2013 in London

FANRPAN CEO, Dr LM Sibanda participated in the Nutrition for Growth: Beating Hunger through Business and Science conference on 8 June 2013. The event was co-hosted by the UK government, the Children’s Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF), and the Government of Brazil, bringing together business leaders, scientists, governments and civil society to make the political and financial commitments needed to prevent under-nutrition, enabling people and nations to prosper.

The participants, who signed a Global Nutrition for Growth Compact, committed their countries and organizations by 2020 to:

- improving the nutrition of 500 million pregnant women and young children
- reducing the number of children under five who are stunted by an additional 20 million
- saving the lives of at least 1.7 million children by preventing stunting, increasing breastfeeding and better treatment of severe and acute malnutrition.
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Upcoming Engagements

Node (PIVA) Assessment
- Mauritius: 28 July—2 August
- Madagascar: July—August
- Angola: July—August

National Youth Dialogues (July—August)
- Mozambique
- Lesotho
- Zambia

FANRPAN High-level Food Security Policy Dialogue
- Date: 2—5 September 2013
- Venue: Maseru, Lesotho

FANRPAN Annual General Meeting
- Date: 1 September 2013
- Venue: Maseru, Lesotho

FANRPAN Vacancies
Director of Policy Research
Director of Communications and Advocacy
Director of Finance and Administration

Read more: http://www.fanrpan.org/documents/d01621/