From the CEO’s Desk

Welcome to this edition of the FANRPAN Quarterly Newsletter.

With the beginning of each Season, we all have the opportunity to reflect on how we can be more successful, personally and professionally. As a leading Network in food and nutrition security, we are committed to making 2015 a transformative year.

In order to succeed, we as a Network need to grow. I say this against the backdrop that the world moves forward at an ever-quickening pace; stagnation really means moving backward. Since inception, FANRPAN has continued to demonstrate impressive growth in terms of research and development, geographic reach, convening power, financial portfolio and its partners through innovation and creativity.

Amongst others, our success attracted the attention of the Canadian International Food Security Research Fund (CIFSRF) to convene a high-level policy dialogue on food, income, and nutrition security: Research to Feed Africa in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on September 1, 2014.

It is through this combined effort of you, as Network members, that I am confident that development partners and policy makers in Africa and beyond will continue to turn to FANRPAN for policy advice.

Stories of inspiration and success are happening every day in each community across our region and we would be pleased to capture them to share with the Network and beyond.

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
Led by FANRPAN, the regional initiative ATONU will answer the question of what can agriculture projects do to achieve positive nutrition outcomes. FANRPAN has assembled a leading global consortium of African and international organizations to design, pilot, rigorously evaluate and promote a range of interventions that will improve nutritional outcomes of agricultural programs and policies. The interventions will address the variety of social, cultural and environmental contexts found in African agriculture.

The ATONU project is providing technical assistance to integrate tailored nutrition interventions into planned and ongoing agricultural investments.

ATONU is breaking the intergenerational cycle of under-nutrition in four Sub-Saharan African countries and improving the nutrition of smallholder farm families and poor households through tailored nutrition sensitive agriculture programs that ultimately benefit women of child bearing age and children in the first 1000 days of life after conception.

The Global Forum for Innovations in Agriculture (GFIA) in partnership with the World Bank, NEPAD, CGIAR, Global Environmental Faculty (GEF), World Agroforestry Centre and the African Union hosted the inaugural Global Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) Summit in Abu Dhabi from the 9th to the 11th of March 2015. The summit was launched under the theme "Promoting sustainability & agricultural resilience". Following the Global Alliance for Climate Smart Agriculture (GACSA) which was launched at the United Nations General Assembly in New York in September 2014, agriculture was firmly part of the climate debate and GFIA 2015. This was an important stepping stone towards the United Nations Climate Change Conference in December 2015.

FANRPAN’s CEO Dr Lindiwe Majele Sibanda was one of the speakers at the summit. The first session of the summit started by interrogating the need for CSA under the topic "Why Climate-smart agriculture?" One of the sessions was led by the African CSA Alliance (ACSA) and outlined the need for the universal adoption of CSA and the role that ACSA will play in this.

Other sessions looked at food losses and waste, innovations and technologies for creating climate-smart urban food systems; landscape restoration and agroforestry.

For more information visit:
http://www.innovationsinagriculture.com/Event-programme/World-Climate-Smart-Agriculture-Summit
On the 18th February 2015, the Namibia Node hosted a Node Hosting Arrangements & Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) Study Validation Workshop at the Safari Hotel in Windhoek. The event was convened by the University of Namibia.

The main objective of the workshop was to review the FANRPAN country Node hosting arrangements and the opportunities for strengthening the FANRPAN country platform. In addition, the workshop aimed at validating the CSA Policy Scoping study that was conducted in Namibia in 2013-2014.

The workshop was attended by over 30 stakeholders from government, universities, research institutes, the business sector, farmer groups and civil society organizations. It was opened by the Permanent Secretary (PS) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry, Mr Iita.

The PS highlighted that following the consultations and the due diligence exercise carried out by FANRPAN, the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry, endorses the University of Namibia: Faculty of Agriculture and Research as the Node Hosting Institution for FANRPAN.

The FANRPAN Regional Secretariat was represented by Dr S Mundia (former PS Ministry of Agriculture, Zambia and FANRPAN Board Advisor); Mr. LW Mwamakamba (FANRPAN Protocol and Communications Manager) and Mr T Mthunzi (FANRPAN Natural Resources Programme Assistant).

Dr Mundia who was in attendance to oversee the process, challenged the stakeholders to ensure that the Node is functional and fully equipped to play the role of advocating for FANR policies.

The Pro-VC for Academic Affairs and Research, Prof. Osmund Mwandemele, expressed his commitment to make sure that the Node Hosting Institution will be all inclusive and engaging platform.

The Namibia Node will be coordinated by Dr Theopoline O. Itenge, Senior Lecturer, Animal Science, University of Namibia.
FANRPAN in partnership with the Training Centre in Communication conducted a successful three days training workshop on “Climate Change Leadership and Policy Advocacy” under the auspices of its two Climate Change projects, Africainteract and the Climate Change Tripartite Programme (COMESA-EAC-SADC), 24—26 February 2015.

The objectives of the training workshop were to equip climate change champions with advocacy content and skills; share and empower champions with Climate Change knowledge generated by FANRPAN and its partners.

The COMESA-EAC-SADC project aims to contribute to the consolidated and unified African position on climate change through creation of awareness among the decision makers while the Africa Interact project, provides a platform for enabling research-to-policy dialogue in Africa, and aims to enhance the resilience of livelihoods to the adverse effects of climate change through informed policy making for adaptation to climate change.

By the end of the workshop, participants were equipped to produce policy briefs, news stories, opinion editorials, info-graphs, fact sheets, feature stories and e-newsletters based on Climate Change Adaptation studies done by FANRPAN and its partners. These will be shared with the relevant stakeholders.

Participants were also taught new ways of using web 2.0 for Policy Advocacy and to re-brand their online images to suit their roles as Climate Change Policy and Advocacy Champions.

FANRPAN in partnership with the Training Centre in Communication hosted a round table on Agricultural Transformation challenges in Southern Africa from the 23rd to the 24th of February 2015, in Stellenbosch, South Africa.

The STIAS roundtable which follows a series of preparatory workshops and seminars at STIAS during October and November 2014 focused on sustainable agricultural intensification in Southern Africa. The participants had an opportunity to examine ways in which the region’s food security challenges can be met in the next thirty to forty years and it is hoped that this will create opportunities for researchers and other stakeholders to learn about the concerns and challenges faced by those trying to implement policies and by those directly affected by such actions.

FANRPAN CEO, Dr Lindiwe Majele Sibanda, participated at this distinguished event. The theme for the Roundtable ‘Strategic Directions for Agricultural Transformation in Southern Africa’ was linked to a broader research theme on the 'Sustainable intensification of agriculture in Southern Africa' which STIAS will promote over the next three to five years with the support of the Wallenberg Foundation.

To read more on this please follow the link below. http://stias.ac.za/events/roundtable-on-agricultural-transformation-challenges-in-southern-africa/
The AU-NEPAD-INGO Alliance for Scaling-Up Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) in Africa (Africa CSA Alliance (ACSA)) is continuing to make progress towards its goal of empowering 6 million farm households in Africa by 2021, contributing to the broader AU target of at least 25 million farm households practicing CSA by 2025.

Following its official launch on 25 June 2014 at the African Heads of State Summit in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, the Africa CSA Alliance has been engaged in a critical design and consultative phase.

FANRRPAN got the opportunity to participate in the ACSAA Workshop that was held on Lusaka, Zambia from the 2nd to the 10th of February 2015.

ACSA aims to rally public/political, technical and financial action to catalyse and support local systems for expanded and accelerated scaling-up of CSA.

The workshop therefore, aimed at coming up with a consensus on the rationale and assessment parameters for the “6 million target” (including an understanding of how this will impact on food and nutrition security, prosperity, equity and social-environmental resilience; agreeing on the specific work areas and timelines which define the Alliance’s value proposition in supporting the scaling-up of CSA in Africa (with a clear theory of change) aligning with the Alliance’s core purpose and goal; and agreeing on principles and approaches to guide engagement and partnerships with country and regional players as well as country-specific action plans (roadmap & timelines) – for the three first cohort fast track countries (Ethiopia, Niger and Zambia) for an inclusive consultation and national programme formulation process. Over 80 participants from fast-track countries gathered to discuss the future of the ACSAA and CSA in their respective countries.

FANRPAN under the invitation of H.E. Mwencha attended the 26th Ordinary Session of the Executive Council and the 24th Ordinary Session of the Assembly of the African Union Resources. FANRPAN was allocated a seat at the Summit as an observer.

In addition, FANRPAN was invited to the “Closure of the Year of Agriculture and Food Security and the launch of the Post-Malabo Implementation Strategy and Roadmap” on 27 January 2015 at the AU Headquarters.

In June 2014, the African Union summit, in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, endorsed the Malabo Declaration on Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods. One of the seven commitments that were adopted, ‘Ending Hunger in Africa by 2025’, grew out of the Renewed Partnership to End Hunger in Africa by 2025, involving the African Union Commission, its NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency (NPACA), the Institute Lula and FAO among other partners.

On the 27th of January during the AU Closure of the 2014 AU Year of Agriculture and Food Security and Launch of the AU Strategy and Roadmap, the African Union Commission and NEPAD Agency launched the AU Implementation Strategy and Roadmap to achieve the 2014 Malabo Declaration, for agricultural growth and shared prosperity. The Strategy was launched at a high-level dinner.

COMESA Regional Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Compact signed in Kinshasa, DRC

On the 14th of November 2014, FANRPAN together with the COMESA Secretariat, the Commission of the African Union, NEPAD, Private Sector and Business Associations (EAGC, CBF), Farmer Organizations (EAFF, SACAU), Sub-regional Organizations (ASARECA, FANRPAN, ReSAKKS), Development Partners, Non-Governmental Organizations) signed the COMESA Regional Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) Compact in Kinshasa, and Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

FANRPAN congratulates COMESA, its Member States, State and Non-State stakeholders and Institutions, civil society, farmers and Development Partners, for generating and sustaining this success.
The 2014 High-level Food and Nutrition Security Multi-Stakeholder Policy Dialogue was held in Madagascar from the 29th September – 3rd October 2014 and attended by over 225 delegates from 22 African countries and beyond including all 17 FANRPAN member countries.

The dialogue focused on policies for CSA family farming in Africa.

On the 1st of October 2014 at the 2014 High-level Policy Dialogue, FANRPAN officially launched three research reports on climate change adaptation research focusing on agriculture, health and urban sector policies in South Africa.

Reports were launched by His Royal Highness, Prince Seeiso Bereng Seeiso of the Kingdom of Lesotho.

The emerged out of FANRPAN’s partnership with West and Central African Council for Agricultural Research and Development (CORAF/WECARD) and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) under the “AfricaInteract” project.

His Royal Highness, Prince Seeiso Bereng Seeiso (on the left) with Mr Talentus Mthunzi the AfricalInteract Coordinator for Southern Africa at FANRPAN.
FANRPAN 2014 Annual Awards

Food Security Leadership Award

His Excellency, President of Madagascar, Hery Rajaonarimampianina received the Award for his vision to "make Madagascar a reference country in the sub-region of the Indian Ocean and Southern Africa."

Civil Society Policy Mover and Shaker Award

The Award was presented to FOFIFA / FOIBEM-PIRENENA MOMBA NY FIKA ROHANA AMPIHARINA AMIN'NY,

FOIFIA is the national center for applied research in rural development and it is the lead institution of the National Agricultural Research System in Madagascar. For about forty years, FOFIFA has provided direct support to development through its numerous activities and research results which benefit producers.

Excellence in Agricultural Journalism Award

E-See Magazine was the recipient of the Award. This is a dynamic team involved in rural development broadcasting agricultural issues at national level, on Sunday evening, a time when many people are watching.

Youth Champion In Agriculture Award

The Award was presented to RAELINERA Koly and RALAISOA Clar Orlando, a dynamic duo contributing to high value chain addition at local level by innovating materials and equipment of chocolate manufacturing (craft making); improving the image of the Malagasy cocoa and promoting the products ‘Made in Madagascar’ and helping in the farmers’ development and their well-being, in partnering directly with them and in adopting fair-trade.
FANRPAN together with the Canadian International Food Security Research Fund (CIFSRF) convened a high-level policy dialogue on food, income, and nutrition security: Research to Feed Africa in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on September 1, 2014. The Dialogue preceded the 2014 African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) which took place from September 2 to 4, 2014.

CIFSRF is a program of Canada’s International Development Research Centre undertaken with the financial support of the Government of Canada provided through Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada. CIFSRF supports applied, collaborative, results-oriented research projects that can significantly improve agriculture and nutrition in developing countries.

The high-level policy dialogue brought together senior ministers and policymakers; researchers, farming, private sector, and agribusiness leaders, and representatives from financial institutions, international governmental and non-governmental organizations, and civil society. Dialogue delegates discussed the solutions that research has to offer to feed Africa’s hungry people, in particular:

- new trends to make agricultural research work for the poor
- new pathways to deliver cutting edge science for impact
- win-win entry points to achieve both research and development impact
- practical experiences to take innovations to the millions who need them

For more information visit: [http://cifsrf.fanrpan.org/](http://cifsrf.fanrpan.org/)
FANRPAN has for the fourth year running been ranked one of the world’s top think tanks in 2014, by its international peers in the 2014 GLOBAL Go To Think Tanks survey.

This annual survey is conducted by the University of Pennsylvania in the United States. A total of 6,826 think tanks from 182 countries were invited to participate.

A copy of the 2014 Global Go To Think Tank Index report can be downloaded here: http://repository.upenn.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1008&context=think_tanks

FANRPAN 2014 Global Go To Think Tanks Ranking:

- Top Think Tanks Worldwide (U.S. and non-U.S.): 56 out of 150 (same as last year)
- Top Think Tanks in Sub-Saharan Africa: 13 out of 65 (gone up one point as compared to last year)
- Top Social Policy Think Tanks: 31 out of 50 (gone down by one point as compared to last year)
- Best Advocacy Campaign: 38 out of 75 (gone up one point as compared to last year)
- Best Institutional Collaboration Involving Two or More Think Tanks: 23 out of 75 (gone down by two points as compared to last year)
- Best Think Tank Conference: 16 out of 55 (same as last year)
- Best Think Tank Network: 50 out of 60 (same as last year)
- Best Trans-disciplinary Research Program at a Think Tank: 15 out of 60 (same as last year)

This annual survey is conducted by the University of Pennsylvania in the United States.

Ranking of FANRPAN Node Hosting Institutions:

**Botswana** - Botswana Institute for Development Policy Analysis (BIDPA)
- Top Think Tanks in Sub-Saharan Africa: 5 out of 65

**Kenya** - Kenya Institute for Public Policy Research and Analysis (KIPPRA)
- Top Think Tanks in Sub-Saharan Africa: 1 out of 65
- Top Think Tanks Worldwide (U.S. and non-U.S.): 134 out of 150
- Top Domestic Economic Policy Think Tanks: 53 out of 80
- Best Think Tank Conference: 55 out of 55
- Best Transdisciplinary Research Program at a Think Tank: 40 out of 60
- Think Tanks with the Best External Relations/Public Engagement Program: 45 out of 50
- Think Tanks with the Most Significant Impact on Public Policy: 40 out of 60
- Think Tanks with Outstanding Policy-Oriented Public Programs: 45 out of 60

**Tanzania** - Economic and Social Research Foundation (ESRF)
- Top Think Tanks in Sub-Saharan Africa: 42 out of 65

**Uganda** - Economic Policy Research Centre (EPRC), Makerere University (Uganda)
- Top Think Tanks Worldwide (U.S. and non-U.S.): 135 out of 150
- Top Think Tanks in Sub-Saharan Africa: 16 out of 65
- Top Domestic Economic Policy Think Tanks: 65 out of 80
- Best Transdisciplinary Research Program at a Think Tank: 45 out of 60
- Best Advocacy Campaign: 67 out of 75
- Best University Affiliated Think Tanks: 40 out of 45
- Think Tanks with Outstanding Policy-Oriented Public Programs: 45 out of 60
South Africa Node Parliamentary Report on Climate Change, Household Vulnerability and Climate Smart Agriculture

On 3 February 2015, the Financial and Fiscal Commission (the Commission) tabled at the South African Parliament, a report on Climate Change, Household Vulnerability and Climate Smart Agriculture: The Case of Two South African Provinces. The Submission was made in terms of Section 3(1) and 3(2) (a) and (b) of the Financial and Fiscal Commission Act. The study was supported financially by IDRC and was done in collaboration with FANRPAN and its nodes namely the Universities of Venda, Fort Hare and Cape Town. Mr Khumalo, Head of Financial and Fiscal Commission will update the board on the feedback from Parliament.

For more details visit: http://fanrpan.org/documents/d01816/

Ongoing FANRPAN Projects

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Obituaries

We mourn our Elders and Champions laid to rest 2014-15

Gogo Cecilia Makota, Zambia—a dynamic farmer champion

Gogo Thwala, Swaziland - Farmer Champion & Swaziland Node Hosting Institution Chairperson

May their Souls rest in peace

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