Africa's AR4D Lead Institutions Mobilise Single Voice Ahead UN Food Summit
A webinar by FARA and CAADP-XP4 consortium members ASARECA, AFAAS, CORAF, CCARDESSA on Strengthening the African Agricultural Research and Development Towards Improved Africa Food System is due to be held on February 16, 2021.

The main objective of this consultative meeting is to provide a platform for key stakeholders in the agricultural research for development space to discuss salient options for the AR4D mechanisms to strengthen the food system on the African continent. The session will further allow participants to think through how to engineer a repositioning of Africa for the attainment of the SDGs within the decade, given the emerging BR Reports.

The Webinar is meant to mobilise and come up with the One Africa Voice to the 2021 UN Food System Summit on AR4D (African message to the Summit). This year, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres will convene a Food Systems Summit as part of the Decade of Action to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. The Summit will launch bold new actions to deliver progress on all 17 SDGs, each of which relies to some degree on healthier, more sustainable and equitable food systems.

The Summit will awaken the world to the fact that we all must work together to transform the way the world produces, consumes and thinks about food. It is a summit for everyone everywhere -- a people’s summit. It is also a solutions summit that will require everyone to take action to transform the world’s food systems.

Guided by five Action Tracks, the Summit will bring together key players from the worlds of science, business, policy, healthcare and academia, as well as farmers, indigenous people, youth organizations, consumer groups, environmental activists, and other key stakeholders. Before, during and after the Summit, these actors will come together to bring about tangible, positive changes to the world’s food systems.

The specific objectives of the continental webinar are:
1. To facilitate a consultative e-Forum to review the major issues and challenges confronting the African food system.
2. To elucidate pragmatic game-changing options for the African food systems given the short time frame to 2030.
3. To propose solutions that will enhance the deployment of science and innovation to provide the necessary catalysts of the food systems in Africa in the context of S3A.
4. To come up with the One Africa Voice (policy brief) to the 2021 UN Food System Summit on AR4D (African message to the Summit).
5. To provide modalities of moderating comments on the six (6) Papers (Draft) of the Group.
6. To develop and present the African strategy trajectory to the pre-summit and the main Summit.

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