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Participants from 13 regional AR4D and extension organizations in Africa at the training on the TAP approach

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Staff from the five CAADP--XP4 organisations (ASARECA, AFAAS, CCARDESA, CORAF and FARA) have completed a training of trainer’s course on integrating the Tropical Agriculture Platform common Framework (TAP) into African Agricultural Research for Development (AR4D) and extension systems.

The training held in Kenya’s capital, Nairobi, from March 23 to 25, 2022, targeted over 25 participants from 13 regional AR4D and extension organizations in Africa. It was funded by the European Union under the CAADP-XP4 Project through the DeSIRA initiative. Through this initiative, the EU is supporting CAADP-XP4 organizations to enhance their capacity to implement their mandates.

Executive Director, Dr. Enock Warinda, who is also the Chairman of the CAADP-XP4 consortium, said the training would enhance the capacities of the CAADP-XP4 institutions to meet the DeSIRA objective on Strengthening capacities of African institutions in Agricultural Research for Development.

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Training on the TAP approach in progress

"This training is necessary in standardizing methodologies and frameworks for undertaking capacity development and capacity gap assessments," said Dr. Warinda. "The same methodologies will subsequently be rolled out our partners at national and regional levels. Among other things, the training is expected facilitate exchange of knowledge, promote peer-to-peer learning and reduce duplication of efforts. The CAADP-XP4 trainers are expected to create a pool of technocrats who will roll out capacity building actions to other beneficiaries.

Participants engage in group work during the training workshop

According to Delgermaaan Chuluunbaatar, Agricultural research officer, FAO, the raining will help CAADP-XP4 organisations to realize the importance of capacity development for innovation, and the benefits of functional capacities in member countries.

Per Rudebjer, the Capacity Development Specialist at FAO noted that Agricultural Innovation is not only about technologies, but also about nurturing public-private partnerships, organizing farmers in cooperatives, managing multi-stakeholder platforms for value chain development, and leveraging financial resources.

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