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Turning water scarcity into a tool for resilience

Dear AR4D colleagues,

This month we joined our Egyptian partners, Heliopolis University, in a workshop to validate Best Management Practices with Egyptian stakeholders, including farmers under the WATDEV Project. The objective of the meeting held in Sekem Farm in Belbeis, was to create awareness to enhance the implementation of selected Best Management Practices and innovations in the local communities of the study areas where Best Management Practices and Innovations will be studied and analyzed for implementation and upscaling. This was one among many rounds of awareness sessions in Egypt, Ethiopia, Sudan and Kenya where multi-actor stakeholders selected a combination of BMPs for each intervention country to pilot under the Project. This project is a special intervention in the face of climate change, which is meant to change the narrative of challenges into opportunities. In this particular case, the project promotes innovations at the water energy and agriculture nexus to enhance economic development and resilience to climate change in Kenya, Ethiopia, Sudan and Egypt. I thank all partners involved in this project and look forward to our joint effort to scale out the Best Management Practices that will be validated.



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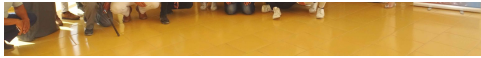
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News Highlights



ASARECA Success Stories





WATDEV Sensitization Meeting in Egypt

ASARECA on July 30, 2023 joined Egyptian partners, Heliopolis University, in a workshop to validate Best Management Practices with Egyptian stakeholders, including farmers under the WATDEV Project. The meeting held in Sekem Farm attracted 48 (10 females: 38 male) participants. According to Prof. Dr. Sherif Mohamady Elsayed, the coordinator the Project, the objective of the awareness meeting was to enhance the implementation of selected Best Management Practices and innovations in the local communities of the study areas where Best Management Practices and Innovations will be studied and analysed for implementation and upscaling under the WATdev Project. [Read more](#)



Yona Baguma Appointed NARO DG

Dr. Yona Baguma has been appointed the new Director General (DG) of NARO. His appointment was announced by Uganda's Minister of Agriculture, Animal Industry, and Fisheries (MAAIF), Hon. Frank Tumwebaze, on April 19th, 2023. Dr. Baguma is a distinguished scientist with over 30 years of experience as a researcher and leader. He started as a Research Officer in NARO and rose through the ranks to the position of Deputy Director General Research Coordination, a position he held until his



Mrs. Kishero speaks of benefits of ASARECA training

Born on the slopes of Mountain Elgon in Uganda, Mrs. Olivia Kishero started growing coffee as a child in 1990. In July 2022, ASARECA, with financing from the CAADP-XP4 Project invited Mrs. Kishero for a benchmarking exercise in Arusha, Tanzania. During the exercise, which brought together Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) researchers, farmers, and the private sector from Eastern and Central Africa, Olivia alongside her peers, participated in a workshop on CSA-based farming where they were introduced to some key CSA farming elements. [Read more](#)



Catalyzing cross-border transfer of technologies through benchmarking

ASARECA organized two successive benchmarking exercises on 18 to 22 October 2021 and 4-8 July, 2022, which were hosted by the National Agricultural Research Organization (NARO), Uganda (with 43 participants) and the Tanzania Agricultural Research Institute (TARI) (45 participants) respectively. A total of 88 stakeholder's mainly young scientists, farmer leaders and the private sector actors from all the 14 ASARECA member countries participated. This exercise promises to improve the conduct of Agricultural Research in ASARECA NARIs. [Read more](#)

current appointment as the Director General.

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Cassava thrives in Sino-African deal

Inside an agriculture demonstration center in the Republic of the Congo, machines are automatically cleaning, peeling, slicing and grinding cassava, turning the starchy tubers into flour. For a long time, cassava crops in the central African nation have been manually peeled, and soaked in water before being dried and ground, a process that can take a few days. Earlier this year, a cassava flour production line introduced from China was set up at the center in Brazzaville, with the capacity to produce 4,000 tonnes of high-quality flour annually. [Read more](#)



Sudan's food crisis deepening

Sudan's conflict is sending hunger shockwaves across an already fragile region, as hundreds of thousands of people continue fleeing to neighboring countries – pushing up already alarming food insecurity and malnutrition levels, and further stretching scarce resources of humanitarian responders. The situation could get worse as the war in the once prosperous and food secure state continues unabated. [Read more](#)



Spillover effects of ASARECA training on tropical agriculture

Upon returning to his home country —Uganda, Allan Ahimbisibwe, a beneficiary of the training of Trainers (ToT) on integration of the Tropical Agriculture Platform (TAP) Common Framework (CF) into NARIs and farmer organizations, incorporated lessons learnt in the ToT into training modules for farmers under Spark Africa Youth Initiatives, where he is the Chief Executive Officer. ASARECA in collaboration with FAO facilitated two Training of Trainers (ToT) workshops to support the integration of TAP into ASARECA member NARIs and farmer organizations. [Read more](#)



Making the best of agro-weather advisories

Upon receiving an appropriately packaged climate forecast disseminated in October 2022 for upcoming short rains with poor distribution, Mary Samson Mueni, a smallholder farmer in Kitui County, Kenya decided to grow a dryland crop (sorghum). She specifically sourced an early maturing variety (Kadam) from an agro-vet shop in mid-November 2022. In early February 2023, she harvested 90 kg from less than an acre garden, sold most of the sorghum, and used some of the money to pay school fees for her

AR4D Events

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United Arab Emirates

Key information: UN Climate Change conferences (or COPs) take place every year, and are the world's only multilateral decision-making forum on climate change with almost complete membership of every country in the world. During COP 28, the world will come together to agree on ways to address the climate crisis. Details: <https://www.cop28.com/>

The Eighth Global Meeting of the Farmers' Forum

February 12, 2024 - February 13, 2024

Key information: The Farmers' Forum is a bottom-up dialogue on rural development and poverty reduction between farmers' organizations, IFAD and governments. The 2024 global meeting brings together more than 80 farmers' leaders from around the world, representing millions of smallholders and rural producers who work with IFAD and partner institutions. September 19, 2024 - September 20, 2024. Details: https://www.ifad.org/en/web/latest/-/the-eighth-global-meeting-of-the-farmers-forum?p_I_back_url=%2Fen%2Fweb%2Flatest%2Fevents%3Fdelta%3D50

The 11th International Conference on Agriculture 2024

Bangkok, Thailand

Date: 19-20 September 2024 Venue: Bangkok, Thailand Key Information: The 11th International Conference on Agriculture 2024, will take place 19th – 20th September 2024, Bangkok, Thailand. It will explore the latest research, ideas, and solutions related to Agriculture. This conference is a unique opportunity to connect with leading educators, researchers, policymakers, and other stakeholders from around the world. Details: <https://www.clocate.com/the-international-conference-on-agriculture-agrico/59236/>

Africa Agribusiness and Science Week: FARA is co-organizing the event with the CAADP XP4 partners i.e., CCARDESA, ASARECA, CORAF, AFAAS, the Government of the Republic of South Africa and in collaboration with numerous other partners including AUC, AUDA, GFAR, YPARD, PAFO, One CGIAR, FAO, AFDB, UNIDO, AFBC, Sappi, AGRA, AWARD, ICRISAT, DESIRA LIFT, PANAP, RUFORUM, Standard bank. Development Partners collaborating in this event include EC, IFAD, AfDB, AfreximBank etc. Theme: Linking Science, Innovation, and Agri-Business for Resilient Food Systems. Details: <https://aasw.faraafrica.org/>

Science and Innovation for Food Systems Transformation: Follow up to the 2021 UN Food Systems Summit. Following the [UN Food Systems Summit](#) held in September 2021, the [UN Food Systems Coordination Hub](#), was established in early 2022 to coordinate follow-up to the summit, including facilitation of food systems transformation pathways at the country level. The 2023 follow up conference brings together members of the UNFSS Scientific Group, the Director of the UN Food Systems Coordination Hub, and the Managing Director of the CGIAR Science Group on Systems Transformation to explore scientific findings that inform food systems transformation. Date: 11th April, 2023. Eye Street, Washington DC. Details: <https://www.cgiar.org>

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