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## Newsletter Vol.38

### The Value add of Current ASARECA Projects to Africa

Dear AR4D colleagues,

Since 2018, ASARECA has embarked on implementing its repositioned function as the regional “Go to Service Provider of Choice for AR4D coordination, convening, partnership brokerage, and process facilitation to deliver specific priority inclusive development outcomes and impact. To this end, we are coordinating the implementation of initiatives that have created direct interaction between various global partners and the National Agricultural Research Systems. These initiatives include the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP ex-pillar IV) Programme, a timely initiative of the European Union (EU); the Accelerating Impacts of CGIAR Climate Research for Africa (AICCRA) Project of the World Bank; the Climate Smart Water Management and Sustainable Development for Food and Agriculture in East Africa (WatDev) Project of the EU; the Information for Agriculture, Food and Water Security (IAFWS) Project; the Strengthening agricultural knowledge and the innovation ecosystem for inclusive rural transformation and livelihoods in Eastern Africa (AIRTEA) Project; the Leveraging the DeSIRA Initiative for Agri-food Systems Transformation (DeSIRA-LIFT) Project; and the Boosting Climate Smart Agriculture in East Africa with FAIR Land, Soil and Crop Information Services (LSCIS) Project, among others. In this issue of our Newsletter, I welcome you to familiarise yourself with these initiatives.



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### CAADP-XP4 Project

The Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP ex-pillar IV) Programme is a timely initiative of the European Union (EU) in collaboration with Lead African Agricultural Research for Development Institutions (AR4D) Pillar Institutions aimed at enabling Agricultural Research and Innovation, and Extension services to contribute effectively to food and nutrition security, economic development and climate mitigation in Africa. The initiative is planned to be achieved by improving the capacity, effectiveness and positioning of the Regional and Sub regional Agriculture Research and Extension Pillar organizations and National Agriculture Research Systems (NARS). [Read in full](#)

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### AICCRA Project

ASARECA is implementing the Accelerating Impacts of CGIAR Climate Research for Africa (AICCRA) Project (<https://aicra.cgiar.org/>) in partnership with the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT and partners in the National Agricultural Research Systems in Eastern and Central Africa. The Project aims to strengthen the technical, institutional, and human capacity needed to enhance transfer of climate-relevant information, decision-making tools, and technologies in support of scaling efforts in IDA-eligible countries in Africa. [Read in full](#)

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### (DeSIRA-LIFT) Project

The Leveraging the DeSIRA Initiative for Agri-food Systems Transformation (DeSIRA-LIFT) Project. Financed by the European Union (EU) to the tune of € 6,500,000, is a three-year initiative (June 2021-May 2024) is aimed at contributing to climate-relevant, productive and sustainable transformation of agri-food systems in low and middle-incomes countries. The overall objective of the DeSIRA-LIFT Project is to support the DeSIRA initiative's current and future activities in order to enhance its impacts in countries of intervention. [Read in full](#)

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### **LSCIS Project**

The Boosting Climate Smart Agriculture in East Africa with FAIR Land, Soil and Crop Information Services (LSCIS) Project is designed to strengthen the regional Agricultural Knowledge Innovation System (AKIS) by facilitating exchanges between science, farmers, business and policy makers for increased effectiveness and impact of Climate Smart Agriculture measures and rural transformation in East Africa. The objective of the project is to make adequate and validated land, soil and crop information available and actionable in target countries to support effective decision-making in the field of CSA by farmers, policy makers, investors, donors, development agencies and private sector. [Read in full](#)

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### **WatDev Project**

The Climate Smart Water Management and Sustainable Development for Food and Agriculture in East Africa (WatDev) Project is a programme financed under the European Union (EU) initiative, the Climate-relevant Development Smart Innovation through Research in Agriculture in developing countries – DeSIRA. The overall objective of the project is to ensure sustainability of agricultural water management and resilience of agro-ecosystems to climate change in East Africa and Egypt. [Read in full](#)



### **The IAFWS Project (DE Africa)**

The Information for Agriculture, Food and Water Security (IAFWS) Project (also referred to as Digital Earth Africa Project) is designed to support consultations with African agricultural and water management agencies to deepen understanding of information needs; technical and institutional barriers to the uptake of forecasting and other related agricultural advisory services; and to develop a Roadmap to increase agricultural productivity and sustainability. [Read in full](#)

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### **AIRTEA Project**

The Strengthening agricultural knowledge and the innovation ecosystem for inclusive rural transformation and livelihoods in Eastern Africa (AIRTEA) Project is aimed at contributing to the attainment of sustainable

farming livelihoods and rural transformation by fostering an inclusive innovation environment in Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda. The Project is implemented in three countries (Kenya, Rwanda, and Uganda) under the coordination of the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa (ASARECA), and the East African Farmers Federation (EAFF). [Read in full](#)

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