

NATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS' DIALOGUE ON CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE (CSA)

CONCEPT NOTE

<p>Background</p>	<p>The European Union (EU) initiative on the Development of Smart Innovation through Research in Agriculture (DeSIRA) is targeted at boosting the transformation of innovations in agriculture and food systems in partner countries to make them more resilient to climate change while at the time responsive to development demands. The initiative is implemented through continental and sub-regional organizations (SROs) for agricultural research and innovation, namely, FARA, AFAAS, ASARECA, CCARDESA and CORAF. Specifically, the African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (AFAAS) is charged with strengthening national agricultural knowledge and innovation systems (NAKIS) across member countries through its Country Fora (CFs) alongside their members and partners. This is envisaged to lead to community level impacts among the resource-constrained individuals among who are: smallholder households, women and youth agri-preneurs and pastoralists, as well as marginalized communities.</p> <p>In this arrangement, the CAADP-XP4 project prioritizes Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) interventions through Country Fora, of AFAAS, such as, the Uganda Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (UFAAS). Subsequently, under CAADP XP4 Project work-plan and budget, several CSA related activities are to be implemented jointly by the CFs and AFAAS Secretariat. In this regard, UFAAS received a grant to implement a project titled <i>Enhancing the scalability of CSA among AEAS actors in Uganda</i>, scheduled for implementation between October 2020 and February 2021. The project aims to facilitate the scaling of CSA activities towards improved food production and incomes both at national and regional levels in Uganda with the following objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To create an information and knowledge forum for continuous engagement of AEAS actors at sub-national, national, regional and continental CSA events 2. To strengthen capacities of national AEAS actors to participate and contribute to implementation of CSA activities 3. To facilitate the uptake and up-scaling of CSA innovations, technologies and practices by all stakeholders 4. Engage stakeholders in the CSA discourse and profile CSA initiatives in Uganda <p>It is against this backdrop that the proposed CSA Stakeholders' Dialogue is organized. The dialogue will draw experiences from a range of stakeholders concerning their engagements in CSA related projects and activities regarding policy interventions, research and implementation.</p>
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Purpose and objectives	<p>Purpose To dialogue on current capacities of AEAS to deliver effective CSA interventions so as to inform both policy and practice with regard to building resilient agri-food systems in Uganda in pursuit of National Development Goals</p> <p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Develop a common understanding of CSA and its central role in developing resilience of agri-food systems ✓ Highlight current capacities (gaps and needs) for effective country-wide CSA service delivery ✓ Agree on key policy recommendations for ensuring Agri-food systems resilience ✓ Establish a national CSA steering platform to promote integration of agreed policy recommendations at national and local government levels to ensure quick uptake of CSA practices across the country. ✓ Mapping of participants CSA interventions / initiatives.
Key outputs of the Dialogue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Policy brief highlighting the key outcomes of the dialogue ❖ A National CSA steering platform established ❖ CSA profiles of participants and data base developed
Date of the dialogue	3rd December 2020; 9:00am-1:00pm.
Venue	Hotel Africana, Kampala
Participants	The dialogue will be attended by up to 30 members from the different categories of stakeholders including private sector, public sector actors and stakeholders(UFAAS, AFAAS, Development Partners, MDAs, CSOs, Farmer organizations, and Academia (public and private) and more.
Approach/methodology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ PowerPoint presentations on key objective areas / content for discussion ➤ Plenary sessions for discussion and feedback ➤ Breakaway sessions (e.g. by sector) for specific input e.g. TORs and mapping (need to develop/multiply templates)