

ABOUT UFAAS

Uganda Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (UFAAS) is a country chapter of the African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (AFAAS). It brings together a wide range of actors involved in agricultural extension and advisory services in Uganda. The actors come from different sectors namely: Public, Academia, Civil Society, Farmers' Organizations, Media and Development partners

THE CAADP-XP4 PROGRAMME

The comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme X Pillar 4(CAADP-XP4) project under the DeSIRA program is financed by the European Union and managed by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). It is a four-year project (2019-2023), with interventions to support a science and innovation led and climate relevant agricultural transformation in Africa.



National Stakeholders' dialogues on Climate Smart Agriculture held at Hotel Africana in December 2020

UFAAS is one of the AFAAS Country Chapters, that is implementing CAADP-XP4 and under this, a Technical Working Group (TWG) on Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) was formed in 2019. **The key activities implemented under CAADP-XP4 are:**

Enhancing the scalability of CSA among AEAS actors in Uganda, during Covid -19. The key activities included mapping of 65 CSA initiatives: profiling of CSA activities of member organizations, capturing 12 case stories on climate smart activities at farmer level and development of various CSA knowledge products. (CAADPXP4).

Digitalization of Climate Smart Agriculture Project: UFAAS was among the ten (10) Country Chapters that was supported together to participate in the AFAAS Country Hackathon 2021 and other related activities, in order to put more effort in digitalization of Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA). The activities included:

- ❖ **Supporting the organising of Hackathon at national level**
"UFAAS Hackathon 2021" was organized by UFAAS and Dostrim Limited – an ICT firm and the key themes were:
 - Theme #1- Management of AEAS actors' database and activities
 - Theme #2-Database of CSA techniques, approaches and knowledge:
 - Theme #3- Meteorological and weather information systems coupled with crop calendar.

- ❖ Promotion of usage of digital tools in CSA
- ❖ Production of CSA knowledge products
- ❖ Strengthening of CSA TWG & knowledge.

Advocating for Climate Smart Agriculture; National and Regional Stakeholder Dialogue on CSA:

Recommendations from the dialogues

A proper coordination mechanism to promote synergies among AEAS actors across all levels.

- ❖ A National Steering Committee to follow up on the designated climate change taskforce of the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) and facilitate transitioning to full functionality with CSA approach.
- ❖ Need to adopt a framework for joint planning and implementation in order to coordinate and mainstream CSA.
- ❖ Local government and other stakeholders need to empower communities in collective action that is content specific so as to guard the dwindling of the country natural resources and also enforce adherence to law/ordinances.
- ❖ Campaigns for sensitizing and increasing uptake of the CSA initiatives at all levels, should include others such as schools, culture and religious establishments.

CSA INTERVENTIONS WITH OTHER PARTNERS SINCE 2019

A Study “Analyzing and prioritizing climate change related capacities and needs of national and subnational extension actors in Uganda” (with support from AFAAS and FAO). The key issue identified about the capacities and needs of the extension actors were; lack of accurate climate information, equipment and materials, field facilitation and planning process and their availability and confidence to address related issues.

Consultancy “Developing CSA training materials for capacity building of women and youth cattle farmers. (ACTED-Uganda).

SOME CSA INTERVENTIONS OF MEMBERS

Sasakawa Africa Associations (SAA)

- Climate Smart model village project :changing the face of farming in Nakaseke District

Zirobwe Agaliawamu Agribusiness Association (ZAABTA)

- The Climate Smart story of the “Farmacy”: Nehemiah earning big from his vegetable production farm
- Outsmarting harsh climate: Improved banana production at Elias Mbidde’s farm

Humura Investments Limited

- “Green diamonds” briquetting to save energy and the environment

Uganda National Farmers Federation (UNFFE)

- The art and science of scaling up best CSA practices: Learning from the experience of Farmer Managed Natural Regeneration (FMNR) network in Uganda

Learn Enterprises Ltd (LEL)

- A livelihoods and Climate Smart Agriculture venture: Integrated rabbitry with the Luzobe family

Teso Tropical Fruit Co-operative Union (TEFCU)

- Climate Smart fruit farming intervention by UFAAS in Teso: “Tree Nursery brings hope to Patrick Ojok”

PARTNERS



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UFAAS EFFORTS IN CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE (CSA)



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