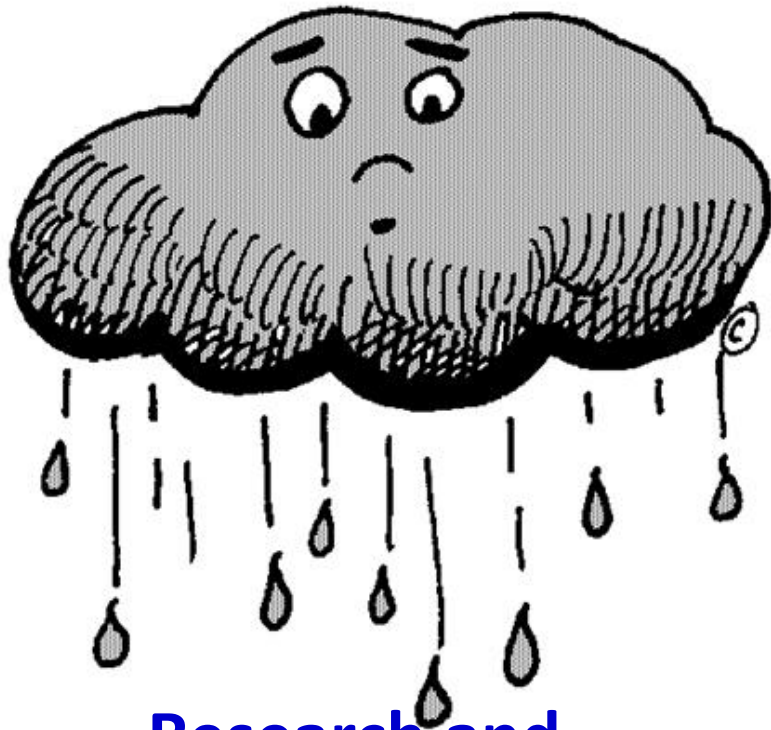




# Overview of Uganda Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services (UFAAS) as a Professional Network for Agricultural Extension

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# Why the Agri-Extension Fora/networks?



**Research and  
Academia outputs**

## Problem of the broken Pipe

- No organization
- No networking and information sharing
- New emerging issues
- Less opportunities



- Low capacity, performance, value, no respect and recognition, etc

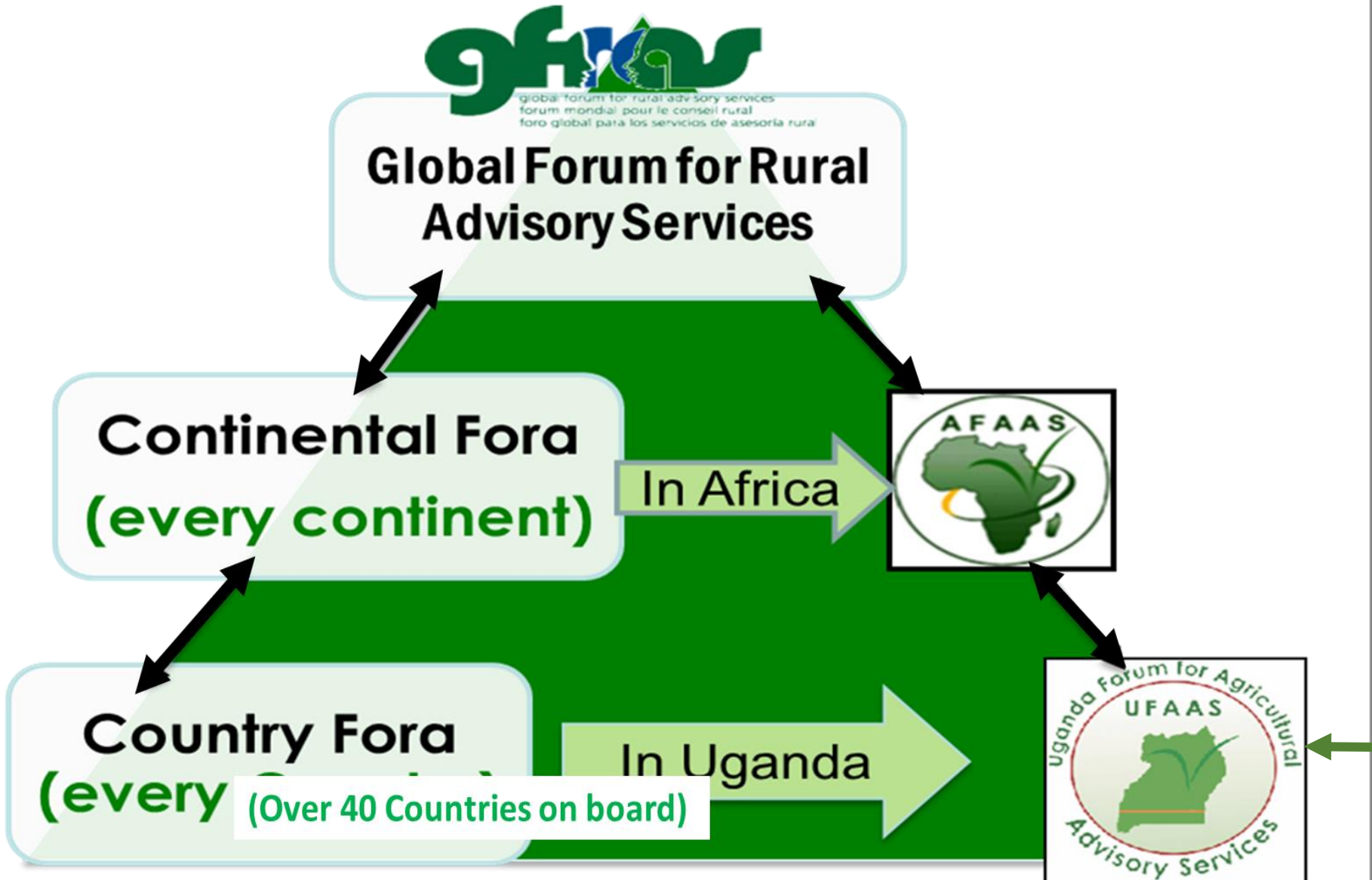


**Extension**

**VC Beneficiaries**



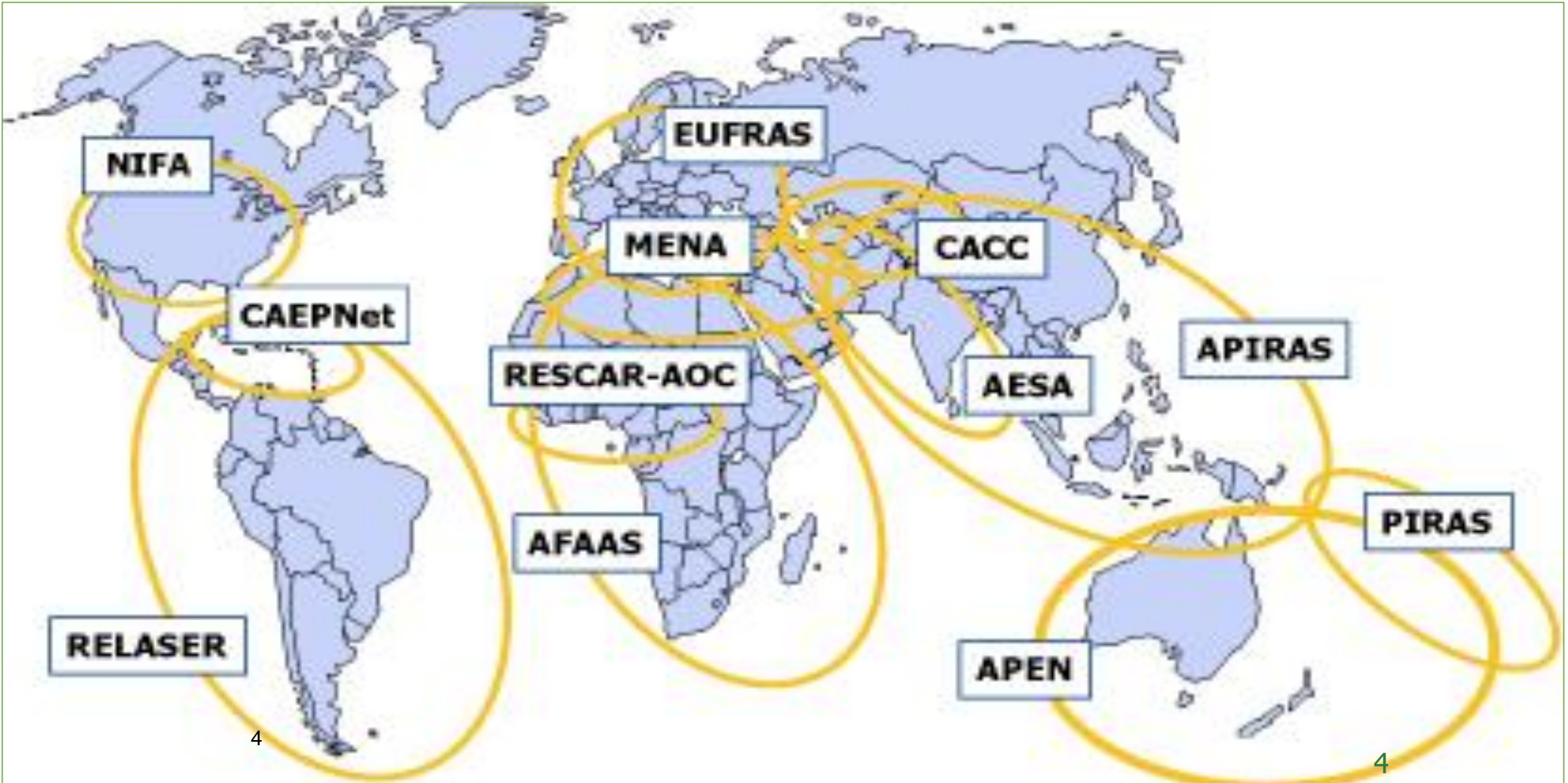
# The Broader perspective of Extension Fora



Regional Hubs
Central
Lower East
Upper East
North
Lower West
In Pipeline: W/Nile, upper west



# The Global Networks

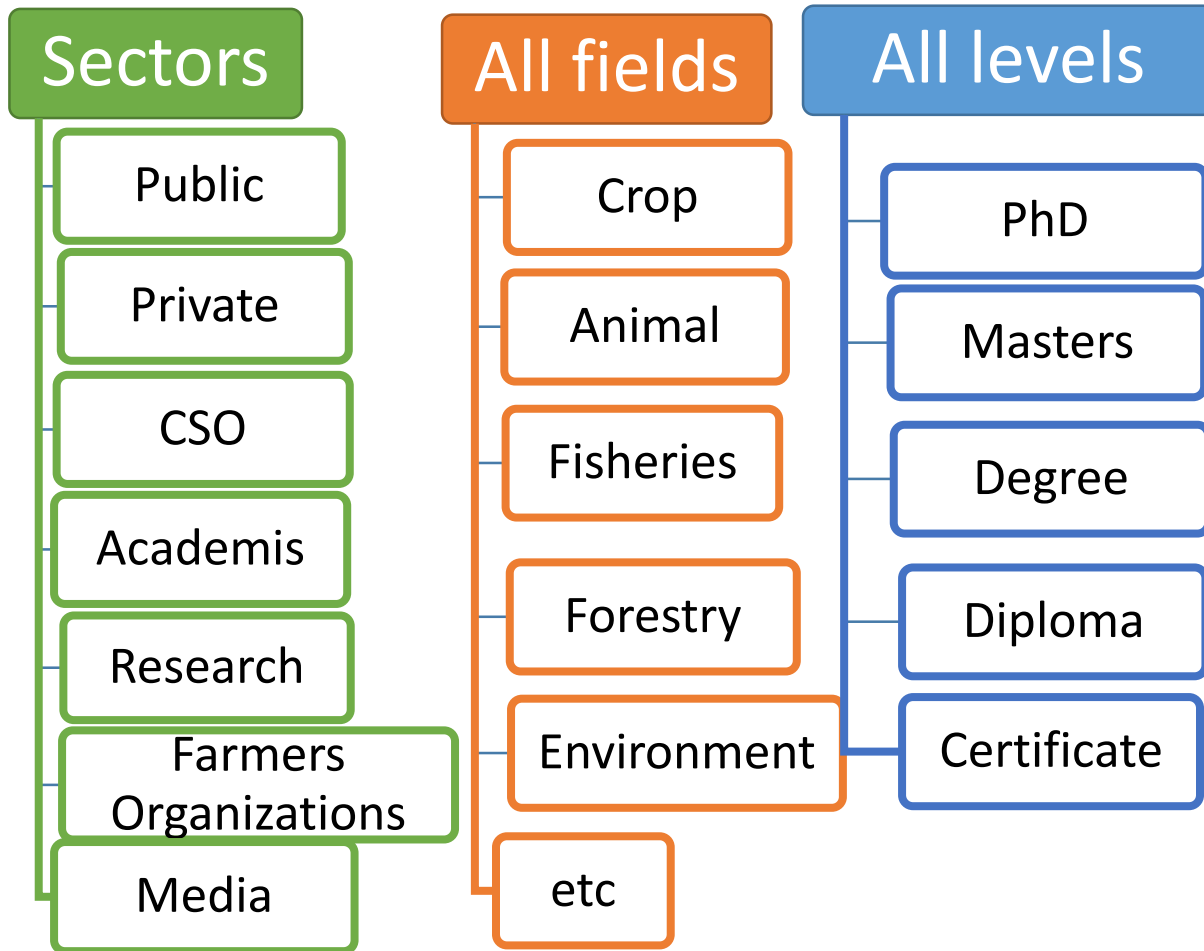


# What is UFAAS?

A National Agricultural Extension and Advisory Services (AEAS) Forum

Formed in 2011 by AEAS actors and legally registered in 2013

Brings together agricultural extension and advisory services (AEAS) actors from:



## Paid-Up Membership to date

- The 309 paid-up members make the general Assembly,
  - 277 (86F, 168M) are individuals
  - 32 are organisations
  - Out of the 277 individuals, 54% are youth and 37% of the youth are female.

**However, the overall UFAAS reach is over 1,000 AEAS actors nationally and internationally.**

# UFAAS Strategic Direction

## VISION

- ***“Quality AEAS effectively contributing to agricultural development in Uganda”***

## MISSION

- ***“To promote an effective, efficient and innovative AEAS system through strategic partnerships, advocacy, capacity building, information sharing and interaction among AEAS actors in Uganda.”***

## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- To strengthen and sustain an effective platform for pluralistic agricultural Advisory Agricultural Services in Uganda
- To support information sharing and networking among AEAS actors
- To develop capacity of Agricultural Advisory Services systems to provide innovative and business-orientated services along the agricultural value chains
- To enhance professionalism and ethical conduct in AEAS systems in Uganda.
- To lobby and advocate for a conducive environment for business oriented inclusive AEAS in Uganda





# PARTNERS AND MEMBERS



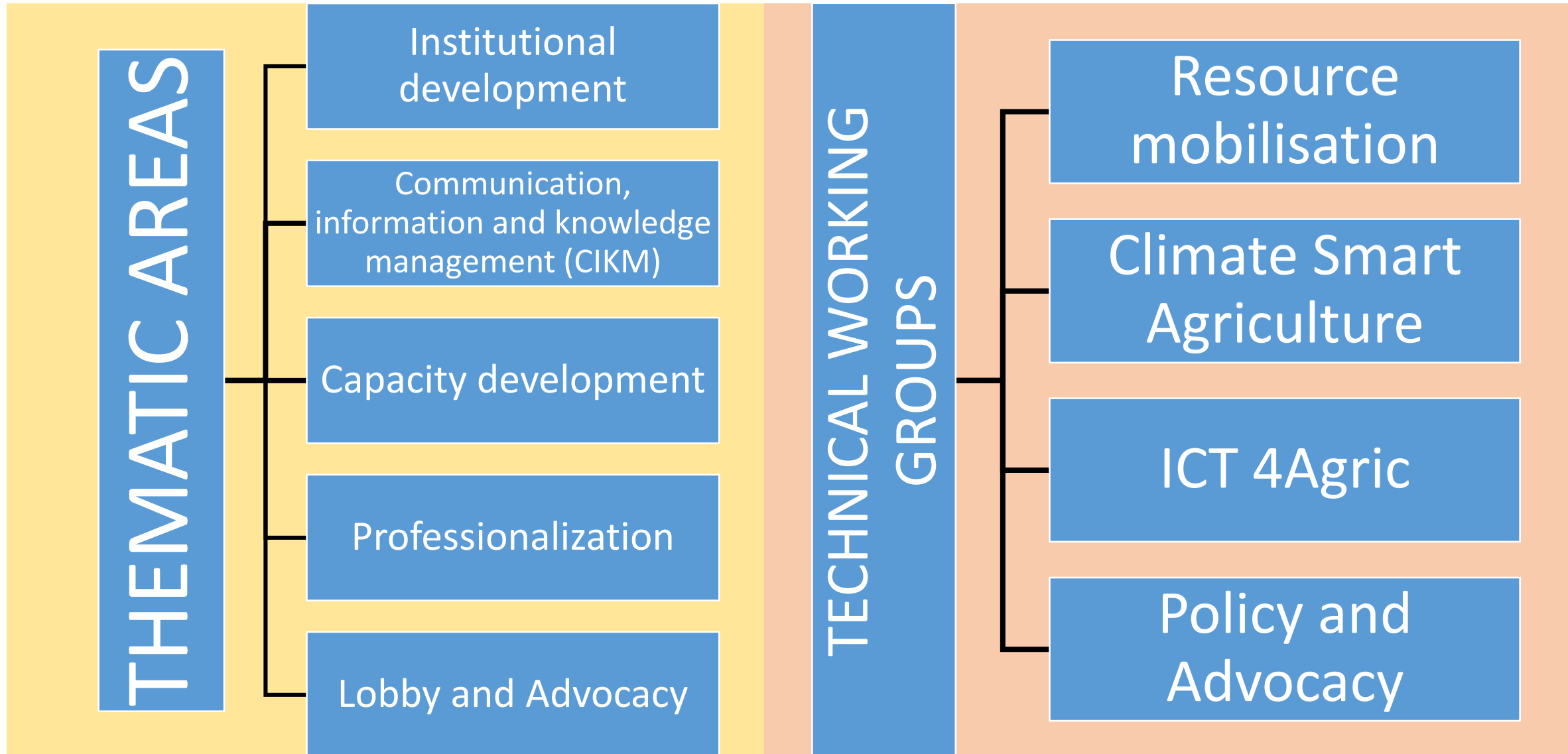
## Partners and Donors



## Members Organizations



# Implementation





# GENERAL ACTIVITIES –SUMMARY

1. Continuous National and Regional mobilization and sensitization of AEAS actors

2. Networking and sharing information with AEAS actors using different fora; eg. Website, CoP meetings, Social Media discussions, physical events, KnHubs

3. Enhance the capacity of AEAS actors at different levels through trainings and/or specific projects

## 4. Supporting the process of professionalizing the AEAS system in Uganda

⇒ Guidelines and Standards, Ethical Code of Conduct, Procedures for Registration and Accreditation of AEAS providers.

⇒ Sensitization on professionalism

⇒ e-Registration of extension actors

5. Advocacy and lobbying (Dialogues, Stakeholder meeting on topical issues, policy briefs)

# Some of Current work/engagements



▶ Continuous mobilization of members under the regional hubs

▶ E-Registration of members and other AEAS actors to create a National Database with MAAIF

▶ AFAAS Digital Connectors as accelerators of sustainable agriculture extension services in farming communities in Kenya and Uganda under the FARA-ASARECA-EAFF consortium

▶ Implementing the AFAAS Hackathon and digitalization of Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) under the CAADP XP4 project.

▶ With ACTED -Assessing the training needs on climate change adaptation in Nakasongola and Mbarara livestock cattle corridor districts of Uganda

▶ Entering a partnership with AMEA to contribute towards a system where farmers and Fos access quality and affordable services, on a sustainable basis.

▶▶ Planning the Annual National Ag-Extension Symposium (planning April 2023) see brief at in folder or [⇒https://drive.google.com/drive/my-drive](https://drive.google.com/drive/my-drive)



# For More information on UFAAS

- **Websites**
  - **UFAAS** (<https://ufaas-ugandacf.org> )
  - **AFAAS** ([www.afaas-africa.org](http://www.afaas-africa.org))
- **Social Networks( Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, u-tube)**
- **UFAAS Brochure** <https://ufaas-ugandacf.org/sites/default/files/documents/UFAAS%20%20BROCHURE-2020.pdf>
- **UAAS Six Years of Growth** (<https://ufaas-ugandacf.org/sites/default/files/documents>)
- **Annual Updates and Reports**
- **Case Stories** packaged into different knowledge products
- **Or ask our partners and Members**