

# KM4AgD 22

## CONCEPT NOTE & AGENDA

Second Continental Knowledge Management for Agricultural Development (KM4AgD) Conference

**DATES** 14 – 16, 2022

**VENUE** Alisa Hotel, Accra, Ghana

**Virtual Participants Registration – ZOOM**

This conference is organized under the

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*for* **AGRICULTURE**  
**CONFERENCE**

# Introduction

The [Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa \(FARA\)](#), established in 2002, is a strategic platform that fosters continental and global networking to strengthen the innovation capacities of Africa's agricultural research system. FARA comprises the Secretariat as its functional arm and the "Forum". The "Forum" encompasses all African and non-African stakeholders committed to enhancing Africa's agricultural productivity, competitiveness, and markets as a contribution to the achievement of the national, regional, continental, and global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for poverty and hunger reduction, and environmental sustainability. FARA is mandated by the African Union Commission (AUC) and the African Union Development Agency (AUDA) to serve as their lead institution on Agricultural Research and Development (AR&D). In this regard, FARA coordinated the framing and implementation of the Comprehensive Africa Agricultural Development Programme (CAADP) workstream responsible for agricultural research, technology dissemination and adoption, i.e., Pillar IV. FARA performed this role in collaboration with the [Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa \(ASARECA\)](#), the [Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development for Southern Africa \(CCARDESA\)](#), the [West and Central African Council for Agricultural Research and Development \(CORAF\)](#) and the [African Forum for Agricultural Advisory Services \(AFAAS\)](#). The five entities are collectively referred to as the CAADP ex-Pillar IV (CAADP XP4) organisations.

The CAADP-XP4 organizations secured resources from the European Union (EU) under the Development Smart Innovation through Research in Agriculture (DeSIRA) initiative to implement a 4-year project in Africa titled "Supporting implementation of a Science-Led and Climate Relevant Agricultural Transformation in Africa (SISTA)". This funding is administered by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

The overall objective of this programme is to enable agricultural research and innovation, including extension services, to contribute effectively to food and nutrition security, economic development, and climate mitigation in Africa.

The specific objective is to improve the individual and collective capacities of the critical supra-national agricultural research and innovation institutions in their support to countries to achieve the programme's overall objective, through (i) strengthening the technical and organizational capacities of individual CAADP-XP4 organizations in multi-stakeholder programme management, resource mobilization and fiduciary processes; (ii) establishing and strengthening multi-stakeholder partnerships (including with European institutions) for climate-relevant innovation; (iii) strengthening policies, investments,



market linkages, and foresight capacities plus application; (iv) enhancing knowledge management and communication for advocacy, decision support and sharing innovation related to climate-relevant agricultural transformation; and (v) strengthening coordination (including planning, M&E and learning), reporting and governance.

As part of its implementation of component (iv) on knowledge management and communication, the CAADP-XP4 partners initiated and rolled out the [Knowledge Management for Agricultural Development \(KM4AgD\)](#) agenda in 2021, which involves a three-month certification training (the Challenge) and an annual Conference. The [KM4AgD agenda](#) set out to build appropriate capacities of relevant stakeholders, [establish communities of practice for Knowledge Management \(Artificial Intelligence\)](#) and strengthen the knowledge ecosystem to accelerate the achievement of the CAADP Malabo goals by 2025, the AU agenda2063 and the SDGs by 2030. The KM4AgD agenda is implemented through an integrated, strategic, educational and transformational approach.

The KM4AgD Challenge is a lighthouse project for knowledge-based development in AR4D in Africa. It takes place annually in a growing number of countries. The climax for each annual Challenge shall be a KM Conference (hybrid) where participants present their results, receive certificates as “AR4D KM Agents for Sustainable Development”, inducted into the Africa KM4AgD Community of Practice for Artificial Intelligence and network with the wider KM global Community. The initiative is being implemented with technical support from the [Knowledge for Development Partnership \(K4DP\)](#), a global network of Knowledge Managers advancing the Knowledge Agenda within the SDGs and its School of Knowledge Sciences Centres in a growing number of African Universities including the Makerere University Business School and the International University of Namibia.

The 2022 edition which is the second, received further partnership boost from key knowledge-intensive stakeholders in AR4D in Africa including the One CGIAR consortium represented by [International Livestock Research Institute \(ILRI\)](#), the [International Center for Tropical Agriculture \(CIAT\)](#), the [International Institute of Tropical Agriculture \(IITA\)](#) and the [Africa Rice Center \(AfricaRice\)](#).



## A. PURPOSE OF THE CONTINENTAL CONFERENCE

The overall objective of the Continental Conference is to wrap up the 2022 edition of the KM4AgD Challenge. Participants will be given the opportunity to present their draft country's/organization's KM concepts and briefs for validation, receive certificates as "Certified Knowledge Agent for Sustainable Development", be inducted as Fellows of the Africa KM4AgD Community of Practice for Artificial Intelligence and Centre of Excellence for KM, and network with the wider KM global Community.

## B. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

The specific objectives of the 2022 KM4AgD Conference include:

1. Afford participants in the 2022 KM4AgD Challenge the opportunity to showcase the products/outputs from the Challenge and others for validation and subsequent dissemination
2. Award successful participants from the Challenge with certificates as Knowledge Agents for Africa AR4D
3. Induct graduates of the KM4AgD Challenge 2022 into Community of Practice for KM and Artificial Intelligence
4. Outdoor initial concept for the establishment of the Continental KM4AgD Center of Excellence with regional and national linkages. To be established in collaboration with the Africa Foresight Academy, the K4DP School of Knowledge Sciences, and relevant Universities and partners in Africa.
5. Present the draft KM partnership framework for Africa AR4D jointly developed by the CAADP-XP4 and One CGIAR partners for further engagement.
6. Generate political support and commitments of the governments, private sector, NGOs, academia, and relevant stakeholders to integrate Knowledge Management as a development strategy officially.

## C. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

1. KM Concepts and briefs developed by KM4AgD 2022 participants presented and validated.
2. Participants at the KM4AgD Challenge recognized and awarded with relevant certificates.
3. The second batch of KM4AgD Community of Practice for Artificial Intelligence in Africa inducted.
4. The Concept for the establishment of KM4AgD Center of Excellence discussed and adopted.
5. The draft KM partnership framework for Africa AR4D discussed and validated for further engagement among relevant actors to seek political support for advancing KM in Africa AR4D.

Overall, the Conference is expected to inaugurate a new cadre of professionals equipped with skills and networks to advance the KM4AgD agenda in Africa.

## D. APPROACH

The 2022 KM4AgD Conference is jointly organized with the Biennial CSA Conference, the LEAP4FNSSA/IRC writeshop and General Assembly, and the PANAP assembly, under the main [Science and Partnerships for Agriculture Conference dubbed ADVANCE 2022. It will be attended by key players from Africa and Europe.](#)

- a. The Conference shall be hybrid in nature. About eighty (80) participants shall be physically available at the Alisa Hotel in Accra, and access will be provided to KM enthusiasts and AR4D stakeholders who wish to join the proceedings virtually (via the Social Media Live and Web streaming).
- b. The Conference shall span 3 days from September 14 to 16, 2022 and will start at 8:00am GMT each day and close at 17:00 GMT.
- c. The Conference shall have four (4) key sessions including.
  - 1) Section one: Joint Opening under SPAC 2022
    - a. Opening remarks by leaders in Africa's agriculture
    - b. Keynote statements from thought leaders on Africa AR4D and Knowledge Management
  - 2) Section two: Technical discussion
    - a. Presentation by the KM4AgD Participants of their draft KM concepts and briefs developed through the training and cafés
    - b. Discussions by Conference participants on the KM concepts and briefs presented
  - 3) Section Three: Validation Processes of key outputs
    - a. Validation processes of the countries' KM concepts and briefs
    - b. Presentation and adoption of a joint commitments
  - 4) Section Four: Joint Closing Ceremony under SPAC 2022
    - a. Presentation of Certificates and induction of new Fellows.
    - b. Launching of report on Good Practices Guidance Notes on AR4D Partnerships.
- d. FARA will facilitate wide publicity for the Conference using its convening powers.
- e. Report of the Conference proceedings will be produced and disseminated widely.
- f. The countries' KM concepts and briefs will be packaged after the Conference for further engagements.
- g. The policy briefs shall be produced as supporting documents to the joint communique and published widely by CAADP-XP4 partners and NARES

representatives.

- h. This Conference shall be the second edition of the Annual KM4AgD Challenge and Conference.

## E. PROPOSED PROGRAMME AND AGENDA

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE
13th September	Arrival of Residential Participants	ALL
<b>DAY 1 September 14</b>	<b>Joint Opening Plenary Science and Partnerships for Agriculture Conference (SPAC)</b>	
	MC: Mr. Julius Bizimungu (Senior Producer & Presenter at CNBC Africa)	
08:00 – 08:30	Registration	Ms Merline Mensah
08:30 – 09:00	Introductions & Protocols	MC
09:00 – 10:15	Welcome address, Goodwill messages & Keynote Address	
10:15 – 10:45	<b>HEALTH BREAK &amp; Group Photos</b>	<b>Hotel</b> Daniel Peprah (Comms Officer, FARA)
10:45 – 11:30	<b>Lead Paper Presentation:</b> “Introspection on CSA Action to Strengthen Accountability, Resource Use and Impact in Africa” by Dr. Bruce Campbell (ClimEAT)	
<b>End of Joint Opening Plenary</b>		
<b>DAY 1 KM4AgD Opening</b>	<b>14th September, 2022 Knowledge Management for Agricultural Development (KM4AgD) Conference</b>	<b>MCs</b> Mr Julius Bizimungu (Senior Producer & Presenter at CNBC Africa)
<b>Moderators: Mr Ben Illakut &amp; Ms Sokhna Rokhaya GAYE</b>		
11:30 – 12:00	Welcome & Opening Remarks Goodwill statements from reps of IFAD, AUC, One CGIAR, K4DP, AGriDI & YPARD	Dr Enock Warinda (ED ASARECA & Chair, CAADP-XP4 Advisory Committee ( <b>10 Minutes</b> ) EDs/Reps of Institutions ( <b>3 Minutes each</b> )
12:00– 12:05	Purpose of the Second KM4AgD Conference	Mr Benjamin Abugri (KMLC Lead Specialist, FARA)
12:05 – 12:25	Keynote Presentation <b>Topic:</b> <i>How Knowledge influences economies and helps them achieve sustainable development</i>	Prof. Albert Ahenkan <i>Professor of SD &amp; Head of Department, Public Admin &amp; Health Services, University of Ghana Business School</i>

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE
12:25 – 13:00	Overview of KM Strategies in CAADP-XP4 Institutions in Africa & the CGIAR	CAADP-XP4 ICKM Working Group ( <b>20 minutes</b> ) & One CGIAR (ILRI) ( <b>10 minutes</b> )
<b>13:00 – 14:00</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	<b>All</b>
14:00 – 15:00	Presentations of Individual KM Concepts and Challenges developed by participants through the 2022 KM4AgD Challenge	AFAAS Participants (Silvia, Sharon, Samuel & Godfrey) ( <b>15 Minutes each</b> )
15:00 – 15:20	Discussion	Mr Andri Raso (ICKM Lead, AFAAS)
15:20 – 15:50	Presentations of Individual KM Concepts and Challenges developed by participants through the 2022 KM4AgD Challenge	ASARECA Participants (Genevieve & Nestor) ( <b>15 Minutes each</b> )
15:50 – 16:00	Discussion	Mr Ben Moses Illakut (Technical Communications Officer, ASARECA)
<b>16:00 – 16:15</b>	<b>HEALTH BREAK</b>	<b>Hotel</b>
16:15 – 17:15	Presentations of KM Concepts and Challenges developed by participants through the 2022 KM4AgD Challenge	CCARDESA Participants (Upile, Mirjam, Lloyd & Kenelwe) ( <b>15 Minutes each</b> )
17:15 – 17:35	Discussion	Ms Bridget Kakuwa (KM Officer, CCARDESA)
17:35 – 17:40	End of Day Wrap-up Session and announcements	Moderators
<b>DAY 2</b>	<b>15th September, 2022</b>	
	<b>Moderators: Mr Ben Illakut &amp; Ms Sokhna Rokhaya GAYE</b>	<b>MC</b>
08:00 – 08:15	Recap	Day 1 Rapporteurs
08:15 – 08:30	Presentation by KALRO <i>"Institutionalization of KM Strategies in Agricultural Research Organizations in Africa"</i>	Dr Boniface Akuku Director of Knowledge Management & ICT, KALRO, Kenya
08:30 – 08:55	Presentation on Advancing knowledge diversity and inclusion; promoting indigenous knowledge and decolonizing knowledge	Dr. Sarah Cummings (Director at K4DP and Lecturer, Wageningen University)

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09:00 – 10:15	Presentations of KM Concepts and Challenges developed by participants through the 2022 KM4AgD Challenge	CORAF Participants (Ezekiel, Kossi, Kebbeh, Jacques & Julie)
10:15 – 10:40	Discussion	Mr Amadou Ngaido (CORAF) & Dr Steve Manteaw (Director, CSIR-INSTI)
<b>10:40 – 11:00</b>	<b>HEALTH BREAK</b>	<b>ALL</b>
11:00 – 11:40	Presentations of KM Concepts and Challenges developed by participants through the 2022 KM4AgD Challenge	YPARD (Sokhna, Bebel, Etienne & Selom)
11:40 – 11:50	Discussions	Mr Marc Bappa, Ms Zainab & Mr Kofi Acquaye
11:50 – 12:10	Presentations of KM Concepts and Challenges developed by participants through the 2022 KM4AgD Challenge	AUC (Ms Peace Mutuwa)
12:10 – 12:20	Discussions	Prof. Andreas Brandner & Dr Boniface Akuku
12:20 – 12:50	Presentations of KM Concepts and Challenges developed by participants through the 2022 KM4AgD Challenge	CGIAR Centers (Tsehay-ILRI, Patricia, Edith, Angela - CIAT, Soji, Olumide-II-TA & Murielle-AfricaRise)
12:50 – 13:00	Discussion	Mr Michael Victor (ILRI) & Ms Katherine Lopez (IITA)
<b>13:00– 14:00</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>	<b>ALL</b>
14:00– 16:00	<b>ICIPE Session: Accelerating Inclusive Green Growth through Agri-based Digital Innovation in West Africa (AGriDI)</b>	Dr Jonas Mugabe Programme Manager, AGriDI
	<p><b>Presentation 1:</b> Scaling AgroCenta Platform and Adoption for Effective Market Linkages in Ghana (SAPA) by AGROCENTA</p> <p><b>Presentation 2:</b> Digital Tools to Drive Market Access and Manage Ag-Value Chains (DigiMakt) by ESOKO.</p> <p><b>Presentation 3:</b> Enhancing farmers' uptake of digital technologies through empirical research, innovation, and policy intervention (EFUDTRIP) by STEPRI</p>	
<b>16:00 – 16:20</b>	<b>HEALTH &amp; NETWORKING BREAK</b>	<b>ALL</b>

TIME	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE
16:20 – 16:40	Demonstration of Outreach and Extension equipment for promoting Indigenous Knowledge	Mr Kouadio Amavi Digisoft Africa
16:40 – 17:00	General Discussions / Knowledge Cafés	Prof Andreas Brandner & Ms Peace Mutuwa
17:00 – 17:10	Wrap-up of Day 2 and Announcements	Moderators
18:30 – 19:30	Dinner with Knowledge Art Walk	All
<b>DAY 3</b>	<b>16th September 2022</b>	
<b>Moderators: Dr Andreas Brandner, Ms Gadzeni Mulenga &amp; Mr Benjamin Abugri</b> <b>Rapporteurs: Marc, Nico &amp; Zainab</b>		
08:30 – 09:00	Recap	Day 2 Rapporteurs
09:00 – 09:10	Presentation on Communities of Practice and Km4AgD CoP Charter	Andri Raso (AFAAS)
09:10 – 09:30	Presentation and the Induction of 2022 Challenge Participants as Fellows of KM4AgD CoP & Centre	Dr Yemi Akinbamijo (ED, FARA) & Supported by Executive Directors of CAADXP4
09:30 – 09:50	Presentation, discussion and validation of the CN for the KM4AgD Centre of Excellence with Linkage to the Academia, country partnerships, etc	Prof Andreas Brandner, Prof Annet & Benjamin Abugri
09:50 – 10:10	Presentations and Discussion on the Recommended KM Framework for a CAADP-XP4 – One CGIAR Collaboration from the KM4AgD Challenge	Mr Micheal Victor & Ms Bridget Kakuwa
10:10 – 10:20	Presentations and discussion on the High-level Policy Recommendations from the KM4AgD2022 Challenge	Dr Godfrey Onagwa, Mr Ben Illakut & Ms Peace Mutuwa

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10:20 – 10:55	Wrap up and Way Forward (Review and validation of Communique)	Benjamin Abugri, Andreas Brandner, Marc, Nico & Zainab
10:55 – 11:00	Closing of the KM4AgD Conference to join the closing plenary	Dr Yemi Akinbamijo (ED, FARA)
11:00 – 11:15	HEALTH BREAK	ALL
11:15 – 14:00	<b>Joint Closing Plenary Session: Science and Partnerships for Agriculture Conference (SPAC)</b>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Endorsement of Conference Communique</li> <li>2. Presentation of Certificates of Completion of 2022 KM4AgD Challenge</li> <li>3. Induction of 2022 Fellows into the KM4AgD CoP and Center of Excellence</li> <li>4. Unveiling of the Good Practice Study Report on partnerships</li> </ol>	
14:00 – 15:00	LUNCH BREAK	ALL
17:00 – 18:00	Networking Snack	
END OF CONFERENCE, POST CONFERENCE MEETINGS & DEPARTURE		

## F. PROPOSED LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

About 100 expected participants onsite and over 300 registered to join virtually.

## Funders



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