

HOW TO ACHIEVE BALANCED, DEMAND-DRIVEN AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL EUROPE-AFRICA PARTNERSHIPS IN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH FOR DEVELOPMENT (ARD)?

How can European NGO reorient research towards more demand-driven approach for African family farmers?

The Collectif Stratégies Alimentaires (CSA) is pleased to invite you to this European NGO meeting that will be held on September 22 in Brussels, from 8.30 am to 5.30 pm. Save the date and register now!

PAEPARD project

PAEPARD (Platform for African – European Partnership in Agricultural Research for Development) is a three years project, beginning this year, financed by the European commission. The objective of PAEPARD is to consolidate scientific and technical collaboration between Africa and Europe in Agricultural Research for Development (ARD) with emphasis on more inclusive partnerships with non-research actors, in order to encourage more equitable, more demand-driven and mutually beneficial partnerships. The project is divided into 7 distinct work package (WP), each one having a specific objective: WP1 – mobilizing European stakeholders, WP2 – mobilizing non-research African stakeholders, WP3 – information and communication, WP4 – capacity building, WP5 – innovation partnerships, WP6 – Advocacy, WP7 – Project management and coordination (for more details, see CSA website: http://www.csa-be.org/spip.php?article701&var_recherche=PAEPARD).

Objective of the consultation for European NGO's

This internal consultation for NGOs is in line with the WP1 of the PAEPARD project, aiming at improving the participation of civil society and private sector in ARD partnerships with Africa. The subjacent objective of the European NGO's participation is, thanks to their experience, providing keys to reorient research towards more demand-driven approach for African family farmers. The aim of the consultation is highlighting constraints and opportunities for more inclusive and balanced partnerships establishment, and elaborating common view of what NGOs should promote into PAEPARD.

Participants

All European NGOs interested by food security and agricultural research are invited to the consultation, but number of participants will be limited to 30.

Registration

To register, please send the joint registration form to Julie Flament before September 15 (julie.flament@csa-be.org).

Location

CNCD – 11.11.11 :
9, quai du Commerce, 1000 Bruxelles



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| 08.30 – 09h00 | Registration |
| 09.00 – 10.00 | <p>Introduction : the PAEPARD project and the objective of this European NGO consultation</p> <p><i>Stephen Muchiri (chief executive of East African Farmer's Federation EAFF)</i></p> <p><i>Marek Poznanski (Collectif Stratégies Alimentaires CSA)</i></p> |
| 10.00 – 13.00 | <p>Sharing concrete experiences :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Types of financing : what types of financing mechanisms are necessary in order to support balanced partnerships? <p><i>Oliver Oliveros (international scientific platform Agropolis)</i></p> <p><i>Gustave Ewole (coordinator of regional farmer's platform in Central Africa -PROPAC)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ Mechanisms and types of partnerships: what mechanisms are necessary to implement between stakeholders in order to balance the partnerships? What types of partnerships should be supported? <p><i>Mariana Wongtschowski (research and advisory group ETC EcoCulture)</i></p> <p><i>Annick Sezibera (chief executive of Confederation of farmer's associations for development in Burundi -CAPAD)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ The choice of research topics: which processes is it necessary to establish in order to select priority research topics? <p><i>Djibo Bagna (President Network of Farmers' and Agricultural Producers' Organisations of West Africa-ROPPA)</i></p> <p><i>Stephen Muchiri (chief executive of East African Farmer's Federation EAFF)</i></p> |
| 13.00 – 14.00 | Pause lunch |
| 14.00 – 16.30 | <p>Reorient research towards more demand-driven approach for African family farmers: what's the role for European NGO?</p> <p><i>Afternoon session should allow, on the basis of the morning session, to discuss about how improving the civil society participation to ARD through the different PAEPARD WP.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Discussion about constraints and opportunities for more inclusive and balanced partnerships establishment.<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ <i>Which expertise can offer NGO and what do they need in order to strengthen capacities of African actors to mobilize, facilitate, lead and evaluate ARD innovation partnerships? (WP4)</i>○ <i>What kind of financing mechanisms should be supported ? (WP6)</i>○ <i>Which mechanisms should be implemented in PAEPARD in order to promote pilot partnerships? (WP5)</i>○ <i>How improving the European and African civil society mobilization for sharing information in ARD? (WP3)</i>2. Discussions between NGO about expectations and common objectives related to the PAEPARD project. |
| 16.30 – 17.30 | Synthesis of discussion and conclusion |