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Monthly Funding Opportunities & Upcoming Events in AR4D in Africa

March 2025



The FARA Secretariat is pleased to present updates on Funding Opportunities & Upcoming Events in AR4D. Kindly click ['Highlights'](#) on the navigation bar for the latest news highlights in AR4D and visit links below to access funding opportunities and upcoming events.

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Intra-Africa Scholarships

Apply NOW

Welcome to the Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme, an initiative by the European Union aimed at fostering international learning mobility across the African continent. This programme extends scholarship opportunities to African students and trainees pursuing Master and Doctoral degrees, as well as to university staff members. Explore the possibilities and embark on a transformative academic journey with the Intra-Africa Academic Mobility Scheme.

 <https://bit.ly/eaiascholar>

Upcoming Events in AR4D in Africa



The poster features a green background with a blurred image of a laptop and an hourglass. The hourglass has blue sand. A QR code is located on the right side of the poster. The text is in white and yellow. The logo 'KM4AgD' is in the top left corner. The text 'LIVE WEBINAR' is in the top right corner. The main title is 'Knowledge Management for Agricultural Development Community of Practice General Assembly'. The time is '11:00 – 13:00 GMT' and the date is '05 March, 2025'. The registration link is 'www.bit.ly/KMCoPga25'. The bottom section contains logos for the European Union, IFAD, CCARDESA, K4DP, ASARECA, CGIAR, CORAF, and Interfaces, along with the website 'www.faraafrica.org' and 'km4agd.faraafrica.org'.

KM4AgD

LIVE WEBINAR

**Knowledge Management for
Agricultural Development
Community of Practice
General Assembly**

11:00 – 13:00 GMT

05 March, 2025

REGISTER NOW
www.bit.ly/KMCoPga25

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This initiative is supported by the CAADP-IP4 Programme with funding from the EC administered by IFAD

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Knowledge is at the heart of Sustainable Development. Today's societies are characterized by a predominant and still growing share of knowledge work at all levels of institutions. Knowledge is essential because it supports decision making, evidence-based planning and increases institutional credibility. Knowledge is critical for research organisations because research is an essential component in generating knowledge. The role of AR&D institutions in knowledge generation towards Africa's agenda in halving poverty by 2025 through the CAADP Malabo commitment as well as contributing to the SDGs 2030 cannot be overemphasized. The Knowledge Management for Agricultural Development #KM4AgD Community of Practice will host a General Assembly webinar via www.bit.ly/KMCoPga25

RESILIENCE HUB BONN VIRTUAL FORUM

Healthy land, healthy city: Rural-urban solutions for land, climate, and justice

6 March, 10:00 UTC+1

[Register here](#)



The ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability, the Resilience Hub Bonn, The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification and the Center for Development Research (ZEF) in partnership with Gender International is hosting a webinar on "Healthy Land, Healthy City; Rural-Urban Solutions for Land, Climate, and Justice" to showcase success stories from the Global South and to discuss and explore insights from diverse experts on urban-rural linkages, gender justice in land and urban management, and strategies for building equitable and resilient communities. Register to participate via General Assembly webinar via https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/52WfNRZeTxrSanpaN9_Sg#/registration

**SAVE THE
DATE**

**March 11-13 2025
Brussels**



Credit: Manon Koningstein/Crop Trust

Conference

**Boosting agrifood research and
innovation cooperation for
impact at scale**



Agrifood systems need to become more sustainable, healthy, productive, inclusive, climate resilient to be able to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals. This requires profound changes through the contribution of research and innovation (R&I). The EU Research and Innovation cooperation agenda is implemented within the framework of various dialogue fora with partner countries. It is also part of the Global Gateway including a pillar on "education and research". It mobilizes different EU instruments and programs such as the DeSIRA initiative or the Horizon Europe programme. This conference is organized by DG INTPA in collaboration with other EU Directorate Generals.

It specifically addresses the question of how cooperation in R&I can contribute to desirable agrifood systems transformation, discussing principles, partnerships, methods for innovation at scale, capacities, funding, and policies. The conference is built on the collective achievements and consolidated lessons of the DeSIRA initiative and takes stock of other R&I programmes implemented or supported by EU.

The International Research Consortium and the Consortium Europe-Africa on Research and Innovation for Food Systems Transformation will also host respective General Assemblies as part of conference side event activities on March 14th, 2025.

get more information via <https://www.desiralift.org/conference/>



Africa Agri Tech Conference where industry leaders discuss the new normal: emerging trends, science and technology updates, risk mitigation strategies, supply chain integration and more.

Speakers bring agriculture's future into focus by updating attendees on science, technology and data trends transforming agribusinesses. Agribusiness technology is fast evolving and the rate of development and adoption is driving unmatched transformation throughout the value chain.

Africa Agri Tech is the premium strategic conference for senior-level agriculture, science and technology thought leaders, allied executives, and industry partners. Connect with change leaders, network with industry innovators, and update your business to the forefront of science, technology and digital agriculture innovation.

Kindly register/get more information via <https://africa-agri.co.za/conference/>



The **2nd APPSA Regional Scientific Conference** is set to take place from April 2 to 4, 2025, in the city of Maseru, nestled in the Mountain Kingdom of Lesotho. This event promises to be a vibrant gathering of agricultural researchers, practitioners, and policymakers who share a common passion for advancing food and nutrition security in the region.

Mark your calendars! April 2-4, 2025, will be an unforgettable date for everyone involved in agricultural research and food security. The 2nd APPSA Regional Scientific Conference is not just an event; it's a movement towards a more secure and nourished future. Whether you're a researcher, farmer, or policy-maker, your voice and ideas matter. Join the conversation and be part of the solution!

get more information via <https://www.ccardesa.org/2nd-appsa-regional-scientific-conference>



With
science
we can

CGIAR Science Week

Demonstrating how
we build a sustainable
and healthy future for
people and the planet

7-12 April, 2025 | Nairobi, Kenya + online



When humanity faced its greatest challenges, science and innovation provided solutions. Today, major global challenges such as climate change, gender and social inequalities, poor-quality diets, rural poverty, environmental degradation, and other issues stemming from fragility, conflict, and violence, threaten the sustainability of food, land, and water systems, leaving the most vulnerable people and communities at greatest risk.

Recognizing the urgency of these challenges, CGIAR and the Kenyan Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO) are bringing together the world's leading scientists and decision-makers in agriculture, climate, and health for the very first **CGIAR Science Week**. This inaugural event will create a unique platform for experts to collaborate and share insights across these fields, a critical effort at a time when the new CGIAR research Portfolio is being shaped to address the biggest challenges and opportunities of our time. This gathering will be a key moment to advance research and innovation, inspire action, and establish critical partnerships that can secure investment in sustainable food systems to nourish both people and the planet.

Kindly register/ get more information via <https://events.cgiar.org/scienceweek>









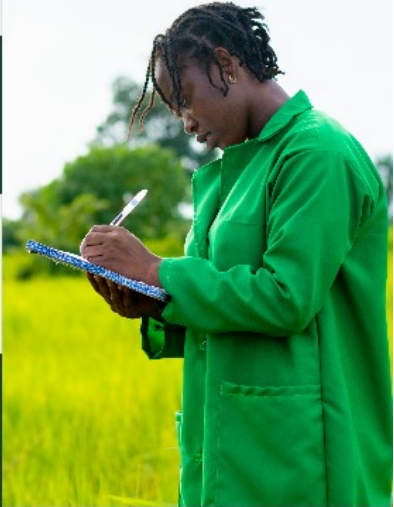



7th Africa-wide Extension week 2025

12th – 16th may 2025
📍 Lilongwe Malawi

Theme:
"Rebranding extension for enhanced public/private sector driven commercialisation, industrialisation and inclusive food system".

SAVE THE DATES



THE 7th AFRICA WIDE AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION WEEK 2025. The Extension week is a bi-annual flagship event of AFAAS that brings participants from across Africa and globally to deliberate on strategic issues in agricultural extension and advisory services (AEAS) in Africa.

get more information via <https://aaew.afaas-africa.org/>

3rd International Agrobiodiversity Congress






Co-organized by the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences (CAAS) and the Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT

Agrobiodiversity for:

1. Economic growth
2. Climate change adaptation and mitigation
3. Improved environmental health and biodiversity
4. Healthy diets
5. Gender and social inclusion
6. Conservation and management strategies

May 20-23, 2025
in Kunming, China




www.iac2025.cn



Learn more:



Contribute your knowledge and solutions to:
"Agrobiodiversity for People and Planet"

The **Third International Agrobiodiversity Congress** is set to take place in Kunming, Yunnan, China in April 2025. China is a major agricultural country and one of the eight centers of crop diversity in the world. It has a long history of domesticating, cultivating, and preserving a vast array of agrobiodiversity. It also boasts extensive experience and numerous successful case studies in the conservation and utilization of

agrobiodiversity. The congress serves as a concrete step towards implementing the [Kunming Declaration on Biodiversity](#) and the [Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework](#). At the same time, it will: provide a platform for exchange and cooperation among **policymakers, scientists, producers, entrepreneurs and farmers** related to the conservation and sustainable use of agrobiodiversity around the world; identify solutions to the climate and food crisis through the application of agrobiodiversity; foster shared commitments and collaborative actions; and reinforce the critical role that agrobiodiversity plays in securing global food security and improving human quality of life.

get more information via <https://alliancebiodiversityciat.org/stories/3rd-international-agrobiodiversity-congress-be-held-china>

Other Webinars in AR4D



Kindly visit the Platform for African – European Partnership in Agricultural Research for Development via <https://bit.ly/4iiPT53> to explore upcoming #AR4D webinar events in March 2025 and beyond.

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