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PROGRAMME



Introduction

Vision

Excellence in Innovative Research for Sustainable Agriculture and Economic Development

Mission

Collaboratively conduct agricultural research through the application of science, technology, and innovation to stimulate sustainable growth and development in agriculture and value chains.

Goal

To contribute to the economic growth of the agricultural sector through research coordination and regulation; technology and innovation development; and catalyzing transfer and utilization of agricultural research outputs.



Introduction

Thematic Areas

The DARSS has aligned its programmes towards the UN SDGs, Continental and Regional thematic areas and strategies under the following research themes:

- Food & Nutrition Security,
- Climate Adaptation & Mitigation,
- Natural Resources Management (Biodiversity),
- Gender Equality, Youth & Social Inclusion,
- Agribusiness and Value Addition,
- Knowledge Management,

Action plan/Activities

- Resources mobilisation and budget set apart
- Creation of an inventory of agricultural research KM stakeholders and engagement
- KM conceptualization, awareness and goal setting
- Organize Stakeholder training
- Establish an ICKM committee and office
- Quarterly articles
- Produce knowledge products
- Conduct KM Research

Action plan/Activities

- Capturing knowledge from projects, events and leaving expects
- Incorporation of KM activities in the DARSS's work plans and budgets
- Linking academia and the industry
- Organize and develop KM plan
- Set up KM performance management
- Establish an information system for wider dissemination of research and innovation results
- Promote KM monitoring and evaluation activities
- Establish an awareness and Intellectual Property support framework for researchers to ensure KM and innovations is shared with industry

Achievements

- Consistently conduct research and centralise data
- Strengthen collaboration with other research institutions and stakeholders (URC, ERSIMIP, RSTP)
- Linkages with CCARDESA and other regional agricultural organisation
- Adoption of Agricultural Innovative Research 4 Development approach
- Able to produce CSA articles
- ICKM office establishment is on-going
- Attended Resources Mobilisation Training
- Attended Agri Science Week at Durban
- Current engagements with CCARDESA
- Support from Taiwan ICDF, IFAD etc
- Growing relations with regional institutions for collaborative research and capacity building

Challenges

- Limited human resource personnel and budget for such
- Mr. Maseko retirement leaving a gap
- Department transition
- Lack of ICKM coordination within the Ministry
Departments, need the Heads of Departments buy in
- Snail pace on capacity building of officers due to limited resources
- Low adoption of new research tools and approaches
- Limited financial support
- No platform for information dissemination and use of ICT
- Limited media engagement

Next Steps

- Next step
 - a) Continue developing DARSS Strategy
 - b) Implement the KM plan gradually
 - c) Have a fully functional ICKM Office
 - d) Generate articles and knowledge products
 - e) Strengthen partnerships



THANK YOU