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1. Introduction

Multi-actor platform (MAP) is defined as a process of interactive learning, empowerment and collaborative governance that enables stakeholders with interconnected problems and ambitions, but with often-different interests, to be collectively innovative and resilient when faced with the emerging risks, crises and opportunities of a complex and changing environment. MAP represents cross sector collaboration and more widely used in different sectors, but rather new to Agriculture. They can range from formal roundtables aiming for formal approvals of tools and technologies, to informal coordination mechanisms to manage local natural resources. Multi-actor platforms create trust-based relations that enable the empowered and active participation of all if implemented in the right spirit.

InnovAfrica assumes that pilot testing promising SAI systems in the case study countries, transferring the knowledge, expertise and innovation outside the pilot sites and beyond the project duration, can be achieved by establishing functional MAPs and fostering close links among key stakeholders, and by actively engaging them at all stages of the project for large scale exploitation of results and strengthening EU-Africa Research and Innovation Partnerships in the future.

2. Methodology

To bring together relevant actors/stakeholders and establish MAPs in all six cases, **InnovAfrica** has or will:

- Established six functional MAPs. The existing networks of the consortium were used in the process.
- Envisaged to conduct Multi-actor analysis in Month 03 of the project to: 1) to characterize and/or classify the actors, 2) to identify the needs and constraints of the actors, 3) to determine the role of the actors, and 4) the time and degree of their involvement in the project i.e. from design to implementation and evaluation/impact.
- Agreed to organize bi-annual dialogue meetings for sharing project results, getting feedback, using the networks and their positions to further disseminate, exploit and upscale the relevant results during and beyond the project period, and to other countries in the region.
- Contribute to new policy and strategy to address food and nutrition security (FNS) and sustainable agriculture and rural development in the respective countries through the outcomes of the MAP meetings. The impacts will be long-term and the MAPs will ensure sustainability of **InnovAfrica** outputs and outcomes in the case countries.
- Involve MAPs in all relevant WPs for maximizing the impacts of the results, e.g. i) addressing production and marketing constraints and identifying opportunities to generate innovative product value chain pathways (WP4), ii) developing policy frameworks (WP5), and iii) dissemination and upscaling suitable SAI systems (WP6).

3. MAPs establishment and roles

The six MAPs established in **InnovAfrica** will:

- Enable active involvement of multiple actors in the case countries and support validation, extension and upscaling of innovative sustainable agriculture intensification (SAI) and extension and advisory services (EASs) approaches to increase agricultural productivity.
- Further support in partnerships development with the private sector to catalyse market development in the selected case countries.
- Facilitate cross-fertilization of ideas and co-learning that not only generates promising new strategies for innovative SAI and EASs, but also ensures the use of the strategies for scaling out smart SAI systems developed from the past and ongoing projects.

Members of the MAPs, their mandates and contributions to **InnovAfrica**:

Country/organization name	Mandate	Contributions to InnovAfrica
ETHIOPIA		
1. Oromia Agricultural Research Institute	▪ Research and training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Imparting knowledge and skills on agroecology to farmers and facilitate farmers exchange visits (WP3) ▪ Providing market information to smallholders (WP4)
2. Cherecher Oda Bultum Farmers' Cooperative Union	▪ Networking farmers, transfer technology	
3. Oromia Agricultural Marketing Enterprise	▪ Marketing seeds for improved agricultural production and FNS	
KENYA		
1. Kenya Seeds Company Limited	▪ Seed production and supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Improving supply chain and developing value chains (VCs), ▪ Participating in dissemination and upscaling (WP6), ▪ Advisory capacity to the consortium innovative VC for traditional staple food crops, & ▪ Imparting knowledge, skills on SAI to farmers, facilitate farmers exchange visit (WP3)
2. Ministry of Agriculture , Livestock and Fisheries Department of Extension	▪ Extension services	
3. Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, crop resource marketing department	▪ Coordinating and advocating for agricultural research for development	
4. Kayenzi Farmers Cooperative	▪ Networking farmers, transfer technology	

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MALAWI 1. National Association of Smallholder Farmers of Malawi (Dr Betty Chinyamunyamu)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farmer organization capable of responsible for networking farmers, promoting technologies and VCs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imparting local knowledge of AE practices and facilitate exchange visit among farmers (WP3)
2. Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (Dr George Kanyama-Phiri)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Takes a lead in agricultural and nutrition research, inputs to agricultural, food security policies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing quality assurance in preparing technical briefs/ manuals/tool kits (WP3, WP6)
3. Centre for Social Research (Dr Blessings Chinsinga)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Centre which gives Ethical Research Approvals, carries out research on national policies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing awareness (WP2, 6)
4. Biodiversity Conservation Initiative (Dr Godwin Mkamanga)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To increase social economical empowerment of youth through income generating activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharing knowledge and experiences in SAI systems
RWANDA 1. Organisation des Agricultures et Eleveurs du Rwanda (IMBARAGA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A farmer organization consisting of around 25000 farmers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Networking with farmers, influencing policy and uptake (WP5 and WP6),
2. Koperative Y' Aborozi Ba Kayenzi-Karama (COPEKA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A cooperative based on livestock particularly on dairy cows consisting of around 800 farmers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Active participations in the MAPs promoting awareness (WP2 and dissemination (WP3) advisory board, and
3. NDFFR cattle cooperative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Modern farmer rearing cattle and also growing maize and fodder crops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribution to F2FE, farmer awareness, participation in MAPs

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TANZANIA 1. Crop Development Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries (Dr Kisa Kajigili)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension services, Policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Imparting knowledge and skills to farmers, Participating in dissemination and upscaling of innovations and extension approaches, Strengthening of farmer groups, Lobbying and advocacy for farmer friendly policies, Providing market information, Share experiences in project design, community mobilization and sensitization, Lobbying, policy advocacy
2. MVIWATA (National Farmer Groups Network) (Mr Steven A. Ruvuga)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development, Policy 	
3. Tanzania Horticulture Association, (Ms Jacqueline Mkindi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development 	
4. Community and Organizational Development Associate (Mr Dominick Ringo)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research and development 	
5. Agricultural Non State Actors Forum (ANSAF) (Ms Regina Mongi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy 	
SOUTH AFRICA 1. Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (Mrs Seneo Madikidza)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy making and regulations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assisting project upscaling, Participate in dissemination and uptake of information and farmers exchange, Advisory to the research group and farmers, and Provision of equipment, inputs
2. African farmers association of South Africa (AFASA) (Ms Masechaba Moloi)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of farmers 	
3. Free State Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (Mrs Limpho Masoeu)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extension services 	
4. VKB Agriculture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agricultural seeds, technical services and agricultural equipment 	