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TAAT: Facilitating a sustainable cassava seed system for Africa



#Angola



TAAT Facilitates ToT on Rapid Cassava Propagation System

TAAT has facilitated a training of trainers (ToT) on rapid cassava propagation for scientists and technicians from the National Agricultural Research System of Angola. The ToT, which comprised sessions on rapid cassava propagation system using the Semi Autotrophic Hydroponics (SAH) technology, held under the framework of the Cabinda Province Agricultural Value Chains Development Project (CPAVCDP).



TAAT reinforces support to strengthening food systems in Angola

In line with aggregated efforts at strengthening African food systems, a delegation led by Dr Martin Fregene of the African Development Bank and the TAAT team were in Angola to deepen TAAT's footprint in the country via the Cabinda Province Agric Value Chains Devpt Project to scale up innovations, build capacity & seed systems. The team had fruitful engagements with the country's Minister of Agriculture and the Governor of the Cabinda Province.

#Burundi



TAAT restates commitment to supporting the SEPAREF Project

TAAT has reaffirmed its commitment to supporting the **Strengthening Emergency Preparedness and Response to Food Crisis (SEPAREF)** project in Burundi, Comoros, Somalia and South Sudan. The TAAT leadership disclosed this during the launch of the project in Bujumbura, Burundi. The project seeks to scale up Early Generation Seed (EGS) production, strengthen digital platforms for early warning and anticipatory actions to help farmers maximize yields, and strengthen institutional capacity to provide sustainable support to agriculture systems in the countries

#Gambia



TAAT engages the Gambia on rice value chain development

A team of TAAT experts were in the Gambia to engage the country's public & private sector leaders on potential investment opportunities in the rice value chain. The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, the Gambia, received TAAT Technology Toolkit Catalogues for dissemination nationwide.

#Gabon



AfDB Supervision Mission Hails TAAT's Technology Delivery Model

The African Development Bank has commended TAAT's technology delivery efforts in the ongoing Grain Phase 1 Support Project (PAPG1) in Gabon. This was made known during the 19-23rd June 2023 supervisory mission organised by the bank to PAPG1 sites in the country. Ms Celestine Mengue, the leader of the supervisory mission declared her satisfaction with the visible results of TAAT's technology delivery efforts as evidenced in the training of trainers on rapid cassava propagation system using SAH technology, the swift deployment of technologies for Early Generation Seed (EGS) multiplication, and plantain tissue culture plants.

#Liberia



TAAT responds to emerging pest infestation

Following widespread infestation of Caterpillar (*Achaea catocaloides*) in Liberia, TAAT has mobilised a team of experts to visit the country and collect samples for analysis at the IITA laboratory. TAAT is already working with other partners to find sustainable solutions for healthier crops in the country.

#Malawi



TAAT holds ToT on innovative agricultural technologies for Extension Officers

With sights set on validating training materials and building the capacity of agricultural extension agents with knowledge of proven technologies, TAAT has conducted a three-day Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop for 40 District Extension Officers in Malawi. The June 2023 ToT will be cascaded to frontline extension staff around the country. Drawing expertise from its compacts on Maize, Soybean, High Iron Bean (HIB), Soil Fertility, and Capacity Development and technology Outreach, TAAT utilised a participatory approach with presentations, discussions, method demonstrations, theoretical and practical learnings, and a feedback mechanism to deliver the training.

#Ethiopia

TAAT Holds Regional Workshop For Seed Actors In Fragile States



With target set on linking high-yielding, climate-resilient technologies to public and private sector partners and stakeholders in countries experiencing fragility, TAAT, with support from the Transition Support Facility of the African Development Bank, has held a regional workshop for seed actors from Mali, South Sudan and Somalia. The June 2023 training, which was organised in collaboration with the TAAT Wheat Compact led by ICARDA provided technical knowledge on seed production and quality assurance to participants selected from the National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS) and the private sector of the respective countries

#Comoros



TAAT targets increased food production and resilience

TAAT through IITA, has signed an agreement to provide technical assistance to the government of Comoros through the African Emergency Food Production Facility (AEFPF). TAAT, through its partnership with IITA, CIP, and the national agricultural research and extension systems, will introduce climate-smart technologies for maize and potato production. Through this partnership, leading experts from Comoros and international institutions will collaborate to integrate proven TAAT innovations into the Comoros emergency project.

#Benin

Towards sustainable cassava seed system



In line with the country's drive for a sustainable cassava seed system, the newly appointed Head of the National Cassava Programme for Benin Republic, Dr Innocent Aminon has solicited TAAT's assistance in the establishment of a Semi Autotrophic Hydroponics (SAH) laboratory in the country. Dr Aminon disclosed this during a May 2023 visit to the TAAT Clearinghouse.

#Guinea Bissau



TAAT engages in Appraisal Mission for Value Chains, Agricultural and Rural Entrepreneurship Support Project

A team from TAAT has engaged stakeholders in an appraisal mission of the Value Chains, Agricultural and Rural Entrepreneurship Support Project (PACVEAR II) in Guinea Bissau. With a focus on youth entrepreneurship, rice & vegetables, the project aims to improve the rice and vegetable subsector production environment, and promote enterprises in all targeted subsector value chain links to create sustainable jobs and increase rural income. The TAAT team equally engaged the European Union team in the Guinea Bissau over the development of the country's fish sector and youth in agribusiness.

#Tanzania



TAAT engages Tanzania on enabling sustainable region agricultural extension

A team from the African Development Bank and TAAT were in Arusha, Tanzania in July 2023 for a preparation mission on Enabling Sustainable Regional Agricultural Extension (#ENSURE). Together, TAAT and partners are shaping the future of regional agricultural extension.

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