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TAAT: Extending the frontiers of a sustainable seed system for Africa



#Tanzania



Tanzania Expresses Interest in TAAT's Technology Deployment Model

A high-powered delegation from the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania has commended TAAT's commitment to deploying high-performance agricultural technologies across Africa. Hon. Prof Adolf Mkenda, the Tanzania Minister for Education, Science & Technology, disclosed this during a visit to the TAAT booth at the ongoing African Conference on Agricultural Technologies (ACAT) in Nairobi, Kenya.

Kikwete Underlines Innovation as the Fulcrum for Food Systems Transformation



Agriculture in Africa must innovate to meet global demands, and innovation plays a critical role in making agriculture more competitive and sustainable. Former President of Tanzania and Founder of the JM Kikwete Foundation (JMKF), Dr Jakaya Kikwete, disclosed this at the presidential breakfast session held on the sidelines of the African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF) 2023 in Dar es Salam, Tanzania.

#Somalia



TAAT Explores Agribusiness Opportunities to Enhance Partnership and Youth Engagement

In pursuit of its mandate to stimulate the establishment of youth-led agribusiness enterprises along commodity value chains, a team of experts from Sorghum and Millet, and the Youth in Agribusiness Compacts of Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation (TAAT) were in Mogadishu, Somalia, recently.

#D.R. Congo



TAAT Engages Stakeholders on SAH Technology and Innovation Platform Approach

A broad spectrum of stakeholders in the Democratic Republic of Congo have undergone a specialised capacity-building programme on the Semi Autotrophic Hydroponics (SAH) technology and Innovation Platform approach for cassava seed production and commercialisation. The programme, which comprised training sessions, seminars and practical sessions, held from 10 to 12 October 2023 at the Centre de Recherche en Agrumiculture (CERAGRU) in Kinshasa, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

#Sierra Leone



TAAT And Partners develop Seed Roadmap for Sierra Leone

TAAT, in collaboration with the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), Sahel Consulting, BASICS II Project, and the Sasakawa Africa Association, have developed a National Seed Roadmap for Sierra Leone. The roadmap, which covers four crops, rice, maize, cassava, and soybean, is a product of the Seed Business Summit that held from 18 – 20 September in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

#Kenya

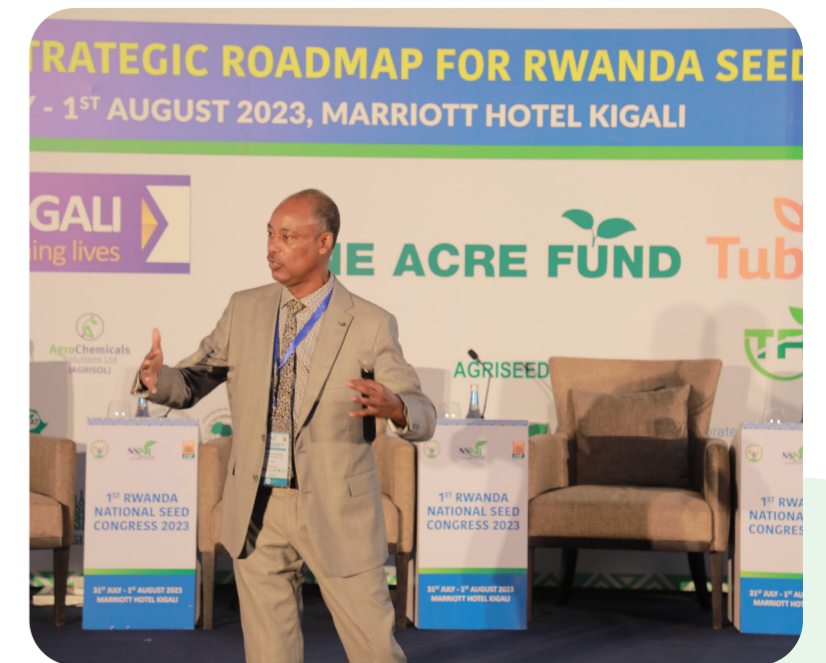


TAAT Facilitates Seed Certification and Quality Control in Fragile States

TAAT has facilitated a capacity strengthening training for seed inspectors drawn from Djibouti, Eritrea, Liberia, Mozambique, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Sudan and Zimbabwe. The training, which held in July 2023 at the Centre for Phytosanitary Excellence (COPE) based at the Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS) in Nairobi, was organised by the TAAT Policy Compact led by the African Agricultural Technology Foundation (AATF).

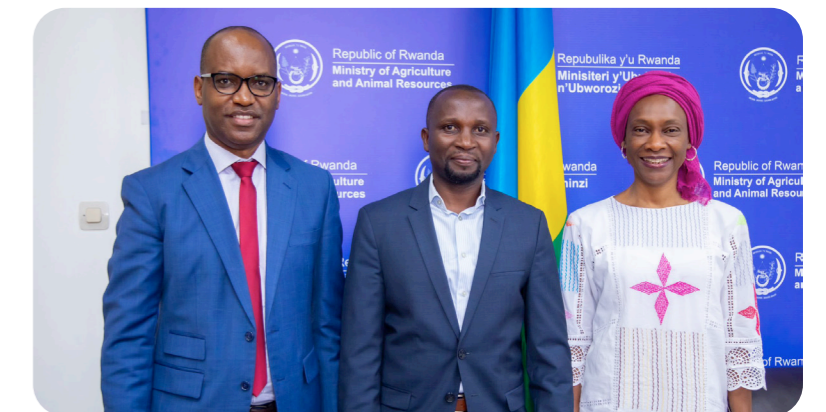
#Rwanda

TAAT underscores the role of the private sector in seed system development



TAAT has underscored the private sector's strategic importance in developing the national seed system. Head of TAAT Clearinghouse, Dr Solomon Gizaw, made this known during a keynote presentation at the 1st Rwanda National Seed Congress, which brought together more than 800 stakeholders in the seed sector to discuss the theme: "Private Sector's Strategic Roadmap for Rwanda seed industry 2030."

TAAT explores access to finance for seed interventions



A delegation from the African Development and Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation (TAAT) recently met with the Rwandan Minister for Agriculture, Dr Ildephonse Musafiri over access to finance for seed interventions to support seed companies in Rwanda.

#Senegal

TAAT Strengthens Capacity of SMEs in digital systems for quality rice seed delivery



TAAT has facilitated the training of representatives from 21 seed companies in digital systems for quality rice seed delivery. The workshop, which held at the AfricaRice

Training Centre in Saint Louis, Senegal, drew participants from Guinea Conakry, Guinea-Bissau, Burkina Faso, The Gambia, & Liberia

#Angola



TAAT positions CPAVCDP for Visibility through Enhanced Communication Skills

Within the framework of TAAT's collaboration with the Government of Angola under the Cabinda Province Agricultural Value Chain Development Project (CPAVCDP) and in recognition of the significance of communications and media in project visibility, TAAT has facilitated a comprehensive communications and media training programme for staff and partners of the Project Implementation Unit (PIU). Led by the TAAT Communications Specialist, Atayi Opaluwah, the training equipped CPAVCDP staff and partner organisations with enhanced media engagement skills to articulate project achievements, fortify the project's visibility and disseminate impactful information to diverse stakeholders.

#Central Africa Republic



TAAT facilitates capacity building exercise in Cassava Seed Production

TAAT has facilitated a Capacity Building Exercise in Cassava Seed Production in Boali, Central African Republic. The exercise empowered communities to cultivate and grow one seed at a time! The exercise equally unveiled cassava diversity in fields, exploring varieties through field identification, together with Cassava Seed Multipliers. From colours to leaves, each detail tells a unique story. Their dedication paves the way for bountiful harvests. Elsewhere in CAR, TAAT also facilitated the training of cassava seed multipliers in Boda, about 200km from Bangui.

#Benin



TAAT and Partners Mull Improved Rice Productivity

TAAT and Sasakawa Africa Association met with the leadership of the Beninese Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries in furtherance of a partnership to improve rice productivity while reducing greenhouse gas emissions through regenerative agricultural practices.

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