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**TAAT: Facilitating
better beans for Africa**



#Somalia



TAAT holds Capacity Building Programme for Women and Youth

TAAT, in collaboration with the Federal Government of Somalia through its Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation (MOAI) and the Somalia National University, has held a groundbreaking 14-day capacity-building programme for youths and women. Participants, comprised of students, graduates, farmers, cooperatives, and ministry staff, acquired vital skills in agribusiness management, business plan development, and marketing of agrifood produce towards running successful agribusiness enterprises.

#Gambia



TAAT Facilitates the National Rice Forum

TAAT, in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture of the Gambia, has convened the 2023 edition of the National Rice Forum of the Gambia. The forum held from the 1st to 2nd Sept 2023 in Banjul. The forum and policy dialogue brought together all relevant stakeholders within the rice value chain to critically discuss the challenges impeding local rice production and come up with tangible solutions.

#Kenya



TAAT and Partners hold Workshop on Soybean Production and Innovation Platform

TAAT has held a 3-day training workshop in Nakuru, Kenya, to amplify Soybean Production and strengthen Innovation Platforms around the commodity. The capacity-building workshop was organised in collaboration with the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO), Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA), Alliance of Bioversity CIAT (ABC), ASARECA and Soybean Innovation Lab.



TAAT holds Inception Workshop for High Iron Beans

TAAT has launched its Phase II activities in High Iron Beans with an Inception Workshop in Nairobi, Kenya. The inception workshop explored possibilities around scaling up bean technologies, seed access, nutrition, value addition, trade, gender & inclusion, and data

#Cameroon



TAAT Launches Phase II Activities

TAAT) has launched the second phase of its activities in Cameroon. The launch, which held from the 24th to 25th of October 2023 at HOTEL MONT FEBE in Yaoundé, brought together key stakeholders to elaborate a common strategy for adopting and scaling available technologies to double productivity in the country and the sub-region.

#Nigeria

TAAT Rallies Seed Actors at #SeedConnectAfrica2023



TAAT has reinstated its commitment to facilitating a resilient and sustainable seed system in Africa. The Head of TAAT Clearinghouse, Dr Solomon Gizaw disclosed this at the 2023 edition of Seed Connect Africa, which held in Abuja 28-29 November 2023. Represented by Mr Yarama Ndirpaya, Dr Gizaw enjoined African seed actors to explore win-win partnership opportunities with TAAT.

#Sierra Leone

TAAT reiterates support for Rice Value Chain



TAAT has reiterated its commitment to facilitating sustainable agribusiness models across the rice value chain in Sierra Leone. This was made during an AfDB Supervision Mission on the Sierra Leone Agribusiness & Rice Value Chain Support (#SLARiS) Project. TAAT's footprint in seed multiplication and quality control in Sierra Leone through its collaboration with SLARI, SLeSCA, and the Private Sector was duly acknowledged as a vital ingredient for success!

#D.R. Congo

TAAT mobilises Partners towards Sustainable Seed Systems



TAAT, in collaboration with the African Agricultural Leadership Institute (AALI) has held a high-level workshop on seed system development in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The workshop, which held in Kinshasa from 19-20 October 2023, brought together key decision-makers to identify the main constraints to the development of the agricultural sector and strategise on recommendations to be proposed to transform Congolese agriculture.

#Burundi

TAAT and Partners Convene Workshop on Efficient Seed System in the EAC



TAAT and partners led by the African Agricultural Leadership Institute (AALI) have convened a one-day workshop on efficient seed systems in the East African Community. The workshop, which led on the 10th of November 2023 in Bujumbura, established and strengthened the partnership between the TAAT programme and EAC initiatives for accelerated agricultural transformation. The workshop identified interventions that the TAAT program could bring to current and future agricultural transformation initiatives requiring high-performance technologies and best practices to increase the productivity of smallholder farmers in the EAC.

#Mali



TAAT Showcases Innovations at AEFPP Meeting

Experts from TAAT, alongside stakeholders from the agriculture sector in Mali, met recently in Bamako to strategise on the operationalisation of the African Emergency Food Production Facility (AEFPF) in the country. The meeting provided opportunities for a TAAT technology showcase on rice, wheat, sorghum and millet, and livestock Compacts showcase their technologies and workplans.

#Burkina Faso



TAAT Showcases Technologies at MITA Conference

TAAT's array of ground-breaking agri-tech solutions was on display at the 2023 Marché des Innovations et des Technologies Agricoles (MITA) recently held in Ouagadougou. Organised by the West and Central Africa Council for Agricultural Research and Development (CORAF) with a focus on climate-smart, gender & nutrition-sensitive technologies, TAAT presented over 150 innovations, paving the way for a brighter and more resilient food system in the country.

#Liberia



"Getting Rice Right" gets a boost from TAAT

TAAT has thrown its huge weight behind the "Getting Rice Right Symposium" organised by the Ministry of Agriculture of Liberia. The symposium took place in Monrovia on 25-26 September 2023 with more than 300 rice stakeholders. The symposium explored ways of driving the rice transformation process in Liberia by identifying crucial policies and strategic reforms thereby exploring innovative value chain approaches, showcasing opportunities through research, policy reforms and investments in the country's staple food – rice.

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