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UGANDA

TAAT holds ToT on Technical and Business Management for Soybean Farmers and Processors



TAAT Soybean Compact, in collaboration with the Youth in Agribusiness Compact (ENABLE-TAAT), has engaged 1,531 stakeholders in a training-of-trainers (ToT) session on technical and business management. The ToT sessions, held from 1st to 13th July 2024, spanned three regions in Uganda: Bugweri, Mbale, and Lira. Each location comprised farmers, processors, soybean aggregators and agricultural extension agents. Participants were trained on good agricultural practices (GAPs), the selection and usage of suitable and climate-smart varieties that are tolerant to climate change and diseases, adoption of narrow spacing of 50cm x 5cm for planting their soybean seed, treatment of the soybean seed with NoduMax prior planting to facilitate good formation of root nodules that aid soybean in having enough nodulation that supports its growth and optimum yielding performances.

KENYA

TAAT holds ToT Workshop on Soybean Agronomy, Seed Production and Entrepreneurship

To bridge the soybean production gap in Kenya, TAAT, in collaboration with the Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO), held a 3-day ToT workshop to strengthen Soybean seed production through KALRO Seeds. The workshop equally covered enhancing the production of Early Generation Seed, Basic and certified seeds with farmers (men, women, the youth) from nine target counties in Kenya's Rift Valley, Western and Nyanza regions. The 3-day workshop was held in Busia County from 26th to 29th August 2024 and was attended by 54 participants comprising of farmers including youths, Seed Managers from five KALRO Seeds Centres, Ministry of Agriculture representatives, extension service providers, farmer cooperatives, processors, agro-dealers and marketers drawn from select counties in the region.



NIGERIA

TAAT Supports Nigeria's SAPZ's Phase 2 Preparations

TAAT has supported Nigeria's preparations for the Special Agro-Industrial Processing Zones (SAPZ) Phase 2 project, engaging with Federal and State Ministries, Departments, and Agencies (MDAs) to advance agricultural transformation in the first week of May 2024. The TAAT team of experts and partners conducted field visits across states to identify technical needs, discuss climate-smart varieties, determine seed requirements, and plan good agricultural practices (GAPs) training to boost yields and strengthen value chain infrastructure.



TAAT and Partners Advance Adaptation in International Financial Institutions Projects

TAAT, in collaboration with the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, the CGIAR partnership, and the Global Center on Adaptation, held a four-day workshop from 13th to 17th May 2024 in Ibadan, Nigeria, to advance adaptation in International Financial Institutions projects



LIBERIA

Towards Food Systems Transformation in Liberia

TAAT experts joined the African Development Bank's delegation on a supervision mission for the African Emergency Food Production Facility (AEFPF) budget support facility in Liberia from the 6th to the 10th of May 2024. Productive technical meetings were held with the Liberian Ministry of Agriculture, and a courtesy call was made to the Minister of Finance to emphasise the importance of collaboration in advancing the country's agricultural sector. The delegation also conducted field visits to rice farming communities benefiting from the AEFPF, gaining valuable insights into the programme's tangible impact on farmers and the evolving needs of Liberia's agricultural landscape.



SOUTH SUDAN

TAAT holds ToT to Strengthen Sorghum Production

TAAT has conducted a three-day Training of Trainers workshop in South Sudan, from 7th to 9th May 2024, to enhance sorghum production and establish innovation platforms. TAAT Sorghum and Millet Compact, in collaboration with the TAAT Capacity Development and Technology Outreach Compact, spearheaded the initiative, which marks the first step toward launching multistakeholder platforms to drive agricultural transformation. The workshop heralded a new phase in South Sudan's agricultural landscape. Equipped as trainers, participants dispersed to train and empower more partners within the country—a ripple effect of knowledge and innovation catalysed by the workshop.



TAAT facilitates Workshop on Strengthening Emergency Preparedness and Response to Food Crisis



South Sudan faces challenges in agricultural productivity due to limited access to climate-resilient seed varieties and inadequate irrigation practices. Addressing these limitations necessitated a three-day workshop to bolster the country's seed sector. The training workshop, which held in Juba, South Sudan, from May 21st to 23rd, 2024 within the framework of the Strengthening Emergency Preparedness and Response to Food Crisis (SEPREP) Project, equipped participants with the knowledge and skills needed to conduct seed testing to ensure seed quality and health; manage field experiments effectively, including site selection, planting, and data collection; understand foundation seed production models; and Establish Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) for efficient seed production.

GHANA

TAAT targets optimum yields for soybean



TAAT Soybean Compact, in collaboration with the ENABLE-TAAT compact, held a one-day Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop for frontline staff, extension workers, aggregators, and processors. These were drawn from the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research arms of Savana Agricultural Research Institute of Ghana (CSIR – SARI), the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MOFA), and other relevant stakeholders of the soybean value chain in Northern Ghana. The workshop, which was held on 24th June 2024 in the Nyankpala district of Tamale, covered the Breeding procedure in Soybeans, Soybean cultivation, production and processing, Good Agronomics Practices and technologies, Seed rate estimation, Optimum planting population, Seed treatment with NoduMax for optimum yield realisation, and Soybean value-chain and Agribusiness.

TOGO

TAAT facilitates Workshop on Strengthening Emergency Preparedness and Response to Food Crisis

TAAT holds training and sensitisation sessions for Agrodealers, Youths and IP Networks

TAAT, through its Cassava Compact, has hosted a two-day specialised training and awareness session for agro-traders, innovation platform networks, and youth groups in Togo. The session was held from 13th – 14th May 2024 in Lome, the Togolese capital in collaboration with partners from the public and private sectors. The training session provided participants with the latest insights, tools, and strategies to thrive in the evolving agriculture and agribusiness landscape



MALAWI

TAAT facilitates Aquaculture Expertise

TAAT has facilitated a two-week trainer programme in Malawi. The programme focused on building capacity to scale technologies and enhance commercialisation through private sector engagement. This followed a strategic visit by the TAAT team to the AfDB Country Office in Lilongwe on May 2, 2024. Discussions addressed challenges in quality fish seed, feed production, and financing, emphasising private sector-led solutions. The initiatives aligned with Malawi's evolving fisheries and aquaculture policies, marking significant progress in advancing sustainable aquaculture in the country.



BENIN

TAAT to facilitate the competitiveness of the Fisheries value chain

TAAT participated in launching the African Development Bank's Promote Aquaculture and the Competitiveness of Fisheries Value Chains (PROMAC) Project in Benin. This five-year initiative aims to enhance aquaculture and fisheries value chain competitiveness. Through the TAAT Fish Compact, WorldFish will focus on fish seed production and developing affordable feed, contributing to the project's goal of transforming Benin's aquaculture sector.



ANGOLA

TAAT Supports Vegetable's Season Launch in Cabinda



TAAT participated in the official launch of the vegetable season and the delivery of agricultural inputs to Farmer Field Schools in Cabinda. The event, held in Labi Village, was inaugurated by Her Excellency Governor Dr. Mara Quiosa. This initiative underscores TAAT's commitment to agricultural growth, capacity building, and community development, driving progress towards Africa's food security goals.

SIERRA LEONE

TAAT holds training and sensitisation sessions for Agrodealers, Youths and IP Networks



The TAAT Cassava Compact has hosted a two-day specialised training and awareness session for agro-dealers, innovation platform networks, and youth groups in Sierra Leone. The participants learned about technological advancements in the cassava value chain, which are necessary to facilitate access to improved crop varieties and farming practices and promote sustainable agricultural transformation.

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