

Coordination and optimisation
of Agricultural Research for
Development (ARD) in Europe



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de la recherche agricole pour
le développement (RAD) en Europe

PARTNERSHIP

ECART develops and strengthens strategic
alliances and partnerships
with the different ARD stakeholders,
both in the North and the South

Examples of alliances and partnerships

REGIONAL FORUM

FORUM FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH IN AFRICA (FARA)

FARA's mission is to enhance and add value to the effectiveness and efficiency of agricultural research systems in Africa that will contribute to agricultural development, economic growth and sustainable use of natural resources.



• Building-up a Platform for African-European Partnership on Agricultural Research for Development

The general objective of building-up European and African Platform on ARD is to enhance collaboration among the European and African agricultural research stakeholders by enabling mutual learning and knowledge sharing. It will also increase the number and efficiency of joint research projects for African ARD aimed at achieving the MDGs.

The main partners are the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) and the European Forum on Agricultural Research for Development (EFARD), through two of its institutional networks, ECART and NATURA (Network of European Agricultural (Tropically and sub-tropically oriented) Universities and scientific complexes Related with Agricultural development).

This Strategic Partnership goes beyond research institutions and networks. It strengthens the role of different types of stakeholders (farmers organisations, non-government organisations, private sector, consumers) as key partners. It also includes Universities and other scientific academies or networks to fully integrate the capacity building dimension.

• Impact Assessment Services for the FARA Sub Saharan Africa Challenge Programme (SSA-CP)

FARA recognises ECART as a neutral platform capable of mobilising the best European expertise and has selected it to provide the "impact assessment" services for the SSA-CP of the CGIAR (Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research) called "Building sustainable livelihoods through Integrated Agricultural Research for Development (IAR4D)".

FARMERS' ORGANI- SATION

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCERS (IFAP)

IFAP is the world farmers' organisation representing over 600 million farm families grouped in 110 national organisations in 75 countries. It is a global network in which farmers from industrialised and developing countries exchange concerns and set common priorities. IFAP advocates farmers' interests at the international level since 1946.



The IFAP-ECART Partnership offers IFAP and its members access to ECART's extensive network of social, economic and technical resources and skills in agriculture. The Partnership aims to help family farmers and their representative organisations to be better able to adapt and respond to dynamic global and local change today and in the future.

• Empowering Producers in Markets

The objective is to strengthen the capacities of IFAP and its members to improve the enabling environment for the empowerment of farmers in markets via effective and strong economic organisations and institutions.

• Managing Risks in Family Agriculture

The aim of the programme is to increase the breadth of sustainable risk management options available to small-scale farmers in developing countries and transition economies and to enhance their risk management capacity. The programme will seek to identify, strengthen and/or replicate existing systems and policies that are efficient and develop and test new innovative instruments and arrangements to help manage farming risks in an open market economy.

DONOR AGENCY

EUROPEAN COMMISSION (EC)

Europe has been involved in the CGIAR since its beginning in 1971. The EC, as one of the largest European Union (EU) contributor, has a vital interest to participate in the strategy formulation and agenda setting of the CGIAR. Through its "Food Security and Food Aid" Budget line, the EC co-funds specific CGIAR projects.



• Monitoring of the CGIAR projects co-funded by the EC in ACP, Asia, Latin America and the Mediterranean regions

As from 2002 ECART and NATURA have been invited annually by the Directorate General-Development (DG-DEV) of the EC, to submit joint tenders to the EC for provision of consultancy services to monitor and evaluate EC-funded projects commissioned at CGIAR Centres.

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