Regional Network of Agricultural Policy Research Institutes (ReNAPRI)

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Introduction

- The Regional Network for National Agricultural Policy Research Institutes (ReNAPRI) is a regionally coordinated network of national agricultural policy research institutes in Africa.
Membership Includes

- Institute for Social and Economic Research, University of Kinshasa; **Democratic Republic of Congo**;
- Tegemeo Institute of Agricultural Policy and Development, Egerton University – **Kenya**
- Centre for Agricultural Research and Development, Bunda College, **Malawi**;
- CEPPAG, University of Eduardo Mondlane, **Mozambique**
- Bureau for Food and Agricultural Policy (BFAP)-University of Pretoria, **South Africa**;
- Dept of Agric Econs and Agribusiness- Sokoine University of Agriculture, **United Republic of Tanzania**;
- Indaba Agriculture Policy Research Institute (IAPRI), **Zambia**
Motivation

• ReNAPRI was born out of a realization that:
  i. There was a gap in providing adequate, timely and evidence based policy options to national governments and private sector;
  
  ii. Capacity building initiatives undertaken in the region by other stakeholders, particularly international institutes, did not translate into sustainable capacity building for national researchers and policy analysts.
Motivation

- Networking amongst existing institutions working on policy in the ESA was erratic and project specific driven, hence does not translate into sustainable collaboration;

iv. In spite of the great wealth of national data or information, there are significant information gaps amongst researchers in the region due to absence of formal networking;

=> ReNAPRI was created to respond to the challenges above, by promoting a coordinated and locally driven Research Agenda
Goals & Objectives

• Overall: to strengthen collaboration amongst NAPRIs in the region, in providing relevant and timely national and regional policy support to stakeholders such as private sector, governments and RE Communities
Goals & Objectives

• Specific Objectives:
  1. Respond to requests for agriculture policy analysis and technical support by member states, RECs and private sector that directly address salient national and regional policy questions
  2. Promote capacity building in policy analysis for national and regional agriculture stakeholders through development and undertaking policy training programmes targeting researchers, decision makers, and students;
Goals & Objectives

• Specific Objectives:
  3. Facilitate the sharing of national data and information amongst the national policy institutes thereby improve the quality of policy analysis in the region
  4. Promote peer learning and sharing of skills amongst the researchers, associate researchers and students in the region
Expected Outcomes

• Improved capacity of national policy institutes to effectively provide timely policy research information and capacity building services to national and regional decision makers;

• Development of a pool of competent policy analysts in the ESA region in various areas that would respond to national and regional policy needs;
Expected Outcomes

- Closer collaboration between the national policy institutes leading to development of joint specific research, training, staff exchange and other R&D activities;

- Improved evidenced based policy and decision making culture by stakeholders and decision makers in the member states and the region at large.
Current Activities

- Cost of Production (COP) Project
  - Collection and analysis detailed data involving maize costs of production, output volumes and market prices
    - Focusing on smallholder farmers across the 7 ReNAPRI countries

- Funding Support for this work includes;
  - Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (through MSU); and
  - USAID (via IWMI- SA)
Way forward

- To continue to engage national governments, private sector and regional/international stakeholders most of whom have shown interest to support and collaborate with us on policy research and capacity building

- Produce a Regional Agricultural Outlook in the ESA Region
Obrigado,
Mercy,
Thank you,
Shukran