Strengthening FANRPAN Nodes & role of CS in regional FANR: A Case of CISANET in Malawi

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What is CISANET?
Mission statement

“To promote agricultural development and sustainable livelihoods for the poor by influencing desirable change in policies, practices and attitudes of Government, donors, civil society and private sector through advocacy”.
## CISANET Structures

| Board          | Custodians, decision-making body  
|                | NGOs, private sector, academicians |
| Board Committees | Board management – program coordination  
|                | Finance Committee – finance management  
|                | Thematic committees – FANRPAN (will have Board point person) etc. |
| Secretariat    | Coordination |
| General Meetings | Agenda setting  
|                | Voice & synergy building  
|                | Monitoring & evaluation |
Thematic Areas of Focus

- Marketing
- Irrigation
- Budgets & policies
- Livestock

Focus:
- Research & policy analysis
- Advocacy
- Voluntarism, buy-in process
Relationship before with FANRPAN?

- No! but we have...
- Similar focus areas
- Same pool of human resource
- Similar stakeholders
CISANET: new Malawi Node Facilitator

- Natural!!
- Rewarding!
- Challenging!
- Beautiful!
Why FANRPAN/CISANET link?
■ **It is an envisioning moment** – fulfilling CISANET definition

■ **It reduces competition and crowding of space** – *if one person jumps off the horse there would more space for me scenario”*

■ **Confidence of Steering Committee to host**

■ **Complementality & good links to regional voicing** – *high pitched voice in bass too*

■ **Strong evidence links & policy research** – *strengthen thematic work & others*
Resource mobilisation
- ‘economies of scale’ issue

Secretariat strengthening – documentation build-up & human resource

Regional recognition – FANRPAN family & linkages

Established coordination mechanisms for use by FANRPAN
Issues of concern
How are we going to be setting the regional agenda – agenda setting criteria in place, crowding of national agendas

Donor agenda vs. local agenda in FANRPAN operations

Commitment of members

Representation in regional advocacy – strength of local initiatives & links to SADC leadership (relevance)

Strong inter-country linkages & lesson learning/mentorship

Equity & standardisation of systems – more integrated systems
Otherwise, CISANET is ready to take up the challenge in FANRPAN Malawi coordination – with pleasure!!

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