

CABI Africa Regional Consultations Building Sustainable Partnerships Opportunities at the Sub- regional level

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Outline

- What and why Partnerships?
- Sub Regional Research Organisations.
- Opportunities and threats.
- Conclusions.



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What and why partnerships

- Working arrangements to advance the **mutual interest?**
Opportunities -Value creation
- **Relevance:** doing the right things.
- **Coherence:** fitting into the existing system.
- **Efficiency:** utilisation of resources.
- **Effectiveness:** Achievement of objectives.
- **Impact:** The difference brought by the partnership.
- **Sustainability:** Lasting benefits.



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Sub-Regional Research Organisations

- Apex body working with 4 SROs (CCARDESA, WECARF, ASARECA and NASRO) in Africa (coordinators and agricultural research and development.
- Effective and efficient National systems: **Building Blocks**: Sub-Regional Research Organisations and partnerships.
- Sub regional public goods: National system adapt for adoption.
- National variations: ecological, social, economic, political: National priorities outlines commonalities for regional priorities.
- Development and other partners (own agendas).



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Opportunities and Threats of regional Sub regional partnerships

Opportunities

- Joint planning and support to address sub regional agricultural and environmental challenges (S3A, CAADP, global commitments, etc).
- Medium to Long term SP/OPs.
- Support by regional governments.
- Sharing of risk, best practices, skills and resources.
- Development of future networks..
- Capacity building of regional centres.

Threats

- Dominance vs silent partners.
- Varying member states priorities.
- Changes in development partner interest: funding
- Competition with national systems.
- Capacity constraints: Middleman.
- Non beneficial partnerships.
- Politics of the time.
- Many role players some without definite roles in the partnership.
- Biasness.



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Conclusion

- Regional partnerships are ok **BUT**
- **Value at the National Level.**
- Direct partnership, country and its stakeholders.
- Transparency and accountability.
- Complementary and fill gaps within the national system, without performing duties that can be performed by national institutes.



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