

# 7<sup>th</sup> Africa Agriculture Science Week and FARA General Assembly

## Apply Science, Impact Livelihoods

### Camp Kigali, Kigali, Rwanda, 13-16 June 2016



## FARA DIGEST February 2016 EDITION

Welcome to the February Edition of FARA Digest. In this issue we wish to highlight several upcoming major events with a bearing on research and innovation in African Agriculture. First is the AUC/CAADP organized Permanent Secretaries Retreat billed to hold from 10th to 11th March, 2016. Second is the 12th CAADP partnership platform (PP) meeting set to take place from 11th to 15th April, 2016 in Accra, Ghana. The theme of this PP is "Innovative Financing and Renewed Partnership to accelerate CAADP Implementation". The third major event is the 3rd Global Conference on Agriculture Research for Development #GCARD3 Global Event which will be held in Johannesburg, South Africa, from 5th to 8th April 2016. GCARD3 will be jointly convened by the CGIAR consortium, the Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR) and the Agricultural Research Council (ARC) of South Africa. The fourth event is the 7th African Agriculture Science Week #AASW7 and FARA General Assembly taking place in Kigali, Rwanda, from 13th to 16th June 2016. The AASW will focus on the operationalization of the Science Agenda for Agriculture in Africa at country level. Thus, its overall theme is "Apply Science, Impact Livelihoods". I indulge you to look out for these events and many more of FARA's activities as we continuously shape the vision and agenda of Africa's Agriculture. Taiwo Owoeye Adebisi- Communication and Media Relations Officer FARA.



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### FARA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR VISITS CIRAD

*Dr Yemi Akinbamijo the Executive Director of the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) visited the Centre de Coopération Internationale en Recherche Agronomique pour le Développement CIRAD in Montpellier, France and expressed his extreme satisfaction over the French Agricultural Research and International Cooperation Organization working for the sustainable development of Tropical and Mediterranean regions. He sees FARA as manifestly a key partner in CIRAD's work in Africa...[Read More...](#)*



**Dr. Yemi Akinbamijo**  
Executive Director *FARA*.



### FARA TO PROMOTE S3A INITIATIVE AT THE 12TH CAADP PARTNERSHIP PLATFORM MEETING

The African Union Commission (AUC)/Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) representatives recently visited the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) in a view to plan a successful CAADP partnership platform (CAADP PP) meeting scheduled to hold at Movenpick Ambassador Hotel Accra, Ghana from 11th to 15th April 2016 ...[Read More!](#)



### FEBRUARY 2016 FARA TECHNICAL SEMINAR SERIES

The monthly technical seminar series for FARA staff discussed the topic: "After UniBRAIN will African Agribusiness Incubation come of age? This was presented by Dr Alex Ariho FARA-UNIBRAIN Facility coordinator and chaired by the Executive Director of FARA Dr Yemi Akinbamijo who applauded this effort and contributed by explaining the AAIN Agenda of Commercializing Science for Job and Wealth creation for the Youth in Africa ...[Read More!](#)



### CYUMBA WHEAT INNOVATION PLATFORM SET TO CHANGE WHEAT STORY IN RWANDA

An Innovation Platform (IP) recently established in Cyumba area in Rwanda has selected wheat as its primary commodity of interest since the locality has ample capacity for wheat production in two seasons each year. This IP is aimed at increasing wheat productivity and production by addressing the constraints of unavailability of seeds of improved varieties, poor agronomic practices and poor access to market. Cyumba IP was set up by the Rwanda Agricultural Board with support from FARA within the Humidtropics research programme. The champions of this platform envision a turnaround in the wheat story in Rwanda ...[Read More!](#)



### INTERVIEW WITH DR ALEX ARIHO ON FARA-UNIBRAIN'S OBJECTIVE TO CREATE JOBS AND WEALTH IN AFRICA.

Dr. Nelson Ojijo, Lead Specialist Capacity Development at FARA and a steering committee member of the Partnership for Aflatoxin Control in Africa (PACA) spoke with Daily Graphic Paper Ghana on how to create an innovative platform for farmers in Ghana and tackle the problem of aflatoxin, a fungi that infects harvested cereals. This was discussed in an exclusive interview at the just concluded 12th CAADP Partnership Platform meeting held in Accra...[Read More!](#)