



FARA Constitution and Governance Manual

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Joint External Evaluation (JEE)
and
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**Joint External Evaluation
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External Management and Program Review
Recommendations**

Vision and Mission of FARA

- *Redefine its vision, mission, strategic priorities and a unifying and coherent strategy statement which guides and synergizes all its functions at continental level*

Vision and Mission of FARA

Strategy 2002-2012

Vision

to enable Africa to achieve at least 6% annual growth rate in agriculture by the year 2020 through enhanced research and value-adding to its products, consequently increasing food security, poverty alleviation and economic growth in a sustainable way

Mission

to enhance and add value to the effectiveness and efficiency of agricultural research systems in Africa in order to contribute to agricultural development and economic growth and sustainable use of natural resources

Strategy 2007-2016

Vision

“Reduced poverty in Africa as a result of sustainable broad-based agricultural growth and improved livelihoods, particularly of smallholder and pastoral enterprises”

Mission

“Creation of broad-based improvements in agricultural productivity, competitiveness and markets by supporting Africa’s sub-regional organizations in strengthening capacity for agricultural innovation”



Recommendations for the **General Assembly meetings**

- *hold GA every 3 or 4 years due to cost and very short interval for implementation of recommendations*
- *harmonize structure, content, procedure and timing with those of the SROs which feeds into FARA GA*

Current timing

Every 2 years rotating among the subregions

Suggestions

Every 3 years rotating among subregions including North Africa

Recommendations for the Executive Committee

- ***Streamline process of selection/nomination of CSO representatives***
- ***2 years terms of office is too short***
- ***ES of SRO and FARA should have full voting rights***
- ***Role of stakeholders in guiding the agenda of the forum should be strengthened***

Current

- **2 terms of office renewable**
- **Exco meeting once a year**
- **FARA and SRO Executive Secretaries, ex-officio members**
- **SRO representative full members**

Suggestions

- **3 years terms of reference non-renewable**
- **Exco meeting two times a year (1st and 4th qtr)**
- **FARA and SRO Executive Secretaries, full voting rights membership**
- **SRO representative, ex-officio members**
- **Add African Union representative**

Recommendations for the Secretariat

Current

- **Executive Secretary**
 - Terms of office of 4 years renewable

Suggestions

- **Executive Director**
 - Terms of office of 5 years renewable
- **Deputy Executive Director**

**The governance manual, constitution
and the above recommendations are
submitted to the General Assembly for
approval**

Thank you

