



FARA stakeholders comments on the event

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Subject: Great General Assembly

Dear Monty,

I have just returned to DC and would like to congratulate you for a great meeting. FARA is really looking good now. Makes us all proud.

Friday, 22 June 2007

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Subject: Note of appreciation

Dear Monty

I would like to thank you for having invited me at the FARA General Assembly in my capacity of Coordinator of Conference of Ministry of Agriculture of West and Central Africa and of Facilitator of CAADP Pillar 2.

I would like to express my sincere congratulations for the success of this gathering and for the results attained which highlighted FARA objectives through its strategic framework and the 5 identified programs.

I am conscious of the heavy burden put on your shoulders in carrying out this essential work whose achievement is crucial for the continent agriculture development.

I strongly hope that the implementation of the entire activities will be conducted in close collaboration with all the African available expertise at national, regional and continental level.

FAAP success and consequently FARA accomplishment will be dependent on your ability to collaborate with all your partners, namely the other NEPAD Pillars, the SROS and NARS, in the implementation of these activities.

As for me, I confirm my availability to provide all the support and advices needed to move in these directions.

Saturday, 23 June 2007

From: Adipala Ekwamu
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Subject: Note of appreciation to Chairpersons and Facilitators

To Monty and All,

May I too on behalf of RUFORUM (Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture) and my ownself thank the FARA Board of Directors and Secretariat for a job well done. In my own personal view the value addition that FARA brings on board is the regional platform for networking, joint learning and advocacy. We benefited a lot in this respect.

As we move ahead, we need to look at the constitution of the Board. Universities are glaringly missing. I don't think we can have all stakeholder groups represented in the Board but there is a need for a mechanism to rotate representation.

The issue of capacity strengthening came up basically in all side events and deliberation. SCARDA and other initiatives provide a framework for intervention, but we need to put more efforts in this area, which must be institutionalized and supported by our national governments. We have a crisis and we must act now. Please let's work towards convening a high level Ministerial meeting (involving both ministers of Education and Agriculture as recommended by the CTA-FARA-RUFORUM side event. I also suggest that in the future we invite also non-agriculture Ministers to the General Assembly and indeed our other meetings.

Finally I plead that the FARA Board and Secretariat revisits how the FARA Business Agenda is handled, and the time allocation. Personally I saw a lot of room for improvement.

Monday, 25 June 2007

From: Chebet Maikut
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Subject: Note of appreciation to Respondents

Dear Dr. Monty Jones,

Thank you very much for your kind appreciation Note.

I would like equally to express my deep gratitude to you and your team at the Secretariat for organizing the recent most successful FARA General Assembly in Johannesburg and also for giving me the opportunity to be one of the Respondents.

I wish you and your Secretariat Staff as well as the new FARA Chairperson and Board of Directors success in the years to come.

Monday, 25 June 2007

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Subject: Note of appreciation to FARA

Dear Monty,

Greetings, I hope you have recovered from the Marathon. I am writing to thank you for the invitation to give the keynote address for theme 3. I enjoyed every minute of the Science week and thanks to FARA, FANRPAN has expanded its database of contacts. Our side meeting was a great success, with 32 delegates attending, many thanks for permitting us to convene the meeting.

Monday, 25 June 2007

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Subject: Congratulations on 4th FARA GA Quality

Dear Dr. Jones,

This is just a small note to congratulate you and your team for the quality show that FARA put at the just ended 4th General Assembly in Johannesburg (10-16th June 2007).

Those who are involved in the organization of such events definitely noticed that so much work went into the General Assembly meeting.

Personally I have told the personnel from FARA office in Accra on how impressed I have been, and will wish to put it on record.

Please convey this message to the South African Counterparts.

The level to which you have raised FARA is very commendable and impressive, and so I send my heartfelt congratulations.

Tuesday, 26 June 2007

From: William Otim Nape
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Subject: Congratulations For a successful GA and EPMP of FARA

Dear Monty and Mandi,

The feedback I got from the FARA GA and our EPMR report is that both were excellent. This was from some donor contacts. Well done you guys and please keep it up. Monty keep the good work and I think you now recall that we promised you we shall do a good job for Africa.

Regards,

William

Wednesday, 27 June 2007

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Subject: Letter of Appreciation - 4th FARA General Assembly

Dear Monty,

Many thanks for this - I appreciate your kind words. I'd also like to congratulate you and the FARA team for a very successful General Assembly. The GA was very well organized and the hard work of all paid off. Many congratulations!

Best wishes,

Janine

Wednesday, 20 June 2007

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Subject: Presentation at the FARA General Assembly

Monty,

You beat me to it! I also want to express to you, Ralph and FARA, our collective appreciation for the opportunity to present our research report and receive feedback. Indeed, it was a very enriching experience. We were certainly encouraged by the strength and consistency of the calls for capacity building and by the sense that the recommendations in our report are quite consistent with what others in the field – who know it better than we do – are saying. I was also heartened by the repeated emphasis on agricultural policy lobbying, and by the suggestion to invite some Parliamentarians to the next FARA General Assembly. Clearly there needs to be a political agenda that accompanies and reinforces the technical agenda. Congratulations on an excellent conference and set of keynote papers.

I am sure that Peter and David Nielson (and hopefully their colleagues) will continue this dialogue and quest for useful interventions with you and your colleagues at FARA.

Gratefully,

Bill

Friday, 22 June 2007

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Subject: Note of appreciation to Chairpersons and Facilitators

Dear Monty,

Congratulations for a successful G.A. It was my first G.A. and was simply wonderful. My apologies, I could not stay to the end but my colleagues were there.

Regards,

Margaret Nyirenda

Sunday, 24 June 2007

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Subject: Note of appreciation to Keynote speakers

His Excellency Sir,

Thanks for the opportunity given me to serve FARA at the General Assembly. It was my pleasure to stand-in for Prof Chuks Ogbonnaya as a respondent. The Last FARA General was an outstanding one; it was excellently organized, and I am happy to have participated. Remain blessed.

Marcel Nwalozié, Ph.D

"Science may set limits to knowledge, but should not set limits to imagination" - Bertrand Russell (1872 - 1970)

"Imagination is more important than knowledge..." - Albert Einstein (1879 - 1955)

Tuesday, 26 June 2007

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Subject: Letter of Appreciation to Honorable Lulu Xingwana

Dear Monty

I have seen your appreciation correspondences. This is to appreciate your action and at the same time extend my gratitude to you and your team for a job well done. It was a successful 4th General Assembly.

Regards.

Dr. Denis T. Kyetere

Friday, 29 June 2007

From : Paulo Roberto Galerani
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Dear Dr. Monty Jones,

This is to congratulate you and your team at FARA for the impressive organization and coordination of the IV General Assembly in Johannesburg.

The GA was a very good opportunity for us, at Embrapa Africa, to learn more about the complexity of African agricultural sector and its institutional organization. It was possible also, to understand better FARA's programs and commitment with African agricultural sector.

At this point, we would like to offer you the expertise of Embrapa on technology development to support FARA's programs and contribute to the effort to improve institutional research and extension in Africa.

Besides the technological issues, Embrapa may also contribute with its experience on the institutional organization aspects, such as development of strategic plans, communication programs, technology transfer programs, partnership with private sector, seed production systems, among others.

Congratulation again for the success of the GA and please, feel free to demand our collaboration and to contact us at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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