



on Agricultural Research for Development

EFARD

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Sandton Convention Centre
South Africa**



BACKGROUND

- **Established in 1998**
- **One of the “Regional” fora established as part of the Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR) and following its basic principles**
- **EFARD provides a *“Platform for strategic dialogue among and between European stakeholder groups in order to promote research partnerships between European and Southern research communities”***

➤ At the national level

- ✓ *National Fora*

➤ At the European level

- ✓ *Interaction with the coordination mechanisms put in place by the different ARD stakeholders*
- ✓ *Advisory role vis-à-vis the European Commission*
- ✓ *European representative to GFAR*

➤ At the international level: Conferences

- ✓ *Wageningen, 1999*
- ✓ *Rome, 2002*
- ✓ *Zurich, 2005*

MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS SINCE 2005

- **Cooperation and coordination of ARD in Europe**
 - ✓ **ERA-ARD**
- **Emergence and support to the “young generation” of ARD stakeholders**
 - ✓ **YPARD**
- **Launching of an inter-regional dialogue**
 - ✓ **PAEPARD**

- **Coordination and cooperation between « national » programmes**
- **14 European participating countries**
- **Mobilisation of a « Southern Reference Group » supported by one member (DFID)**
- **Conference on 28 – 29 June 2007 in Brussels, Belgium « Towards a shared vision »**



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**Young Professionals' Platform
for Agricultural Research for
Development**

- **Officially launched in November 2006 at the GFAR triennial Conference, New Delhi, India**
- **Governance**
 - Steering Committee
 - Regional Focal Points
 - Coordinator
 - Senior Advisory Group
- **Website: www.ypard.org**

« Building-up a Platform for African-European Partnership on Agricultural Research for Development »

PAEPARD

A Specific Support Action (SSA) from the European Commission



FARA
Forum for Agricultural
Research in Africa



EFARD
European Forum for
Agricultural Research for
Development



➤ **External evaluation (March – May 2007)**

- ✓ Original vision still valid
- ✓ Need for a comprehensive strategy to redefine and revitalize EFARD's role
- ✓ Need for stable funding

➤ **Governance**

- ✓ Chair: Dr. George Rothschild, UK (01/06/07)
- ✓ Vice-Chair: Dr. Barbara Becker, CH
- ✓ Person-resource: Dr. Paolo Sarfatti, IT/EC