



**Enabling inter-regional
partnerships
around issues of global concern**

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What does GFAR do?



Facilitate the flow of information and knowledge among ARD stakeholders

Development of a Global Strategic Agenda for ARD aimed at facilitating the emergence of a new normative framework for agricultural research

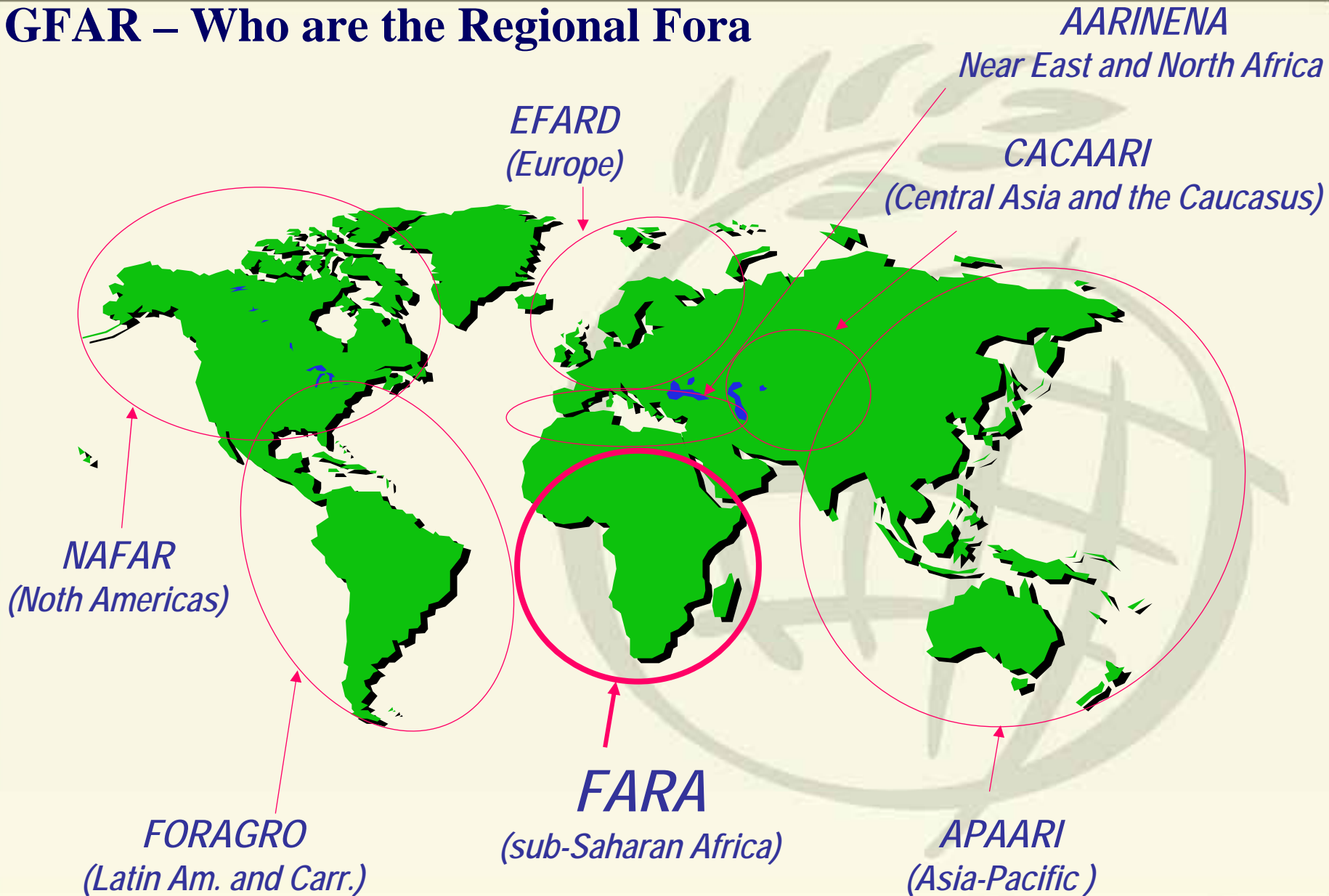


Facilitate the development of networking and research partnerships among stakeholders in topics of common interest

Strengthen the institutional capacities of the stakeholders with emphasis on NARS with the inclusion of Civil Society Organizations

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GFAR – Who are the Regional Fora



GFAR – Who are the Stakeholders



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GFAR - The Mission

Mobilize, through partnerships, the scientific community and all stakeholders in their efforts to contribute to:

- Poverty alleviation
- Food security
- Sustainable natural resources management

What is Partnership?

Voluntary and collaborative relationships between various parties, both public and private sector, in which all participants agree to work together to achieve a common purpose or undertake a specific tasks and to share risks, responsibilities, resources, competencies and benefits

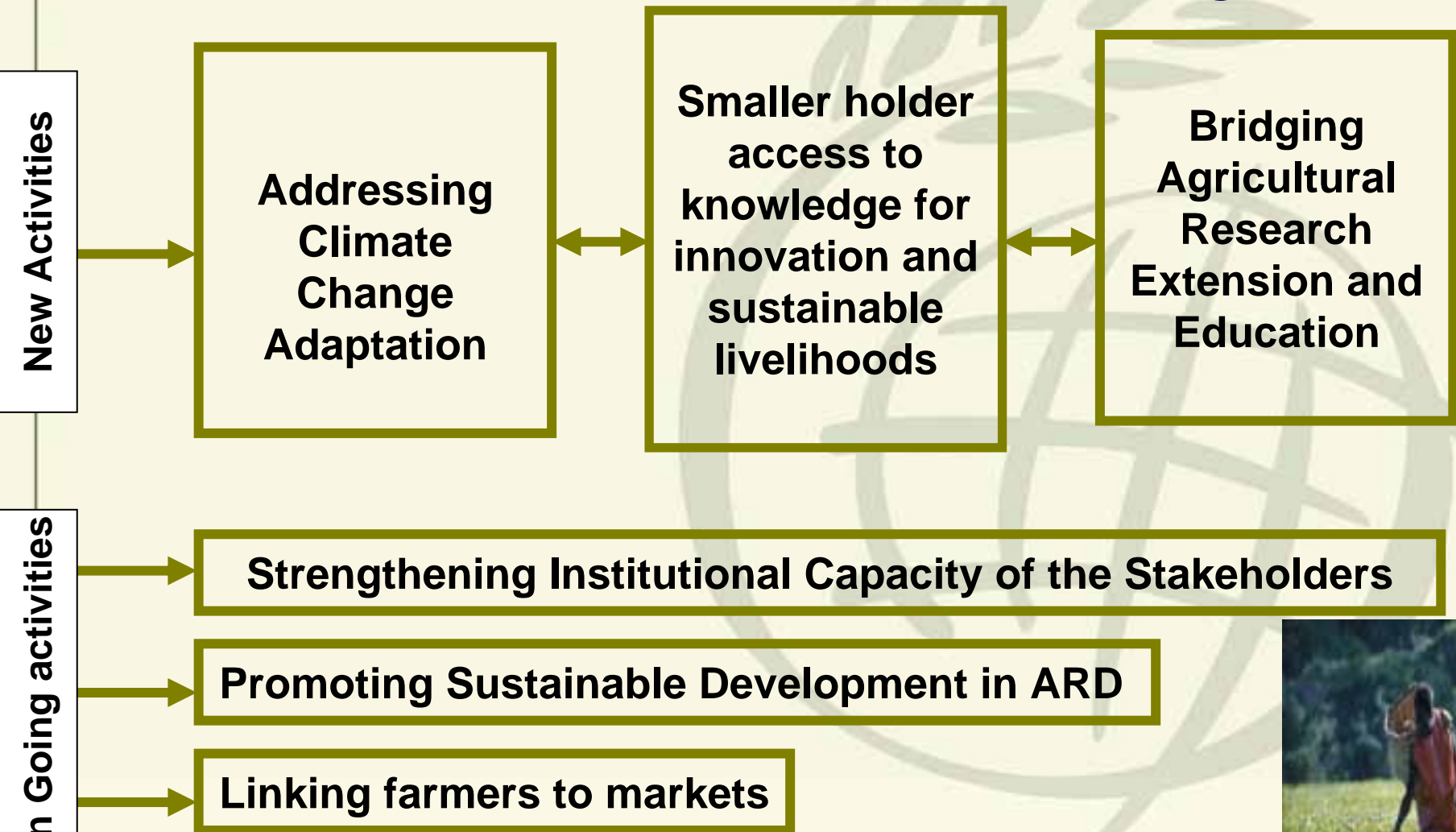
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How does GFAR work

**Triennial Stakeholder General Conference → triennial Business Plan
(developed and implemented by the Stakeholders)**



Business Plan 2007-2009 - building blocks



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Business Plan - Implementation

Through Inter-regional Collaboration:

Multi-institutional

Multi-stakeholder

South-South, South-North axis

Public-Private Partnerships

**Trough advocacy and consensus
building**

**Development of Global Partnership
Programs**

Recent GFAR-FARA Collaboration

Strengthening of SSA CSOs institutional capacity for effective participation in ARD processes



Strengthen FARA Information and Communication Management (ICM) by supporting the development of SSA Regional Agricultural Information and Learning Systems (RAILS)

Future GFAR-FARA Collaboration

Strengthen the advocacy role of African ARD at the global level

Strengthen inter-regional collaboration between FARA and other GFAR Regional Fora

Promote inclusive ARD both at regional and sub-regional levels

Strengthen linkages between SSA RAILS with other Regional Information Systems for information sharing and networking



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Conclusion

- Optimizing this synergy created by the global linkages of GFAR Stakeholders to contribute the enhancement of poverty alleviation and improving livelihoods of the rural areas in the developing world
- Sharing knowledge, success stories and innovations among stakeholders, through inter-regional partnerships, will greatly minimize the time needed to reach MDGs and beyond

