

# **Innovative Pathways to Commercializing Agricultural Research Results in Africa**

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# Background

- **CAADP calls for technologies to enhance productivity of African Agriculture (pillar IV)**
- **PPPs best way to mobilize capacity of both sectors to promote adoption by farmers**
- **Multiplicity of players in the technology transfer continuum calls for Agricultural innovation platforms**
- **Management of IP, regulatory compliance, public awareness, commercialisation and PPPs are keys to success of Agricultural Innovation Platform**

# Issues

- Managing IPR
- Strategies for Regulatory compliance
- Managing Public Perception
- Effective Dissemination

# Final Recommendations

- Excellence in the understanding and management of IP, regulatory compliance and public acceptance need to be incorporated in African agricultural research and intervention for increasing African agricultural productivity.

# Final Recommendations ... contd

- The African Agricultural Technology Foundation (AATF) has been providing brokerage services for IP management, regulatory compliance, public awareness and management of public-private partnerships for delivery of productivity enhancing technologies to small holder farmers.

# Final Recommendations ... contd

- **It should be endorsed by FARA to spearhead the establishment of alliances that will ensure a better understanding and handling of these issues by African institutions involved in agricultural research and development.**