

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.