

*Building up a Platform for
African – European Partnership on Agricultural Research
for Development*

PAEPARD

way forward

**summary of discussions
side-event 10 June 2007**

What is PAEPARD?

**An inter-regional collaboration between Africa and Europe
funded through joint EU -FP6 SSA
coordinated by FARA and EFARD
to build a joint platform
to strengthen African competitiveness in
ARD (research, education and development)**

**We are at an inception phase that should have concrete results
after 12 months**

**Built based on strong interest and support from the participants
at the side-event**

Lessons learnt from SRO competitive funding mechanisms

- Information required for better understanding of EU-funding procedures, finance and management by NARS and SRO
- Capacity building required for management, evaluation and impact assessment
- Need for mutual understanding of roles and responsibilities of multi-disciplinary partners
- Multi-stakeholders partnership require long and flexible processes of negotiation and discussions which are not compatible with EC procedures
- Partnership can only succeed if created with mutual accountability and trust

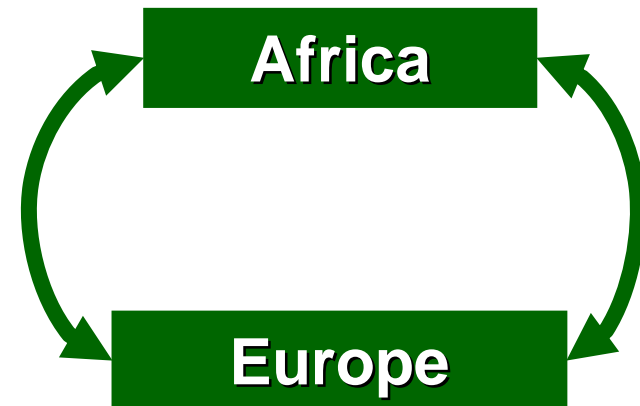
What can PAEPARD do?

to add-value to existing initiatives and institutions

[FARA, SROs, RUFORUM, EFARD, ECART, NATURA,]

as an interphase, a facilitator and a catalyst
for Europe-Africa cross-actions

- better awareness
- cross-exchange of information, learning and knowledge
- facilitate management and implementation of EU funded projects
- promote actions among all ARD stakeholders with especial focus on CSO
- promote actions between NARIs and Universities



Expectations from PAEPARD

- **Promote equal partnership between EU and African ARD Stakeholders on African and global issues**
- **Increased awareness of opportunities for collaborative ARD**
- **Facilitate better understanding of funding mechanisms and procedures**
- **Platform to facilitate partnership that considers :**
 - national, sub-regional and regional priorities
 - demand driven themes
 - extending interactive knowledge
 - language issue

What should we have within a year?

- **Build a sustainable platform owned by all stakeholders including the CSO through a step-by-step approach**
- **A business plan**
 - Including a logframe with concrete indicators
 - Clear concept of sustainability
 - Strategy to reach out to national partners – link to CAADP country roundtable
- **Concrete actions from the beginning with short and long term targets**
- **Partnership is based on principles of subsidiarity and shared understanding of roles and responsibilities**

Governance of PAEPARD *as a project*

Current steering committee members

FARA – Monty Jones

SROs

- ASARECA – Seyfu Ketema
- CORAF – Paco Sereme
- SADC – Margaret Nyirenda
- North Africa – Hamid Narjisse

EFARD – Anne Sorensen

- ECART – Christian Hoste
- NATURA – Didier Pillot / Lucey Denis

Facilitation unit (ex-officio)

- FARA (Myra Wopereis)
- EFARD (Jacky Ganry)

Observers:

- EC Development
- EC Research

Next steps

- **Online- survey of African and European stakeholders (June- July 2007)**
- **Online consultation/discussions (July – September 2007)**
- **Sub-regional consultations (September 2007 – January 2008)**
 - *Some concrete actions to demonstrate the added –value of PAEPARD*
- **Launching of PAEPARD as a sustainable platform by early 2008 with a multi-stakeholders steering committee.**