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Foresight for Food Systems Transformation in Africa: Building the Africa Foresight Academy

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AICCRA
Accelerating Impacts of CGIAR
Climate Research for Africa



Foresight4Food
International Collaborative Initiative



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FARA

Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa

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Sub-Regional Agricultural Research Organizations (SROs)

SRO for
West
Africa

SRO for
Southern
Africa

SRO for East
& Central
Africa

SRO for
North
Africa



CCARDESA
Centre for Co-ordination of Agricultural Research and Development for Southern Africa



NASRO

**22
countries**

**15
countries**

**12
countries**

**5
countries**

National Agric. Research & Innovation Systems-NARIS



FARA's Programmatic Themes & Clusters

Outcomes

- Contribute to achievement of CAADP-Malabo 2025 targets:
- Doubling agricultural productivity
- Halving post-harvest losses
- Tripling intra-Africa trade
- $\geq 30\%$ of producers are resilient to the effects of climate change by supporting increased application of STI

Strategic Objectives

Programme Clusters

To improve the effectiveness of **partnerships** for scaling science and technologies to achieve CAADP results



To promote access to **knowledge products**, services, and technological options to support evidence-based **making-**

To strengthen AR4D with the **capacity** to plan and respond to capacity requirements in STI and **foresight**: mainstreaming gender in their programmes



Institutional Capacity and Future Scenarios



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To increase **investment** in AR4D, promote S3A mainstreaming and **policy** advocacy for STI



Research, Policy and Investment (RPI)



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TAAT-CDTO Compact



Agricultural Research and Innovation Fellowship for Africa



African Seed and Biotechnology Partnership (ASBP)



Sustainable Development Goals

AU Agenda 2063

Post Malabo Process & Kampla

CAADP / Malabo

STISA

AfCFTA

UNFS

AFA-FOFA-DTT

Regional Foresight Exercises

Country Foresight Hubs

Accelerating the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area Agreement in the context of CAADP Commitments for Safer and Healthier Diets

Sustainable Food System Safer Trade, Horizon Scanning, Food Resilience, Food & Nutrition Security

Planning, Discovery, Tools. Capacity Building, Investment, Coordination, Policy, Implementation, Foresight Exercises



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Foresight Journey

- 2012** Expert Meeting for establishing the African Chapter of the Global Agricultural Foresight Academy
- 2013** Foresight reflective exercise on the futures of sustainable rural areas in Africa 'Africa Feeding Africa'
- 2013** Launch the African Chapter of the Foresight Academy (Accra)
- 2015** Workshop on the Futures of fish in Food Systems and Aquatic Agricultural Systems in Southern Africa in Zambia (Lusaka)
- 2016** Situational analysis on foresight capacities and activities on the continent
- 2018** Training of young professionals from Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa and Uganda on foresight
- 2019** Study to review past foresight activities for agriculture and their outlook into the future
- 2019** Foresight on the futures of tobacco farming in Malawi
- 2020** Webinar Series on Foresight methodologies & approaches-c

2023

Third Global Foresight 4 Food workshop in Montpellier-7-9 March 2023

2023

Tracking the Future of Food and Agriculture in Africa-FQFA-DTT, Durban, June 2023

2023

FARA-F4F-MasterCard Foundation & AGRA Foresight Training for Youth Mombasa, June 20

2023

Induction of 13 Foresight Experts in CORAF Sub-Region, Cotonou, July 2023

2024

Establishment of 13 Country Foresight Hubs in CORAF Subregion

2024

Future of Food and Agriculture-Drivers & Triggers of Transformation-FOFA-DTT: Support to medium-long term strategic foresight activities in Africa at regional, sub-regional and country level to move agrifood systems towards sustainability and resilience: - FARA-FAO Partnership-Project

2024

StEPPFoS Foresight Exercise

2024

Establishment of 7 Foresight Hubs in Southern Africa



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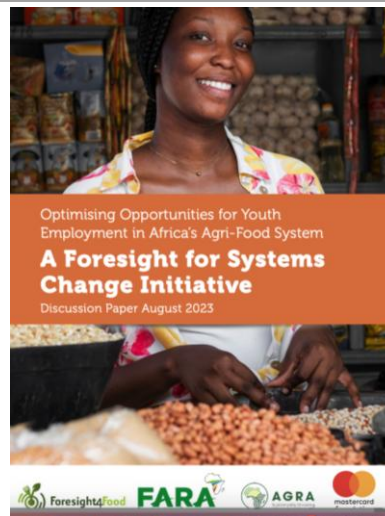
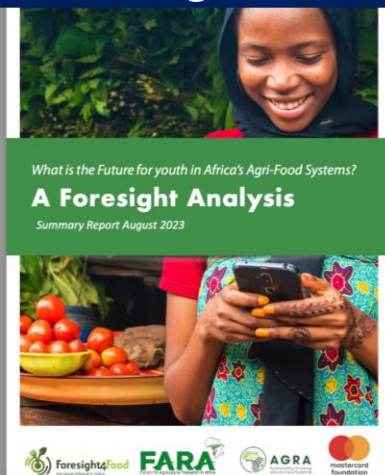
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Strengthening Institutional capacities for future scenario analysis & long-term planning

Strengthening Foresight Capacities: Country Foresight Exercises; Partners – Oxford University, WUR, FAO, GIZ, IDRC, EC

Foresight KM



Foresight Analysis & Youth Employment

Foresight CoP



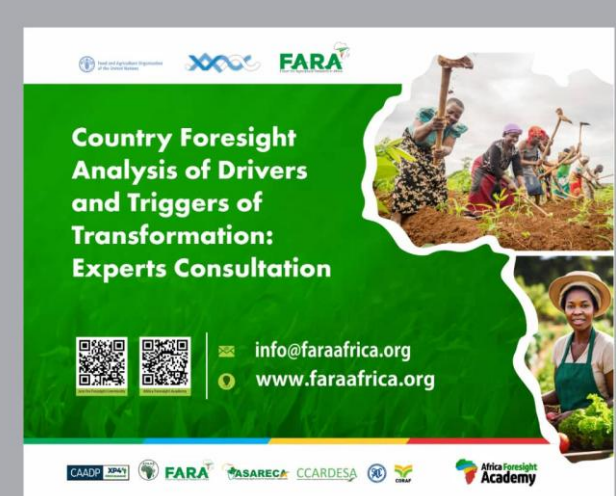
Foresight Evidence



MEL for Foresight & Food System Transformation



Foresight4Food System



Prioritisation of 9 Drivers of Transformation in Kenya, Nigeria & Madagascar

Quality criteria for Food Systems Foresight in Africa:

A practitioner's guide for commissioning,
implementing and evaluating foresight.





...Africa Foresight Academy

**A network for
strengthening Africa's
foresight capacity**

Future Perspective: Strategic Steps for AU-Level Domestication

Institutionalising Foresight in the African Union

Why Institutionalise Foresight?

- Aligns with Agenda 2063, STISA, and CAADP Post-Malabo needs
- Enables anticipatory governance in African food and agricultural systems
- Builds adaptive policy systems that respond to weak signals, shocks, and emerging trends

Strategic Step	Institutional Action
1. AU Political Buy-in	Table policy brief through STC and AUDA-NEPAD for AU endorsement
2. Continental Foresight Framework	Co-develop AU-recognised foresight roadmap with RECs & FARA
3. Integrate into AU Monitoring	Embed foresight metrics into Biennial Review Mechanism
4. Capacity Architecture	Institutionalise foresight units in AARIEs and NAREIs with AU support
5. Knowledge Platform	Scale Africa Foresight Academy via AU Centres of Excellence
6. Policy Feedback Loops	Use foresight to guide STISA and CAADP policy & investment cycles

Looking Ahead.....Africa Continental Foresight Consultations for Resilient Agrifood Systems

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UMOJA WA AFRIKA



UNION AFRICAINE

UNIÃO AFRICANA

UNIÓN AFRICANA

WORKSHOP DELIVERABLES & OUTPUTS



I. Mapping & Institutional Readiness Report



II. Zero-Draft Continental Framework for Inclusive Foresight Integration



III. Zero-Draft AU Charter on Institutionalising Foresight in Africa



IV. Joint Communiqué with commitments from AU, Member States & Partners



V. Technical Synthesis Brief for CAADP Implementation Mechanisms



VI. Capacity-Building Materials via the AFA digital platform



VII. Official Guide on Measuring Impact of Foresight & Food Systems Transformation (launch)



VIII. Launch of Community of Practice + network of national/regional focal points

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