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Boosting Agricultural Research and Innovation to achieve the Agenda 2063 Target in Africa

Innovative Financing Mechanism for Agricultural Research and Development in Africa

“Towards Achieving the African Union’s recommendation of expenditure 1% GDP on Research and Development”

Thursday, 2nd July 2020
(10.00-12.00 GMT)

PROPOSED AGENDA

Opening Speech

**HE Ambassador Mme Josefa SACKO, Commissioner, REA
African Union Commission**

Interventions

Dr. Yemi Akinbamijo,

Executive Director, Forum for Agriculture Research in Africa (FARA)

Analysis of trends, challenges, and opportunities for agricultural funding in Africa

Dr. Mahama Ouedraogo

Director, Department of Human Resources, Science and Technology, African Union Commission
African Union Policy and Programmatic support to Science and Technology initiatives in Africa

Dr. Ramadjita Tabo

Regional and Research program Director, International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), West and Central Africa

Policy formulation to facilitate private-sector participation and encourage technology commercialization

Dr. Abdou Tenkouano, Executive Director, Conseil Ouest Africain pour la Recherche Agricole
Promotion of regional cooperation and Innovation and technology hubs and poles (Centres of Excellence) as tools for raising research and development expenditure

Prof. Hamidou Tamboura

Director, Fond pour la Recherche et l'Innovation pour le Développement (FONRID, Burkina Faso)
Establish and/or strengthen national agencies responsible for mobilizing the funding for agricultural research and development, Case of Burkina Faso

General discussion & questions

Participants

Recommandations

Participants/AU-SAFGRAD

Closing Remarks

Dr Elmekass Ahmed, Coordinator AU-SAFGRAD
African Union /Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture