

ALLIANCE CONCEPT - AN AFRICAN PERSPECTIVE

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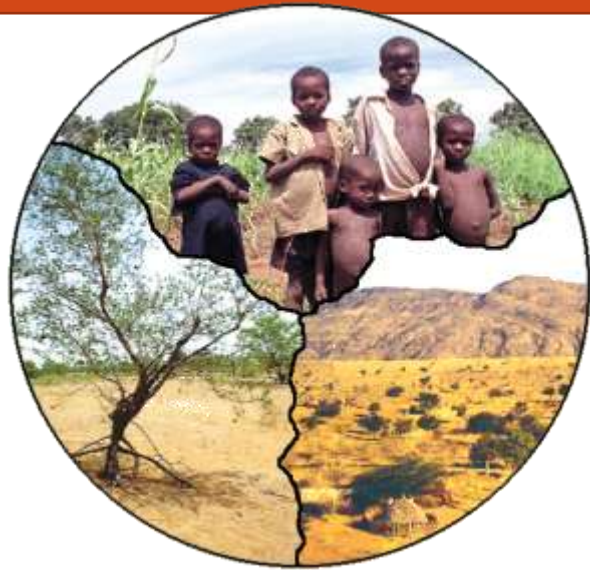
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THE COMPREHENSIVE AFRICA AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME



CAADP aims to help African countries reach a higher path of economic growth through agriculture-led development by bringing together diverse key players at all levels

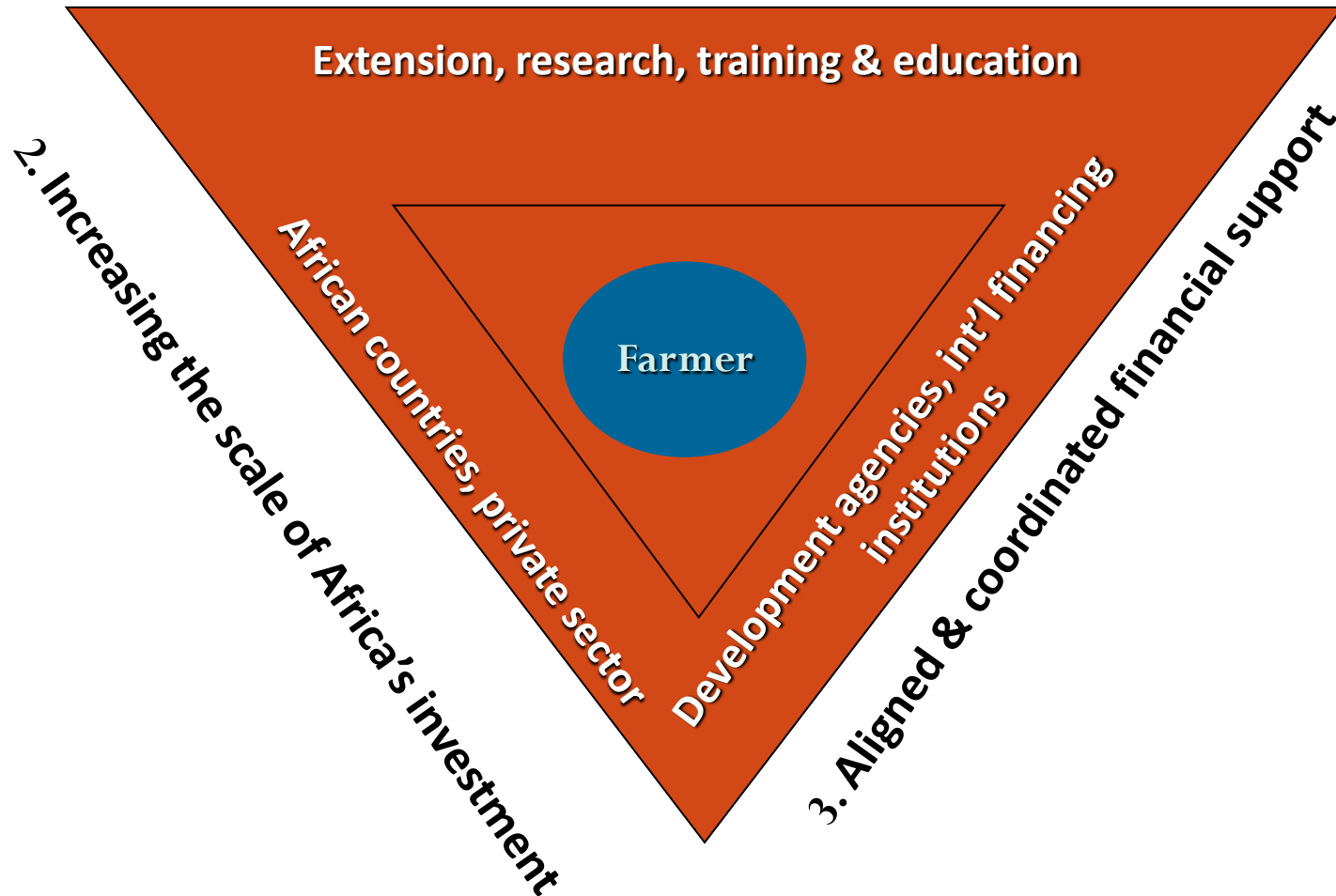
CAADP is calling for a Global Alliance by raising agricultural productivity by at least 6% per year and increasing public investment in agriculture to 10% of national budgets per year.



THE FRAMEWORK FOR AFRICA AGRICULTURE PRODUCTIVITY PROGRAMME

1. Evolution & reform of agricultural institutions & services

Extension, research, training & education



Impacts of FAAP Principles

- Alignment of FARA and SRO strategies to CAADP Pillar IV Objectives
- Development & Adoption of NIPA
- Impact on CORAF/WECARD
 - ▶ A clear Specific objective
 - ▶ Research priorities defined on a scientific and participatory basis
 - ▶ Coordination of investments and increased involvement of DP
 - ▶ Increase sustainable investment by States (WAAP)
 - ▶ Strengthening partnership with SP



EXPECTATIONS FROM ERA-ARD PARTNERSHIP

- **Development of facilities and mechanisms for a better coordination of programming European research for ARD among donors and the willingness of shared responsibility with Africa Institutions is highly valued**



- **Key factors of the successful workshop on Water Management**
 - ▶ participatory approach
 - ▶ balanced representation of the stakeholders
 - ▶ shared information on the main ongoing research initiatives on water management
 - ▶ identification of complementary research thematics

MAIN CONCERNS

● Weakness of ERA-ARD in building on past achievements (new projects are started), driving Africa in the endless pilot projects mode missing the true development of scientific cooperation between European and African Science teams

● Funding issues

- Top down funding mechanism
- New funding mechanism /structure despite of FAAP principles
- No enough transparency on the envelop for which calls for proposals were made

SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER ACTIONS

- Encourage ERA-ARD to capitalize on FAAP Principles
- More specifically:
 - Capitalize on existing networks and partnerships
 - Involve specific stakeholders especially farmer organisations and other rural stakeholders as well as the private sector
 - Adequation between project sizes and issues to resolve
 - Harmonize projects procedure

CONCLUSION

- The advent of CAADP and the adoption of FAAPP provide the framework for a better cooperation in ARD in Africa to boost the performance of Africa Agriculture
- African structures at different levels have appropriate mechanisms and structures to boost cooperation for ARD and the strengthening ARD partnership with the ERA-ARD
- Cooperation between ERA-ARD and Africa is beneficial and its success is based on the capitalization of existing mechanisms and structures