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**Capacity Development for Agricultural Innovation Systems – CDAIS**

Contributing to more efficient and sustainable agricultural innovation systems, by identifying challenges and solutions together with farmers, agri-business and consumers. Making agriculture more productive and sustainable, improving the livelihoods of smallholder farmers and helping to increase food security and fight rural poverty.

**To make an impact, the CDAIS partnership will**

- mobilize political support at global, regional and country level through the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Tropical Agriculture Platform (TAP)
- receive technical support from AGRINATURA members and FAO
- respond to demands from governments, and to the needs of stakeholders.

**Making capacity development work**

CDAIS is a global partnership to improve capacity development for agricultural innovation systems. Launched in 2015, the overall objective of CDAIS is to make agricultural innovation systems more efficient and sustainable, and meet the demands of farmers, agri-business and consumers. In its first year, the CDAIS partnership is to develop a vision for capacity development in agricultural innovation systems, based on needs identified by groups in each of the eight pilot countries. This will be used as a basis to develop tailored interventions, and for CDAIS to support informed policy formulation and future investments that can then be scaled out.

**At the national level**

The CDAIS partnership is working to identify the different players and the best ways to implement capacity development in each pilot country. Together with relevant government agencies, the vision will be developed and planned for action. This will be accompanied by policy dialogues, a marketplace as well as capacity development interventions for selected agricultural innovation partnerships and value chains. By the end of the project, the partnership will show how improving capacity in agricultural innovation systems can have significant impacts in the fight against rural poverty. Coupled with the efforts of national stakeholders and experts, the CDAIS partnership will help to ensure that future agricultural innovation systems are better able to improve the livelihoods of farmers, agricultural entrepreneurs and consumers across the world.

**At the global level**

CDAIS will strengthen the global mechanism launched by the G20 to facilitate capacity development in agricultural innovation in the tropics, called the Tropical Agriculture Platform. This includes the development of the so-called Common Framework on Capacity Development for Agricultural Innovation Systems. At the same time, CDAIS will promote, coordinate and evaluate capacity development approaches, including those developed in the pilot countries, to strengthen agricultural innovation, which in turn will feed back to the country level.

**Overview of CDAIS key events and activities**

- **Year 1**
  - **Global level**
    - TAP CD Expert Group Workshop
    - TAP Global Task Force Meeting
    - Global Policy Roundtable 1
    - Country Police Roundtable 1
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  - **Country level**
    - Inception Workshop
    - Need assessments & intervention plans
    - Scoping studies to identify stakeholders & innovation mechanisms
  - **Global policy roundtable 1**
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  - **Country Police Roundtable 1**
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  - **Country Police Roundtable 2**
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  - **Country Police Roundtable 2**
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  - **Annual meeting, planning workshops, consultations**
IMPLEMENTING ORGANIZATIONS

The CDAIS partnership is supported by the European Union, and is jointly implemented by AGRINATURA-EEIG and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

The project benefits from the complementary skills and experience of its partners, and mobilizes policy and technical support at global and country level through FAO, and benefits from technical support from AGRINATURA-EEIG.