

IMPROVING AGRICULTURE RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGY DISSEMINATION & ADOPTION

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Areas As Identified by COMESA

1. Promoting participatory agricultural extension.
2. Supporting agricultural Research and Technology dissemination (agricultural innovation system)
3. Enhancing agricultural training and education

General Discussion

- Participatory research is a component of agricultural research and technology dissemination (Agricultural Innovation System)
- COMESA to focus on adding value since some activities are better done at national level.
- COMESA to spearhead information sharing at regional level.
- COMESA has political leverage and capacity to reform agricultural system.

1. Are there any additional areas COMESA should look at under pillar IV ?

- **Enhancing partnerships mechanisms to link stakeholders in COMESA region.**
- **Examining the roles & responsibilities for implementation of pillar IV at all levels (continent, regional, sub region, and national)**
- **Facilitating improvement of policies and institutional innovations.**

2. Are there any additional regional partners for effective implementation of pillar IV?

- ASARECA
- East African Community
- East African Parliament
- RUFORUM
- Sub-Saharan Africa National Agricultural Advisory services
- Private sector (Along the Value chain)
- CMAAE (Collaborative MastersAgric/applied Econ.)
- Quality standards /control agencies including biosafety

Are there any additional early actions?

- IPR/regulatory frameworks to promote transfer of technologies/innovations within COMESA and other regions
- Improving technology regulation
- Enhancing the structure, conduct, and performance of institutions
- Working with partners on curricula at universities
- Promoting exchange programmes
- Harmonising of standards