

Knowledge Management & Communication System Initiative for the Africa-EU R&I Partnership on Food & Nutrition Security & Sustainable Agriculture

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KMCS INITIATIVE BACKGROUND

- **Africa-EU Roadmap on food & nutrition security & sustainable agriculture (FNSSA)** adopted in April during HLPD Bureau meeting;
- Recommendation to create a platform for **knowledge sharing** on **outputs, lessons learned, innovation & good practices** from research projects in FNSSA, to inform policymakers, i.e. AUC, EC & HLPD;
- Proposed platform should link different research initiatives, i.e. research community with private sector & policymakers;
- CN+ aims to produce a **Blueprint** on the creation of the KMCS Initiative, with inputs from the private sector, FNSSA experts, end-users, farmers, policymakers, and other actors (*see concept note for more information*).

OBJECTIVES OF KMCS INITIATIVE

- Highlight cases of existing FNSSA-related portals in Africa and Europe;
- **Identify the methodological/technical needs for a joint Africa-EU KMCS Initiative;**
- Identify good practice methods and principals for knowledge sharing for research uptake;
- **Identify communication gaps between existing portals and amongst actors of the FNSSA value chains;**
- Explore tangible long-term options for the implementation of a joint Africa-EU KMCS Initiative; and,
- **Identify feasibility of convening investors for a joint Africa–EU KMCS Initiative and hosting entities.**

OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP

- **To raise awareness on the KMCS Initiative and its role in the EU-Africa R&I Roadmap on FNSSA;**
- To facilitate discussions with tech-transfer officers on the KMCS Initiative;
- **To generate a better understanding of the needs of tech-transfer officers in the KMCS Initiative;**
- To identify potential mechanisms outlining the means through which tech-transfer officers and their networks can contribute towards the Africa-EU KMCS Initiative.

EXPECTED WORKSHOP OUTCOMES

- Uncover the conditions necessary for maximising dynamic and innovative partnerships to ensure the implementation of the Africa-EU KMCS Initiative;
- **Identify tangible means through which tech-transfer officers, private sector reps., non-state actors and government can partner to address key elements in the KMCS Initiative;**
- Exchange experiences and share ideas for involving tech-transfer officers in the KMCS Initiative;
- **Identify the gaps and challenges within the KMCS Initiative.**

EXISTING PORTALS – FNSSA & POLICY



Food and Agriculture
Organization of the
United Nations



Global Open Data for Agriculture and Nutrition



CORAF/WECARD



IFAD
INTERNATIONAL
FUND FOR
AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT



Open Agricultural Knowledge for Development



on Agricultural Research for Development
EFARD



Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa



The African Portal on Agriculture



The Global Forum on
Agricultural Research



Transforming Agriculture
for Improved Livelihoods



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SAMPLE QUESTIONS FROM KMCS SURVEY



1. Which channels of communication have you and the end users of your knowledge been using thus far [for FNSSA-related topics?
2. **How should issues on Intellectual Property and data sharing be addressed?**
3. What lessons are there in communicating knowledge?
4. **What information should be deposited on online platforms?**
5. What gaps/obstacles have you experienced in knowledge-sharing?

FINDINGS FROM STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS

- **Lack of information flow & connectedness on EU-Africa R&I activities;**
- Establishing a funding mechanisms for the KMCS Initiative portal and which institutions would be funding its development?;
- **KMCS Initiative should include both digital and non-digital forms of knowledge management, i.e. science journals, policy booklets, policy briefs, media releases, face-to-face meetings, emerging technologies within the area of FNSSA, as well as evidence-based science advice;**
- Functional strategy needed to link all relevant actors to each other;
- **Caution should be exercised to ensure ownership of IP remains within – or is shared with – the public sector. Patents/IP should not be compromised by private sector involvement.**

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- Lack of centralised information management & lack of open data protocols;
- **Need for data quality control and easy access, customisation of language and focus group-oriented data (to address the needs of respective stakeholders);**
- Functional and solid internet connections are a must;
- **How will the KMCS Initiative portal differ from existing portals and how concerns around Intellectual Property would be addressed?;**
- Open data vs. propriety data? (i.e. Intellectual Property Rights).
- **Communication strategy should extend to private sector/business industry = linking private sector with academia;**

1. Are you involved in portals or familiar with other portals relating to FNSSA?

2. How do tech-transfer officers locate themselves in the proposed KMCS Initiative?

3. What would your interests as a tech-transfer officer be in the KMCS Initiative and how would you benefit from such a portal?

4. Who is your target audience when communicating your knowledge?

5. Do you identify any gaps in the proposed KMCS Initiative?

6. Do you have any suggestions/contributions to make towards improving the KMCS Initiative?

Questions?

Thank you!



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