

1ST QUARTER NEWSLETTER



This is the first quarter edition of the Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development in Southern Africa (CCARDESA) newsletter.

It provides links to valuable new Knowledge Products on the CCARDESA website, and links to curated content, news, and events.

Dear Esteemed Readers,

I am pleased to present CCARDESA's first quarter newsletter for 2024, which showcases our remarkable achievements and engagements in agriculture across the SADC region for the past three months.

Our biggest accomplishment for this quarter was the "Regional Research to Extension (R2E) Training Workshop" which brought delegates from ten Southern African nations to fortify the bridge between agricultural research and extension.

In addition to this CCARDESA showcased technologies, Innovations, and Management Practices at the Inaugural African Conference on Agricultural Technologies in Kenya enabling us to learn from other continental agricultural research organizations whilst fostering new partnerships for development.

CCARDESA also hosted a Gender and Social Inclusion Validation policy meeting to address the issue of gender disparity in agriculture which the organisation believes has a central role in eradicating poverty and providing opportunities that can lead to food security and enhancement in agricultural research and development.

I hope that you will engage with and enjoy other features within this newsletter like Zambia Calls for Harmonization of Fishing Regulations, APPSA Makes Strides Towards Construction of Cassava Research Centre of Leadership in Angola, and Innovating Agriculture: ARC Roodeplaat Agro Processing facility developments.

I genuinely hope this newsletter enriches your understanding and meets your agricultural information needs.

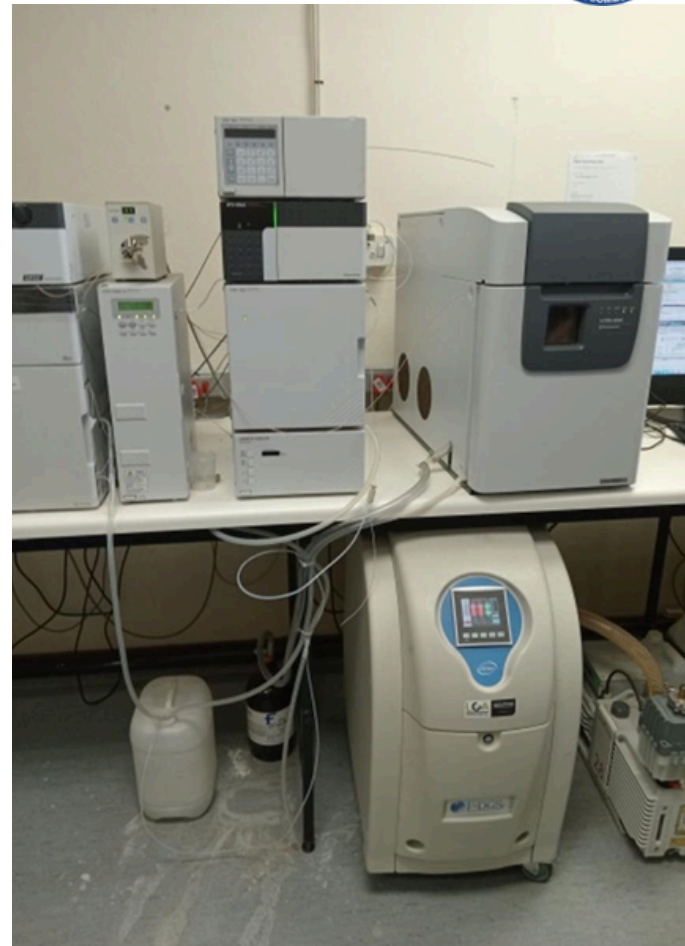
Warm regards,

Head of Mission
Executive Director
Professor Cliff Dlamini

CCARDESA Equips its Partners with Advanced Tools to Disseminate Research to Extension

The Regional Research to Extension (R2E) Training Workshop, an event spearheaded by the Center for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development for Southern Africa (CCARDESA), successfully concluded its four-day engagement in September 2023. Delegates from ten Southern African nations, including South Africa, Eswatini, Botswana, Mozambique, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and the Kingdom of Lesotho, gathered in Johannesburg to fortify the bridge between agricultural research and extension.

Read More On: [CCARDESA Equips its Partners with Advanced Tools to Disseminate Research to Extension | CCARDESA](#)



CCARDESA Showcases Technologies, Innovations and Management Practices at the Inaugural African Conference on Agricultural Technologies in Kenya

The Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development (CCARDESA) participated at the inaugural African Conference on Agricultural Technologies (ACAT) held from the 30th of October to the 3rd of November 2023, in Nairobi, Kenya. The conference, which was held under the theme, “Agricultural Resilience through Innovation”, brought together more than 500 delegates from Africa and beyond, including policymakers, industry leaders, representatives of farmers' organizations, women and youth, innovators, and researchers.

CCARDESA is the main technical wing of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) for agricultural research and development. Hence, the organization's participation at the ACAT was an opportunity to learn from other continental agricultural research organizations and forge new partnerships and collaborations, while promoting scientific knowledge sharing and exchange.

For More Information Visit:

<https://www.ccardesa.org/ccardesa-showcases-technologies-innovations-and-management-practices-inaugural-african-conference>



CCARDESA ADVOCATES FOR A GENDER-SENSITIVE APPROACH IN AGRICULTURE

Women, youth, and social inclusion are placed as key themes in the CCARDESA strategic and operational plans signifying the great importance that the organization attaches to these issues. As of 2018, the SADC region population stood at 345.2 million and had a GDP of US\$721.3 billion. Women form over half of the regional populace and contribute significantly to agriculture, yet face persistent gender inequalities. Despite providing most of the agricultural labor, women often receive substantially less income than men, with a rural wage gap reaching up to 60% in some areas. To further entrench the aspirations of this theme in its interventions, at a landmark event at the Grand Aria Hotel in Gaborone, Botswana, the Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development in Southern Africa (CCARDESA) held a critical Gender and Social Inclusion Validation policy meeting on November 20–21, 2023.

For more information: [CCARDESA Advocates for a Gender-sensitive Approach in Agriculture | CCARDESA](#)

APPSA Makes Strides Towards Construction of the Cassava RCoL in Angola



Construction of the Regional Center of Leadership (RCoL) on Cassava and Cassava-based farming systems under the Agricultural Productivity Programme for Southern Africa (APPSA) has effectively started in Malanje Province in the Republic of Angola. This was ascertained during the second leg of the World Bank Implementation Support Mission (ISM) to APPSA-Angola held from the 4th to the 9th of December 2023. The first leg was held from the 13th to the 17th of November in the Kingdom of Lesotho.

For More Information Visit: [APPSA Makes Strides Towards Construction of the Cassava RCoL in Angola | CCARDESA](#)

Zambia Calls for Harmonisation of Fishing Regulations

Undoubtedly, fish is like diminishing “gold” on the Lake Tanganyika. Lake Tanganyika is a water body shared among Zambia, Burundi, Tanzania, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. In Zambia, fisheries and aquaculture contribute less than 1% of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) despite water accounting for 20 % of the total body mass. To preserve the fish status, the Lake Tanganyika Authority was birthed to sustainably preserve the utilization of the resource. A convention on sustainable management on Lake Tanganyika was signed in 2003. This was further strengthened by the signing of a Regional Charter on sustainable fisheries management.

For more information: [Zambia Calls for Harmonization of Fishing Regulations | CCARDESA](#)



INNOVATING AGRICULTURE: ARC ROODEPLAAT AGRO- PROCESSING FACILITY

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For more information

Innovating Agriculture: ARC
Roodeplaat Agro-Processing
Facility | CCARDESA

In a remarkable initiative to bridge the gap between research and practical application, the Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development for Southern Africa (CCARDESA) recently organized a four-day Regional Information Communication Knowledge Management (ICKM) Workshop. Held from September 18-21, 2023, the event brought together ICKM Country Focal Persons from ten Southern African Development Community (SADC) nations, aiming to deepen their skills in producing Research to Extension (R2E) videos and mastering social media engagement within their respective institutions.



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ABOUT CCARDESA

CCARDESA was founded by SADC Member States to harmonize the implementation of Agricultural Research and Development in the SADC region. CCARDESA intends to address agricultural research following interventions

- Coordinating implementation of regional agricultural research and development programmes.
- Facilitating collaboration among stakeholders of the National Agricultural Research and Extension Systems.
- Promoting public-private partnerships in regional agricultural research and development.
- Improving agricultural technology generation, dissemination, and adoption in the region through collective efforts, training, and capacity building.

LATEST SAAIKS KNOWLEDGE HUB CONTENT

The following is a list of the most recent content added to the [SAAIKS KNOWLEDGE HUB](#)

- [World Bank Visits Young Seed Producers Incubated by IIAM in Nampula, Mozambique](#)
- [Lesotho's Department of Agricultural Research Trains Farmers on Seed Production](#)
- [6 Scientists from Angola and Lesotho Capacitated on DNA Extraction, Genotyping, and Analysis of Genotypic Data in Kenya](#)
- [CCARDESA Disseminates Crop Capability Prediction Models in Zambia](#)

