

# CCARDESA

Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development for Southern Africa



## 2nd Quarter Newsletter



# REMARKS

Dear Esteemed Readers,

I have the pleasure of extending a warm greeting to each of you as we begin the second quarter of 2024 in our newsletter.

This quarter marks the second half of impact, growth, and resilience within the year 2024. In this edition, we will showcase our remarkable achievements and engagements in agriculture across the SADC region for the past three months.

One of our most recent empowerment-driven activity is the women and youth symposium that involved knowledge sharing of successful case studies of agricultural enterprises and the deployment of innovative practices. The central aim of this event was to discuss ways of utilizing agriculture to generate economic growth and create Job Opportunities.

In addition to this, we will be featuring other news on the work that our partner organizations like IFAD, EU, World Bank, and others have been doing within the Southern Africa Region.

I hope that this newsletter will cater to your agricultural information needs.

Yours sincerely,

**Prof. Cliff Sibusiso Dlamini**

**Executive Director and Head of Mission**



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## CCARDESA Places the Limelight on Youth and Women in Agriculture

The economic growth of countries in the Southern African region is contending with several challenges, including the high unemployment rates, especially among the youth. This economic situation has been exacerbated by the impacts of COVID-19 and the ongoing global and regional conflicts. Recognizing the potential role of agriculture in contributing towards economic growth through job and business opportunities in its numerous value chains, the Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development for Southern Africa (CCARDESA) focused on empowering women and youth within this sector by capacitating them on how to take advantage of these untapped opportunities by learning from some of the successful enterprises from the regional countries.

Read more here:

<https://www.ccardesa.org/ccardesa-places-limelight-youth-and-women-agriculture>



# CCARDESA NEWS

Impact that CCARDESA is making within Southern African Communities

## CCARDESA Facilitates Workshop on Apiculture for Forest Ecosystems Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Livelihoods in Eswatini

EZULWINI, ESWATINI- A rich learning ground! This was the three-day "Apiculture for Forest Ecosystems Conservation, Restoration and Sustainable Livelihoods" workshop which was facilitated by the Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development for Southern Africa (CCARDESA) in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs of Eswatini. The workshop discussed pressing matters in beekeeping, forestry, climate change, economics, cultural values, conservation, gender equality, and other matters of same importance.

Read more here:

<https://www.ccardesa.org/ccardesa-facilitates-workshop-apiculture-forest-ecosystems-conservation-restoration-and-sustainable>



Impact that CCARDESA is making within Southern African Communities

## CCARDESA Wraps Up APPSA Backstopping Mission with Independent Reviewers

APPSA is a six-year World Bank funded initiative, currently implemented by Angola and Lesotho with regional coordination by CCARDESA. Angola is establishing a Regional Centre of Leadership in Cassava and Cassava-based farming systems whereas Lesotho is focusing in Horticulture and Horticulture-based farming systems. Both countries are collaborating in the implementation of 43 Research and Development (R&D) sub-projects whose results are expected to benefit the entire Southern Africa Development Community (SADC).

Read more on: <https://www.ccardesa.org/ccardesa-wraps-appsa-backstopping-mission-independent-reviewers>



## CCARDESA Engages in Transformative Foresight4Food Workshop in Dhaka

Impact that CCARDESA is making within Southern African Communities

The Centre for Coordination of Agriculture Research and Development for Southern Africa (CCARDESA), under its CAADP-XP4 Programme with support from the European Union, recently took part in the 4th Global Foresight4Food workshop from 3rd -7th June 2024, held in Dhaka, Bangladesh, themed "Reframing Food Futures: Making Foresight Transformative."

In his keynote speech, Jim Woodhill, lead of the Foresight4Food Initiative at Oxford University, addressed global challenges such as food insecurity, noting that a significant portion of the population is affected. He warned that poor diets could cost the global economy nearly 3% of its wealth annually by 2035. Woodhill emphasized the need for a collective commitment to using foresight methodologies to drive system changes that align with national and global priorities, fostering nutrition-resilient communities. He outlined the workshop's objectives as achieving a deep understanding of effective foresight approaches, methods, scenario analysis, and their application in transforming food systems. Read more here: <https://www.ccardesa.org/ccardesa-engages-transformative-foresight4food-workshop-dhaka>



## The Eswatini Coffee Revolution

In the heart of Eswatini, a landlocked kingdom known for its rich traditions and vibrant culture, an extraordinary agricultural revolution is taking root. This revolution is not just a story of seeds and soil, but a tale of one man's unwavering belief in the potential of his homeland. This man is Patrick Dupont, a Liswati who, in 2017, armed only with his personal savings and a relentless belief, embarked on a pioneering journey to transform the lush terrains of the eLwandle chiefdom. Under the modest expanse of 4.5 hectares, the seeds of the Eswatini Coffee Association (ECA) were sown, originally named the Eswatini Coffee Company Pty Ltd.

Read more on: <https://www.ccardesa.org/eswatini-coffee-revolution>



# COLLABORATIVE PROGRESS NEWS

Featuring progress being made within the agricultural sector through collaborative efforts

## Eswatini Advances Toward Fulfilling the Malabo Commitments

In the effort to bring individual Southern African Development Community (SADC) member states up to speed with the Malabo Declaration commitments, the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP-XP4) convened a pivotal Knowledge Management and Malabo Commitment Meeting from April 16-18, 2024, at Happy Valley, Ezulwini, Eswatini.

Read more here: <https://www.ccardesa.org/eswatini-advances-toward-fulfilling-malabo-commitments>





# COLLABORATIVE PROGRESS NEWS

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## Petauke extension officers receive training on improved methods of disseminating agricultural technologies through scientific animations

The Petauke district, in the Republic of Zambia, hosted the first training for agricultural extension officers on different delivery methods of improved technologies through scientific animated videos. The training was held on the 21st of June at the District Agricultural Office, facilitated by Purdue University through Scientific Animations Without Borders (SAWBO).

The Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development for Southern Africa (CCARDESA) and Purdue University through SAWBO, recently signed a Letter of Intent (LoI) to adopt scientific animated videos to fast-track dissemination of improved technologies across the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) region. Hence the SAWBO training in Petauke, was the first intervention and is expected to be scaled out across the region under the Food Systems Resilience Programme (FSRP).

Read more on: <https://www.ccardesa.org/petauke-extension-officers-receive-training-improved-methods-disseminating-agricultural-technologies>





# OTHER NEWS

Impact being generated by our Partner-Organisations

## CAADP-XP4 Consortium Hosts Side Event on Agroecology

As the global movement toward nature-based farming gains momentum, agroecology, and regenerative agriculture are emerging as viable solutions for boosting the productivity of African agriculture while preserving biodiversity. However, the urgency of the situation cannot be overstated. An FAO report revealed a startling fact: Africa loses 50 tons of soil per hectare annually, costing up to \$65 billion annually to counter the effects. The soil crisis has left 83% of agricultural land with fertility issues, endangering the continent's food security.

Read more here: <https://www.ccardesa.org/caadp-xp4-consortium-hosts-side-event-agroecology>



## CAADP-XP4 Supports Knowledge Management and Malabo Reporting Training Workshop in Zimbabwe

In a significant move to bolster agricultural knowledge management and reporting, CCARDESA, in partnership with FARA under the CAADP-XP4 Programme, recently hosted a transformative training workshop at the Manna Resort in Harare, Zimbabwe. This initiative, funded by the European Union, aimed to enhance the understanding and monitoring of the Malabo Commitments and to share Zimbabwe's performance results from the 4th Biennial Review (BR) with key stakeholders.

Read more here: <https://www.ccardesa.org/caadp-xp4-supports-knowledge-management-and-malabo-reporting-training-workshop-zimbabwe>

# OTHER NEWS

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## Botswana Pioneers Sustainable Apiculture with First Regional Symposium

Selebi Pikwe, Botswana – In a significant step towards supporting Botswana’s sustainable agriculture and economic diversification, the CAADP-XP4 Programme, with support from the European Union through IFAD, supported the Ministry of Agriculture in Botswana to host its first-ever Regional Apiculture Symposium at the Hotel Selibe. The event coincided with World Bee Day and aimed to strengthen the apiculture industry, highlighting its potential to bolster the country's economy and contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Read more here:

<https://www.ccardesa.org/botswana-pioneers-sustainable-apiculture-first-regional-symposium>



# OTHER NEWS

Impact being generated by our Partner-Organisations

## EU Funded Over \$ 10 Million in Agricultural Information Technology and Market Access for SADC Member States

Agriculture plays a crucial role in the economic development and food security of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region. However, the sector faces several challenges, including climate change, soil degradation, and limited access to markets, technology, and information.

Access to timely and accurate information is critical for enabling farmers and policymakers to make informed decisions that promote sustainable agriculture and food security.

For this reason, the European Union (EU), working with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations (UN), supported the SADC member states in implementing the SADC regional agriculture policy project known as Support Towards the Operationalization of SADC Region policy (STOSAR).

Read more here: <https://www.ccardesa.org/eu-funded-over-10-million-agricultural-information-technology-and-market-access-sadc-member-states>



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## New Training Facility to boost capacity for wildlife conservation in SADC Region

IUCN ESARO launched a new Training Facility for Wildlife Rangers and TFCA Managers at the KAZA Summit, aiming to enhance conservation efforts across the SADC region through the SADC TFCA Financing Facility.

IUCN (the International Union for Conservation of Nature) Eastern and Southern African Regional Office (ESARO) successfully launched the Training Facility for Wildlife Rangers and TFCA Managers. The event, held on the sidelines of the KAZA Summit, was officiated by Zambia's Minister of Tourism, Hon. Rodney Sikumba. Attendees included Ministers of Environment and Tourism, or their representatives, from Angola, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia, and Zimbabwe—the five KAZA TFCA Partner Countries. Senior officials from the SADC Secretariat, the German Government, KfW, and conservation organisations working in KAZA TFCA were also present.

Read more here: <https://tfcaportal.org/new-training-facility-boost-capacity-wildlife-conservation-sadc-region>



# OPPORTUNITIES

Exciting opportunities to pursue

## Request for expression of Interest for Individual consultancy opportunity

The Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development in Southern Africa (CCARDESA) invites expressions of interest for Fundraiser-Gaborone, Botswana.

More information about the opportunity here:

<https://www.ccardesa.org/assignment-title-re-advertisement-fundraiser-ccardesa-%E2%80%93-gaborone-botswana>



**Re-Advertisement  
Consultancy Opportunity**

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**INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION**

**DEADLINE: 9TH JULY 2024**

To apply follow the link below:

<https://www.ccardesa.org/assignment-title-re-advertisement-fundraiser-ccardesa-%E2%80%93-gaborone-botswana>

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# Conclusion



## 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

- <https://www.ccardesa.org/angola-and-lesotho-scientists-showcase-appsa-rd-sub-projects-africa-fertilizer-and-soil-health>
- <https://www.ccardesa.org/caadp-xp4-consortium-hosts-side-event-agroecology>
- <https://www.ccardesa.org/ccardesa-participates-continental-stakeholder-dialogue-shaping-future-agriculture-policy-africa>
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