

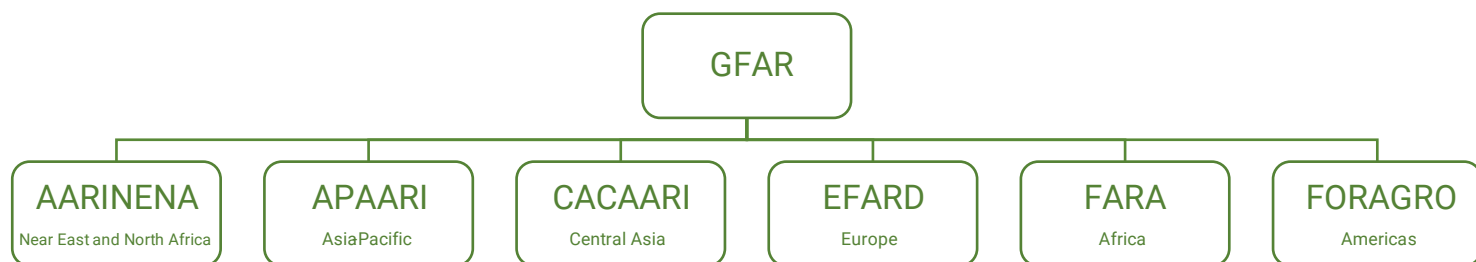
GFAR – The Global Forum for Agricultural Research and Innovation



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Who we are

GFAR is a unique global multi-stakeholder platform operating in the agricultural Research and Innovation (R&I) system and driven by 900+ Members from 13 constituencies. GFAR is the apex global forum of the regional fora (as shown in the diagram below), including thematic networks. This inclusive nature rooted in the regions brings to our dialogues and actions diverse interests, capacities, and perspectives, but with one focus: agricultural R&I that recognizes small-scale producers as key global actors and co-innovators.



What we do and how we work

Agriculture and food systems impact on most aspects of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), yet agri-food R&I systems have limited and usually isolated success in impacting the livelihoods of men and women in resource-poor rural communities around the world. GFAR responds to such a call for change in approaches to agricultural R&I by ensuring small-scale producers are empowered as co-innovators and R&I systems become more inclusive, leaving no one behind.

This will contribute to the long-term impact of strengthening agri-food and innovation systems towards achieving SDGs (mainly SDG 2 – Zero Hunger and SDG 17 – Partnerships for the Goals but also SDG 1 – No Poverty, SDG 13 – Climate Action, and SDG 15 – Life on Land).



Impact

More inclusive, transparent, accountable, efficient and resilient agri-food systems towards achieving the SDGs

Outcomes

1. Strengthened and more inter-connected systems aligned on pro-poor priorities
2. More inclusive governance of R&I systems enabling participation of marginalized actors
3. Small Scale Producers (SSP) empowered for the transformation of agri-food R&I systems
4. Mutual accountability and collective learning

Outputs

In order to achieve its objectives, GFAR facilitates and delivers **Partnerships Principles, Collective Actions** with Small Scale Producers at the center, participatory **knowledge and learning hubs**, inclusive dialogues, mapping of the R&I ecosystem actors, Participatory MEL (Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning) systems, and the GFAR Memberships Platform and Governance.

What others say about us

An External Review of GFAR commissioned by resource partners in 2018 concluded that: *“GFAR provides a much-needed global complement to the many efforts being made in the world today that focus on driving technological innovation. This is the message the review team received over and over again from the large majority of GFAR members who insisted, if GFAR didn’t exist they would create it.”*

GFAR’s co-facilitating Agency IFAD states: *“By investing in GFAR, IFAD is investing in a vehicle that enables globally and locally smallholder farmers to have a direct influence on the policies and strategic orientation of research and innovation systems as a whole through smallholder participation in local, regional and global research policy dialogue. In that sense, investment in GFAR should be the most important strategic contribution IFAD can make to the global public research agenda”*