Strengthening Foresight Capacity For Rural Development: Collective Actions By Regional Fora

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Outline

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• Achievements to-date
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What we want to achieve

- Promote the emergence of local foresight capacities in our regions to make better decisions concerning research, policies and investments in relation to food, agriculture and rural development taking advantage of a cross-regional initiative
- Support the development of foresight capabilities in the regions at individual and organizational level in all countries
- Promote platforms for young professionals in the regions that acknowledge their abilities to engage in foresight and allow them to participate in policy making processes at the highest level
- Operationalize foresight in the regions by stimulating, catalysing, encouraging and enabling foresight studies that are led and executed by local teams
What have we done so far

• Proposed a five-step common approach to enhancing foresight capacities

With whom?

• Doers/Facilitators:
  AARINENA
  CACAARI
  FARA

• Technical support: GFAR Secretariat
What we have done so far

- Established the core principles of the “regional foresight academies” (by FARA and adopted by CACAARI and AARINENA)
- Raised awareness about foresight through dedicated events (FARA, CACAARI, AARINENA)
- Regional chapter of the foresight academy (symbolically launched by FARA; agreement to establish a chapter by CACAARI)
- Foresight mainstreamed in regional strategies (Foresight is one of the three pillars of FARA’s MTOP 2014 – 2018; CACARRI mid-term plan establishing a regional foresight platform; AARINENA concept note on including foresight in AARINENA strategy)
- Engaged with regional partners (FARA partnered with the Foresight for Development Platform and constituted a Regional Agricultural Foresight Advisory Committee; regional consultations including foresight by CACAARI)
What we want to achieve through GCARD3

• An inter-regional operational partnership for joint coordinated activities supporting the emergence of regional foresight capacities

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Who could be our partners

• Regional Fora: FARA, AARINENA & CACAARI
• Regional-based foresight initiatives (e.g. Foresight for Development Platform)
• Regional thinkthanks in agriculture and rural development
• National agricultural research and education centres
• International research centres
• Regional and global policy organisations