

DRAFT PROGRAMME – Sequence of activities

Monday 29 July	
09.00-11.45	Projects Fair
11.45 -13.30	Roundtable 1 (1h45) The contribution of research to agricultural innovation
13.30-14.30	Lunch
14.30-17.00	Workshop: Research Piloting new innovations – 1h30 mn
18.00	SPAC Cocktail

Tuesday 30 July	
08.30-10.00	SPAC Activities
10.00-10.30	Coffee break
10.30-12.00	Thematic Workshop 2 (1h30) Research “at the service” of innovation communities
12.00-13.30	Thematic Workshop 3 (1h30) Technological innovation, organizational innovation, creation and dissemination of knowledge
13.30-14.30	Lunch
14.30-16.30	Roundtable 2 – Innovations for sustainable agriculture and food systems

Wednesday 31 July	
08.00-10.30	Roundtable 3 – Research and knowledge informing policies and strategies
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break
11.00-13.30	SPAC Closing
	Optional DeSIRA Activity

Detail and articulation of workshops and round tables

Workshop concept: exchange of experiences, lessons and reflections from the implementation of DeSIRA projects.

Objectives: observe and measure the modalities and achievements of research participation in DeSIRA projects in terms of project formation and strategies, interaction with partners and beneficiaries, advances for research and development; provide useful lessons for projects, their organizations, donors; detect implicit synergies that may contribute to or form the basis of regional strategies.

Modalities

<p>Presentations 45mn</p>	<p>After an introduction to the topic, a series of presentations are organized in the form of 9-minute "flashes" on a specific aspect of the project, with supporting slides. The goal is to offer participants a rich but simplified picture of the diversity of research contributions, so that they can debate the issues on the Panel.</p> <p>During the presentations Post-it notes are distributed on which everyone, from their seats, can write a question while they listen. Facilitators collect the post-it notes at the end of each session and stick them on posters to the side.</p>
<p>Question recap 5mn</p>	<p>At the end of the presentations, there is a 5 minute break in which the facilitators consult and add notes by topic to incorporate them into the Panel.</p>
<p>Discussion panel 45mn</p>	<p>Based on the questions and reactions of the room recorded in the post-it notes, a discussion is organized between presenters and the room, each of the presenters is also offered to react on their respective presentations, given that each project shares some characteristics with others.</p>

Concept of round tables: discussions between stakeholders on topics that cut across the DeSIRA initiative that could benefit from and scale the results and impacts of DeSIRA.

Objectives: put into perspective the innovation trajectories of DeSIRA projects in regional contexts, invite interested parties to the themes and results, present their interests and agendas and how the achievements of the projects can feed or reorient their strategies, determine the conditions to continue existing trajectories, in particular through alliances between parties at the level of support for innovators, research and training and policy.

Modalities

<p>Presentations 50mn</p>	<p>After an introduction to the topic, fed by the conclusions of the workshops in order to frame the presentations and discussions in the field of the innovation trajectories of the projects, some interested parties present their position on the matter and their vision of how they could benefit and continue the progress made through the projects in terms of resources, strategies, interactions, alliances and policies in order to strengthen the Agricultural Innovation System in its capacity to provide favorable conditions for innovation, consolidate results and eliminate risks of setback.</p> <p>During the presentations Post-it notes are distributed on which everyone, from their seats, can write a question while they listen. Facilitators collect the post-it notes at the end of each session and stick them on posters to the side.</p>
<p>Question recap 5mn</p>	<p>At the end of the presentations, there is a 5 minute break in which the facilitators consult and add notes by topic to incorporate them into the discussion.</p>
<p>Discussion 35mn</p>	<p>Based on the questions and reactions of the room recorded in the post-it notes, a discussion is organized between presenters and the room, each of the presenters is also offered to react on their respective presentations, suggest and develop scenarios for future presentations. Steps.</p>

Project Fair

The principle of the Projects Fair is to provoke meetings, to de-silo and foster mutual recognition and identification of similarities across projects. This is achieved with a blend of rapid presentations (5 mn speed-dating-like pitches) and a display of posters, leaflets and possibly one short video, illustrating the objectives, achievements and lessons learnt by each project.

The purpose is to trigger reflections and discussions and identify outcome trajectories that will then be structured and refined through the workshops to sketch possible futures and regional strategies.

In the project fair

- Each project has a stand/table where its objectives, achievements, lessons learnt, and perspectives are displayed.
- Participants move from one table to the other, and each project gives a presentation.
- The option of a few stands/tables for other projects with similar objectives can be envisaged.

Project	Presenter
Climate smart Malawi	Akinwale Moses Gbenga, International Potato Center (CIP)
CSARIDE	Mr Kahsay Negash - Project manager
WATDEV	Dr Moses Odeke, ASARECA
REFARM	Aderito da Cunha, researcher DAGRI-UNIFI
TRANSITIONS	Degefie Tlbebe, PSII country lead - Alliance Bioversity & CIAT
PROSILIENCE	Linos Xanthopoulos, GIZ + PELUM
LIP-ZIM	Sikhalaso Dube – Project Manager
ICSI APL	Julius Rono, SNV
WOMEN COFFEE CLIMATE	Mekdes Shiferaw Ethiopian institute for Agricultural Research
YAYU COFFEE	Bekele Haile, HRNS
SIRGE	Adrofeni Cosmas Aria, ACTED
FORI TZ 8	Joe Kataka – WE Effect – Damian Sulumo - MVIWAARUSHA
FORI TZ 9	Kastory Timbula - Tanzania Tree Growers Associations Union (TTGAU)
DARE	Truphena.E Mukuna, Executive Director OSSSREA
AGROFORESTRY RWANDA	Rutebuka Jules – IUCN
CDI Rwanda	Thomas Ameny, Project Manager
WE4F	
LCS-IS	
ESSA	Kiflemariam Belatchew – Project manager.
ECOFODDSYSTEMS	Charles Spillane – Project Director
LEG4DEV	Angharad Johnston – U Galway
RAIZ	Mashoko Grey – Manager
TAP AIS Rwanda	Damien Shumbusha, FAO
TAP AIS Eritrea	Seyoum Haile, FAO
TAP AIS Malawi	Alfred Tsitsi, FAO
ROBUST COFFEE UGANDA	

Workshops

Thematic Workshop 1 (1h45) The contribution of research to agricultural innovation: piloting new solutions	Day 1 14.30-16.30
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The role of research in the generation of new solutions: piloting, facilitating, driving

This workshop opens the discussion on the role of research in DeSIRA projects, presenting three modalities in which research, together with other actors, is deployed outside the conventional approach of research that knows and contributes vertically towards new roles and approaches to contribute to and support innovation, as part of the discussion may include the articulation between knowledge and practice.

Presentations- 55mn (14.30-15.25)

Presentations	Who presents	Timing
Introduction to the session	Facilitator	3 min
Keynote Diversity of research and innovation strategies in DeSIRA, challenges encountered and introduction to next sessions.	Kastory Timbula - Tanzania Tree Growers Associations Union (TTGAU) Resilient, productive and sustainable agroecological food systems through farmer-led innovation and research	12 min
Climate-resilient integrated technological innovations	CLIMATE SMART MALAWI - Akinwale Moses Gbenga , International Potato Center(CIP)	10 min
Legume-based agroecological intensification technologies/ practices-gender focus	LEG4DEV – Angharad Johnston – University of Galway	10 min
Dairy value chain/in farm research Climate Smart Agriculture Research and Innovation Support for Dairy Value Chains in Eritrea	CSARIDE - Mr Kahsay Negash , MoA (IB) and Eritrean Women Agribusiness Association (EWAA)	10 min
Living Labs for agroecological intensification	RAIZ – Mashoko Grey – University of Zimbabwe	10 min

Discussion panel- 45mn (15.30-16.15)

Workshops

Thematic Workshop 2 (1h30) Research “at the service” of innovation communities	Day 2 10.30-12.00
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Role of research in setting up or strengthening innovation communities

This workshop continues the discussion on the role of research in DeSIRA projects. It presents three ways in which research, together with other actors, enables the creation or supports the strengthening of innovation communities and contributes to their insertion in the agricultural innovation system (AIS), and focuses on the situations and conditions in which research adapts its mode of interaction with these communities by modulating its inputs according to needs.

Presentations- 45mn (10.30-11.15)

Presentations	Who presents	Timing
Introduction to the session	Facilitator	3 min
Keynote Diversity of research and innovation strategies in DeSIRA, challenges encountered and introduction to next sessions.	Damian Sulumo – MVIWAARUSHA - FORI Tanzania Enhancing women’s participation to improve the productivity and profitability of value chains. Lessons learnt and perspectives from of the sunflower VC in Arusha Tanzania	12 min
Improved forage production/livestock husbandry, building on market driven climate smart innovations and sustainable landscape management	ICSI APL – Juluis Rono, project Manager, SNV	10 min
Agroecological innovations/climate resilience	REFARM – Aderito da Cunha, researcher DAGRI-UNIFI	10 min
research-oriented and climate-relevant landscape management systems in the Yayu Biosphere reserve	YAYU Coffee – Bekele Haile, project manager Hans R Neumann Stiftung	10 min

Discussion panel- 40mn (11.20 - 12.00)

Workshops

Thematic Workshop 3 (1h30) Technological innovation, organizational innovation, creation and dissemination of knowledge	Day 2 12.00-13.30
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Traditional knowledge, producer-driven innovation, role of research, multi-stakeholder arrangements

This workshop illustrates and discusses the differences and complementarities between technological innovations, organisational innovations, the weight of traditional knowledge in producer-driven innovations and how research manages to navigate these various dimensions and contribute to the co-creation of new knowledge, in particular through multi-stakeholder mechanisms.

Presentations- 45mn (12.00 - 12.45)

Presentations	Who presents	Timing
Introduction to the session	Facilitator	3 min
Keynote Diversity of research and innovation strategies in DeSIRA, challenges encountered and introduction to next sessions.	Marlene Roefs – DeSIRA-LIFT Multi-actor mechanisms.	12 min
Agroecological transitions, by comprehensive metrics to measure the performance of food and agricultural systems, inclusive digital tools, and private sector participation.	TRANSITIONS - Degefie Tibebe , PSII country lead - Alliance Bioversity & CIAT	10 min
Technologies for reduction GHG emissions and environmental impacts in beef industry	SIRGE - Adrofeni Cosmas Aria – ACTED Uganda	10 min
Strategies for soil protection, rehabilitation of degraded soil at farm and agroecosystem level	PROSILIENCE – Julia Doldt + PELUM	10 min

Discussion panel- 40mn (12.50 - 13.30)

Roundtables

Roundtable 1 (1h45) The contribution of research to agricultural innovation	Day 1 11.45-13.30
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Topics

DeSIRA has a specific assumption that articulating research with agricultural innovation will generate potentially different, deeper and longer outcomes, with higher ownership from local and regional actors and stakeholders. These outcomes range from behavioural changes at the level of innovation, and often farming, communities as well as at the level of the innovation support provides and the broader Agricultural Innovation System (AIS). This rippling effect requires that organizations who have a mandate to work towards agricultural innovation and who link research to innovation on a regular basis, own the results of DeSIRA and are able to digest them and reinject them in their own strategies. This roundtable is meant so have the views of prominent research and extension organisations in the region in the process of agricultural innovation, what their role has been and how they can make use of the results of DeSIRA, to the implementation of which most of them have been associated.

Presentations- 65mn (11.45-12.50)

Presentations	Who presents	Timing
Introduction to the session	Facilitator	3 min
Keynote Diversity of research and innovation strategies in DeSIRA, challenges encountered and introduction to next sessions.	XXX Models of research contribution to innovation processes	12 min
Agricultural research and innovation in Africa	Aggrey Agumya – FARA	10 min
Building regional strategies for research and extension	Futhi Magagula - CCARDESA	10 min
	ASARECA	10 min
	Lilian Lihasi - AFAAS	10 min
Women led agricultural innovations in Africa	Karen Munoko – CAADP-XP4 gender study	10 min

Discussion panel- 40mn (12.50 - 13.30)

Roundtables

Roundtable 2 (1h30) Innovations for sustainable agriculture and food systems	Day 2 1600-1730
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Topics

DeSIRA projects are part of broader agendas (fight against climate change, preservation of biodiversity, SDGs, Food Systems Agenda) to which they seek to contribute by combining the actions of multiple actors: researchers, producers, rural communities, governments, etc.... These actions are often fed by previously initiated processes (research, public policies, organisation of producers and territories) to which DeSIRA innovations bring new stages. This round table proposes to identify which are innovation trajectories in which the projects are inserted, what have been their achievements and how they can generate impacts at the level of agricultural and food systems. It also proposes to identify who would be the parties likely to take ownership of these results and under what conditions they could continue and expand them.

Presentations- 65mn (16.00 - 17.055)

Presentations	Who presents	Timing
Introduction to the session	Facilitator	3 min
Keynote Diversity of research and innovation strategies in DeSIRA, challenges encountered and introduction to next sessions.	Million Belay – IPES FOOD or Charles Tumuhe From agriculture to food consumption, the many steps, challenges and opportunities of food systems	12 min
Soils	Martin Oulu / Linos Xanthopoulos – GIZ	10 min
Water and energy	Moses Odeke - ASARECA	10 min
Agroecological transition	Climate Smart Malawi – National partner Kesbell Kaswela Eston Kaonga - Maize Breeder & Acting National Research Coordinator for Cereals	10 min
Agroforestry	Agroforestry Rwanda partners - Valens UWIZEYIMANA – Enabel & Ministry of Environment /Rwanda	10 min
Livestock	Sikhalaso Dube – ILRI - LIP-Zim	10 min

Discussion panel- 25mn (1705-1730) (can be extended based on interest)

Roundtables

Roundtable 3 (2h30) Research and knowledge informing policies and strategies	Day 3 08.00-10.30
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Topics

This roundtable proposes to review existing strategies and policies in terms of the broad objectives of the DeSIRA initiative, and the extent to which they shape an enabling environment for the agricultural innovation system in the countries of the region. This rapid review seeks to identify policies that support agricultural innovation and how the role of R&D research is defined in these policies. It looks at the articulation between science and policy, in particular at the capacity of science to provide data and analysis to provide objective elements to decision-makers, while contributing to their better understanding and assessment of problems and workable solutions to solve them. It will look at how, through regional organisations in particular, coordination and scale effects can be sought and fostered.

Specifically, it will review the developments provided by the DeSIRA projects and analyse how these developments resonate with existing policies and can be a source of information to confirm or invalidate the relevance of such policies and how to adjust them for greater effectiveness. It will also emphasise that small-scale advances can only have an impact if they are replicated and systematized through public policy.

Presentations- 75mn (08.00-09.20)

Presentations	Who presents	Timing
Introduction to the session	Facilitator	3 min
Keynote Diversity of research and innovation strategies in DeSIRA, challenges encountered and introduction to next sessions.	Boru Douthwaite - DeSIRA-LIFT expert How and how much DeSIRA projects inform policy agendas.	12 min
TAP and AIS transformation	FAO / TAP Dr Selvaraju Selvasamy – FAO Rome	10 min
Nutrition	DARE - Meseret Assegid - GAIN	10 min
Private sector incentives for agricultural innovation	TRANSITIONS - Degefie Tibebe , PSII country lead - Alliance Bioversity & CIAT	10 min
Short break		5 min
Building regional strategies for agricultural innovation	Domingos Zefanias Gove , Director, Food Agriculture and Natural Resources, SADC Secretariat Seyoum Haile , FAO Eritrea Alfred Tsitsi , FAO Malawi	20 min
CAADP and other relevant African wide policies for Agroecological transition and food systems	Owole Fatunbi - FARA	10 min

Discussion panel- 50mn (09.20-10.30)