



A Long term EU- Africa research and innovation Partnership  
on food and nutrition security and sustainable Agriculture



## **Concept Note & Agenda**

# **LEAP-Agri Project's Kick-Off**

Meeting of ERA-Net LEAP-Agri Funded Projects

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## 1. Background

The ERA-NET Cofund LEAP-Agri (2016-2021) is a partnership between partners from 18 European and African countries and the European Commission aimed at research and innovation on food and nutrition security as well as sustainable agriculture, including aquaculture. The partnership, coordinated by Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR), France is built on a European Commission's instrument called ERA-NET Co-fund financed by Ministries/agencies from these countries with additional finances from the European Commission in support of the EU-Africa High Level Policy Dialogue on Science, Technology and Innovation (STI)<sup>1</sup>. The LEAP-Agri main objectives are:

- The preparation and implementation of a joint call for proposals for collaborative R&I projects between European and African partners which will contribute to the coordination and increase of joint activities between R&I institutions, and their programmes across European Union Member States, Associated countries and African countries. 27 collaborative European African projects have been selected for funding by the 24 LEAP-Agri funding agencies, based on an international Independent Review panel evaluation and ranking..
- The undertaking of other activities, in particular: the identification and test of innovative instruments for alignment and collaboration in research, innovation, capacity strengthening and infrastructure development; the communication and dissemination of results emerging from LEAP-Agri activities; the definition of a joint Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda in the Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture domain; and the consultation and liaison with relevant stakeholder communities, including research, the private sector, civil-society organisations and governments in Europe and Africa.

## 2. Aim of the LEAP-Agri Projects' kick off meeting

The main objective of the Seminar is to to have a platform in which will build and strengthen the LEAP-Agri community in order to have a common focus while implementing the overall LEAP-Agri project objectives.

In that respect, the aims of the of the LEAP-Agri Project's kick off meeting are:

- To present and discuss the broader context and partners of the LEAP-Agri programme
- To create synergy between the projects and connection with LEAP-Agri as a programme.
- To support the networking and collaboration
- process of the projects along three clusters (1) Sustainable intensification, 2) Agriculture and food systems for nutrition 3) Expansion and improvement of agricultural markets and trade)
- To inform about and discuss the M&E, especially for enhancing impact for the projects and the clusters
- To discuss how to achieve common impact as a programme on EU-Africa Food and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture and Aquaculture
- To share information about the 27 research projects including their respective theories of change and impact pathways co-funded by ERA-Net LEAP-Agri;

## 3. Seminar expected outcomes

- To enhance the inclusion and participation of the individual LEAP-Agri supported the projects' consortium partners into the LEAP-Agri AU-EU multistakeholders network community on FNSSA
- To create synergies between all the LEAP-Agri projects towards improving the impact of R&I collaborations in food systems

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.rinea.org/en/1084.php>



## 4. Seminar Structure

The expected participants are:

- The 30 ERA-Net Co-fund LEAP-Agri partners (Group of Funding Parties),
- The 27 funded LEAP-Agri projects' coordinators and consortium representatives , between 2-4 per project are expected and
- AU & EC representatives as delegates and members of the EU AU HLPD FNSSA Bureau.

During the registration, a badger will be given to each project partner. On the top right of each badger a round colour stick will be there in accordance to the project main topic (*three colours will be needed*).

### Day 1 : Individual Project presentations and Project Clusters working session

Registration Follow up for late coming participants.

After a morning plenary short session to inform the participants about the broader picture of the LEAP-Agri process, the project representatives will present their projects in a pitch session. In the afternoon, the projects will work in three cluster workshops towards a common understanding of the clusters. The clusters will then present and discuss their results back in the plenary.

After closing day 1 and before the social events organised by CIHEAM, the poster exhibition of the projects will be opened in a poster area that will remain open on the next day as well. The participants will be free to hold with the various project coordinators and/or representatives for the entire period.

### Day 2 : LEAP-Agri M&E and Impact Pathway; LEAP-Agri in the AU EU cooperation

In the morning, the importance of the LEAP Agri M&E and Impact Pathway for reaching impact beyond the project level will be presented. This includes a common LEAP-Agri Pathway, which relates to the projects as well as other initiatives to feed into the High Level Policy Dialogue and the national policies of the related countries. Before the lunch break, the participants will work on: 1: how to enhance the impact of the research at programme level, 2: synergy with other initiatives. With these aspects, the groups will build a common LEAP-Agri Impact Pathway.

A plenary presentation of the IPs by each session is followed by a discussion about enhancing the impact of the research and synergy with other initiatives.

Presentations in the afternoon will relate to the EU AU HLPD priorities: FNSSA and renewable energy, followed by a panel discussion focusing on FNSSA.

Please find on the following pages, the agenda of the Kick-Off-Meeting of the ERA-Net LEAP-Agri funded Projects.



# LEAP-Agri Project's Kick-Off

Tuesday, 9 October 2018 | Day 1: LEAP-Agri Project's Kick-Off

Time	Item	Facilitator/Presenter
8:30 - 9:00	<b>Registration</b>	
9:00 - 9:30	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CIHEAM-Bari</li> </ul>	<i>Mr Maurizio Raeli   CIHEAM-Bari</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs</li> </ul>	<i>Mr Roberto Colaminé</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>AU-EU HLPD FNSSA Bureau – Road Map and Expectations</li> </ul>	<i>Mr Dr Mahama Ouedraogo   AUC tbc</i> <i>Mr Hans-Joerg Lutzeyer   EC</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LEAP-Agri in brief</li> </ul>	<i>Mr Eric Mwangi   MoEST</i> <i>Mr Bernard Mallet   ANR</i>
9:30 - 10:10	<b>The LEAP-Projects M&amp;E</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The role of M&amp;E in LEAP-Agri and beyond in general</li> </ul>	<i>Ms Maria Maia   FCT, Portugal</i>
10:10 - 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theory of Change and the Impact Pathway in Projects</li> </ul>	<i>Ms Cora Govers   NWO</i>
10:30-10:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation of the Ethic board</li> </ul>	<i>Ms Olivier Le Gall, Ethic board chairperson</i>
10:40 - 11:00	Q&A   Discussion	<i>Ms Maria Maia &amp; Mr Eric Mwangi   MoEST, Kenya</i>
11:00 - 11:30	<b>Tea &amp; Coffee Break</b>	
11:30 - 13:30	<b>Pitch Session</b>	
	<b>2-Minute pitches per project</b> In groups of 5/6 projects plus discussions	<i>Ms Cora Govers   NWO, The Netherlands</i>
13:30 - 14:30	<b>Lunch</b>	
14:30 - 14:45	<b>Introduction to Cluster approach</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Idea behind the cluster approach</li> <li>Assignment of projects to clusters</li> <li>Q&amp;A</li> </ul>	<i>Mr Tarek El-Arabi   MHESR, Egypt</i> <i>Mr Yann Moreau   IRD, France</i>
14:45 - 16:00	<b>Cluster Workshops</b>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustainable intensification</li> <li>Agriculture and food systems for nutrition</li> <li>Expansion and improvement of agricultural markets and trade</li> </ol>	<i>Mr Tarek El-Arabi   MHESR, Egypt</i> <i>Mr Yann Moreau   IRD, France</i> <i>3-4 facilitators per subgroup</i>
16:00 - 16:15	<b>Tea &amp; Coffee Break</b>	
16:15 - 17:00	<b>Cluster Presentations and Discussion</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feedback of results from the three workshop groups</li> <li>Discussion</li> </ul>	<i>Mr Tarek El-Arabi   MHESR, Egypt</i> <i>Mr Yann Moreau   IRD, France</i>
17:00 - 18:00	<b>Close of the workshop &amp; Opening of the Poster Exhibition</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opening of the poster exhibition</li> <li>Free space for individual discussion in the poster area</li> </ul>	<i>Mr Bernard Mallet   ANR, France</i> <i>Mr Eric Mwangi   MoEST, Kenya</i>
18:00 - 19:00		
19:00	<b>Social Dinner at CIHEAM</b>	



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8:30 - 9:00	<b>Registration</b>	
9:00 - 9:10	<b>Welcome Address</b>	
9:10 - 9:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CIHEAM-Bari</li> </ul>	<i>Mr Maurizio Raeli   CIHEAM-Bari</i>
9:10 - 9:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LEAP-Agri</li> </ul>	<i>Mr Bernard Mallet &amp; Eric Mwangi</i>
9:10 - 9:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary on day 1</li> </ul>	<i>Ms Cora Govers   NWO</i>
9:30 - 10:00	<b>M&amp;E in LEAP-Agri to enhance impact</b>	
10:00 - 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Impact Pathway and Theory of Change</li> </ul>	<i>Ms Cora Govers   NWO</i>
10:00 - 10:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M&amp;E concept LEAP-Agri</li> </ul>	<i>Ms Maria Maia   FCT, Portugal</i>
10:10 - 10:20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mid-Term &amp; Final Reports</li> </ul>	<i>Mr Stefan A. Haffner   DLR-PT, Germany</i>
10:20 - 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q&amp;A</li> </ul>	<i>Ms Maria Maia   FCT, Portugal</i>
10:30 - 10:45	<b>Tea &amp; Coffee Break</b>	
10:45 - 11:00	<b>LEAP-Agri and the EU AU FNSSA cooperation</b>	
11:00 - 11:00	Climate-relevant innovation through research in agriculture in Africa. - DeSIRA (DEVCO)	<i>Mr Christophe Larose   EC DG Devco</i>
11:00 - 13:10	<b>Cluster Working Groups (with stakeholders) – LEAP-Agri Impact Pathway</b>	
13:10 - 14:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion in cluster groups on joint LEAP-Agri Impact Pathway</li> <li>• Stakeholders join groups</li> </ul>	<i>Ms Cora Govers   NWO</i> <i>Mr Tarek El-Arabi   MHESR, Egypt</i>
13:10 - 14:30	<b>Lunch &amp; Visiting the Poster Exhibition</b>	
14:30 - 15:45	<b>Plenary discussion on LEAP-Agri joint Impact Pathway</b>	
15:45 - 15:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plenary session – together with stakeholders – on how to create and increase impact of the LEAP-Agri programme</li> <li>• Feedback from group discussions in the morning</li> <li>• Next steps towards a joint LEAP-Agri programme Impact Pathway</li> </ul>	<i>Ms Cora Govers   NWO</i> <i>Mr Tarek El-Arabi   MHESR, Egypt</i>
15:45 - 16:00	<b>Tea &amp; Coffee Break</b>	
16:00 - 16:15	<b>LEAP-Agri and the global EU AU cooperation on STI</b>	
16:15 - 16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Africa focused topics EC SFS « Sustainable intensification » and CSA support to EU AU HLPD FNSSA</li> </ul>	<i>Mrs Agnieszka Romanowicz   EC DG Agri</i>
16:30 - 16:40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EC SFS “Food systems” challenges and 2019 call</li> </ul>	<i>Mr Hans Joerg Lutzeyer   EC DG Research</i>
16:40 - 16:50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A vision for future collaboration: Programme &amp; Innovation Management Cycles (PIMCs) in a Africa-Europe Knowledge Management and Communication Framework (KMCF)</li> </ul>	<i>Mr Stefan A. Haffner   DLR-PT, Germany</i>
16:50 - 17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PRE-LEAP-RE – Renewable Energies in the context of AU-EU HLPD</li> </ul>	<i>Ms Candice Boudet   CEA &amp; ANR, France</i>
17:00 - 17:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proposal “FACCE-JPI/Belmont Forum/LEAP-Agri”</li> </ul>	<i>Mr Maurice Héral   ANR, France</i>
17:15 - 18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LEAP-Agri additional activities, Feeding the future : Collaboration with FNSSA related projects (CSA support to HLPD, 2019 ERA-Net Cofund Call)</li> </ul>	<i>Mr Henning Knipschild   BLE, Germany   Mr Hamidou Tamboura   FONRID, Burkina Faso</i>
18:00 - 18:15	<b>Panel and plenary Discussion</b>	
18:15 - 18:15	<b>Towards EU AU Impact on Food and Nutrition Security</b>	
18:15 - 18:15	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr Hans-Joerg Lutzeyer   EC DG Research</li> <li>2. Mrs Soukèye Dia Tine   MERS, Sénégal</li> <li>3. Mr George Essegbey   CSIR, Ghana</li> <li>4. Mrs Brigitte Decadt   BELSPO, Belgium</li> <li>5. Mr Hamidou Tamboura   FONRID, Burkina Faso</li> <li>6. Mr Philippe Petithuguenin   CIRAD, France</li> <li>7. Mrs Agnieszka Romanowicz   EC DG Agri</li> <li>8. Mr Roberto Colaminé   Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs</li> </ol>	<i>Mr Maurice Héral   ANR, France</i>
18:00 - 18:15	<b>Close</b>	
18:15 - 18:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop Follow up and take-home conclusions</li> <li>• Meeting closure</li> </ul>	<i>Mr Bernard Mallet   ANR, France &amp; Mr Eric Mwangi   MoEST, Kenya</i> <i>Maroun El Moujabber   CIHEAM</i>
19:00	<b>Cultural Visit of Bari's downtown &amp; Networking Cocktail</b>	

