



## INVITATION TO JOIN THE ASARECA CLIMATE SMART AGRICULTURE ALLIANCE

### About the ASARECA CSA Alliance

#### 1. About the ACSAA

The ASARECA Climate Smart Agriculture Alliance (ACSAA) is a multistakeholder platform that brings together agricultural scientists, agro-meteorologists, climate change experts, private sector players, farmers, extension workers and policy makers. It was formed in 2021 to enhance coordination of the scattered CSA activities within the ECA sub-region with the goal of improving farmer resilience & livelihoods in the face of climate change and variability.

#### 2. Goal

Improved farmer resilience & livelihoods in the face of climate change and variability

#### 3. Mission

To enhance coordination of CSA programs within the ECA sub-region

#### 4. Objectives

These are:

- i) To increase adoption of CSA approaches to the benefit of farmers
- ii) To coordinate joint CSA initiatives/projects in ECA
- iii) To facilitate exchange of climate-relevant Knowledge, Information and TIMPs across the region
- iv) To develop strategies and mobilize resources to address emerging AR4D issues
- v) To establish and strengthen capacity of national CSA platforms

#### 5. Key functions/ activities of ACSAA

CSA activities of the ACSAA are currently financed by the European Union (EU) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) through the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme CAADP ex-pillar IV (CAADP-XP4) project as part of the grant awarded to ASARECA, AFAAS, CCARDESA, FARA and CORAF.

Activities of the ACSAA are handled within the five thematic groups

- i) Resource Mobilization
- ii) Awareness creation, Data & Knowledge Management
- iii) Multistakeholder Partnership
- iv) Policy & advocacy
- v) Technology & Innovation

#### 6. ACSAA leadership

The ACSAA currently has 14 steering committee members from 14 National Agriculture Research Institutes (NARIs) in 14 ASARECA countries: Burundi, Cameroon, Central

African Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, and Uganda. The coordinator and chairperson/patron are ASARECA staff while the current vice chairperson is a staff of RAB, Rwanda.

#### **6. Who can be a member of ACSAA?**

Individuals from any of the following categories of institutions are eligible for membership and are welcome to join the ASARECA Climate-Smart Agriculture Alliance by filling out this form <https://forms.gle/TXTTCM9aTNwfv8diP9>.

- i)** Government (Ministries of Agriculture, Natural Resource Management, Environment, Water, Energy, Climate)
- ii)** Meteorological organizations or Authorities
- iii)** Research Institutions (Agro-Forestry, NARIs, CGIAR centers)
- iv)** Education institutions (Universities, Colleges, Schools)
- v)** Private sector companies or associations (eg seed companies)
- vi)** Farmer organizations or groups
- vii)** NGOs, CBOs, civil society organizations
- viii)** High level policy makers incl. Parliamentary groups on Climate Change, RECs)
- ix)** UN organizations (FAO, WMO, WFP, UNFCCC)
- x)** Any person interested in receiving climate smart agriculture news for the 14 countries

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