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Editorial

Lessons learned

The funding from the European Commission of the PAEPARD project and platform which started in 2007 will come to close at the end of 2017. It is thus time to draw lessons on what was achieved.

This first number of a serie of 3-monthly newsletters intends exactly to do this: highlight major achievements while not shying away from drawbacks.

The core partners of PAEPARD will have the opportunity to express in this bulletin what they see as the major results of PAEPARD from the perspective of their organisation, whether this is a regional farmer organisation, a research institute or an actor from the private sector or a non-governmental organisation.

This first edition takes a closer look on PAEPARD's policy work related to aflatoxin.

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ACTIVITIES

Advocacy on aflatoxin

PAEPARD produced in **October 2015** a policy paper on the role of multi-stakeholder partnerships between Africa and Europe exemplified by the issue of aflatoxin contamination of food and feed. In **January 2016** Round Table of aflatoxin experts was organised in Brussels. The purpose of this a Round Table of aflatoxin experts meeting was to provide new perspectives, share experiences and highlight potential solutions to the contamination of food and feed with aflatoxins that are re-emerging today in Europe but since decades have been threatening livelihoods and productivity growth in Africa and many other low-income countries throughout the world.

Latest news

15-20 August 2016 : A field visit in Kenya was organised by the East African Farmers Federation in collaboration with the Max Rubner Institut (Germany) for German aflatoxin experts. [More](#)

25-26 August 2016 : Meeting in Brussels USAID - DG Research and DG Health. [See presentation.](#)



The recent agenda of PAEPARD

26 July 2016 : PAEPARD Soja project receives Ministerial attention. Meeting with Dr. Delphin KOUDANDE, Minister of Agriculture, Animal husbandry and Fishery of Benin. [Read more](#)

12 - 14 July 2016 : CSA and a consortium of farmer organisations from the Great Lakes Region have organised a [workshop](#) on access to seeds.

11 - 15 July (Entebbe) and 18 - 22 July 2016 (Accra) : PAEPARD organised two regional write-shops for the AUC Research Grants open call. [Read more](#)

The PAEPARD project

- > **The agricultural innovation platform that implements a multi-stakeholder approach.** Since 2010, PAEPARD stimulates multi-stakeholder partnerships between Africa and Europe
- > **Competitive Funds.** Strengthen the stakeholder capacity to elaborate and get funded their proposals. Convert concept notes into research proposals and sustainable fund sourcing. 21 project proposals funded since 2010.
- > **UsersLedProcess.** Analysis of the needs and priorities of the professionals. 5 ULPs. 19 consortia. 17 African and 9 European countries involved.
- > **Incentive Funds.** Translation into research question and identification of funding opportunities. 55 concept notes and proposals drafted. 20 Agricultural Innovation Facilitators trained.
- > **Strategy of communication and advocacy, capacity strengthening.** Identification of the needs in communication and capacity or strengthening and sustaining the partnerships. 6 700 followers under PAEPARD-Dgroups/ abonnés au Dgroups Paepard





What's up?

12th African Dairy Conference and Exhibition will be held in Kigali, Rwanda in August 31- 2 September 2016

African Green Revolution Forum (AGRF 2016) will be held in Nairobi from 5 to 9 September 2016

International Phytosanitary Conference, Nairobi 12-16 September 2016

Tropentag 2016 will take place at the University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences (BOKU Vienna), Vienna, Austria, from 18 to 21 September.

7th GFRAS Annual Meeting: from 3 to 6 October in Cameroon.

FARA Africa Agri-Business Incubator Network From 3 to 6 October in Accra

Launch DG/RTD Strategy for Food and Nutrition Security Brussels 12-13 October

RUFORUM Biennial Conference From 17 to 21 October in Cape Town, South Africa

True story

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After a long explanation on aflatoxin contamination by an expert the farmer asks the expert: "So, how can I help you with YOUR problem?"
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HIGHLIGHT

Debating on research priorities related to aflatoxin

During the month of September PAEPARD will organise an online debate with some 300 experts or actors which are implementing research and development activities related to aflatoxin. The International Institute for Tropical Agriculture (IITA) and the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (icipe) have been invited by PAEPARD to suggest innovative fundamental and applied research for the mitigation of aflatoxin contamination. This will be announced in September on the PAEPARD Dgroups.

Recent observations from [icipe](#) indicate significantly reduced attack of maize by ear rots and mycotoxins with the push-pull technology, implying potential contribution of the technology to food safety.

The Aflasafe products of IITA are ready to be manufactured and distributed to farmers at scale.



There are presently further research needs for aflatoxin biocontrol using atoxigenic genotypes of *Aspergillus flavus*.

Opportunities and publications

Policy Brief n°2

Facilitating innovation in agricultural research for development: Brokerage as the vital link. This policy note of PAEPARD of March 2016 lists some lessons learned on brokerage. It's the forerunner to a more detailed study which will be published in November 2016: *Brokerage: from assumptions to reality.* [Read more](#)

How to Design and Facilitate Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships

2016. 188p. [This guide](#) has been written for those directly involved in MSPs – as a stakeholder, leader, facilitator or funder.

Six farmer training videos on fruit fly management

Agro-Insight produced a series of 6 farmer training [videos](#) on fruit fly management, which will be of great relevance to all those involved in developing fruit value chains across Africa.

A strategic approach to EU agricultural research & innovation.

July 2016. [40 pages](#).

Innovative approaches to process local food in Sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia.

BMEL launched a call for proposals. Deadline 1st of December 2016. [Read more](#)

Our partners



The Platform for Africa-Europe Partnership in Agricultural Research for Development (PAEPARD) is a 8-year project sponsored by the European Commission (80%) and partners' own contribution (20%). It is coordinated by the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) since December 2009, and extended until end of 2017. It aims at building joint African-European multi-stakeholder partnerships in agricultural research for development (ARD) contributing to achieving the Millennium Development Goals. On the European side, the partners are **AGRINATURA** (The European Alliance on Agriculture Knowledge for Development, coordinating the European partners), **COLEACP** (representing the private sector), **CSA** (representing the NGOs), **ICRA**, specialized in capacity building in ARD, and the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA). On the African side and in addition to FARA, the partners are the Pan-African Farmers Organization (PAFO), the Regional Universities Forum for Capacity Building in Agriculture (RUFORUM) based in Kampala, and the Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN) based in Pretoria. PAFO involves its members that are the Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF) based in Nairobi, the Réseaux des Organisations Paysannes et des Producteurs d'Afrique de l'Ouest (ROPPA) based in Ouagadougou, and the Plate-forme Régionale des Organisations Paysannes d'Afrique Centrale (PROPAC) based in Yaoundé. The Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions (SACAU) is an associate partner of PAEPARD.

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