



# PAEPARD



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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 a close at the end of 2017. We continue to draw lessons on what was achieved.

This third in a series of 3-monthly newsletters is focusing on the PAEPARD Users' led process around 5 themes:

- (a) Extensive livestock value chains in Eastern Africa with specific focus on Kenya and Uganda ;
- (b) Urban horticulture crops value chain with specific focus on Cameroon, Congo and Democratic Republic of Congo ;
- (c) Rice value chain in Benin, Burkina Faso and Mali ;
- (d) Groundnut value chain in Zambia and Malawi ;
- (e) Adding value to mango non-food uses in Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast and Senegal.

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## ACTIVITIES

### The 'users' led process'

Mid 2011, some PAEPARD non-research partners criticized the brokerage mechanism and suggested a multi-stakeholder partnership (MSP) process which would allow greater ownership from the end-users of research (farmer organisations, non-governmental organisations and agribusiness. PAEPARD formulated a new brokerage strategy known as the 'users' led process' (ULP)

The ULP was not really new. During the internal and multi-stakeholders' consultations organized at the start of the PAEPARD project (2010-2011) the 'research users' (especially the Regional Farmers' Organisations) wanted to lead the process to make sure that partnerships created are responding to their real needs. After months of consultation, EAFF, PROPAC, ROPPA, FANRPAN and COLEACP came with regional research priorities from the perspective of regional farmers' organisations (see editorial). Most ULPs have used PAEPARD support to initiate (e.g. PROPAC), finalize (EAFF and ROPPA), or strengthen (FANRPAN) a formal framework for a sustainable farmer organization research dialogue.

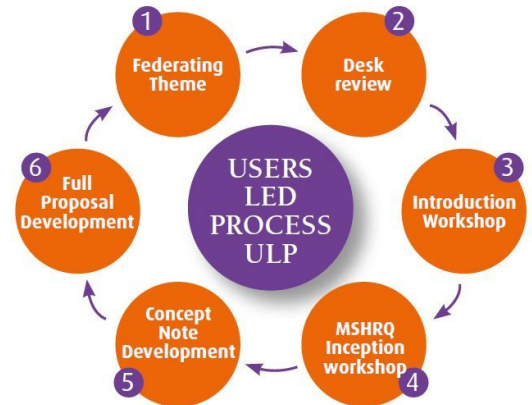


Figure 1. The User's Led Process steps (Mugabe J., 2012).

## Recent activities of PAEPARD

**27 November – 3 December 2016.** Tchamba, Togo. Three researchers from Embrapa hortaliças (Brazil): visited the "Local seeds value chain promotion: farmers led breeding and distribution of green pepper and red pepper varieties". [Read more](#)

**9 January 2016.** Sojagnon (a PAEPARD supported consortium) in Partnership with the Soybean Innovation Lab (SIL) held a webinar entitled "Hygienic Practices for Food Safety in Small and Medium Sized Businesses." [Read more](#) and welcomed [the visit of the Marketing and Consumer Behaviour Group of Wageningen University and Research \(19-24 February 2017\)](#)

## 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.
- > **Users'LedProcess.** Analysis of the needs and priorities of the professionals. 5 ULPs. 19 consortia. 17 African and 9 European countries involved.
- > **Incentive Fund.** Translation of a development issue into a 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. 7 600 followers under PAEPARD-Dgroups/ abonnés au Dgroups Paepard





## What's up?

**GFAR/TAP/CDAIS/PAEPARD webinar**  
"Agents of Change in Capacity Development for Agricultural Innovation: The Value of Facilitators"  
1st of March.

**PROIntensAfrica final seminar**  
Addis Ababa  
13 - 15 March.

**Global forum for innovations in agriculture**  
Abu Dhabi, 20 - 21 March

**1st All Africa Post Harvest Congress**  
Nairobi, 28 - 31 March.

**Forum for the Future of Agriculture 2017**  
Brussels, 28 March

**Global forum for innovations in agriculture - Europe**  
Utrecht, 9 - 10 May

**European Development Days**  
Brussels, 7 - 8 June

## HIGHLIGHT

### PAEPARD Users' Led Process. Assessing European stakeholders Engagement & Role and derive lessons

In 2016, PAEPARD launched a study on the ULP. Since its adoption, we are now beginning to see tangible results. For example, the consortium led by FANRPAN has developed and tested postharvest practices with farmers that have the **potential to reduce aflatoxin** contamination. Although the ULP has been validated by stakeholders especially non-research actors, the engagement of European stakeholders is rather low. Our study has revealed that only 17% of stakeholders is European. Nevertheless, African stakeholders have attested to improvements in the level of trust and knowledge exchange between European and African partners.

This demonstrates that there are changing attitudes – including among researchers – towards the innovation capacities of farmers and the private sector (food processors, etc.). Funding is a key incentive to the engagement of (European) actors. In fact, we observe that European partners are motivated to join a MSP when a call for proposals is launched by donors. 30% indicated funding as the major constraint to African/European Research and Innovation partnerships. To maintain and build on lessons from the ULP, innovative and diverse funding, dispersed in a timely manner, is therefore essential.

## Publications of the Users' led process

**Revue documentaire sur la filière maraichère** au Cameroun, Congo Brazzaville et en République démocratique du Congo. Sylvie Christel MBOG, juin 2012, 52 pages

**Atelier de renforcement de la collaboration et de concertation entre les organisations paysannes et la recherche agricole en Afrique central**, Douala, du 04 au 06 août 2015, 37 pages

**Revue documentaire sur la thématique du Riz en Afrique de l'ouest** dans le cadre du projet PAEPARD. Selome Yawovi DOGBE & CIRAD, décembre 2012, 128 pages

**FANRPAN Groundnut Malawi MSRQW**. FANRPAN, Lilongwe Workshop Report\_Zero Draft, 24 -26 April 2013, 40 pages

**Mieux connaître les exploitations familiales et leurs transformations** : bilan des activités de l'observatoire du ROPPA et échanges sur les partenariats entre op, recherche et état. Rapport de l'atelier international organisé du 24 au 26 juin 2015 à Dakar par le CNCR, le ROPPA et le CSA, 33 pages.

**Eastern Africa Livestock Strategy**, AFID & Dr. Jean Ndikumana, August 2012, 75 pages

**Rapport régional consolidé : Valorisation non alimentaire des mangues**, Laurent GLIN, février 2013, 46 pages

**Atelier Régional du PAEPARD/Coleacp Sur La Valorisation Non-Alimentaire Des Mangues En Afrique De L'ouest**, Dakar, 11 - 14 mars 2013, 38 pages

" The rising of net food imports (expecting to grow from US\$ 35bn in 2015 to over US\$ 110bn by 2025) are indicative for a broader opportunity to transform agriculture construed as a business. The scale of imports demonstrates that demand exists."  
2016 African Development Bank Group

## 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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