AARINENA's Role in Research, Networking and Innovation

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AARINENA stands for

Association of the **A**griculture **R**esearch **I**nstitutions in **N**ear **E**ast and **N**orth **A**frica

AARINENA Sub-Regions

AARINENA Vision

AARINENA aspires to be the hub for NENA agricultural stakeholders who strive to jointly strengthen and transform agricultural research and innovation to effectively address challenges and realize together a sustainable, inclusive and prosperous future for the region

AARINENA Mission

As a unique network of representative multi-sector partners, AARINENA promotes and facilitates the development of state-of-the-art transformational solutions that enable NENA agricultural research and innovation systems to address more effectively critical and pressing agricultural and innovation challenges.

AARINENA Mission

In this respect, AARINENA focuses on:

- **Mobilizing dialogue, knowledge exchange and partnerships over collective actions;**

- **Empowering rural women, youth and small holder farmers;**

- **Impacting policies, and strengthening capacities of NENA agricultural and innovation systems.**

AARINENA Networks

Biotechnology

Date Palm

Medical & Herbal Plants

Olive

Plant Genetic Resources

Water Use Efficiency

Extension (Honeybees & Agribusiness)

AARINENA Strategy
2019-2030

AARINENA Action Plan 2019-2024

AARINENA Goals

Goal 1:

Establish AARINENA as a global knowledge platform to facilitate, mobilize and coordinate multilateral exchange and dissemination of actionable specific and transversal knowledge among stakeholders at south-south and south-north levels

Objectives of Goal 1 :

1
- Develop mechanisms to promote the production of quality agricultural research and publications

2
- Establish a knowledge platform, mobilize partners' participation and input into the platform, create a data base of experts to map and integrate available regional knowledge, and share and disseminate scientific breakthroughs

3
- Promote mechanisms that support the development of institutionalized open agricultural research and innovation systems

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Goal 2:

Support and enhance multi-stakeholder partnerships over collective dialogues and actions, aiming at collectively building up open systems of agricultural research and innovation that are more effective in finding innovative and applicable solutions

Objectives of Goal 2 :

1 Mobilize existing and new networks and sub networks of partners in the form of innovation platforms towards working together on regional priorities

2 Support the development of partners' national and sub-regional strategies that promote and implement agreed upon AARINENA principles and approaches

3 Encourage major partnerships at the regional and sub-regional levels that fundraise collectively for the purpose of producing required technologically mature research deliverables to the partners in the region; this is towards promoting the development of a special fund with partners for research and innovation projects that respond to regional or sub-regional research strategies

4 Disseminate models of open systems for R & I and of effective research/ private sector partnerships, and mobilize their scaling out

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Goal 3:

Facilitate and coordinate education and capacity strengthening of various partners to enable them to communicate and interact effectively within agricultural research and innovation open systems. This will include promoting the transformation of higher education and research, and reforming research and innovation organizations and their governances in alignment with the goal of developing efficient open systems and in accordance with agreed upon AARINENA mission and goals.

Objectives of Goal 3 :

1
- Promote jointly with higher education regional organizations and relevant stakeholders an agreed model of transforming higher education to produce the comprehensive graduate who is capable of meeting present and future challenges of agriculture in the NENA region

2
- Facilitate the offering of capacity development programs to diverse partners focusing on areas of relevance to the strategy especially on the development and management of open agricultural systems for R & I.

3
- Support organizational review and reform of partners' organizations to adapt to new challenges

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Goal 4:

Contribute to advancing rural women, youth and small holder farmers along the agricultural value chains through promoting collective actions among open agricultural R&I systems that prepare these targeted populations for employment and entrepreneurial opportunities in order to improve their income, enable them to impact relevant policies, and make rural areas attractive to them.

Objectives of Goal 4 :

1
- Promote mechanisms, schemes and best practices that support the progress of rural women and youth along the value chains and their inclusion in R&I open systems, move young agricultural professionals up the career ladder and ensure their engagement in their organizations and environments

2
- Support and promote the sharing of and scaling out of best practices that target the empowerment of rural women and youth through multiple approaches across the region

3
- Support national partners in developing formal channels with policy makers and ensure continued visibility and communication of AARINENA principles and news through these channels

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Goal 5:

Strengthen the architecture of AARINENA to enable the fora to perform and realize its reviewed mission, goals and expected outcomes &impact.

Objectives of Goal 5 :

1
- Ensure that the organizational structure and governance of AARINENA is fit for the implementation of its new mission and expected outcomes

2
- Institutionalize AARINENA's new direction through documenting it in pertinent strategies including AARINENA's Strategy 2019-2030, AARINENA's Communication Strategy and AARINENA's Partnership Strategy and Mechanisms together with guidelines and mechanisms for fund-raising and donor relations

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