



# Information and Knowledge Brokering in CCARDESA



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# CCARDESA and its functions

Implementation of  
regional  
R&D programmes

Facilitate  
collaboration

Public - Private  
partnerships

Technology  
generation,  
dissemination  
and adoption

**Vision** | A prosperous, food secure Southern Africa region with vibrant rural livelihoods

**Mission** | To promote innovative research, technology generation and adoption for sustainable agricultural development through effective partnership and capacity building



# CCARDESA Focus Areas

**Farmer  
Empowerment  
and  
Market Access**

**Technology  
Generation  
and Farmer  
demand-  
driven  
Advisory  
Services  
Research**

**Knowledge,  
Information  
and  
Communication**

**Institutional  
Development  
and  
Capacity  
Building**

**Regional Info Knowledge Broker**



# SADC Adaptation to Climate Change in Southern Africa (ACCRA)

A

Regional knowledge dissemination on climate smart agriculture

B

Climate proofing of agricultural value chains



# Regional knowledge dissemination on climate smart agriculture

- Creation and/or strengthening of the **CCARDESA knowledge management system** – online platform for all 15 SADC countries, access free of charge, possibility for all MS to up- and download information
- **Disseminate knowledge products** on climate relevant topics in agriculture
- **Develop user friendly knowledge products on:**
  - Climate smart **best practices** and technologies for agricultural production systems in SADC
  - **Climate information** for agricultural production (in collaboration with institutions from the climate sector)



# Knowledge platforms

CCARDESA Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research & Development for Southern Africa  
Centre De Coordination De La Recherche Et Du Développement Agricole De L'Afrique Australe  
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Non-governmental organization (NGO) in Gabon, Botswana  
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Jawaharlal Nehru everything can wait but #Agriculture cannot wait #ccardesaGA

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# Southern African Agricultural Information and Knowledge System (SAAIKS)

- Developed by people for people
- Focuses on knowledge products (399 products shared to date)
- Driven by a team of focal people and volunteers
- How can one take part??  
“Volunteer to be a knowledge contributor”



# WHY SAAIKS?

- The region hungers for quality information (*who is doing what, where, best practices etc*)
- Information gathering dust on shelves and not shared
- One stop shop for the regional knowledge products (Not statistics)
- Harnessing the power of numbers and willingness to share
- If we don't have we at least show you were it is



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**Climate Smart Agriculture and Gender**  
 This resource is a presentation on Climate Smart Agriculture and Gender by Luis Waldmüller, during SADC Climate



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 Presentation on Climate - Smart Agriculture by L. Waldmüller of GIZ



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**Role of Livestock in Smallholder Adaptation and Climate Smart Agriculture**  
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### The importance of post-harvest management

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 Author : Namibia  
 Date Issued : 2015  
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Agriculture is one of the sectors affected adversely by climate change. Attaining food security and development goals at both household and national levels requires deployment of efficient and sustainable food production practices. Furthermore, the fragile soil structure and the low nutrient composition in most parts of the country make farmers more vulnerable. The common farming practices by the majority of farmers in Namibia are characterized by extensive soil disturbance through ploughing, low use of agricultural inputs, and overexploitation of fragile lands. Inappropriate agricultural practices and poor soil management have resulted in soil erosion, land degradation, loss of vegetation cover, and consequently into low agricultural production. These land management practices can cause degradation leading to a decrease in soil organic matter. Thus, to mitigate these impacts, there is a need for promoting sustainable farming interventions such as Conservation Agriculture (CA) in the country.

This video in the external link was composed by a number of partners in addressing the effect of Climate Change and sensitise Conservation Agriculture.

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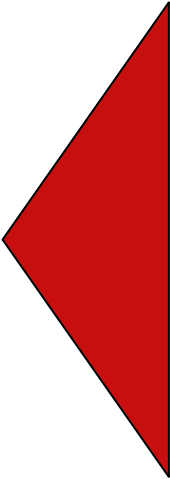
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# Contributors in Botswana

- Dr Neslon Tselaesele: Botswana University of Agriculture and Natural Resources
- Mr Moreri Moesi: Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security
- **You??**



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# Questions

1. What do the following acronyms stand for?

- CCARDESA
- ACCRA
- GIZ
- SAAIKS

2. Name one CCARDESA ICKM focal person for Botswana

3. Give one reason why SAAIKS had to focus on knowledge products

4. Give me one point which you think SAAIKS has to improve on.

