

## About CCARDESA

Established in 2011, CCARDESA's mandate is to coordinate the implementation of agricultural research and development (AR&D) in the SADC Region.

### GOALS

CCARDESA's goal is to contribute towards sustainably reducing the food insecurity and poverty in the region as pronounced in SADC's Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan.

### MISSION

CCARDESA's mission is to promote innovative research, technology generation and adoption for sustainable agricultural development through effective partnership and capacity development.

### OBJECTIVES

CCARDESA's broad objectives are:

- » To promote coordination and collaboration among National Agricultural Research Systems and Farmer Organisations through national, regional and international cooperation;
- » To facilitate the exchange of information and technology among agricultural AR&D institutions;
- » To promote partnerships in the SADC region between public, private, civil society and international organisations in agricultural AR&D;
- » To improve agricultural technology generation, dissemination and adoption in the region through collective efforts, training and capacity building; and
- » To mobilise human, financial and technological resources to implement demand-driven regional AR&D activities that will contribute to the strengthening of national-level institutions, research institutions and individuals.

## GIZ-ACCRA Programme

The SADC-GIZ Adaptation to Climate Change in Rural Areas in Southern Africa (ACCRA) programme supports the development of the CCARDESA ICKM system to become a regional knowledge hub on climate change adaptation in agriculture and climate smart agriculture. This support is funded by the Federal German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).



## How You Can Benefit or Participate:

- » Visit the ICKM system and benefit from free downloads, participate in discussion fora and get in touch with other experts in the region.
- » Contribute actively through sharing information and your knowledge products via SAAIKS.
- » Encourage partners to share knowledge and learn through the ICKM system or directly help maintain and feed SAAIKS.
- » Follow CCARDESA on Facebook for recent news and upcoming events, as well as pertinent information regarding the organisation.
- » Sign up for the CCARDESA quarterly newsletter by entering your email at the bottom of any web page when visiting [www.ccardesa.org](http://www.ccardesa.org)

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REGIONAL INFORMATION,  
COMMUNICATION AND  
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## Knowledge, Information and Communication: Thematic Focal Area

CCARDESA aspires to be a regional knowledge hub that facilitates the sharing of agricultural information and research across the SADC region. Thus, CCARDESA has incorporated knowledge, information and communication as one of the key Thematic Focal Areas of the organisation.

CCARDESA undertakes programmes and projects that promote knowledge generation, knowledge management and dissemination of agricultural research through the utilization of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs), among others. CCARDESA strives to ensure that credible information is made accessible to all interested stakeholders from policy makers to smallholder farmers.

CCARDESA provides a platform for its stakeholders to share their knowledge and information so that anyone in the SADC region can access and apply it to solve local agricultural challenges.

The goals of this Thematic Focal Area are:

1. To provide an enabling environment for broad-based and equitable access to both traditional media and new digital-based information and communication technologies (ICTs); and
2. To provide farmers, researchers, extension agents, policy makers and other stakeholders with access to information and knowledge.

## CCARDESA Information, Communication and Knowledge Management (ICKM) System Components

To access the CCARDESA information, communication and knowledge management (ICKM) system please visit one of the following platforms:

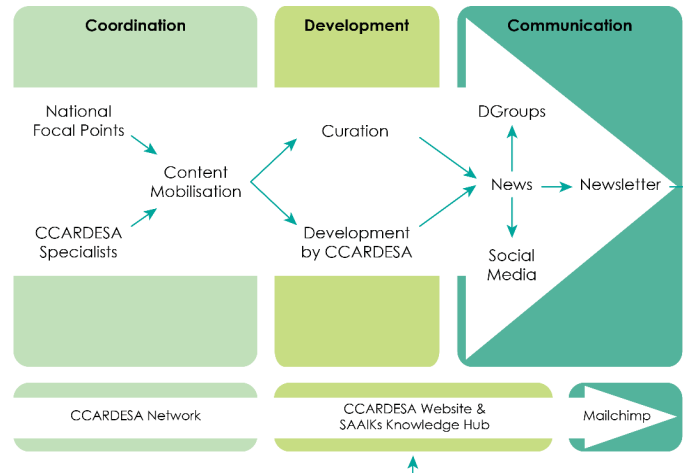
**CCARDESA** – visit our website on [www.ccardesa.org](http://www.ccardesa.org). Here you can also access **SAAIKS**

**DGroups** – subscribe to DGroups through the links on [www.ccardesa.org](http://www.ccardesa.org)

**Facebook** – join us on [www.facebook.com/ccardesa](https://www.facebook.com/ccardesa)

**Newsletter** - sign up to receive the CCARDESA newsletter at [www.ccardesa.org](http://www.ccardesa.org)

CCARDESA's ICKM System is regularly updated to better serve stakeholders and promote CCARDESA's mandate across the SADC region. Please check the above system components regularly for updates and to subscribe to updates.



## Southern African Agriculture Information and Knowledge System (SAAIKS)

SAAIKS is a platform designed to facilitate sharing of agricultural knowledge and information. CCARDESA was mandated by the SADC Member States to serve as a regional knowledge hub and thus initiated the development of a regional ICKM system for agricultural research and extension knowledge and information, as well as agricultural news. It provides a platform for those interested in sharing relevant regional knowledge products while connecting researchers, extension professionals, communications officers and policy makers.

The objectives of SAAIKS include:

1. Facilitating agricultural information and knowledge sharing among SADC member states and beyond;
2. Developing a regional agricultural knowledge hub for information sharing;
3. Facilitating linkages of relevant stakeholders in the SADC region with regards to agricultural research and development; and
4. Sharing best practices for agricultural research and development across the SADC Region.

SAAIKS depends on contributions from National Focal Points and volunteers who work with CCARDESA in building the SAAIKS knowledge management system. These National Focal Points have been nominated in each of the CCARDESA Member States and form the basis of the regional ICKM community of practice. Focal Points make content available through accessing national agricultural information sources and sharing them so that anyone across the SADC Region can access the information.

## E-mail Discussion Group (DGroups)

CCARDESA also offers an email based community discussion group for stakeholders to share the latest agricultural information, network with peers in the region, discuss regional agricultural news, and access vast knowledge accumulated in this community.

Join the conversation and subscribe to DGroups through the links on [www.ccardesa.org](http://www.ccardesa.org)