

AU-EU FNSSA 2016 – 2026 Roadmap Implementation Review:

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CEA-FIRST Project European Stakeholder workshop

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Why we are here



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- SDG 2- End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture- sets an ambitious goal for the globe
- In 2010, The High Level Policy Dialogue (HLPD) between Africa and Europe on STI established a partnership to accelerate transformation of their agri-food systems
- A ten year road map was developed 2016-2026 to guide investments by the partnership.
- CEA-FIRST a mechanism to develop the new road map FNSSA 2026-2037
- Review of first road map completed and drafting of new road map is underway



The double edged nutrition sword we all face







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Partnerships, Collaboration, and Trade

FNSSA Roadmap:

- Facilitated formation of cross-continental research networks, including Intra-Africa Academic Mobility grants, which fostered collaboration among previously uncoordinated research institutions.
- Created a more integrated agricultural network that enhances resilience to market disruptions and environmental shocks
- Its multi-disciplinary ecosystem promoted:
 - Knowledge exchange
 - Shared learning, and Technology transfer between African and European stakeholders.
 - These partnerships facilitated the adoption of sustainable agricultural innovations
 - Promoted the alignment of research goals and methods
 - Cohesion of agricultural research to support the global FNSSA objectives
 - Cross-border collaboration, underpinned sustainable agricultural trade that supports economic growth, poverty reduction, and food security







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FNSSA's Policy Engagement process

- FNSSA Roadmap's policy recommendations are grounded in rigorous research
- This commitment to evidence-based policymaking has set FNSSA apart as a catalyst for agricultural governance
- The alignment of FNSSA empirical research with policy ensures initiatives are scientifically robust and politically viable

FNSSA Roadmap and Science - Policy Interface

- FNSSA's ability to shape responsive policies has enhanced the relevance and impact of its research outputs.
 - Advancing sustainable agricultural practices
 - Enabling governments integrate scientific insights into national and regional strategies

FNSSA Roadmap and Policy reforms

The AU summit on Fertilizer and Soil Health underpinned by evidence-based advocacy







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Infrastructure Development

- FNSSA established state-of-the-art research facilities
 - Biotechnology,
 - Plant breeding
 - Climate-smart agriculture
- These facilities advanced the development of research infrastructure within the agricultural sector across Africa and Europe

Human Resources Development: FNSSA Roadmap prioritized Capacity Building initiatives. As a result:

- The development of human capital across Africa and Europe advanced significantly
- FNSSA empowered researchers, agronomists, policymakers, and other key stakeholders to drive agricultural innovation and respond effectively to emerging challenges (development of new crop varieties, improved pest and disease management strategies, and advanced techniques in soil health management).
- This success illustrates the broader potential of targeted research to deliver sustainable agricultural systems that bridge the gap between scientific innovation and real-world application.







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Digitisation and Data Analytics Utilization

Green marketing is a practice whereby companies seek to go above and beyond traditional.



Strengthening National Policies

Pan out to new areas such as seed systems and other complementary areas



Inclusivity and Cross-Sectoral Collaboration

Holistic approaches that capture diversity form multi stallholder engagement



Strengthening Human and Research Capacities







Project Partners

















































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