



# Accelerating CG-NARES Partnership and Collaboration: Feedback from Eastern Africa

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# Countries and Priority Crops

**Countries:** Ethiopia, Kenya,  
Tanzania, Uganda

**Key network priority crops:** Beans,  
banana, cassava, sweet potato,  
yams, potato, maize, rice, sorghum,  
pearl millet, pigeon peas, groundnut

# Progress on what is working well

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- Breeding program and breeding cost assessments, and improvement plans
- Market intelligence: better defined market segments and TPPs
- Improved shared services – genotyping, stress screening, DH, seed systems
- Site improvement in progress- mechanization, digitalization, irrigation
- Improved data management and sharing – implementation of breedbases
- Germplasm sharing – accelerating product development and releases
- Quarterly review meeting of CTTs
- Alignment of investments to country NDPs and NARS strategic plans

# Progress on what is working well

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- Training and capacity building efforts to retool NAREs breeders – breeding optimization, genetic gain assessments, mechanization, BMS, EBS
- Alignment of regional and NARES product profiles
- Increased joint publications, data sharing and attribution of all partners
- Improved testing network, data returns and increased heritability and correlation in testing sites
- Joint planning and review of regional activities

# Areas for improvement

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- Improved and streamlined communication between NARES and CGIARs
- Increased NARS proactiveness and coordination
- Strengthening commodity networks
- Capacity building and mentorship: short and long-term training and retooling
- NARES involvement in key partnership decision – steering committees
- Motivation for staff NARES retention
- Increased coordination

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- Joint stage-gate advancement of regional trials
- Transparency in pedigree information up to at least stage II
- Principles of complementarity and subsidiarity since some NAREs have build capacity - clearly defined handover points in germplasm development
- Clarity in performance indicators for progress in CG-NARES partnership
- High-level country engagement and endorsements
- Transparent fund allocation and dedicated NARES funding
- Co-designing and co-creation in resource mobilization and product development and deployment

# Thank you

