

# FACILITATING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA (SSA) NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (NGOs) CONSORTIUM



## PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

To establish an agricultural and rural development consortium of NGOs in SSA that will, as part of its mandate, facilitate the diffusion of appropriate and sustainable agricultural technologies by utilizing their comparative advantages at all levels of Agricultural Research and Development (ARD)

## THE CONSORTIUM CONCEPT

How best can NGOs contribute to ARD? This is the question that FARA and GFAR have been grappling with for some time now. Past efforts by GFAR regional and sub-regional NGOs focal points to create space for NGOs' contribution to global, regional and national policies and strategies have proved inadequate. It is in the search for the right aims, structures and procedures systems that this effort is directed

The aim of the proposed Consortium is to ensure that interested and committed NGOs involved in ARD participate with other ARD stakeholders in decision making as to agricultural research and development priorities, programs and projects at national, sub-regional and regional levels

The proposed Consortium is designed to secure space, enhance NGO self-confidence and ensure the institutionalization of NGO participation from national to global levels

## CRITERIA FOR NGOs TO PARTICIPATE

NGOs that are invited to attend the meeting (and beyond) are those that:

- Have a strong agricultural research and development interest, capacity and programmes;
  - Have smallholder farmers as their key or ultimate beneficiaries in their work;
  - Have the capacity to relate with researchers, policy makers and other NGOs;
  - Can make time for national, sub-regional and regional planning and review processes;
- Have the capacity to communicate and share information with other NGOs and farmers' groups

### *Venue:*

Imperial Beach Resort Hotel  
Entebbe, Uganda

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