

2<sup>nd</sup> FARA Plenary  
19-20 May 2003  
Dakar, Senegal

**Registration form**

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**Forum for Agricultural  
Research in Africa (FARA)**



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***‘Sustaining Africa’s agriculture  
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**First announcement**

# The 2<sup>nd</sup> FARA plenary '*Sustaining Africa's agriculture through research for development*' first announcement

## Meeting overview

The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock of Senegal will host the 2nd Plenary of the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA). The co-hosts are the Senegal National Institute for Agricultural Research (ISRA) and FARA. Participants will come from different institutions / organizations working in and outside Africa such as the Sub Regional organizations (ASARECA, CORAF and SADC/FANR), the Advanced Research Institutes (ARIs), the NARS, Universities, NGOs, policy makers, private sector, farmers' organizations and donors. The meeting hopes to convene all major stakeholders to review and plan Africa's agricultural research for development agenda, sustainable financing, state of the art on special topics and endorse FARA's strategy and implementation plan. The theme is '*Sustaining Africa's agriculture through research for development*'.

## Invitations

Invitations to the Plenary are issued by the FARA secretariat and the Senegalese Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock. Interested parties can contact FARA:

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## Participant registration

Participants can register by filling in the registration form. To facilitate the preparation of badges and other logistical arrangements, registration forms should be submitted before 31 Jan 2003 either by post or email.

## Senegal

Senegal is located in West Africa, bordering the Atlantic Ocean, between Guinea-Bissau and Mauritania. Total area is 196,190 km<sup>2</sup>. The climate is tropical, hot and humid with a rainy season from May to November and dry season from December to April. The official language is French, other major languages are Wolof, Pulaar, Jola and Mandinka. Ninety two percent of the population is Muslim.

## Program

### Day 1 (19 May 2003)

#### AM – Opening ceremony

Welcome and keynote addresses

#### Introduction and FARA presentations

Presentation and discussion of FARA's strategy document, Implementation Plan, the Sub-Saharan Africa Challenge Program and Manual of operations for competitive grants scheme in Africa.

*Expected output: endorsement of FARA's strategy, FARA's implementation plan, the Sub-Saharan Africa's Challenge program and the manual for competitive grants.*

#### PM – SRO, NARS, CGIAR/ARI presentation

SROs present progress made in 2002. NARS present highlights, selected from each sub-region including from North Africa.

An update on CGIAR/ARI's program and research integration in Africa

*Expected output: research status and future plans defined*

#### Poster presentations

Selected case studies from the region on themes discussed below.

### Day 2 (20 May 2003)

#### AM – Special themes for collaboration (parallel sessions and discussions)

Presentations of innovative research partnerships on genetic resources management (GRM), biotechnology, natural resources management (NRM) and current trade and marketing studies in Africa.

*Expected output: regional strategy of collaboration for each specific topic.*

#### PM – Conclusions

Presentation of results from working groups.

Commitment to sustainable funding from donors i.e. AfDB, EU, USAID and the World Bank.

Conclusion of the plenary session.

## Venue

The conference will be held at the Meridien President Hotel in Dakar, Senegal.

## Transportation

Transportation from the airport to the hotels will be provided. Daily transportation from hotel to conference area will also be provided.

## Hotel Accommodation

Group bookings will be made and announced later including hotel names, facilities and room rates.

## Visa and Vaccination

A visa might be required for some nationals from outside the ECOWAS region. Please use our letter of invitation to obtain a visa for Senegal. The yellow fever vaccination certificate is mandatory for entry into the country. Dakar is considered as a malaria infested area, so please take precautionary measures.

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## Associated events / meetings

### Senegal Agriculture Day (21 May 2003)

Feature visits/exposition of Senegal's advances in agricultural research and development.

### Global forum for agricultural research (GFAR) conference (22-23 May 2003)

GFAR plenary is held every three years, this is a follow-up of the GFAR 2000 held in Dresden Germany. The GFAR 2003 theme is 'From regional priorities to global action: linking research and rural innovation to development'.