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PAFO President

Message from Elizabeth Nsimadala

PAFO President

October 2010 - October 2020. It's a decade since the Farmers of the African continent decided to have a one voice, one position and a common decision informed by the importance of the agricultural sector in the economies of African countries and the potential of farmers' organization in shaping the agricultural discourse of the continent, they came together in a one structure - The Pan African Farmers Organization (PAFO). 10 years later, African Farmers can be proud of having achieved the unthinkable: through uniting their strength and potential in the only farmers' platform at continental level in the world.

What a long way! So many challenges met, 10 years of advocacy for Farmers and agriculture in Africa, 10 years devoted to carrying the voice of over eighty million family farmers integrated in over 70 national organizations, unions, federations, cooperatives, associations, etc., and united in five regional networks; The Eastern Africa Farmers Federation (EAFF),

PAFO has succeeded in bringing together farmers of the continent around issues of continental interest that have a significant impact on African agriculture. Farmers are united for common needs, themes and challenges around access to land, financing, local, regional and continental trade, public investments in family farming, capacity building of farmers and their organizations, as well as the cross-cutting issues around climate change, the empowerment of rural women and young people, in addition to the current main challenge of 2020 - the Covid-19.

In line with our mission that we have been pursuing for the last 10 years, PAFO strives to improve the productivity of farmers' organizations in Africa through lobby and advocacy, resource mobilization, institutional development, information and communication, exchange of experiences. and the dissemination of good agricultural practices.

PAFO is ready and committed to use its resources and experience to support African farmers on their journey to fulfill their vital mission of keeping our beloved continent well nourished, healthy and strong. It has been and will always be alongside farmers of the continent to defend their interests as we continue to implore our governments to invest more in the agricultural sector, family farming, and value addition infrastructure. Policy-makers at all levels must appreciate that agriculture is one of the key sectors of the economy employing more than 70% of the local population in most if not all countries in Africa thus farmers and their organizations must be considered as full partners and not just simple beneficiaries of sectoral development policies. They must be involved in all aspects of these policies. PAFO's 10th anniversary coincides with the end of the implementation of its five year strategy (2015/2020) and the launch of a reflection on its next five-year strategy (2020/2025).

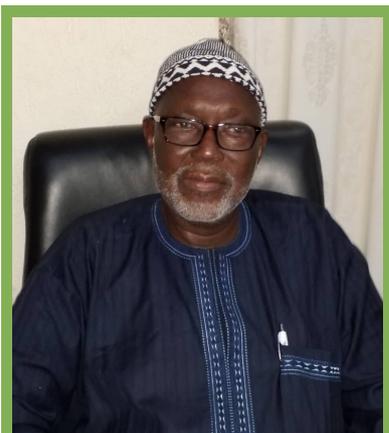
A decade is ending and a new one opening with new challenges, and opportunities to achieve new goals. We are forever great full to all our technical and financial partners for your support and walking the Journey with us of ensuring that we continue feeding the population.



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Message from Mamadou Cissokho

Honorary President of ROPPA



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Honorary President of
ROPPA
PAFO facilitator

October 2010 - October 2020 the Panafrican Agricultural Organizations of Africa is 10 years old.

After a process of consultations, exchanges and shared exercises on two major concerns, namely, the impacts of agricultural trade agreements within the framework of the WTO on the development of family farms in Africa and the reflection and analysis to present the proposals in relation to the priorities to be taken into account in the elaboration of the CAADP, the ROPPA in co-construction with EAFF, PROPAC, ROPPA, SACAU and UMNAGRI have developed and carried these initiatives. And, thanks to the opening of a new governance in IFAD, we have been able to benefit from substantial support to carry out these various initiatives.

The preparation and negotiation of CAADP by the African Union entrusted to NEPAD was also an opportunity for our five Networks to forge partnership relations with the AU Agriculture Commission and its Directorate General of Agriculture. These opportunities were preceded by a partnership between ROPPA and FAO, the Club du Sahel, housed at the OECD, the European Union Development Cooperation, USAID and the World Bank.

Thus, PAFO benefited from a context of the end of structural adjustment, the mea-culpa of United Nations Institutions and International Development Funding Agencies and the fight of Civil Societies (NGOs and socio-professional organizations) of Africa, Europe, America and Asia for an economic justice favorable to the creation of wealth, to the development of societies and their land.

The fight was also to defend food sovereignty for all countries of the world, with a view to safeguarding civilizations, cultures, knowledge, assets and powers of people and Nations. In short, correcting the concentrations of the bases and conduct of economic, social and political development at the level of a small group of powerful states.

The partnership with development NGOs from EU member countries has enabled us to participate in major European and International Forums, thus providing us with an opportune framework to defend our visions on African Agriculture, the construction of regional communities of economic integration and solidarity between our people.

Like the construction of the AU, the PAFO was co-built in the same environment marked by multiple pressures and inconsistencies in the policies of our States, thus impacting the capacities of our members to achieve the purpose of their organizations.

As we take a look back at the past 20 years, including 10 years of official existence of the PAFO, I would like to recall the 4 main challenges that have justified and still justify the construction and consolidation of our continental movement, namely :

- Actively participate in the construction of regional economic communities.
- With our regional communities, engage in defending the functions of our multisectoral activities within our family businesses that create wealth, jobs and social stability.
- Contribute as Actors to a better realization of the development strategy of African Agriculture.
- Strengthen solidarity and exchanges between our networks so that our organizations can go beyond formal meetings and co-management of funds and be considered as relevant, responsible and committed actors in the service of African Agriculture.

I wish all members of associations, their national platforms and PAFO member networks a happy birthday. I extend my thanks to our allies, NGOs, IFAD, FAO, EU DEVCO, Regional Communities of AUDA-NEPAD and African Union. To Philip Kiriro, to Elisabeth Atangana, to the President, to all the Presidents, to the coordinator of PAFO, my congratulations and my encouragement for the work carried out. Our fond memories and our prayers for our Sisters and Brothers who were involved in this fight and who left us very early. Thank you for your trust in my modest person. May God protect us

Message from Ms. Elizabeth Atangana

1st President of PAFO



Mme Elizabeth Atangana

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PAFO was born in Lilongwe, Malawi on October 27, 2010. It is the culmination of a long process of cooperation between leaders and producer organizations in Africa at the local, national, regional and continental levels with the support States and development partners. This birth follows a few events that have awakened the consciousness of leaders on the issues and challenges of development in the rural world. The economic crisis and structural adjustment programs, the 1994 Marrakech Agreements (WTO), the 2000 Cotonou Agreements (EPAs), the launch of NEPAD in 2003 and the 2008 food crisis.

It is important to note that this organization benefited from the anointing of the AU and NEPAD through their active presence at the Constitutive Assembly of October 2010 which saw my election as the 1st president of PAFO, in the presence of the President of the Republic of Malawi, his Excellency the late Professor Bingwa Mutharika during the conference of ministers of agriculture, forests and the environment in Lilongwe. The creation of PAFO also benefited from the support of development partners, in particular IFAD, FAO, the WORLD BANK, FARA, regional economic communities (ECOWAS, CEEAC, CEMAC UEMOUA, COMESA, SADEC, etc.) and African and international NGOs (Europe Africa, more and better ...) which are committed to giving their support to the PAFO construction process.

After 10 years of existence of PAFO, we should be congratulated for having actively participated in the construction of this great pan-African institution and to congratulate the consolidation of the achievements by the president leaders and brothers who succeeded us at the head of this great movement. Today, I would like to congratulate the work done by the current President Elizabeth Nsimadala and the Executive Secretariat in terms of advocacy, mobilization of resources with partners to further and better strengthen the institutional and managerial capacities of farmers' organizations, promoting female leadership and involving young people in agriculture.

The existence of PAFO ten years later clearly shows the will of all the leaders of African Farmers' Organizations to build a strong, representative, credible movement that works in the search for appropriate solutions in favour of its base. At the same time, it is also important to stress the need for PAFO to promote governance that can help consolidate the efforts of its grassroots members.

This could involve: the institutional support of the African Union and NEPAD and regional economic communities and their specialized institutions to PAFO and its members, the establishment of a peasant charter that would contribute to the increase of the capillarity of national organizations and high respect for subsidiarity. A participatory reflection to be carried out for the internal mobilization of resources aimed at strengthening the empowerment of the economic services of farmer organizations, increasing the positioning of rural women leaders and young agricultural entrepreneurs in the governance of farmer organizations and the promotion of a communication network for the development of PAFO from village level to continental level.



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Message from Mr. Nathanael B. Mupungu

President of PROPAC



**Mr Nathanael Buka
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President of PROPAC

First of all, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the members of the Board of Directors of PAFO and very specifically Ms. Elisabeth Nsimadala, the President. We are ready to celebrate the 10th anniversary of PAFO and for those who do not know it is the Pan African Farmers' Organization, it is the African Union of Producers, Breeders, Fishermen and Pastoralists that was born in demand and inspiration from the five networks, in particular PROPAC, UMNAGRI, ROPPA, SACAU and EAAF.

The challenge is to promote family farming, to ensure that African agriculture can be transformed, the world needs to know that farmers exist and above all that they are family farmers. We are also proud to celebrate the United Nations Decade of Family Farming.

At the level of PAFO we believe that it is the political structure of the farmers. It is PAFO that represents the farmers' producers of the five networks at the level of the steering committees of the farmers' forums, and thanks to PAFO that the voice of farmers is heard. Thanks to PAFO that the African Union takes into account the recommendations of all farmers. Today PAFO has its headquarters in Kigali where we held our first General Assembly to demonstrate the Union of Farmers. With PAFO, the networks have benefited from a number of supports which today have been acquired. Among which the solidarity of the African Peasant Union. We feel that we are together, we are united and the voice of farmers is heard everywhere and their opinions and recommendations are taken into account in policies, thanks to PAFO.

We can see that PAFO has accompanied the five networks to obtain financial support at the level of the European Union, IFAD and also to strengthen farmers' unity and solidarity across Africa. And we can see that farmers' organizations and family farmers are present in policy formulation spaces, thanks to PAFO. And I myself represent African farmers on the board of the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) and also, I represent farmers of West and Central Africa at CORAF level. All this thanks to the federation of all the networks at PAFO who have set up this Pan-African farmers' platform. This gives us a unique voice, we are heard, and we influence policy changes, which demonstrates the importance of PAFO.

For me, I only want to make one recommendation for the future of PAFO. I wish the sustainability of the African farmer movement. I hope that women farmers and rural women can be better structured and that their voices be heard and that other organizations of farmers, breeders and fishermen are also federated at the level of sub-regional networks. My goal as President of PROPAC is to transform the demographic weight of farmers into economic weight. We also want the theory of change to be real.

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Message from Mr Nadjirou SALL

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Our Pan-African Organization, PAFO has acquired several achievements during these 10 years of creation: The first achievement is the finalization of the construction of the farmer's organisation in the African space to link all the five African regions so that we constitute an actor who bears his own responsibility, that of the agricultural and rural world. The second achievement was the recognition as an interface institution which makes it possible to establish a relationship between Farmers' Organizations and agricultural producers, and other groups of socio-professional actors on the continent; which has greatly contributed to increasing the audience of this farmer's organisation in the space of the African continent.

As a third achievement we can note the solidarity between our networks which is gradually consolidating and which is the basis for acting together, as actors and leaders, for the sustainable transformation of African agriculture.

Finally, the fact that PAFO was able to establish a fixed office and recruit a technical team marks an important step in its institutionalization. This gives it, in the eyes of members and different groups of actors in the development sector, a certain credibility and strengthens its visibility as a continental platform.

The major challenge for PAFO, as a continental platform of farmers and agricultural producers, is to arrive at an autonomous Africa in terms of food in order to strive for food sovereignty at the level of the continent because, it is only on this basis we could build wealth. This perspective would require PAFO to target a priority investment field around the current and future key issues of African agriculture. For this, the strategic plan of ROPPA and the four other member networks of PAFO illustrate very well on what this continental platform should be based on to act and work on the prospects for building a good African agricultural policy. A policy to be implemented in our 5 regions and our respective countries and which would allow a real sustainable transformation of our agriculture so that we can obtain all the wealth expected from it to support the lasting resilience of family farmers and all rural communities.

It also seems important that PAFO continues to build its networking dynamic with key functional principles such as subsidiarity, mobilization and empowerment of its members, consensus as a decision-making method.

The strength and effectiveness of PAFO largely depend on the strategic and institutional capacities of its 5 member networks. PAFO should then be able to continuously support the capacity building of its Member networks while drawing from them the basic elements and the solidarity necessary for its action.

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Editorial Fatma Ben Rejeb PAFO's CEO



The achievements and lessons learned by the networks of Farmers' Organizations (FOs) during the constitution of PAFO, enabled them to define the orientations for the consolidation of this continental platform. The regional FO networks have been able through PAFO, despite the relative youth of this continental platform, to define and defend shared positions on continental and global policies and strategies related to agriculture and / or rural development. The capacity building of PAFO was also ensured thanks to the support of technical and financial partners to enable it to effectively follow the continental and international dynamics affecting the agricultural sectors and rural development. Also, and despite the delays accumulated since its creation to acquire a head office and a secretariat which were finalized between 2019 and 2020, PAFO has

finalized the process of drafting and revising its legal texts, the development of its strategic plans, the current one of which ends in 2020 and the next (2021-2025) is being considered and drawn up, PAFO has also periodically held sessions of its governance bodies: a Constituent Assembly in 2010, 4 Ordinary General Assemblies which have consecrated the principle of alternation in power at the head of PAFO, 2 extraordinary General Assemblies, and more than twenty Boards of Directors in addition to extra-statutory consultations which allow members to discuss the activities implemented and guide the various interventions to be undertaken. The regrouping of African FOs into a continental platform facilitated advocacy and access to development funds. The constitution of PAFO was also facilitated by one of the continental programs carried and implemented by African FOs, namely the Support to Farmers' Organizations in Africa (SFOAP) in its pilot phase (2009-2012), and whose total budget was EUR 5 million. Taking into account the positive results of the independent evaluation carried out by the European Commission in August 2012, it was decided to establish a main phase (2013-2018) for a total budget of 19.9 million EUR, co-financed by The European Union, the Swiss Confederation's Directorate for Development and Cooperation, the French Development Agency and IFAD. Based on the lessons learned from SFOAP, the African FOs have largely contributed through their advocacy and joint effort with their partners to the development of the program currently being implemented: Farmers' organizations for African countries, Caribbean and Pacific (FO4ACP). The total cost of the program is estimated at 42.5 million euros and is expected to last from 2019 to 2023. In 2020, PAFO, in collaboration with its partners, continues to raise funds for African FOs through outreach programs aimed at bringing together FOs and establishing strategic links between the different levels, strengthening them institutionally, but also enabling them to promote their positions within continental and international institutions. Knowledge management and internal and external communication have been developed in order to improve the visibility of African FOs but also to promote successful experiences and good practices. PAFO has respected its commitment to highlight the situation of rural women and rural youth in the agricultural sectors by organizing specific Forums. During these Forums, strategic reflection workshops made it possible to develop strategies and actions to be implemented by PAFO and its members in order to contribute to meeting the challenges of women and young people on farms and in FOs. At ten years old, PAFO is still in its prime. It is nevertheless likely to improve even more to take into account the expectations and needs of FOs and African farmers. Its prospects can only be better thanks to the will and commitment of its organs, its visibility and its recognition at the continental and international levels. The 2021-2025 strategic plan and the operational plans that refer to it, its current and future partnerships, its current and future programs and projects, are all tools that will make it possible to respond to PAFO's vision for an "Agriculture vibrant, prosperous and sustainable Africa".

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Activities and Partnership

STUDY : IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON AFRICAN FARMERS

CHALLENGES FACED BY THE FARMERS AND RESPONSES ALREADY IN PLACE OR RECOMMENDED

Thanks to the support of the Organization of African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS), the European Union (EU) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), under the FACP program, PAFO and its member networks, carried out its continental study to assess the impact of Covid-19 on farmers in Africa, ensure better monitoring and develop recommendations appropriate to the situation, PAFO and its member networks carried out a study covering the entire continent with supporting recommendations, for governments, technical and financial partners.

Entitled "THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON AFRICAN FARMERS AND THE PROPOSED RESPONSES", the study took into account the realities of the five (5) PAFO member networks across the continent. The study highlights the magnitude of the impact of Covid-19 on African farmers and calls on the respective governments, partners and stakeholders to work on the implementation of the proposed recommendations in order to improve lives and the well-being of African farmers.

The results of the study highlight the detrimental effects of Covid-19 which has caused a number of common challenges that directly affect all farmers on the continent. These challenges range from market disruptions, declining income, loss of jobs and livelihoods due to increased food insecurity, to arriving at the expected decline in production due to the disruption of the next few planting seasons. In light of the results of the study, PAFO offers recommendations ranging from strengthening support to farmers and their organizations, to maximizing opportunities in agriculture and agro-food processing on the African continent, through promoting the innovations and opportunities of the African Continental Free Trade Area.



First technical supervision mission FO4ACP



Several activities under the FO4ACP annual work plan have been completed, others are still ongoing. Even though there has been progress in the implementation of FO4ACP, some activities have been postponed due to the health crisis generated by Covid-19 and PAFO has had to postpone several activities to adapt to the situation. After the FO4ACP coordination meeting, which took place in June 2020, the IFAD supervision mission was held, virtually between 7 and 11 September 2020, with ROPPA, made it possible to assess the state of progress of PAFO's FO4ACP. The President and all the technical team of PAFO intervened to present the achievements and challenges encountered in the implementation of FO4ACP. This supervision enabled the newly recruited staff to be trained in IFAD monitoring and evaluation methodologies. PAFO has received positive feedback on its remarkable progress in implementing the FO4ACP annual work plan despite the crisis of the covid-19 pandemic.



Production Of video

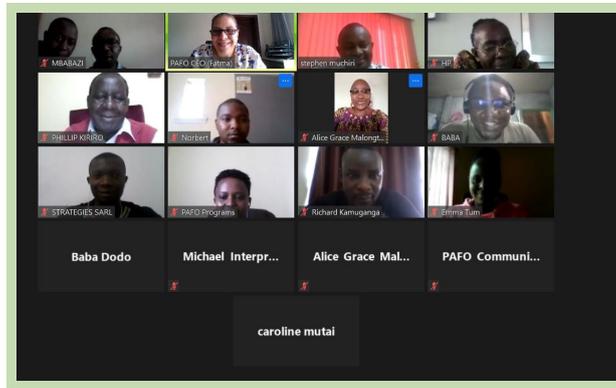
African farmers leaders approach the Covid

PAFO has published a second documentary entitled "African farmers leaders approach the Covid". In this new video produced with the support of Farmers Organization for ACP Program (FO4ACP), Funded by OACPS (ACP) – EU-IFAD, the African Farmer leaders, presidents of the PAFO member networks, address COVID-19, by highlighting the several actions and responses provided in their respective regions and by proposing concrete solutions to end the crisis.

LINK : <https://bit.ly/3hBjkj4>



FIVE-YEAR PAFO'S STRATEGY (2021/2025)



Preparatory meeting PAFO and STRATEGIES

With the 2016-2020 five-year plan coming to an end, PAFO supported by its Partner COLEACP, and the support of "STRATEGIES" consulting, PAFO is consolidating its organizational development through the elaboration of its new five-year strategic plan 2021-2025 as well as its two years (2021-2022) action plan. The strategy involves the PAFO member networks, through different strategic reflection regional and continental workshops on the different phases of planning development to ensure ownership of the plan and its effective execution by all members.

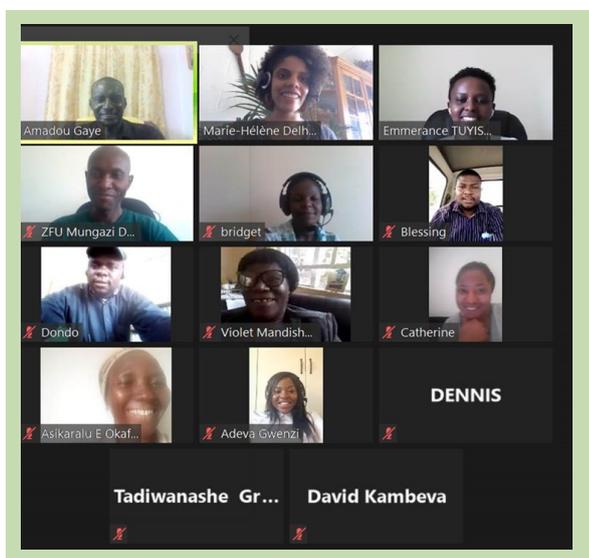


Workshop PROPAC and EAFF

PAFO-COLEACP Partnership

E-training

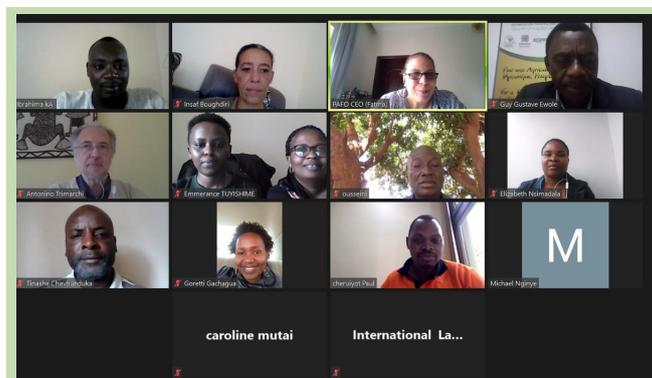
With the COVID-19 outbreak, the COLEACP and the PAFO agreed to join their efforts to examine the challenges of COVID-19 and provide urgent and sustainable responses to the impacts of the pandemic on African agriculture, family farmers and operators of the whole value chains. To achieve this, the two parties are organizing four digital training sessions since October 19, on topics ranging from hygiene and traceability to trade negotiations. It is expected for trainings to contribute to the modernization of African agriculture by securing sustainable and inclusive growth, reducing poverty, and improving food security.



PAFO-ILC Partnership

CBI 2

Following several discussions on the development of CBI2, the contract was signed on 4th June. So far, implementation has started with facilitation and coordination with PAFO member networks that are implementing CBI2. CBI2 is one of ten commitment-based initiatives adopted by ILC, as a global and regional mechanisms to advance changes on land issues through development of partnerships and common strategy. PAFO and its four members allocated in ACP region, intervenes on second commitment whose goal is to contribute to improving the participation of farmers' organizations in land reform processes ensuring fair and responsible investments for better living conditions for family farmers. The PAFO facilitate the implementation of this program with RFOs and on top of that, the first CBI2 Steering Committee was organized by PAFO with its members and ILC for the progress of the #CBI2 implementation, on October 13 2020.



1st meeting of the Steering Committee

PAFO-AGRICORD-FIDA Partnership

Safe 2020

Support African Farmers in 2020 Emergency “SAFE 2020” financed by IFAD from a contribution from a recovery mechanism in favor of poor rural populations “Rural Poor Stimulus Facility” (“RPSF”), tends to support POs for respond to the harshest impacts of COVID-19 on the most vulnerable rural populations, in particular by disseminating reliable information on a large scale. It has objective of to address the identified needs of farmers in terms of input supply and basic assets, digitalization and information, e-commerce, adapted finance and advocacy to position Farmers Organizations in the decisions and measures taken by governments.

As PAFO the main emphasis will be on Strengthen the information and communication mechanisms to improve the flows of information in terms of COVID-19 and prevention measures towards FOs’ members and their communities, the impact of COVID-19 on family farms’ resilience and on innovative practices developed by FOs to tackle COVID-19 negative effects.



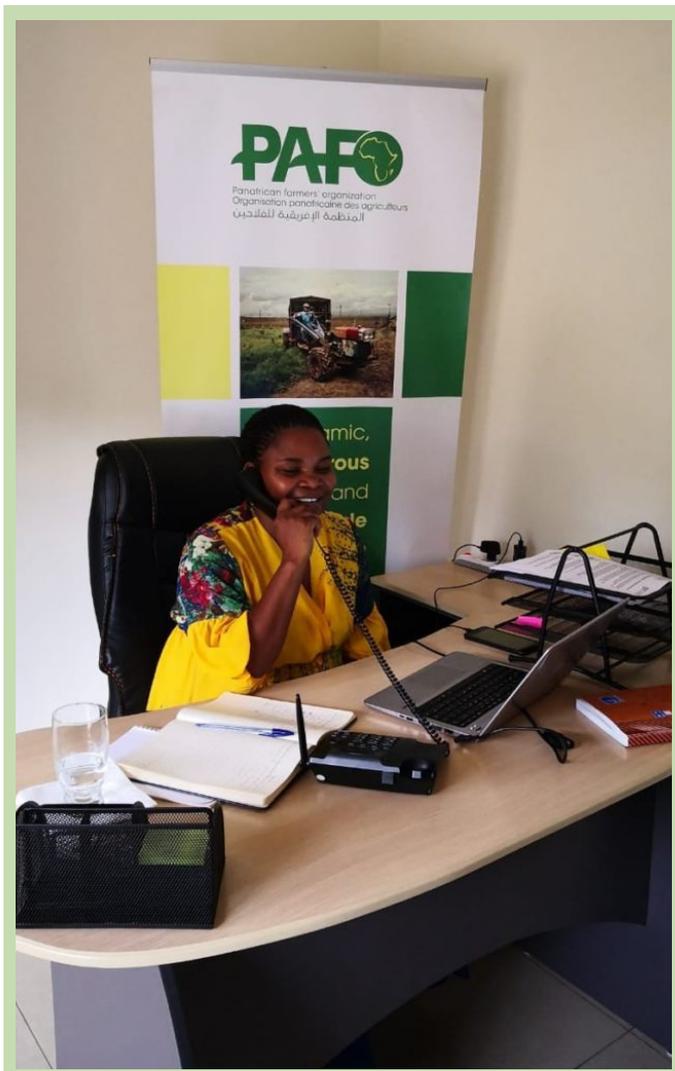
PAFO Board Meeting

Considering the sanitary measures and the challenges to organize a physical meeting, the PAFO board meeting was held virtually on October 8, 2020 with board members and technicians connected all over Africa. Even with the connection issue, the Board discussions were fruitful and confirmed the dynamism in which swims PAFO. The board members had to examine various questions and to take a number of important decisions for the good functioning of PAFO and to support its future actions.



Recognition of PAFO

PAFO Members of Advisory Committee for the Food Systems Summit



The United Nations Secretary-General, António Guterres, in collaboration with the United Nations (UN) Rome-based Agencies, will convene the Food Systems Summit 2021, as a critical contribution to the Decade of Action to deliver the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). To facilitate this process and its success, the UN Secretary-General is forming a number of support structures. A multi-stakeholder Advisory Committee will provide strategic guidance and feedback on the Summit's overall development and implementation.

PAFO in the person of its president, Ms. Elizabeth Nsimadala, has been selected to on the multi-stakeholder advisory committee chaired by the Deputy Secretary-General and responsible for providing strategic guidance. A Committee which has already held several meetings.

The Summit's ambition is to raise awareness and resolve issues related to food systems, initiate a global conversation about how food is produced, processed and consumed, and re-energized the global commitment to change food systems and provide healthier and more nutritious food for the whole planet. As the UN Secretary-General said in his latest policy brief on the impact of COVID-19 on food security and nutrition, investing during and after the pandemic can accelerate the movement towards food systems more inclusive and more resilient to future pandemics.

Link : <https://bit.ly/2CTgFCr>



UN Decade of Family Farming

Family Farmers campaign on air across Africa

YenKasa Africa is a regional platform to enhance knowledge and experience sharing in communication in support to agriculture and rural development in Sub-Saharan Africa, launched in July 2020, the radio campaign “Voice for Family Farmers campaign on air across Africa” to celebrate the United Nations Decade of Family Farming. The campaign aims to raise awareness of the decade, the importance of family farmers and their needs, especially in this time of crisis. This campaign was shared with 1,000 radio stations in the Farm Radio International network. More than 90 stations across Africa have broadcast the material to their audiences.

The production of the radio campaign, supported by YenKasa Africa with funding from the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, was developed on the basis of a proactive approach, with the participation of several partners. PAFO and its member networks including PROPAC and ROPPA took an active part in designing the campaign, through their communications officer.

For more information: <https://bit.ly/2TeXU1t>



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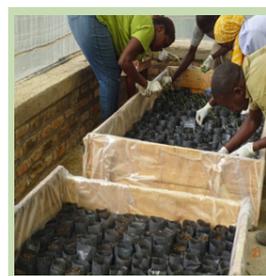
Delivery of economic services along priority value chains in EAFF membership

This support provides technical and financial assistance to FOs so that they are able to improve their capacity to provide economic and technical services to their female and male members. Under, FO4ACP, from January 2020, NFOs and stakeholders continued to deepen their discussions on how to strengthen collaboration between companies and cooperatives and understand each other's business model by building partnerships across the value chains. Several B2B meetings have been conducted.

They discussed off taking through contract farming, with agreements on prices, quantity, quality, training, clear and reliable contracts and trust in business relationships. NFOs agreed to train farmers with respect to farming practices so that the produce will meet quality standards. Already CAK (Kenya), INGABO(Rwanda) and COOCENKI (DR Congo) have secured MoUs to facilitate members access to markets, seeds and credits.

In addition, Cooperative Alliance of Kenya (CAK) has already agreed with different dairy sector services providers such as Kenya Animal Genetic Resources (KAGRC) to offer artificial insemination; The cooperative bank of Kenya to offer livestock insurance against loss/death of livestock; supply chain financing where they link co-operatives to processors like new Kenya Co-operative Creamerie (KCC) in tripartite agreement which will see dairy cooperative receive loans from the Bank while selling milk to KCC.

In, Rwanda, Ingabo has already signed agreements with International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) and Rwanda Agricultural Development Board(RAB) for the Establishment and management of cassava quality seed multiplication centers in Ruhango district (headquarter of the NFO). Already with that cooperative INGABO is producing basic seed to be sold to the certified seeds producers, thereafter to cassava farmers. The process which continued even during the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown.





Information meeting :

awareness raising and mobilization of Farmers' Organizations and Civil Society Organizations on the REGIONAL SUPPORT PROJECT FOR THE SAHEL IRRIGATION INITIATIVE (PARIIS).

The Network of Farmers' Organizations and Agricultural Producers of West Africa (ROPPA) in collaboration with its national platform in Burkina, the Farmer Confederation of Faso (CPF) organized on September 18, 2020 in Ouagadougou an Information Meeting, sensitization and mobilization of Farmers' Organizations and Civil Society Organizations on the REGIONAL SUPPORT PROJECT FOR THE INITIATIVE FOR IRRIGATION IN THE SAHEL (PARIIS). The objectives of this meeting were to:

- Recall the mandate and roles of FOs in the implementation of PARIIS.
- Ensure the representation of producers in the Multi-Actor Platforms and in the Sharing Groups of Knowledge.
- Contribute to sharing the irrigation solutions already developed by the project and explain the strategies for deploying these solutions to stakeholders
- Adopt a roadmap for strengthening the participation of FOs/SCO in the implementation work of PARIIS.
- Make recommendations to ROPPA/CPF and to the UGP PARIIS Burkina Faso and to the participation of members of the CPF, representatives of the PARIIS management unit, representatives of the ROPPA, ministries, the Chamber of Agriculture ...

As a reminder, the Regional Support Project for the Initiative for Irrigation in the Sahel (PARIIS) is a regional project led by CILSS and the six countries (Burkina Faso, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Chad). It enjoys financial support from the World Bank and is supported by UEMOA and ECOWAS. Its objective is to improve the capacity of stakeholders to develop and manage irrigation and to increase irrigated areas by following a regional approach based on "solutions" in the participating countries. The project will therefore work to institutionalize the irrigation solutions developed by the six countries in order to capitalize on the knowledge acquired and ensure the sustainability of the approach beyond the life of the project. The objective is to provide the six countries, by the end of the project, with a complete set of robust solutions for the five types of irrigation systems defined in the "Dakar Declaration" and which structure the Initiative for Irrigation in the Sahel (2iS) and project interventions, as well as capacities to deploy them at scale. A knowledge management system has been put in place by CILSS to promote the capitalization, sharing, and dissemination of knowledge. To achieve its objectives, CILSS has entered into an agreement with the Network of Farmers and Producers Organizations of West Africa (ROPPA) whose role is to support national members and collect their feedback on activities and results. of the project.



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