



PAFO ANNUAL REPORT 2020

Elaboration

PAFO Secretariat



Panafrican farmers' organization
Organisation panafricaine des agriculteurs
المنظمة الإفريقية للفلاحين

DECEMBER 2020

PAFO Annual Report - 2020 **TABLE OF CONTENTS**

<i>List of acronyms</i>	4
I. INTERNAL ACTIVITIES	5
<i>1-PAFO Board consultations and meetings</i>	5
<i>2-CEO's meeting</i>	5
<i>3-PAFO Statement on COVID-19</i>	6
<i>4-Staff Recruitments and their activities</i>	6
<i>a)The Communication officer</i>	6
<i>b)The Programs officer</i>	8
<i>c)The Finances Officer</i>	8
<i>5-Frame Work (October 2020)</i>	8
<i>6-PAFO Institutional and financial audit</i>	8
<i>7-Development of the PAFO five-year 2021-2025 strategy and operational plan 2021-2022</i>	9
<i>8-Nominations of PAFO in institutions and committees</i>	9
II. PARTNERSHIPS	10
<i>FO4ACP</i>	10
<i>PAFO-COLEACP Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)</i>	11
<i>Climakers</i>	12
<i>CBI2</i>	12
<i>SAFE2020</i>	13
<i>Communication on UNDF</i>	14
III. ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN 2020	15
IV. APPENDICES: BRIEF REPORTS FROM PAFO MEMBERS	23

PAFO Annual Report - 2020

TABLE OF CONTENTS

<i>Overview of the EAFF 2020 annual Report</i>	23
<i>Overview of the PROPAC 2020 annual Report</i>	25
<i>Overview of the ROPPA 2020 annual Report</i>	26
<i>Overview of the SACAU 2020 annual Report</i>	29
<i>Overview of the UMNAGRI 2020 Annual Report</i>	30

PAFO Annual Report - 2020

LIST OF ACRONYMS

AfDB	African Development Bank
AU	African Union
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CSO	Civil Society Organizations
EAFF	Eastern African Farmers Federation
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organizations
FFF	Forest and Farm Facility
FO	Farmer's Organization
FO4ACP	Farmers' Organizations for the African, Caribbean and Pacific countries
GA	General Assembly
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
PAFO	Pan-African Farmers' Organization
PROPAC	Plateforme sous-Régionale des Organisations Paysannes d'Afrique Centrale
RFO	Regional Farmer's Organization
ROPPIA	Réseau des Organisations Paysannes et de Producteurs Agricoles de l'Afrique de l'Ouest
SACAU	Southern African Confederation of Agricultural Unions
SC	Steering Committee
UMNAGRI	Union Maghrébine et Nord-Africaine des Agriculteurs
UNFSS	United Nations Food Systems Summit

PAFO Annual Report - 2020

I. INTERNAL ACTIVITIES

1. PAFO Board consultations and meetings

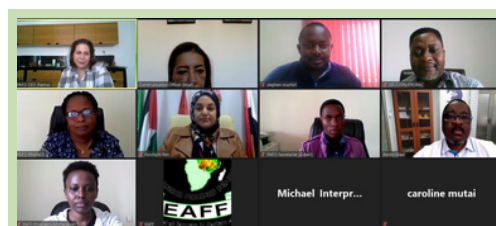
- During the FAFO 2020 in Rome, Italy, since it brings together all the Regional Farmers Organizations (RFOs) members, PAFO held a Board consultation on 11th February 2020 during which several pending issues were discussed. A bilateral meeting with Agricord was also held to discuss and approve the planning of the Continental Potato strategy.
- Since, the sanitary situation does not improve to allow the physical organization of a Board meeting, PAFO held its Board meetings online. The 1st Board meeting was held on 8th October 2020, (i) to make decisions and recommendations for the ongoing actions; (ii) to select the 2019 and 2020 Auditor; (iii) to validate the PAFO COVID-19 Study and its common position paper; (iv) the Board mandated also a team led by the ROPPA SG, Mr Nadjirou Sall, to follow up on both DeSIRA & Climate Frame Program.
- The 2nd Board meeting was held virtually on 17th December 2020. The objectives of this meeting were to: (i) Follow the decisions and recommendations of the last Board meetings; (ii) Adopt the 2021-2025 five-year strategic plan and the 2021-2022 operational plan of PAFO; (iii) Validate the 2019 and 1st half of 2020 audit report; (iv) Validate the 2021 work plan, budget and planning.



2. CEOs meeting

Covid 19 having disrupted the 2020 PAFO Planning, on 1st July 2020, PAFO organized the RFOs members CEOs meeting to update the 2020 planning and discuss modifications required for the post COVID-19 period. During the meeting, the participants highlighted that this pandemic is an opportunity to adopt new technologies in PAFO work as a quicker solution of decision making and a better management of funds.

It was advised to PAFO to subscribe to a professional platform of e-meetings. The participants also highlighted that it is important to plan activities to be implemented after the pandemic crisis. Therefore, PAFO reserves the possibility of updating once again the working plan in case the situation is not back to normal beginning of September 2020.



Panafrican farmers' organization
Organisation panafricaine des agriculteurs
المنظمة الإفريقية للفلاحين

PAFO Annual Report - 2020

I. INTERNAL ACTIVITIES

3. PAFO Statement on COVID-19

Despite the impacts of COVID-19 pandemic that have affected the African farmers, their organizations and the entire agricultural sectors not only in Africa but globally, PAFO never stopped working while quickly adopting the remote working. It ensured the continuity of its actions and honoured its commitments towards African Farmers organizations (FOs) and its partners..

From the beginning of the pandemic, PAFO certified, through a Statement, the commitment and responsibility of African farmers to continue feeding Africa. This Statement was very well perceived by the International and African institutions who congratulated PAFO for its commitment.

4. Staff Recruitments and their activities

a) The Communication officer

The communication officer, recruited on 6th April 2020, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic crisis, has focused on the development of the communication strategy, a global action plan and another specific to crisis communication (Covid-19), as well as the actions carried out for the external and internal activities of PAFO.

Communication strategy

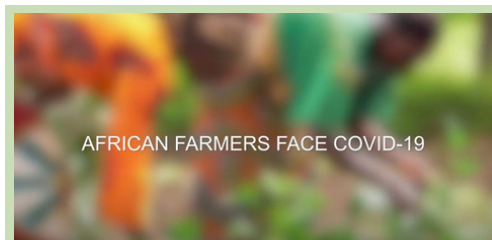
- Development of a communication strategy, the final objective of which is to consolidate the "brand" capital and the identity of PAFO with a view to better visibility of its actions, its projects implemented as well as the results achieved.

- Implementation of an action plan showing the necessary changes in terms of visibility, image, activities, etc.
- Development of a Press Relations (PR) Guide, a sort of procedural manual relating to relational techniques with journalists.
- Regular monitoring of PAFO's internal and external activities, to select actions, initiatives and activities undertaken by the organization within the framework of current projects and new partnerships.

Social Media Management

- Facebook (<https://bit.ly/2BKw0oA>),
- Création of tweeter account (<https://bit.ly/2ZaL1rN>),
- Page LinkedIn (<https://bit.ly/3v41NYy>)
- Creation of a YouTube channel (<https://bit.ly/31loET4>),

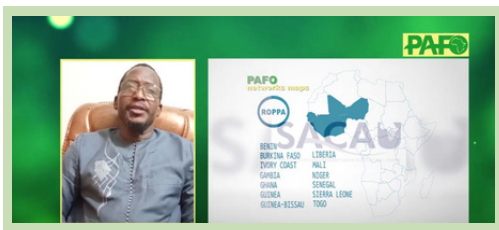
- **Production and distribution of mini-documentaries:**
- " African farmers face Covid-19" : Farmers talk about challenges generated by Covid-19 in two languages English (<https://bit.ly/2US14vy>) and French (<https://bit.ly/382ZJFb>).



PAFO Annual Report - 2020

I. INTERNAL ACTIVITIES

- " African farmers approach Covid-19" : The Presidents of the member networks present the various actions and responses to covid and also propose exit and post-crisis solutions. The documentary is produced in two languages French (<https://bit.ly/3hBjkj4>) and English (<https://bit.ly/3mrINii>).



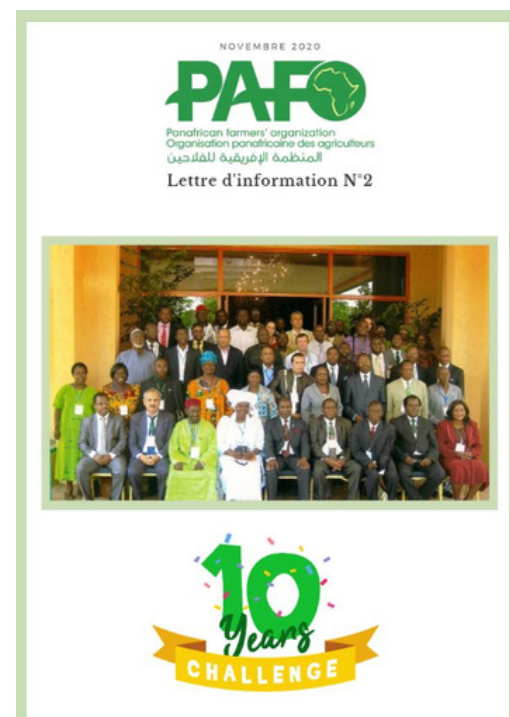
• Newsletters:

• PAFO has set up a quarterly newsletter in both languages.

-July 2020 : entirely dedicated to Covid.
(<https://bit.ly/37psT2g>).

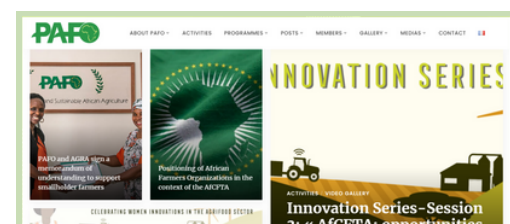


-November 2020 : focus on the 10th anniversary of PAFO.
(<https://bit.ly/3rzRr0y>)



• Updating PAFO website

PAFO has changed the design and updated the content of its website. The new website is ready. However, it is not yet online because PAFO is changing web service provider and transferring ownership from the service provider to PAFO.



PAFO Annual Report - 2020

I. INTERNAL ACTIVITIES

b) The Programs officer

The programs officer was recruited on 13th May 2020. Since then she has been working closely together with the CEO on different programs implemented by PAFO.

• FO4ACP

-Follow-up of selection of staff and expertise needed for the PAFO functioning and the FO4ACP implementation.

-Follow-up with the experts carrying out the PAFO studies.

-Preparation of technical reports and following-up the recommendations of the IFAD supervision mission of 9th September 2020.

-Consolidation of PAFO achievements since 2015 and updating the M&E system 2019-2020.

-Updating the overall PAFO FO4ACP logical framework and 2020 achievements.

-Development of the FO4ACP 2021 AWPB which was approved by the Board on 17th December 2020.

• CBI2

-On 29th May, a first introduction meeting with the partnership and resource mobilization officer at ILC, was held to brief the programs officer, as CBI2 facilitator at PAFO.

-The follow-up of the CBI2 activities are being made along with the regional networks CBI2 focal points.

• COLEACP

The programs officer has been working with COLEACP team in charge of trainings on the organization of the online trainings.

c) The Finance Officer

The finance officer was recruited at the beginning of June. She is seconded by an external accounting office. She has focused on monitoring the accountant's work; checking the account records in the budget; consultation with banks agents; inventory and handover of stocks.

Moreover, the finance officer is elaborating a PAFO administrative and financial procedure manual for the purpose to provide a roadmap for day-to-day operations to ensure compliance with laws and regulations, to give guidance for decision-making, and streamline internal processes. PAFO Board members and staff should closely adhere to policies and procedures laid out in this manual which will be submitted to the approval of the Board.

5. Frame Work

PAFO has set up a monitoring and evaluation framework with several templates that must be completed periodically during activities, meetings and during the preparation of documents. This M&E is regularly updated by all PAFO staff.

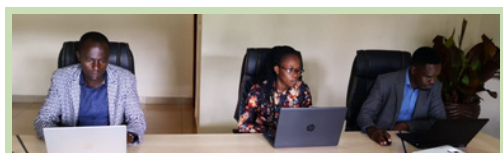
6. PAFO Institutional and financial audit

The PAFO external auditor consultation and selection process have been finalized. The selected auditing company conducted the

PAFO Annual Report - 2020

I. INTERNAL ACTIVITIES

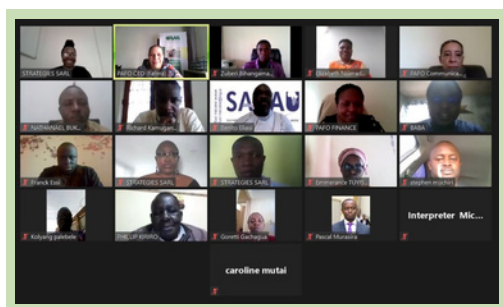
Institutional and financial audit and managed to finalize the 2019 and mid term 2020 audits. The auditing reports and the management letter were presented to the Board on 17th December. The final 2020 auditing report will be made before 31st March 2021.



7. Development of the PAFO five-year 2021-2025 strategy and operational plan 2021-2022

Under the MoU signed with COLEACP, PAFO received financial support for the organization of reflection workshops and the development of its strategic documents. As such, PAFO organised regional strategic reflection workshops with its RFOs members. PAFO also organized a consultation workshop with its partners on 12th November as well as the consolidation workshop with PAFO members on 20th November.

The consolidated strategic documents were presented to the Board on 17th December. Members requested additional time to read the documents before their final validation.



8. Nominations of PAFO in institutions and committees

-UNFSS: The President of PAFO has been appointed a member of the UN Advisory Committee for the Food Systems Summit 2021. The Advisory Committee will be chaired by the UN Under-Secretary General and will bring together a group of multi-stakeholder leaders from various areas of expertise.

-The Forest and Farm Facility (FFF): The president of PAFO has been appointed member of the FFF steering committee.

-AfDB-CSO Committee: The president of PAFO is the representative of civil societies on the theme of agriculture for the next two years.

-The Steering Committee (SC) of the Regional Food Trade Coalition. The President of PAFO has entrusted the CEO to represent PAFO in the SC.



Pan african farmers' organization
Organisation panafricaine des agriculteurs
المنظمة الإفريقية للفلاحين



ENGAGEMENT AVEC LA SOCIÉTÉ CIVILE
ENGAGING WITH CIVIL SOCIETY

PAFO Annual Report - 2020

II. PARTNERSHIPS

1. FO4ACP



The implementation of the FO4ACP annual work plan has been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, PAFO was able to carry out certain

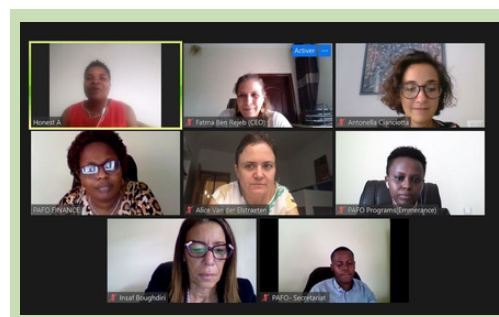
activities, all of which were virtually implemented.

The FO4ACP allowed during this year to strengthen the installation and the functioning of PAFO in the country of its headquarters, Rwanda. In fact, PAFO has finalized the recruitment of its staff as well as the performance of its institutional and financial audits for the year 2019 and the first semester of 2020. Also, certain meetings planned physically, were held online, including Coordination workshops between FOs and Agriagencies as well as PAFO board meetings.

In addition, and given the challenges faced by farmers due to the COVID-19 situation and the urgency to find solutions, PAFO has chosen to conduct its first study by consolidating the studies of RFOs member and by developing a common position on the impact of covid-19 on African farmers, identifying the responses provided and defining factual recommendations. The study and the common position document were validated by the Board of 8th October. By decision of the members, a second study on the positioning of African FOs in the context of the AfCFTA was launched on 9th November and is still ongoing. The study will also lead to a common position paper.



Furthermore, the IFAD supervision mission, which was held virtually between 7 and 11 September, oversaw the 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 initiated to IFAD's monitoring and evaluation methodologies. However, activities that require face-to-face meetings or travel such as peer visits or the rural women's forum have been delayed due to the pandemic crisis.



With regard to CSR, the selection was made at the PAFO level, which is awaiting non-objection from IFAD.

PAFO Annual Report - 2020

II. PARTNERSHIPS

2. PAFO-COLEACP Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)



Since October 2019, PAFO and COLEACP have been in discussions to formalize their partnership through a MoU which aimed to allow the two parties leverage their resources and experience to achieve a common goal.

On 25th February, PAFO and COLEACP signed the MoU in Brussels. However, with the advent of this pandemic, PAFO and COLEACP agreed to join their efforts to examine the challenges of the COVID-19 and provide urgent responses to its impacts on African agriculture, family farmers and operators of the whole value chains. As such, an Addendum to the MoU was signed on 8th April 2020, to highlight the urgency to strengthen national food production and distribution systems across African countries.

- **Launch of the PAFO-COLEACP Innovation series**



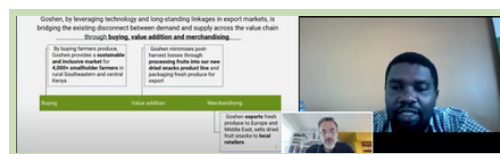
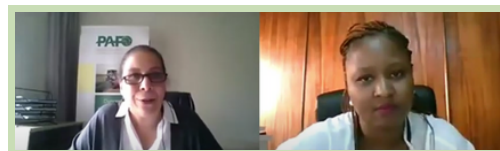
PAFO and COLEACP have designed a new webinar series to highlight the critical role the private sector plays in supporting sustainable and resilient food systems as well as providing safe and healthy food to consumers.

This series of sessions aims to increase awareness and use of existing innovations led by FOs and SMEs across value chains; to highlight imminent innovative technologies and practices with potential for FOs and SMEs and to exchange best practices and success stories between regions of the continent and with the EU.

The "Innovation Series" share the best practices of African entrepreneurs, farmers and agri-takers, with a focus on innovations in production, markets, digital solutions, technologies and use of natural resources. Perspectives on policy, research, finance and investment are also presented.

In collaboration with the COLEACP communication team, the branding of the Innovation series as well as their promotion on social networks and to professional networks via mailing were achieved.

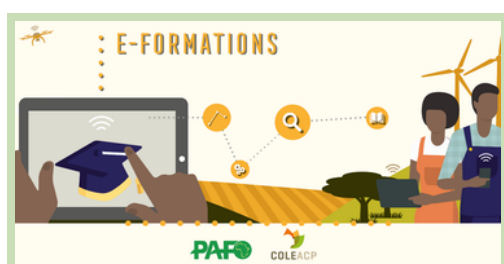
1st session of the Innovation series (November 19, 2020): It focused on the theme: "Increasing market opportunities through value-added and branded products". The video broadcast of the first session was published on the PAFO YouTube channel (<https://bit.ly/36qb3w5>).



PAFO Annual Report - 2020

II. PARTNERSHIPS

• Online training



Supporting the capacity building of farmers through training, is a key element of the five areas identified in the collaboration between PAFO and COLEACP

As such, training themes have been selected on the basis of needs expressed by PAFO members from the consultation done. Hence, from 19th October to 9th November 2020, the first online training sessions was organized on COVID-19 theme and 31 farmer members of PAFO including 12 English speakers and 19 French speakers were trained.

3. CLIMAKERS



PAFO joined the Climakers alliance "Farmers Driven Climate Change

Agenda", which fits into PAFO strategy, by signing an MoU with WFO on 11th February 2020 in Rome. However the planned activities were delayed due to COVID.

On 16th December, the Climakers alliance members from Africa, Asia and America met to discuss the achievements of 2020 and the

commitments for 2021 regarding the three pillars: the data gathering, the advocacy and the communication.

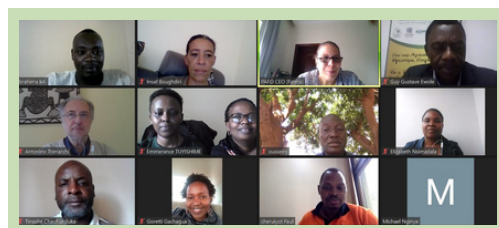


4. CBI2

INTERNATIONAL LAND COALITION

The role of CBI2 is to create a sustainable impact on land governance at all levels.

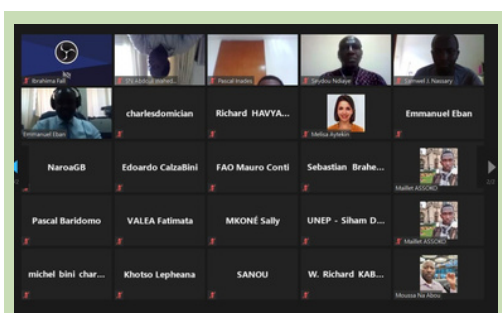
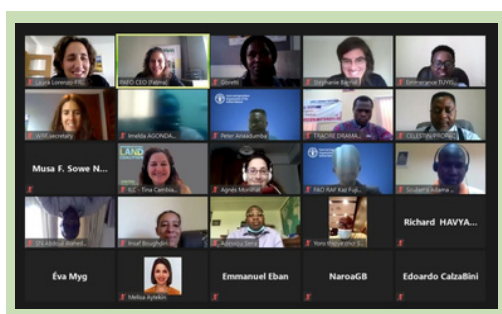
The CBI2 contract between ILC and PAFO was signed on 4th June and the implementation started with facilitation and coordination with PAFO member networks that are implementing the program. PAFO as a continental platform plays a major role in coordinating the program and it is in this context that PAFO established a CBI2 steering committee. The first Steering Committee was held on 15th October.



PAFO Annual Report - 2020

II. PARTNERSHIPS

Also, PAFO in collaboration with the World Rural Forum (WRF) organized a Webinar on the United Nations Decade of Family Farming (UNDF) in Africa under CBI2 on 23rd November. PAFO and WRF are committed to contributing to the declaration of the UNDF by creating strategic linkage between Africa and Global CBI2 to mutually reinforce both initiatives.



5. SAFE2020

African countries are faced with a dilemma on how to protect their populations from the pandemic while supporting their economies. To resolve

this dilemma PAFO and Agricord have developed the "Support African Farmers in 2020 Emergency (SAFE 2020)" project in addition to the FO4ACP continuity plan which was prepared in coordination between all partners.

SAFE 2020 intends to finance emergency and recovery activities that are currently outside the scope of FO4ACP or for which the funds available under FO4ACP were not sufficient to face the impacts of COVID 19 on the most vulnerable smallholder farmers in Africa. SAFE 2020 and FO4ACP are fully complementary and coherent and have the same implementation modalities and coordination and supervision mechanisms.

The action as well as the targeted countries have been identified in an inclusive and participatory approach by the regional FOs and agriagencies members of AgriCord. The SAFE 2020 prioritization approach is modulated at two different levels: i) a country objective based on the most affected countries, and (ii) priorities in terms of emergency response to minimize disruptions in supply markets.

The PAFO Board validated the project "A week on the farm" which will highlight the work of African farmers on a daily basis, the challenges they face and the solutions they find to feed their fellow citizens in times of crisis through a series of portrait videos. The mission consists of the production of a series of video-portraits lasting between 6 and 8 minutes each in addition to a final documentary lasting 26'. PAFO held a meeting on 17th December to establish a technical and artistic selection.

PAFO Annual Report - 2020

II. PARTNERSHIPS

6. Communication on UNDF

PAFO is a member of the Steering Committee of the regional platform “YenKasa Africa”, an alliance of farmers' organizations, communication networks of FAO. As such, it actively participated in the participatory communication process through a variety of communication activities, including participation in the development of awareness campaigns including the launch of the United Nations Decade for Family Farming.

In addition, PAFO participated in the “Communication for Development” (Com4Dev) training from November 9, 2020 to December 15, 2020. The virtual training is organized by YenKasa Africa, an alliance of farmers' organizations, communication networks and FAO. The activity responds to a series of actions related to capacity building within the framework of the regional participatory communication plan, in accordance with the Global Action Plan of the United Nations Decade for Family Farming (UNDF) (2019-28).



PAFO Annual Report - 2020

III. ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN 2020

1. GFFA 2020 (14-16 January - Berlin, Germany)

The Global Forum for Food and Agriculture (GFFA) is an international conference on agri-food policy issues hosted by the German Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture. The theme of GFFA 2020 was "Free and fair agricultural trade in and with Africa". The PAFO president was invited to participate as an expert panelist in the opening panel "Women in Agriculture".

The PAFO President shared the same panel with the Ministry of Development Cooperation's (BMZ) Permanent Secretary, who was interested by a strategy of supporting women farmers in Africa. A follow-up meeting was held between the PAFO President and the CEO of AHA on how this partnership could be approached as well as the areas and type of support needed.

2. AFFM Governing council (23-25 January - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire)

The PAFO president attended the Africa Fertilizer Financing Mechanism (AFFM) 8th governing council meeting. During the meeting, the AFFM Report for 2019 was presented and focused on ongoing and expected projects, partnerships, visibility, and financial management. Other areas discussed included the need to revisit the AFFM Guarantee fund to reduce risk and to increase support to local agro-dealers hubs.

3. Global farmers forum - FAFO 2020 (4-11 February - Rome, Italy)

The PAFO President and CEO attended the Global FAFO 2020 which is an on-going, bottom-up process of consultation and dialogue and represents a unique opportunity to implement policies in favor of small-scale farmers.

On 10th February within FAFO 2020, PAFO and its members, organized a side event which purpose was (i) to showcase main achievements and key impacts of the regional grants following completion; (ii) to exchange best practices and innovations from the various regions of Africa in implementing the regional programs; (iii) to draw key lessons learned from the implementation of these programs in order to further improve efficiency and relevance of IFAD-supported FO-Grants in the future programs and strengthen the partnership FOs-IFAD and (iv) to present the main priorities of the new program FO4ACP.

4. FAO CSO consultation (25-27 February - Harare, Zimbabwe)

The PAFO CEO attended the consultation which discussions and CSO statement to the 31st FAO Regional Conference for Africa raised among others:

- (i) The heart considerations of civil society and other key actors;
- (ii) The development and upholding progressive and inclusive policies and processes to ensure the active involvement of CSOs in formulation, implementation and monitoring of relevant policies affecting them;

PAFO Annual Report - 2020

III. ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN 2020

- (iii) The support to the creation and functioning of a permanent secretariat for the FAO CSO consultations, with a view to meaningfully assess progress of CSO recommendations, share relevant information and knowledge, and the support to Steering Committee in the preparation of regional consultations.

5. Brussels briefing N°60 (26 February - Brussels, Belgium)

The 60th and last Brussels Briefing focused on the future of food and agricultural transformation emphasizing the context of having sustainable food systems . PAFO president was invited to speak at the Briefing, where she raised the challenges to food and Agriculture in Africa, the limited access to quality farming inputs, and the climate Change, including massive deforestation, soil depletion, water scarcities, etc.

6. ECOSOCC covid-19 awareness (Webinar, 3 April)

The AfDB CSO division and AU-ECOSOCC organized series of covid-19 Awareness and Empowerment webinars to raise awareness l'asensitize and empower African citizens and CSOs on adequate responses to the Covid19 challenges.

The PAFO CEO was invited to participate in the webinar of 3rd April on the theme "Civil society response to covid 19 - Best Practices in Africa" to highlight innovative interventions from African CSOs at the forefront of the fight against the spread of

the coronavirus. The CEO's intervention highlighted how African farmers are organizing themselves and mobilizing their respective regional and local networks to continue feeding Africa, as well as the FOs challenges and needs in this COVID-19 period.

7. International web conference on "multidimensional resilience, smallholder farmers managing risks" (9-11 June)

In the face of COVID-19, smallholder farmers and forest producers face the challenge of how to balance between short-term shocks and longer-term risks such as climate change. One of the impacts of the COVID-19 crisis is the disruption of agricultural and forestry supply chains and a re-shuffling of actors. These critical issues were discussed in an international web-consultation and conference, co-organized by PAFO, which aimed to answer how to ensure resilience of smallholder production systems in times of crisis.

PAFO President responded to how FOs maintain functionality during and after disturbances, and mitigate potential losses in value-chains, as well as the current and future capacity of FOs to respond to climate hazards and non-climate stresses such as Covid-19 pandemic.



PAFO Annual Report - 2020

III. ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN 2020

8. AU-EU Agrifood Platform (25 June)

The private sector holds the largest potential for generating jobs and growth and it is, therefore, essential to boost responsible private investments in Africa. Hence, the establishment of an AU-EU Agrifood Platform has been envisaged to unlock the potential of the Agri-industries to create job opportunities in African rural areas with the support of the private sector. Based on the key role of agricultural development for structural transformation in Africa, the aim of the Platform on Agrifood is to step up the already existing dialogue with the private sector in African countries.

The DG Agri at the EU invited PAFO to speak at the webinar. The PAFO CEO intervened on the Strategic partnership with farmers' organizations and rural youth: how to empower farmers and rural youth along the value chains and integrate them into the agribusiness platform. During her speech, she summarized the opportunities and weaknesses to enhance the empowerment of Youth in the agri-food sectors while highlighting the experience and actions of PAFO.

9. 1st meeting of the 2021 Food systems summit advisory committee (7 July)

In collaboration with the United Nations agencies based in Rome, the UN secretary-general convened a Food Systems Summit in 2021, which "will raise global awareness to understand the food systems challenges we must solve, build a global conversation on

the way in which we produce, process, and consume food, and galvanize global actions and commitments to change our food systems to provide safe, nutritious food for all within our planetary boundaries".

To ensure the success of the summit, the secretary general created four support structures including a multi-stakeholder advisory committee. The president of PAFO, Ms. Elizabeth Nsimadala, was appointed member of this committee which held a 1st virtual meeting on 7 July and which discussed the strategic directions on the development and implementation of the summit.

10. Political forum on sustainable development (14th July)

Farmers' leaders from global and regional FOs across the globe convened virtually in the high-level political forum on sustainable development where president of PAFO were invited to participate. She presented to the audience the challenges exacerbated by covid-19, she identified access to inputs and access to markets, she also announced that PAFO is working on collecting solutions farmers can bring to fight the covid crisis.

As she concluded, she said "Covid-19 is indeed a global crisis which has affected all the sectors but it can also create opportunities to explore. With the launch of AfCFTA this is the right time to activate it and be able to promote domestic and regional trade amongst ourselves and our neighbors. Some of our RFOs have allocated resources to such in depth studies to be able to inform their rightful decisions".

PAFO Annual Report - 2020

III. ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN 2020

11. AFDB and FAO webinar on digitization to transform agriculture in Africa (22nd July)

Digitization to transform agriculture in Africa, a webinar organized by the FAO Investment Centre and African Development Bank, where the PAFO president was invited to participate. She spoke about the most promising uses of digital technology to enhance quality and accessibility of financial services to farmers. She declared that access to affordable financing is a prerequisite for agriculture transformation globally and in African particular. Also, she raised the common adoption barriers in providing digital financial solutions and how they can be addressed where she showed that the biggest adoption barrier is access to information: the right to information to make right decisions. The lack of farmer involvement in the design of these platforms denies them the opportunity for their needs and interests to be incorporated. She underlined that there's a need to extend and promote digital finance tools to more women and youth in Agrifood systems.

12. Joint ministerial meeting of the FAO-AUC Task Force (27th July)

FAO and AUC organized a high-level ministerial meeting on the impact of COVID 19 on food security and nutrition in Africa. The meeting allowed to raise the socioeconomic impacts of covid-19 on Africa's population and assess the containment measures taken by member states and their impact on food production, food distribution, input and output markets and regional trade.

The high-level participants declared they have ensured that food and agricultural input markets and supply chains, along with associated logistics and services, remained open and functional.

The PAFO CEO intervened about the impacts of the pandemic which is affecting the already fragile agri-food systems and food and nutrition security in Africa.

13. AFRICA REGIONAL DIALOGUE ON COVID-19 (3RD AUGUST)

The PAFO President attended the Africa regional virtual dialogue of the FAO on "Joint action on covid-19: Boosting our Africa food and agriculture response". The president presented the FOs potential joint interests as well as the best partnership modalities. She insisted on the importance of building synergies and scale up successful farmer-led innovations in the crop, livestock, and fisheries sectors for ownership and sustainability of the food production chains.

14. Follow up meeting on food system summit advisory committee meeting 12th August)

Following the first meeting of the UN Food Systems Summit (FSS) 2021 advisory committee, the president of PAFO had a follow-up meeting with Dr Martin Frick, Deputy special envoy for the summit, to discuss the contribution of PAFO at the FSS 2021. During the meeting of the advisory committee, the roadmap was defined and it was necessary to identify areas of interest allowing stakeholders to play a key role. In this regard,

PAFO Annual Report - 2020

III. ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN 2020

PAFO and AFA (Asian Farmers Association) which are the two FOs members of the advisory committee, plan to discuss with the FOs at their regional levels as well as with the members of the Farmers' Forum (FAFO) Steering Committee. The objectives are to consolidate the expectations and needs of family farmers at this Summit.

15. Webinar Farmer in the Corona crisis - hero or enemy of state? (3rd September)

The Corona crisis has highlighted the socially important role of agriculture in the world. At the same time, threats to farmers are increasing. As such, the Federation of Swedish young farmers, PAFO and We Effect co-hosted a live webinar with young farmers from three continents to talk about their daily lives and their vision for the future.

The socially important function of farmers and the importance of increased self-sufficiency during the Corona crisis were highlighted in the debate. Under the hashtag #farmingasusual, the Federation of young Swedish farmers underlined the crucial role of agriculture: "Let us show the world that we still grow as usual to bring food to the table" is the motto that has generated thousands of engagements around the world since last spring.

Also, the farmers' organizations supported by We Effect bear witness to the difficulties of harvesting or selling their products, which can turn into an emergency that threatens to double the number of people facing hunger and affect the global food supply.

The president of PAFO, for her part, underlined the challenges facing farmers, such as market access during this pandemic period. In addition, it is not easy for the farmers, as it has always been difficult for them, to also access finance. It concludes with the obligation to create solid collaboration and cooperation between FOs.

16. EU - DeSIRA Launch (8th September)

The PAFO president talked about mutual partnership that's clear on responsibilities and responsive to priorities and need of the different actors along any value chain.

PAFO president added that under PAFO, the members have lobbied to be recognized by all important actors including research and are proud to be invited to the boards at continental and regional level associations. There's a need to transform research approach both in response to farmer needs but also in funding. PAFO believes Desira is a product of PAEPARD and as FO's were able to demonstrate the concept of user led research as viable and hope Desira will propagate this approach.

17. IFIAD annual conference 2020 - covid19 and sustainable food systems (21st October)

PAFO attended by presenting the policies and strategies required to achieve rural transformation. The PAFO CEO highlighted the aspects that should be enhanced such as honouring the commitments under CAADP, enhancing direct support to the family

PAFO Annual Report - 2020

III. ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN 2020

farmers, maximizing opportunities in farming and agro processing on the African continent, promoting innovation and digitalization in agriculture, connecting farmers and finally utilizing the African Continental Free Trade Area to promote farming and farm products on the African market.

PAFO attended by presenting the policies and strategies required to achieve rural transformation. The PAFO CEO highlighted the aspects that should be enhanced such as honouring the commitments under CAADP, enhancing direct support to the family farmers, maximizing opportunities in farming and agro processing on the African continent, promoting innovation and digitalization in agriculture, connecting farmers and finally utilizing the African Continental Free Trade Area to promote farming and farm products on the African market.

18. 31st FAO regional conference for Africa (28th October)



PAFO president attended the panel of the ministerial session on “Actualizing inclusive food systems transformation in Africa through leveraging innovation and digitalization:

Toward UN Food Systems Summit2021” at the thirty-first FAO regional conference for Africa, held in virtual as part of the 31st FAO regional conference for Africa with the participation of several ministers from 49 countries. PAFO president said that the biggest challenge to unlock and actualize inclusive food system transformation lies in data but it appears the agriculture community has not figured this out. However, it can be done! On behalf of African farmers, she invites FAO and other development partners to support farmer led innovations if we are to actualize inclusive food systems transformation in Africa.

19. Pan african agribusiness apex chamber steering committee (3rd November)

The PAFO president attended a Pan african agribusiness apex chamber steering committee webinar. A meeting which agreed that the private enterprise federation of Ghana is to share the company incorporation documents for the information of the Steering Committee. This action has since been undertaken and the documents shared. It also took note of the sudden change in the decision of the German partners as this is not what was agreed upon in the various meeting attended in Berlin.

The meeting decided to hold on with the planned activities with the Afrika Verein until the coordination issues with regard the support to the Secretariat is resolved and further agreed to organise a session on the implementation of the AfCFTA in the short term. Regarding partnership with FAO, the meeting was informed by Nana that discussion with FAO is advancing toward obtaining some financial support for secretariat for the establishment of the website.

PAFO Annual Report - 2020

III. ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN 2020

20. Virtual ReSAKSS annual conference (3-5 November)



The PAFO president highlighted the role of PAFO who helps farmers to come together to prioritize desired responses and communicate them through strategic alignment, as well as to build capacities in the gaps identified, conducting surveys and studies and come up with continental position on priority issues.

21. The ECOWAS parliamentarians panel on youth and young women-resilient to COVID-19 (12th November)

During her intervention, the PAFO president highlighted that with regards of COVID-19, governments should ensure that youth have equal access to information, to protection gear, reporting and feedback on impact of COVID-19 to their enterprises and that there should be Youth long term economic inclusion.

22. Cultivate-Africa partnership dialogue on the response to the COVID-19 pandemic (17th November)

During the event, the PAFO president made some points on the related disruptions of Covid-19 and the best/successful approaches to controlling the disease and containing the immediate and short-term impacts by addressing these disruptions, both in rural and urban areas. The approaches include: Farmer self-service, e-training and information sharing, facilitating awareness creation on wider participation in the innovations and digital systems, promotion and supporting youth entrepreneurial initiatives in the region, strengthening support systems and members' organizations for african farmers, securing the safety of farmers as farming continues undisrupted.

23. 7th Annual ReNAPRI stakeholders' conference (19th November)

The PAFO president mentioned that 14 years since the Abuja 1 summit, the fertilizer consumption in most African countries still remains small. Resolution 1 of the Abuja 1 summit was to increase fertilizer consumption in Africa and this would be done through a financing mechanism namely The Africa Fertilizer Financing Mechanism. But since 2006, it is only two countries (Nigeria and Tanzania) that have contributed to the fund. AFFM is currently running Credit Guarantee pilot programs in those two countries in partnership with AFAP.

PAFO Annual Report - 2020

III. ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN IN 2020

24. 16th Comprehensive Africa agriculture development programme partnership platform meeting (24th November)

The PAFO CEO mentioned that the African agriculture is capable to be transformed through the improvement of infrastructure, the access to social utilities like education infrastructures, l'accès aux services sociaux and health, the access to water, electricity, ICTs, make closer the financial and cultural services, etc.

The need to innovate, expand and promote the use of digital tools in agriculture has never been as pressing or opportune as during the COVID-19 crisis. Public interventions are needed to promote the digital transformation of agriculture and include smallholders as well. The private sector, among which there are farmers since they are the first investors in African agriculture, will certainly be the engine of agricultural transformation. There is a need for political will for far-reaching reforms.

25. Launch of the United Nations decade of family farming in the Near East and North Africa (NENA) region (24th November)

While witnessing the launch of the Decade in the NENA region, the PAFO CEO congratulated the excellent follow-up carried out shortly after the global launch especially in this very critical pandemic period. Farmers' organizations strongly advocated for the Global Action Plan to be followed by regional and national action plans as farmers do not all have the same expectations and needs. Moreover, it is evident that communication can play an important role in the life of family farmers and in the promotion of the Decade

and the message was, to focus efforts on Pillar 4 and on capacity building for Farmers' Organizations and Family Farmers.

26. Africa-Europe Strategy Group on Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems (3rd December)

The PAFO president declared that farmers of Africa are more than delighted for the launch of the AU- EU Cooperation and for the opportunity to contribute to the taskforce on Agriculture and food systems. This cooperation comes at the right moment when the content is ripe with the launch of AfCFTA that focuses at creating a one market for Africa and where farmers are reorganizing to take a center stage in transformation of the African food systems. On behalf of PAFO she reiterates the support to this process and any other similar processes geared towards improvement of the livelihoods of farmers.

27. WTO webinar (8th December)

The PAFO president attended WTO webinar on food and agricultural trade in the new policy environment, where she made her remarks on how global markets have been affected by Covid-19 and what it means for the region. She showed how recent trade tensions between major economies affected producers in the region, talked on what governments can do differently to ensure that policies affecting trade and markets support food security and environmental sustainability. On agricultural trade, she showed that farmers in Africa are hoping to see a clear framework and process of how the strong commitments by governments for supporting agricultural trade are going to be translated into actions to transform the agricultural sector.

PAFO Annual Report - 2020

IV. APPENDICES: BRIEF REPORTS FROM PAFO MEMBERS

Overview of the EAFF 2020 annual Report

2019 - 2020 achievements



• Economic services

The e-Granary platform has been strengthened and made more robust. The deployment of the USSD and SMS e-granary remains functional in Uganda and Rwanda thanks to designated codes. These efforts have enabled us to enrol 25,000 farmers in e-Granary in Uganda and Rwanda, of which 12,910 or 51.64% are women and 8,153 or 32.61% are young farmers. This represents 50% of the target. Registration in Kenya is slightly over 210,000 farmers. 546 tonnes of commodities: 120 tonnes of maize, 95.2 tonnes of soybeans, 330 tonnes of beans valued at US \$ 198,560 (UGX 714,816,000) of salable commodities were collectively sold. On access to credit: The total portfolio given was US \$ 263,026, which exceeds the target of US \$ 50,000. In terms of disaggregation, on access to inputs, loans from 1,264 farmers in Kenya and 591 or 46% were women farmers while 312 or 25% were young farmers

• Policy, advocacy and lobbying

Due to Covid, EAFF lobbied for the removal of cross-border trade barriers imposed due to Covid (lengthy customs procedures, refusal of entry of trucks at Tz-Ke; Ug-Ke; Ug-Rwa; Rwa-Bdi, etc.) because they hamper the flow of agricultural products; distort the markets and traders taking advantage of these obstacles to exploit the peasants by reducing prices; Between March and July 2020, EAFF conducted a review of maize value chains in selected countries in the region for South Sudan, Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Democratic Republic of Congo and Burundi. We are currently undertaking analyses of cassava, dairy products and potatoes.

• Knowledge management

EAFF and the National Farmers' Organization in 2019 were able to (i) develop programs and training materials for structured trade, (ii) develop programs and training materials for financial literacy, (iii) implement set up an agronomy support system for electronic popularization. That is why we disseminated information packs to farmers and training manuals on credit and financial education, structured trade and agronomy for the bean, corn and soybean value chains. In 2020, we have strengthened our electronic extension services especially during this period of Covid-19. Through SMS and voice calls, we disseminated information packs to farmers on credit and financial education, structured trade and agronomy for the Beans, Corn, Soybeans. This allowed us to reduce the risk of production (the risk of crop failure due to poor agronomic practices, climate, pest or disease) by introducing

• Cross-cutting issues (Women, Youth, Climate change)

378 young companies applied for the agro-industrial call for proposals. 163, 62 and 153 respectively in Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda. In total, 6,566 young people were directly reached through calls for proposals (3,463 men and 3,103 women)

PAFO Annual Report - 2020

IV. APPENDICES: BRIEF REPORTS FROM PAFO MEMBERS

Overview of the EAFF 2020 annual Report

2019 - 2020 achievements



- **Important days for 2020** FO4ACP regional launch on 17th and 18th 2020 in Nairobi, Kenya at Crowne Plaza312 or 25% were young farmers
- **Any important information for PAFO** The EAFF President and CEO will visit members in Rwanda, government, donors and private sector stakeholders in the week of November 17-20, 2020. One of our members, INGABO, will be hosting Cassava Week, which can be a good thing if the PAFO CEO is involved.



PAFO Annual Report - 2020

IV. APPENDICES: BRIEF REPORTS FROM PAFO MEMBERS

Overview of the PROPAC 2020 annual Report

2019 - 2020 achievements



- | | |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training, coaching, monitoring of 10 cassava cooperatives in Cameroon and DRC; • Support for the development of business plans for economic initiatives promoted by agricultural entrepreneurs; • Support for financing 24/36 economic initiatives |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy, advocacy and lobbying | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of a regional workshop to develop the regional action plan for the United Nations Decade of Family Farming for Central Africa. Result: The commitment of ECCAS to support the process of implementing the Decade of Family Farming in Central Africa. • Organization of a meeting of the OP-Research consultation and dialogue framework on the theme: "Innovating in agri-food processing: Building OP-Research synergies to facilitate access of peasant products to the market" Result: a collaboration strengthened between researchers and microproject promoters in order to carry out the economic initiatives to be implemented within the framework of the FO4ACP, in particular those relating to agri-food processing. • In DRC, organization of an advocacy action with the government. Result: The revision of the DRC's 2020 national public budget taking into account the coronavirus pandemic |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of a workshop to capitalize / manage knowledge and lessons learned from the Cassava 21 project • Conducting a study on the impact of covid-19 on family farming in Central Africa |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-cutting issues (Women, Youth, Climate change) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization of an exchange trip for young agricultural entrepreneurs from Central Africa in order to strengthen the capacities of potential agricultural entrepreneurs and motivate them on agricultural entrepreneurship and the development of market-oriented value chains, in particular the pepper die. |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important days for 2020 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June: hearing between MINADER and PROPAC • 05 August: visit of the High Commissioner of Canada to Cameroon to the headquarters of PROPAC in Yaoundé, who came to meet with PROPAC on the Agro-innov Network project funded by Global Affairs Canada and implemented by UPA DI in collaboration with PROPAC and other partners around the world. • October 1: organization of a peasant march in Kinshasa in the DRC |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any important information for PAFO | <p>President Buka represents PAFO on the FARA Board. He took part in a virtual session last May.</p> |

PAFO Annual Report - 2020

IV. APPENDICES: BRIEF REPORTS FROM PAFO MEMBERS

Overview of the ROPPA 2020 annual Report

2019 - 2020 achievements



• Economic services

- Significant increase in the forms of services delivered to members - in particular services with economic benefits
- Provision of 15 industrial hatcheries for the benefit of 30 cooperatives of local chicken producers in Benin → PNOPPA B
- Development of 15 rice clusters and marketing of nearly 47 tonnes of rice → PNOPPA B
- 3150 RU benefiting from member services → PFPN
- 17,513 animals consulted through a veterinary training mechanism → CNCR
- 41,293 tonnes of peanuts marketed by ASPRODEB against a target of 21,700 tonnes → CNCR
- Marketing of fertilizers for an amount of 4.080 billion through a facilitation organization (COPEOC) → CNCR
- Support of 500 families (agricultural credit) for an amount of 200,000,000 FCFA → CNCR
- Launch of a training process on Warrantage → CNOP G
- 10 forest and farm producers' organizations (OPFA) received local support from the National Incubation Centre for Agricultural and Forestry Businesses → CTOP
- Promotion of beekeeping: 20 beekeepers trained in production, packaging and labelling techniques → CTOP
- Local support to three forest and farm producers' organizations (OPFA) including 2 OPFA for cassava processing and 1 for shea and peanut processing (packaging, maturation) → CTOP
- Establishment of processing units (peanuts and shea) → FONG
- Establishment of a cereal bank for 5,000 producers → NACOFAG
- Increased actions to promote local products (improvement of product penetration on the markets)
- Labelling and implementation of geographical indications for Wagashi and pineapple sugarloaf → PNOPPA
- Participation of ANOPACI in SARA and at the Angers fair - France → ANOPACI
- Participation of the POs of the CNOP G in the 1st edition of the National Fair of Agricultural Products of GUINEA (FONAPAG) → CNOP G
- 29 women trained in cassava processing, hygiene and quality, and the packaging and labelling system → CTOP
- Income diversification for the women of 2 coffee-cocoa OPFAs: 30 women trained in the manufacture of soap made from cocoa pod shells and support for the packaging system → CTOP
- Support for the creation of an exhibition space and sale of local products promoted by young people → CTOP

PAFO Annual Report - 2020

IV. APPENDICES: BRIEF REPORTS FROM PAFO MEMBERS

Overview of the ROPPA 2020 annual Report

2019 - 2020 achievements



- | | |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy, advocacy and lobbying | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good participation of POs in the development of response plans to COVID19 developed by the State (CNCR, CTOP, PNOPPAB, CPF, CNOPM, NACOFAG, PFPN) • Establishment of a monitoring and support system for their various members for the ASPH campaign in the face of the COVID19 pandemic (CTOP, CNCR, CPF, PNOPPAB) • Actions to mobilize other stakeholders around advocacy on agroecology (CNOPM, PFPN, CNCR) • Development of several actions / strategies to support members facing COVID19 at regional and national level (product marketing, facilitation of access to financing, negotiation of loan payment deferrals, etc.) • Establishment of the Monitoring and Action Committee (MCA) at national and regional level • directory of texts and decrees for the promotion of local products in 4 countries (Senegal, Burkina Faso, Togo and Benin) • Reinforcement of synergies between new actions developed by Agrigences at national and regional level • Strengthening of consultation mechanisms internal to the NFPs for decision-making (monitoring framework, OEF) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directory of texts and decrees for the promotion of local products in 4 countries (Senegal, Burkina Faso, Togo and Benin) • Development and dissemination of a note on the integration of young people in the agro-sylvo-pastoral and fisheries sector in West Africa • Development of a regional note on COVID19 • Development of a continental note on the effect of COVID19 on GAFSP projects |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-cutting issues (Women, Youth, Climate change) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of new partnerships by FOs (national and regional) Ex. PFPN, CNCR, PNOPPAB, CTOP, ROPPA • Identification of non-formal consultation frameworks playing an important role in dialogue and conflict prevention. Experiences to scale have been identified • Integration of conflict sensitivity for a peaceful climate at all levels from the institutional level, design implementation and monitoring and evaluation of projects and programs • Strengthening of consultation mechanisms internal to the NFPs for decision-making (monitoring framework, OEF) • Strengthening of the functioning of the women's college (consultation and launch of a multi-year project) • Consolidation of the governance of NFPs (session of organs at various levels) • Development of new partnerships and consolidation of existing partnerships by the network |

PAFO Annual Report - 2020

IV. APPENDICES: BRIEF REPORTS FROM PAFO MEMBERS

Overview of the ROPPA 2020 annual Report

2019 - 2020 achievements



- | | |
|---|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important days for 2020 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 2020 → Production of an analytical note on the integration of young people in the agro-sylvo-pastoral and fisheries sector in West Africa: Point of view of young farmers • March 2020 → ROPPA-AGriAgence consultation for the implementation of the OPenACP in Nyelini, Mali • March 2020 → Establishment of the governance bodies of the regional youth college of ROPPA • May 2020 → Regional virtual workshop to assess and plan the network • June 2020 → establishment of the monitoring and action committee around COVID19 • July 2020 → Influence of GAFSP for the establishment of support for the benefit of current projects and launch of a post COVID19 call |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any important information for PAFO | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of a post COVID19 monitoring and action committee at West Africa level |



PAFO Annual Report - 2020

IV. APPENDICES: BRIEF REPORTS FROM PAFO MEMBERS

Overview of the SACA 2020 annual Report

2019 - 2020 achievements



- | | |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic services | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing financial and technical support to NFOs to enable them set up institutions, platforms, tools and frameworks for provision of economic services to their members through various grants. • Facilitated technical workshops for dairy and cotton platforms. The dairy technical workshop established the key elements that would inform the development of a regional strategy, the cotton technical workshop discussed some institutional matters in the region value chain |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy, advocacy and lobbying | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SACA Annual Conference (2019) focusing on Climate Smart Agriculture – Conference came up with recommendations that informs farmers and FOs on their future engagement with authorities regarding CSA • Organised an awareness meeting for SACA members on “Risk pooling for weather-based index insurance (WBII)” • Co-hosted a side event with the Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS), University of Copenhagen and the University of Vermont at COP25 • Made a presentation to SADC on “Farmers’ perspectives on challenges to market access and trade in agricultural products in Southern Africa • Produced technical advisory note to inform members the key issues that were discussed during COP25 • Participated in key events some of which are <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -World Economic Forum (WEF) -Alliance for Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) -Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) - Southern African Development Community (SADC) -SADC Business Council |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Produced regular newsletters that carried more than 50 different articles • Conducted 2 rapid assessment on the impact of COVID-19 to them as organizations and to their members. The study reports were shared with partners • Conducted a quick assessment on the impact of COVID on businesses operated by the youth in the region |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-cutting issues (Women, Youth, Climate change) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted a study commissioned by FAO on “Enabling Young Agripreneurs to create more decent employment in Southern Africa” • Facilitated participation of young agripreneurs to the 3rd African Youth Agripreneurs Forum (AYAF) that was organized by the African Development bank (AfDB). The theme of the forum was “Climate Smart Agriculture: Business and Employment Opportunity for Africa’s youth • Facilitated the participation of women farmers to a learning tour of Climate Smart Agriculture organized by CCAFS in Ethiopia |

PAFO Annual Report - 2020

IV. APPENDICES: BRIEF REPORTS FROM PAFO MEMBERS

Overview of the UMNAGRI 2020 annual Report

2019 - 2020 achievements



Introduction

In 2020, UMNAGRI focused its activity in:

- The implementation of the OPenACP project in North Africa
- The implementation of the SAFE 2020 project in Mauritania
- The design and preparation of the ECOMARINVEST project in Tunisia.

The spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in North Africa had a significant impact on the progress of project activities.

At the end of 2020, five of the UMNAGRI member countries - namely Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya and Egypt - were positioned among the eight worst-hit countries in Africa in terms of contamination and victims.

Very strict measures have been adopted in all these countries - including periods of total containment with travel bans - which have almost blocked economic activities.

As a result, the activities of UMNAGRI suffered from slowdowns. Only actions which did not require travel and which allowed remote development were implemented.

OPenACP

In North Africa, the livestock sectors in 5 of the UMNAGRI member countries (Egypt, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco and Mauritania) are targeted by the project because of the importance that animal production has in the economic panorama, in terms of employment and production, but in a difficult environment due to the technical and technological difficulties of the breeders to obtain a quantitative and qualitative production adequate to the demand of the national markets.

Since in Algeria and Egypt the pandemic had an impact on the LFOs identified at the launch of the project, it was decided to launch activities in these countries in 2021.

In the other three target countries, activities have started

Project activities in 2020 - aimed at strengthening the capacities of LFOs in the provision of technical and economic services, focused on reflection at the national and regional level for the establishment and implementation of an action plan for the integration of small breeders into local value chains. In detail, the three LFOs involved in the project, namely

- The Thidé Women's Cooperative (Mauritania)
- The Ennour Poultry Cooperative in Monastir (Tunisia)
- The Essalam dairy cooperative in Sidi Bennour (Morocco)

have achieved:

- A self-assessment of organizational, technical and economic performance
- A study of the reference sector in the area where the LFOs are operational
- A strategic action plan for strategic positioning

The self-assessment made it possible to assess the internal weaknesses and strengths of the structure as well as the external challenges and opportunities which have an influence on its activities. This exercise made it possible to strategically plan short- and long-term goals and to adapt to changing environments.

PAFO Annual Report - 2020

IV. APPENDICES: BRIEF REPORTS FROM PAFO MEMBERS

Overview of the UMNAGRI 2020 annual Report

2019 - 2020 achievements



As a result of the remote technical assistance activities provided by UMNAGRI, studies of the reference channels were prepared by the LFOs of Mauritania, Tunisia and Morocco, as follows:

- The fodder crop sector in the Department of Boghé / Mauritania
- The poultry sector in the Governorate of Monastir / Tunisia
- The dairy sector in the region of Casablanca / Morocco

The sector study targeted the analysis of the entire system generated by a product, of all those involved in the sector, their environment, the actions that are carried out and the mechanisms that led to such actions, to analyse the succession of actions carried out by actors to produce, transform, sell and consume a product.

Each LFO has prepared its action plan on the basis of strategic positioning choices which take into account the starting point and which recommend sustainable performance objectives to be achieved. The definition of this action plan started from the analysis of the starting position and the position that the LFO occupies in the market vis-à-vis its competitors and buyers of their production.

As a result, the LFOs may have to make the decision to either strengthen the position it holds in its market or to reposition itself to seize new opportunities.

Once the decision has been taken - to strengthen the position acquired or to reposition itself - the LFO establishes its action plan, to formalize its strategy and adopt the necessary measures to modify its organizational and commercial structure.

The action plan will be validated in 2021 during strategic workshops that the LFOs target with the presence of stakeholders in the sector in each reference country.

SAFE 2020

The objectives of the project have been identified at the continental level to set up a post COVID-19 action to meet the needs of farmers in terms of supply of inputs and other basic means of production, digitalization and information, e - Trade, adapted financing and advocacy to position the NFOs in decision-making processes and among the targets of measures taken by governments.

In North Africa, the project operates in Mauritania: the beneficiaries of the activity are a group of small producers of cereals and rice located in the region of Trarza, in the rural area of the city of Rosso - southern Mauritania. The beneficiary group is made up of 1,000 smallholder households (40% women farmers) associated in five rice cooperatives which are operational on agricultural perimeters of around 1,000 hectares, producing an average of 4.5 tonnes of rice annually. The production is intended for the families' own consumption and the surplus is sold in the market of neighbouring towns or in the capital. Due to the COVID-19 epidemic, the group of producers is facing a serious shortage of seeds and phytosanitary products that could jeopardize the next agricultural season in the region, with significant repercussions on the food security of the population. small local farmers and their families.

In 2020 preparatory activities were implemented, because the persistence of travel restrictions in the country, prevented the start of technical activities.

PAFO Annual Report - 2020

IV. APPENDICES: BRIEF REPORTS FROM PAFO MEMBERS

Overview of the UMNAGRI 2020 annual Report

2019 - 2020 achievements



ECOMARINVEST

The objective of the project is to promote the socio-economic development of the region of Mahdia in Tunisia, through the transfer of professional and technical skills aimed at the creation of businesses in the sectors of artisanal fishing and sustainable tourism, to offer employment prospects to young people and divert them from illegal emigration projects.

This result will be achieved through the establishment of a stable incubation and support structure to provide training, technical and financial assistance in Tunisia with the support of institutions and social workers in both countries and the Tunisian diaspora in Sicily.

Due to restrictions due to the pandemic, technical activities have been postponed till to 2021.



Pan african farmers' organization
Organisation panafricaine des agriculteurs
المنظمة الإفريقية للفلاحين

 Adresse : Bibare, Street KG125, House No. 88, Kimironko Kigali - Rwanda
 Tel : (+250) 733202069 / 7332020701
 Mail : info@pafo-africa.org