

CCARDESA
Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development for Southern Africa



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Introduction

- CCARDESA is a subsidiary of SADC established by Member States through a Charter,
- Established in 2010 & launched in 2011
- Created to coordinate agricultural R&D efforts in the region
- **Goal:** To sustainably reduce food insecurity & poverty in the SADC region
- **Objective:** To increase smallholder productivity through the adoption of improved agricultural technologies and improved husbandry and marketing practices

CCARDESA Strategic Plan

- 1st Medium-Term Operational Plan (MTO) drafted in 2013, covering the period from 2014 to 2018.
- Served a dual purpose of being an operational plan as well as a strategy.
- SP 2020–2029 responds to the needs of the SADC MS
- Aligned to the SADC RISDP
- Strategy took into account past lessons, current trends, and the future
- Emphasis on climate-relevant interventions
- Information and knowledge brokerage is a critical part
- Developed a Resource Mobilisation Strategy

Vision, Mission and Goal

Vision

“Sustainable agricultural growth and socio-economic development in the SADC”

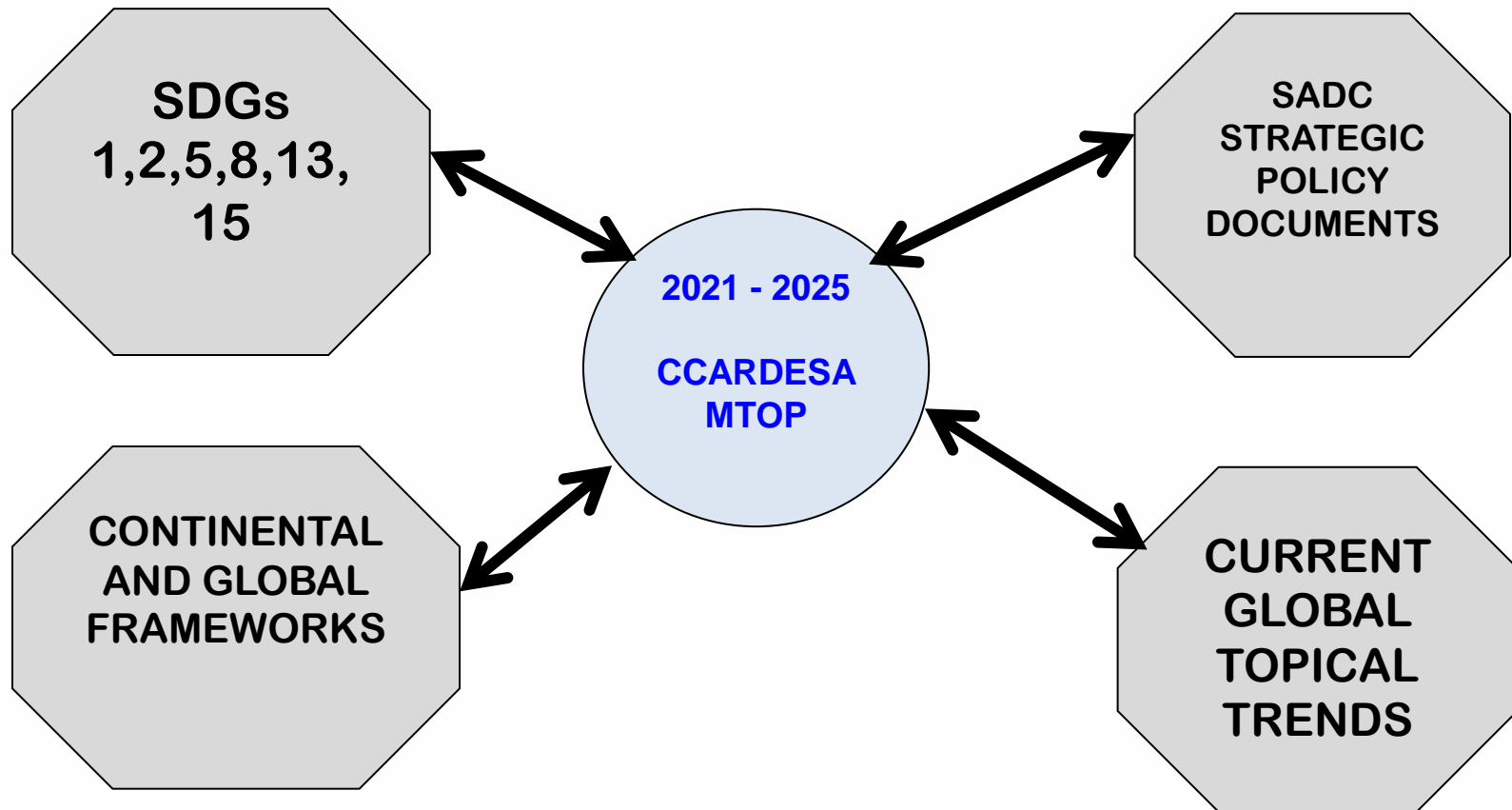
Mission

“To set the regional research and development agenda, mobilise resources, support capacity development, foster collaboration and provide agricultural information and knowledge in the SADC”

Goal

“To facilitate delivery of sustainable, equitable and inclusive agricultural development to ensure food and nutrition security in the SADC region”

Alignment of MTOP to key strategies



Strategic Plan Thematic Areas

THEMATIC AREAS

Agricultural productivity and food and nutrition security



Resilience to emerging agricultural risks: environmental, climate change and transboundary pests and diseases



Commercialisation of the agricultural sector and market access



Women, youth and social inclusion



Knowledge and information management, communication and policy support



Capacity strengthening of CCARDESA and AR4D institutions



RESULTS

Increased agricultural productivity and food and nutrition security

Sustainable management of natural resources and increased resilience to climate change and other emerging agricultural risks

Increased commercialisation of smallholder agriculture and access to markets

Gender equality, women empowerment and increased employment and participation of youth and vulnerable groups in agricultural value chains

Strengthened capacity of regional and national AR4D institutions, farmers and other agricultural value chain actors

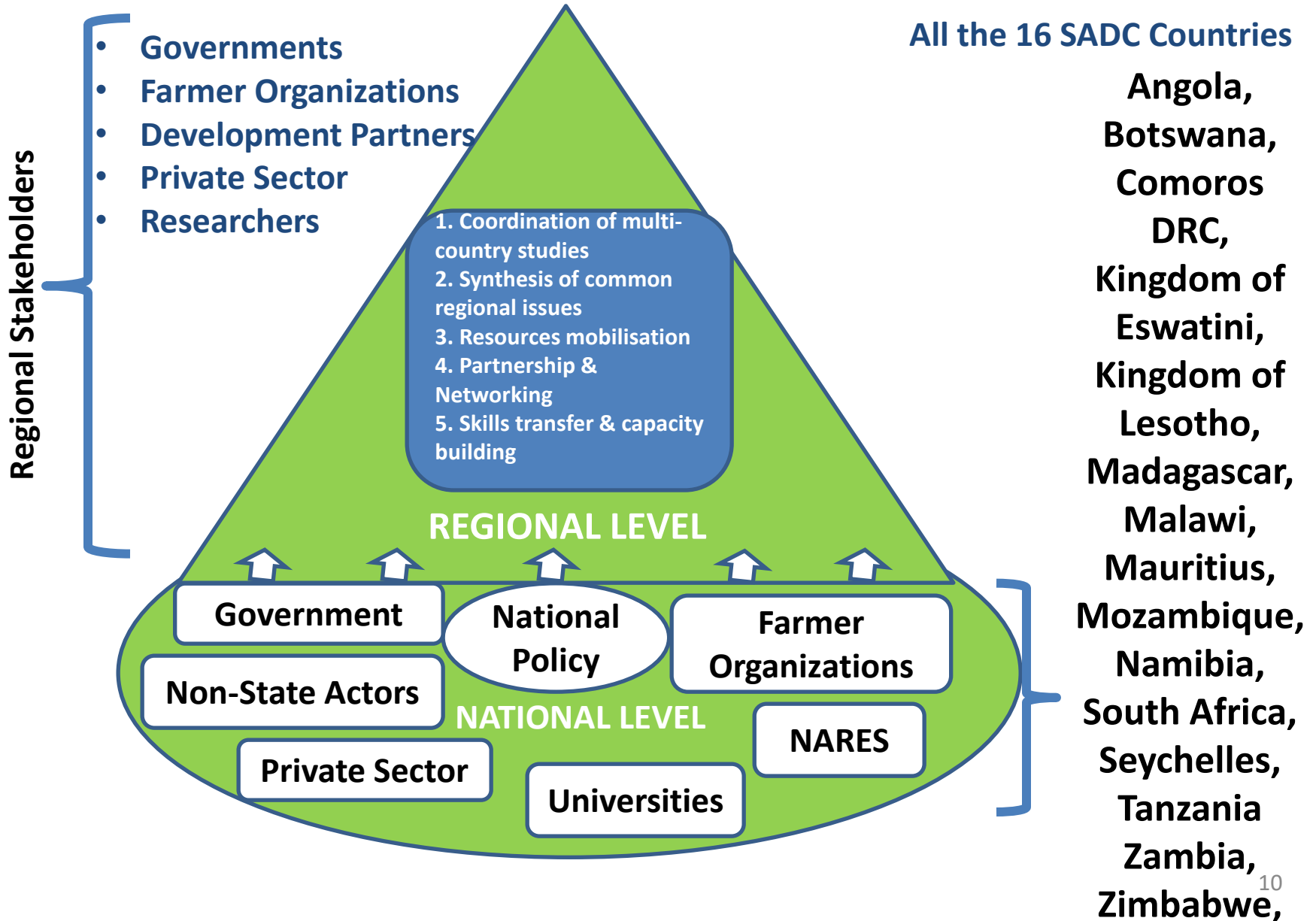
Roles of CCARDESA

- **Coordinate** implementation of regional Agricultural R&D programmes
- **Facilitate** collaboration among NARs & CGIAR
- **Promote** public-private partnerships in regional agricultural R&D
- **Improve** agricultural technology generation, dissemination, and adoption in the region through collective efforts, training and capacity building

Roles of CCARDESA

- **Empower** and strengthen farmers and their organisations or groups
- **Facilitate** development of sustainable education, training and learning systems
- **Promote** co-operation, consultation and exchange of scientific and technical information on best practices in agric.

CCARDESA ENGAGEMENT WITH PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS



REGIONAL COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

| Projects/Programmes | Donor & Duration | Participating countries | Objectives/Goal |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|
| Agricultural Productivity Programme for Southern Africa (APPSA) | WB- was 6 years WB - 6 years | Phase 1- Malawi, Mozambique, Zambia Closed Phase 2-Angola, Lesotho On-going | Improve the availability of improved technologies in the region |
| Mitigating the impact of COVID-19 on food & nutrition security using CSA Tech. | EU-18 months | Eswatini, Mozambique, South Africa, Zambia Closed | Improve the availability and access to high value nutritious agricultural produce in food insecure communities impacted by COVID-19 CSA technologies |
| GCCA+ | EU- 3 years | Botswana, Malawi, Namibia, Zambia, Zimbabwe On-going | Strengthen the capacity of MS to undertake regional and national adaptation and mitigation actions in response to the challenges caused by the effects of global climate change and climate variability |
| CAADP-XP4 | EU - 4 years | Botswana, Eswatini, Mozambique, Namibia, Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe On-going | Enable agric. research & innovation, extension services, to contribute effectively to food & nutrition security; economic development and climate mitigation in Africa. |

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| Accelerating the Impact of CGIAR Climate Research for Africa (AICCRA) | World Bank 3 years | Senegal, Ghana, Mali, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Zambia | Enhance access to climate information services and validated climate-smart agriculture technologies in Africa |
| Climate Resilience and Management of Natural Resources in the SADC Region (C-NRM) | BMZ-GIZ 18 months | SADC Member States | Climate change is systematically taken into account in the transboundary management of natural resources in the SADC region. |
| Expansion: Mitigating the impact of COVID-19 on food & nutrition security using CSA Technologies | EU- 18 months | Botswana, Mauritius, Namibia and Seychelles | Improve the availability and access to high value nutritious agricultural produce in food insecure communities impacted by COVID-19 CSA technologies |
| Food System Resilience Program (FSRP) | WB – 5 years | Phase 1 - Madagascar Phase 2- | Improve the resilience of food systems and increase preparedness against food insecurity in selected countries. |

Planned Expansion

- CCARDESA is in the process of expanding its operations/focus to include:

| SECTORS | INTERVENTIONS |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Livestock | Conservation of animal genetic resources and address factors influencing animal health, and sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) conditions within SADC member states. |
| Fisheries and Aquaculture | Improve resource use, environmental sustainability, and the contribution to food security, poverty alleviation, and national economic growth and development in the SADC region. |
| Forestry and Agroforestry | Promote good forest governance and sustainable forest management in close consultation with SADC member states. |

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