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8TH TAP PARTNERS ASSEMBLY

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CONCEPT NOTE

The **Tropical Agriculture Platform** (TAP) is a G20 initiative, officially launched in 2012, with a mandate to work towards bridging the capacity gap for agricultural innovation in the tropics. Its objective is to increase the coherence and effectiveness of capacity development interventions for agricultural innovation systems, so they can lead to sustainable change and impact at scale.

Since its launch, TAP and its 52 Partners have embraced the Agricultural Innovation Systems (AIS) perspective, acting as a multilateral dynamic facilitation mechanism that enables better coherence and greater impact of Capacity development interventions in AIS. TAP major achievements include the development and piloting of a **Common Framework on Capacity Development for AIS (2015-2019)**, as well as practical tools and capacity development manuals, the integration of the TAP concept and approaches in to Strategic Plans, programmes and projects of the Partners, and development of **TAPipedia**, a global knowledge platform on CD for AIS.

TAP partners are contributing to the promotion of the TAP Common Framework and implementation of TAP Action Plan through various initiatives and programmes. Such contributions are periodically disseminated and shared with all partners through regular TAP Newsletters. In 2020, TAP partners were re-engaged in the Capacity Development Expert Group (CDEG) and members of this group participated in an e-discussion on the review of the Common Framework (CF) documents which are currently being revised in light of the lessons and experiences from its applications. In 2021, the TAP Secretariat launched a “Learning Review” of the TAP partnership in order to assess the main achievements of the TAP Partnership, with regard to the changes in organizations as effect of the different products of TAP. In addition, a working group of TAP Partners is advancing on the development of the TAP Engagement and Expansion Strategy, while a first draft of the new TAP Action Plan (2022-2025) has been developed.

In this context, the eighth TAP Partners Assembly will be a key event to bring TAP Partners together to discuss the progress of implementation of the current TAP Action Plan, to discuss the future one and to improve coordination and collaboration among the partners.

Specifically, the objectives of this event are:

1. To discuss the current status of implementation of the TAP Action Plan (2018-2021)
2. To present the draft new TAP Action Plan 2022-2025 and gather further inputs from TAP partners for endorsement before end of 2021.
3. To get an update on the revision of the Common Framework and e-learning module
4. To share the preliminary findings of the TAP Learning Review
5. To present the draft Engagement Strategy
6. To get familiar and updated on the Partners ongoing programmes and projects (side events).

The seventh TAP Partners Assembly will be organized virtually and will comprise:

- Two virtual meetings/sessions (via zoom) of 2.5 hours each.
- Side-events on specific topics to be organized by TAP Partners upon their proposals (details to be shared).

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AGENDA (draft, for Partners only)

TUESDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2021



THE MEETINGS CAN BE JOINED VIA ZOOM. REGISTER HERE:

[HTTPS://FAO.ZOOM.US/MEETING/REGISTER/TJAQD-2VQDGVH9A_D8IX8E3PKXR2CB8_TCO](https://fa0.zoom.us/joining/register/tjaqd-2vqdgvh9a_d8ix8e3pkxr2cb8_tco)

14:00-14:10 CET

Opening and welcome remarks (including update on new partners) | TAP Chair

14:10-14:30 CET

Update on the TAP progress: Major achievements | TAP Secretariat

14:30-15:20 CET

New TAP Action Plan (2022 – 2025): presentation and discussion among TAP Partners | Head of TAP Secretariat

15:20-15:40 CET

Partner's Exchange: "Research and innovation for agroecological transitions – funding gaps and return on investment" - Presentation and Discussion | FiBL-TAP Partners

15:40-16:00 CET

Integration of TAP Common Framework into Agricultural Education | TAP Partners

16:00-16:20 CET

Partner's Exchange: Partner's engagement in EU DeSIRA projects and providing an update (TAP-AIS, DeSIRA Lift, GFAR, CAADP ex Pillar IV organizations) | EU

16:20-16:30 CET

Summary and conclusions | Head of TAP Secretariat

WEDNESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2021

14:00-14:10 CET

Opening and recap of Day 1 | TAP Chair

14:10-14:40 CET

Presentation of the TAP Learning Review preliminary findings | TAP Expert for Learning Review

14:40-15:00 CET

Integration of the TAP Common Framework in the TAP Partners' programmes / projects – Presentation and discussion on experiences and lessons learned from TAP Partners and panel of TAP Partners | TAP Partners

15:00-15:20 CET

Update on the revision of the Common Framework | TAP Expert for revision of CF and FAO e-learning Academy

15:20-15:30 CET

Outreach activities including TAPipedia | TAP Secretariat

15:30-16:00 CET

Engagement of Partners: TAP Engagement Strategy | TAP Vice-Chair

16:00-16:10 CET

Summary of follow-up actions | Head of TAP Secretariat

16:10-16:30 CET

Closing remarks | EU Representative/ TAP Chair