Knowledge Management Partnership Framework for AR4D in Africa, 2026-2030

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Six strategic needs drive the 2026-2030 renewal

The partnership must move KM from a support function to a transformation capability.

1. **CAADP delivery**
   Anchor KM in the Kampala CAADP Declaration and the 2026-2035 Strategy and Action Plan, including the proposed CAADP KM Support System.

2. **Adaptive implementation**
   Strengthen learning, feedback and implementation intelligence across complex agrifood systems.

3. **Digital transformation**
   Coordinate interoperable repositories, knowledge graphs, AI-enabled discovery, standards, access and safeguards.

4. **Knowledge legitimacy**
   Recognise indigenous and local knowledge and co-create with farmers, women, youth and marginalised actors.

5. **Partnership coherence**
   Align AUC, CAADP-XP4, CGIAR and strategic partners around shared platforms, products and investments.

6. **Evidence of value**
   Show how KM improves decisions, institutional performance, innovation scaling and transformation outcomes.

Endorsed during the AASW9 in Abuja on July 28, 2026



KM Partnership Framework 2026–2030

AUC, CAADP-XP4 and CGIAR: publication and online coverage

Framework & catalogue

AASpace · FARA

2026–2030 Knowledge Management Partnership Framework for Agricultural Research for Development in Africa

AFAAS website · AFAAS

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FAO AGRIS · FAO / ILRI / FARA

Knowledge Management Partnership Framework for AR4D in Africa: 2026–2030

CGSpace · ILRI

https://cgspace.cgiar.org/items/83c8258e-fec1-45e9-9413-35d65d311406

Signing announcements

FARA Africa · FARA

Renewed KM Partnership Framework signed at AASW9

AASW9 website · FARA

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CCARDESA website · CCARDESA

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IITA Blogs · IITA

Continental partnership renewed to strengthen knowledge systems

FARADataInformS · FARA

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Related event coverage

Africa Union Soil Observatory · FARA-hosted

AASW9 calls for African-led financing, scalable innovation & partnerships

AASW9 website · FARA

From the Trenches to Transformation: a new course for agricultural science

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12 links across 9 platforms. Click a blue title to open the source. Titles abbreviated for readability.

Verified 29 October 2026. AGRIS: FAO hosts the record, ILRI supplied it, and FARA published the framework.



1. Strategic direction for 2026-2030

The framework aligns ambition, collaboration and measurable change

VISION

An African agricultural research and innovation ecosystem in which knowledge is intentionally governed, shared, co-created and applied to accelerate resilient, inclusive and sustainable agrifood systems.

GOAL

Strengthen continental, regional and national KM collaboration so knowledge systems drive adaptive learning, implementation intelligence, innovation scaling and policy-relevant transformation.

The desired shift: from isolated KM activities to a connected African knowledge ecosystem.

EIGHT STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

1. Leadership, governance and institutional coordination
2. Adaptive learning, implementation intelligence and decision support
3. Interoperable digital infrastructure and collaborative platforms
4. Capacity sharing and institutionalisation at all levels
5. Respectful recognition and use of indigenous and local knowledge
6. High-value joint knowledge products, services and influence
7. Monitoring, learning and evidence of KM contribution
8. Coherent messaging across continental policy instruments

Eight principles define how the partnership will work

They protect African ownership while keeping the framework practical, open and accountable.

African ownership
Alignment with AU and CAADP priorities

Comparative advantage
Roles based on institutional mandate and strength

Open systems
Interoperability, accessibility and responsible openness

Knowledge respect
Legitimacy of indigenous and local knowledge

Intentional inclusion
Participation and co-creation by diverse actors

Practical use
Relevance, usability and action orientation

Continuous learning
Adaptation, reflection and improvement

Accountability & evidence
Demonstrable contribution and impact focus



2. Seven strategic components

Components 1-4 create the partnership's enabling system

01 Knowledge partnership leadership and governance

Joint leadership; roles matrix; planning and review; learning culture; coordinated resource mobilisation; recognition and KM events.

02 Adaptive learning and implementation intelligence

Feedback loops; institutional learning from practice; case evidence; decision support; stronger links between KM, delivery and policy learning.

03 Digital knowledge infrastructure, AI and interoperability

Linked repositories and platforms, AI Readiness and Fluency; Africa Agricultural Knowledge Graph; collaborative spaces; AI-supported discovery and translation; multilingual and low-connectivity access.

04 Capacity sharing and institutional strengthening

National KM strengthening; peer exchange; digital extension and brokering; KM functions in organograms, staffing and budgets; engagement with universities.

Components 5-7 give knowledge legitimacy, influence and evidence

05 Indigenous knowledge, inclusion and co-creation

Recognise indigenous and local knowledge as legitimate; document and validate respectfully where needed; work with knowledge holders and farmer organisations; include women, youth and marginalised voices.

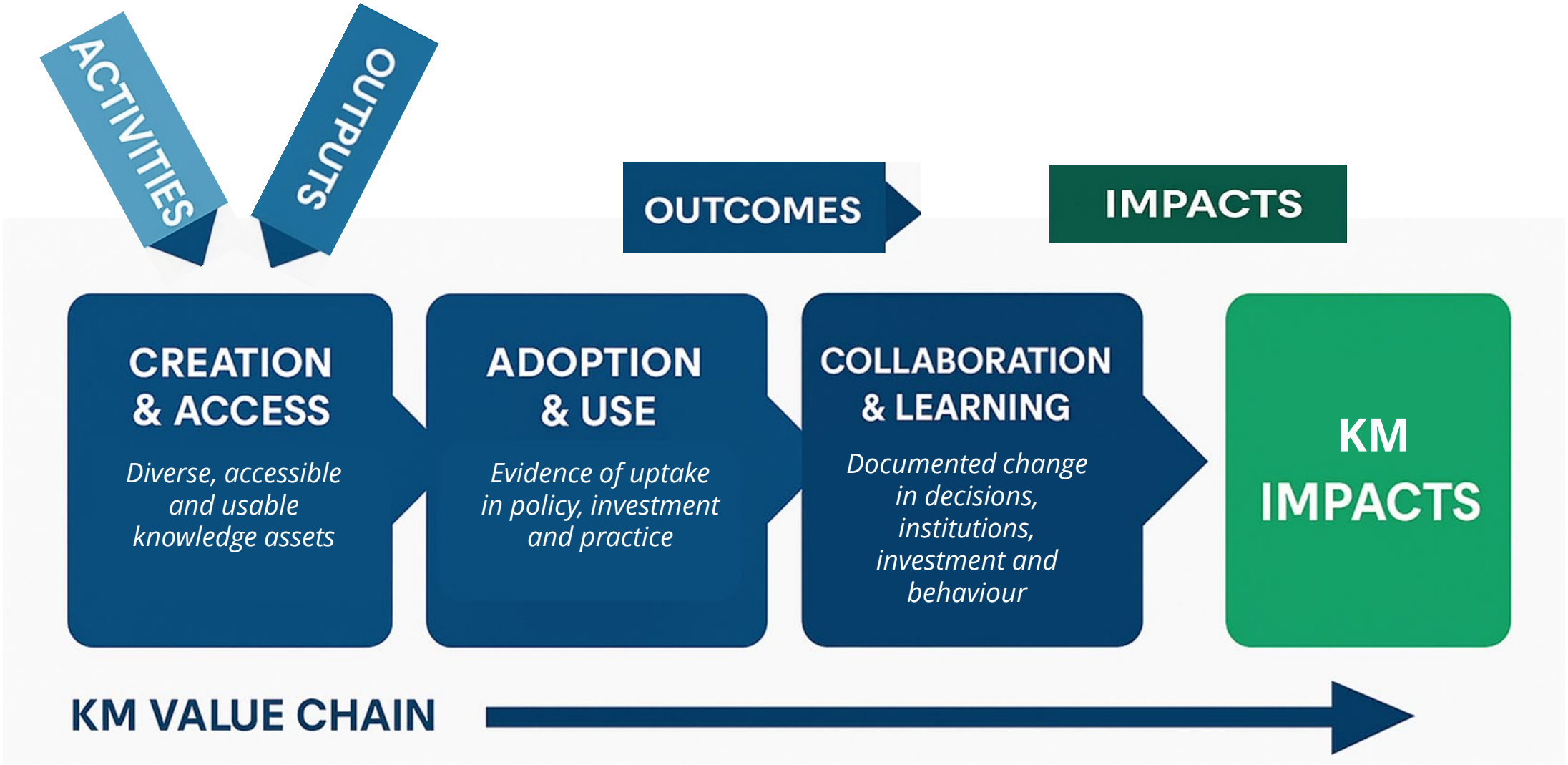
06 Knowledge products, services and influence

Joint extension guides, briefs and implementation notes; periodic knowledge reports; linked hubs and expert directories; lecture and webinar outputs; journals, innovations and good practice.

07 MEL and evidence of value

Updated KM indicators; ecosystem mapping; cases and stories of change; AI readiness; contribution to scaling and institutional change; continued challenge, webinar and conference learning spaces.

Cross-cutting objective: coherent messages across continental policy instruments to build momentum for resilient and sustainable agrifood systems.



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Creation and access → use → learning → institutional and systems change



3. Governance, implementation and evidence

Governance: legitimacy, reach & technical depth

A detailed roles matrix should be agreed as an annex.

AUC - DARBE	Continental policy anchoring, CAADP alignment and legitimacy
CAADP-XP4	FARA-led regional coordination, implementation support, community and country linkages - with CCARDESA, CORAF, ASARECA, AFAAS and YPARD
CGIAR	ILRI- and IITA as conveners - technical depth, global networks, tools, digital infrastructure and capacity sharing
KM4AgD CoP	Participatory learning, peer exchange, validation, feedback and community mobilisation
Strategic partners	Universities, AAU, RUFORUM, AARIEI, K4DP, KM4Dev, farmer organisations, media, private sector, development partners and knowledge communities

Joint planning and learning drive implementation

HOW PARTNERS WILL DELIVER

Annual joint planning
Thematic working groups where necessary
Regular coordination meetings
Consultation webinars and learning sessions
Shared digital platforms and repositories
Joint resource mobilisation
Periodic partner review and adaptation

HOW THE PARTNERSHIP WILL LEARN

Agreed KM indicators
Periodic reflection and learning reviews
Case studies and stories of change
Evidence of institutional uptake and influence
Progress reporting against agreed priorities

Measure contribution to scaling and institutional change - not activity alone.

The first phase should organise, build and demonstrate value

Indicative priorities for 2026-2028

1 | ENDORSE & ORGANISE

Validate, endorse and launch the framework
Agree the roles matrix and priority workstreams

2 | BUILD & LEARN

Strengthen African agricultural knowledge infrastructure
Launch adaptive learning and capacity-sharing agendas

3 | DEMONSTRATE & EXPAND

Produce flagship cases of KM contribution
Advance indigenous knowledge and publication pathways

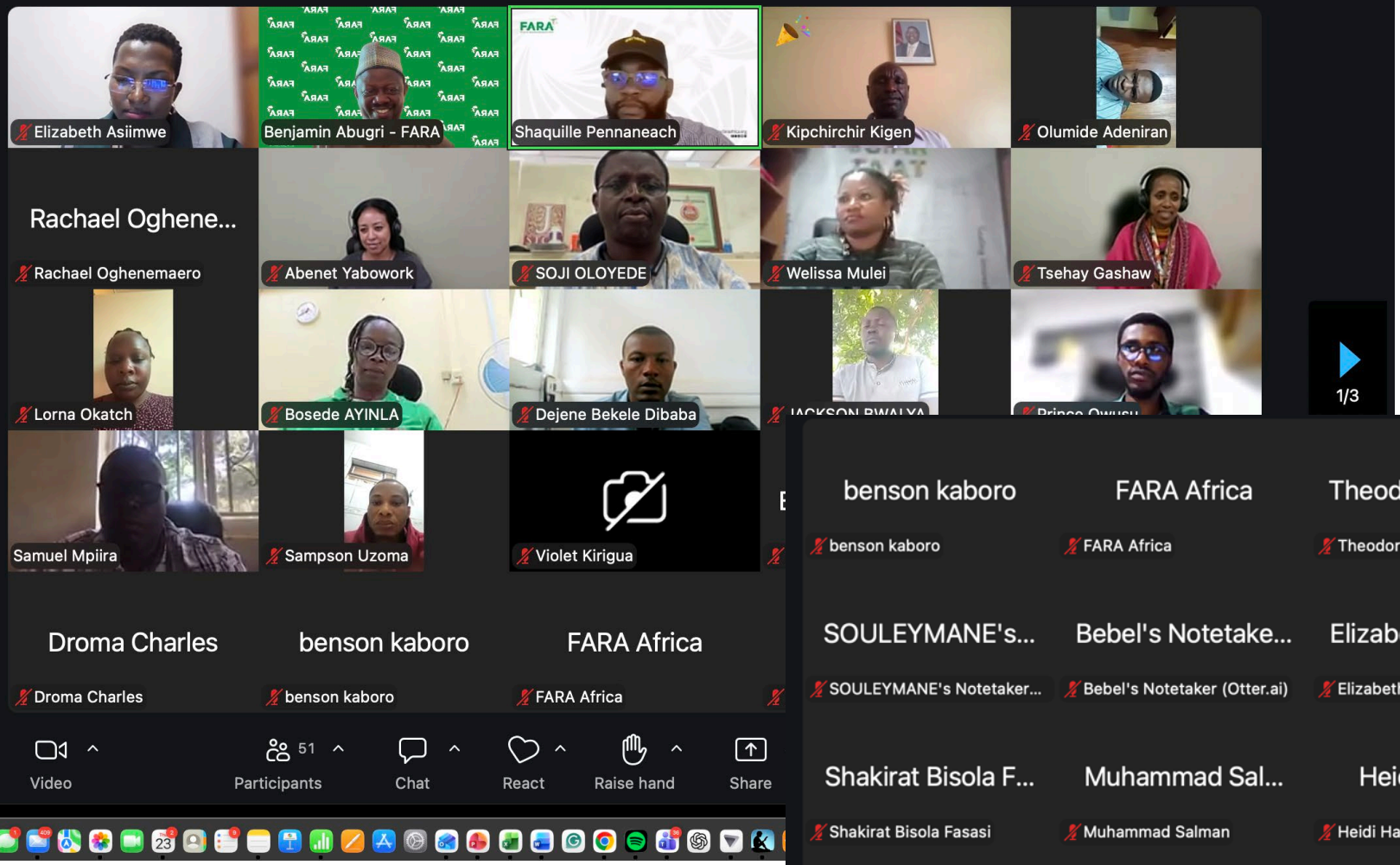
By 2030, success should be visible in systems and practice

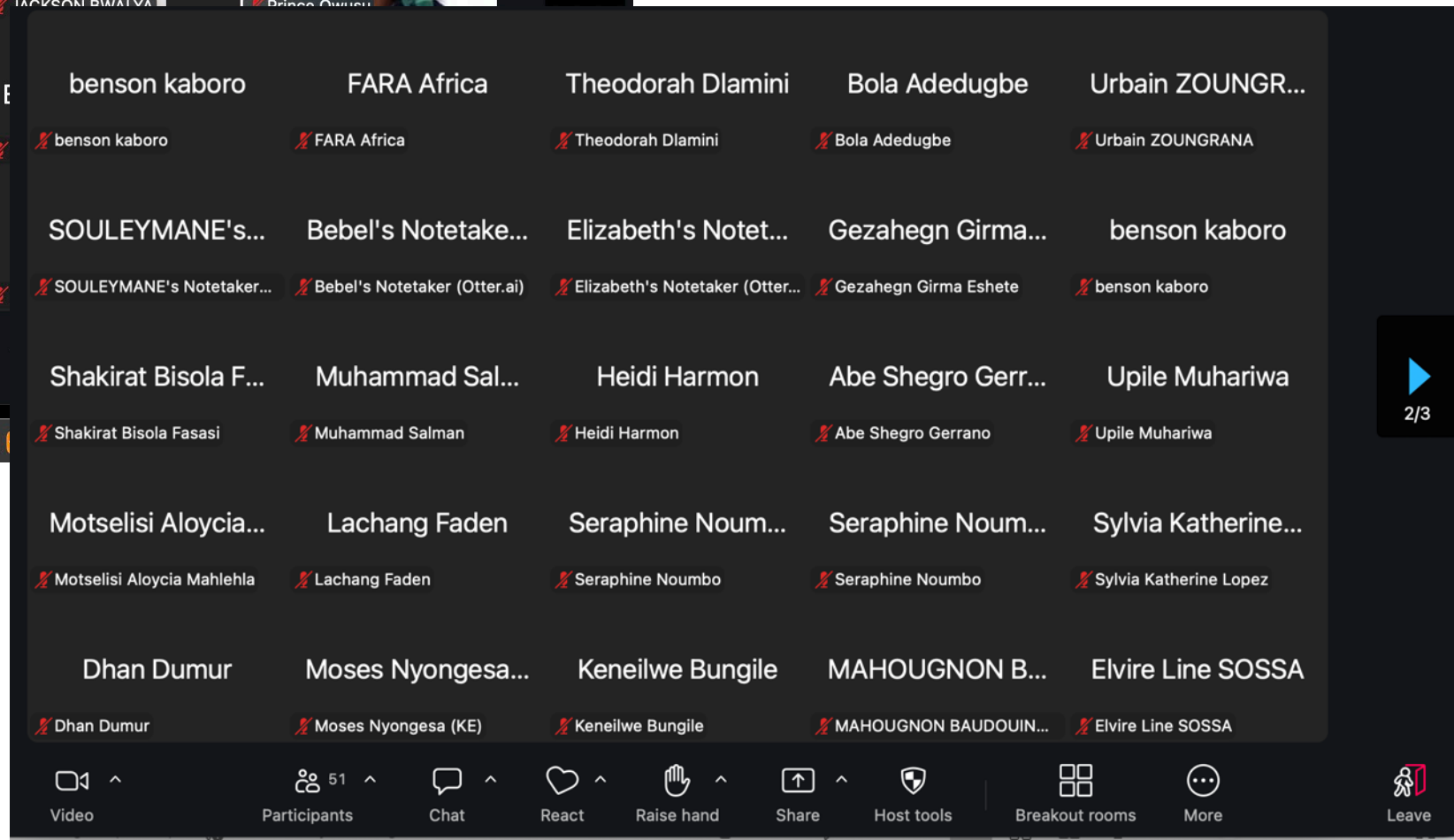
- ✓ KM is more firmly institutionalised across AR4D organisations
- ✓ AUC, CAADP-XP4, CGIAR and partners collaborate more coherently
- ✓ African agricultural knowledge infrastructure is stronger and more accessible
- ✓ National and regional capacity-sharing and learning systems improve
- ✓ Indigenous and local knowledge receives greater recognition and use
- ✓ Evidence links KM to innovation scaling, implementation and transformation – Next SDGs
- ✓ Collaboration, reflection and knowledge exchange become routine practice

The test is not whether knowledge was produced, but whether it became usable, used and consequential.



4. What the Webinar seeks to achieve today





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Validation enables endorsement and joint implementation

Next steps towards the AASW9 KM Parallel Session on 28 July 2026

1	2	3	4	5
Feb 2026 **Review 2022-2025 Framework**	**Mar-Apr 2026** **Joint review of framework**	**May-Jun** **Circulate final draft**	**Endorsed at AASW9**	**Endorse & activate**
Webinars, meetings, one-on-one, etc and Consolidate feedback	Incorporate agreed changes including from principals of CGIAR, CAADP-XP4 & AUC	Confirmed roles and endorsement text	KM Parallel Session | 28 July	Roles matrix and 2026-2027 joint plan

The objective is a shared strategic guide that institutions can own, resource, implement and review together through 2030.

Three Group Work

Choose a rapporteur. Discuss for 15 minutes. Return with three main action points for the next 2 years

GROUP 1 | CAADP-XP4

GROUP 2 | CGAIR (Convened by ILRI & IITA)

GROUP 3 | KM4AgD CoP

GROUP 4 | AUC (To share our recommendation with them

Every group reports: 3 activities, activity leads, partners to invite, milestones, indicators and a reporting schedule