

AFRICAN REGIONAL PARTNERS E-WORKSHOP

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SUB-REGIONAL ACTIVITIES REPORT

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Objectives of the SRC

Objectives assigned to the SRC:

- 1) **Strengthen the composition and functioning of the sub-regional working group** so that it can create a sub-regional coordination body and set up a supervision group
- 2) In consultation with the working group, **finalise the sub-regional charter**
- 3) **Strengthen the activities of the sub-regional platform**, in particular its engagement within the framework of **political dialogue at the sub-regional level** (in collaboration with the SRC for ESA)
- 4) **Coordinate and prepare multi-CP meetings / workshops / events, compile and disseminate reports** on these events at sub-regional and regional levels (in collaboration with SRC for ESA)

Areas of expected achievements

Regionalisation Process

- Regional platform
- Content for multi-CP events
- CP status
- Capacity building

Policy dialogue and advocacy

- Policy briefs and influencing
- Advocacy for LI and PID approaches

Networking and partnership

- Synergies and mutual learning
- Networking and cross-learning with ESA SR

Resource mobilisation

- Strategy to mobilise funds
- Mobilise funds at CP level
- Mobilise funds at SR level

Backstopping

- Technical support to CPs
- Assist to improve governance within CPs
- Support to M&E and documentation

Documentation

- Information and reporting
- Documentation and publication

Achievements from the last IPW to date (1/2)

Regionalisation Process	Policy dialogue and advocacy	Networking and Partnership	Resource mobilisation	Backstopping	Documentation
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SR taskforce SR charter Draft on bodies and structure of SR platform Structure and links between SR platforms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 policy brief published Comments on strategy document Advocacy for LI and PID approaches? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 proposals submitted Experience sharing on M&E Preparation of Global FIF Collaboration between SRCs (WCA & ESA) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dashboard for funding opportunities Attempts at multi-CP proposals Attempts at CP-level proposals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visit to Benin, Ghana and Burkina Faso Support to improve M&E Support to Cameroon for national FIF Inception workshops 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 reports (workshops, annual report) Support and translation for policy briefs, reports, guidelines

Achievements from the last IPW to date (2/2)

Regionalisation Process

- African Regional Partners Workshop
- SULCI-FaNS annual meeting
- Meetings to discuss regionalisation (IST, POG, Friends of Prolinnova)

Backstopping

- Zoom meetings with CPs
- Identification of CPs' needs
- Attempts to revive dormant CPs
- Attempts to help set up new CPs

Documentation

Monitoring of activities (Skype meetings)

Issues and challenges

At CP level

- Covid-19 restrictions impeded the possibility of travelling and face-to-face backstopping of CPs
- **Difficulty to interact with Mali (several emails sent but no response)**
- **Sometimes delay in answers to emails**
- Dormant CPs (Niger, Nigeria) didn't express any interest to revive their national platforms

At sub-regional level

- Covid-19 restrictions impeded the possibility of international face-to-face gatherings
- **Few funding opportunities that match well with Prolinnova principles and objectives**
- Enrolling new partners that share the vision of Prolinnova
- The SR taskforce is not very responsive.

Opportunities for improvement (1/2)

At CP level

- Continue the Skype/Zoom interactions and envisage a physical backstopping (after restrictions lifted)
- **Mali ???? BIG ISSUE !!!!!!!!!!!!!**
- CPs should designate some staff members to deal with certain issues (funding, networking, etc.)
- Continue trying to revive dormant CPs/backstopping where the possibilities exist

At sub-regional level

- Continue with virtual meetings until restrictions are lifted for cross-border gatherings
- Attempt connection with donors for **directly negotiated funding** instead of calls
- Engage in policy dialogue and influencing more efficiently to involve partners
- Revive the SR taskforce and shift to a SR Oversight Group

Opportunities for improvement (2/2)

At CP level

- Development of a national networking and fundraising strategy
- Development of a communication strategy to support policy influencing and advocacy
- CPs to develop their policy dialogue/advocacy plans for their projects (SULCI-FaNS, ProliGEAFaSa, FaReNe, EVM, etc.)

At sub-regional level

- Development of a SR networking and fundraising strategy
- Development of a SR communication strategy to support the policy influencing and advocacy
- Develop multi-CP initiatives with the support of the SR Oversight Group, IST and POG

Perspectives for development

- **SR Charter** approved and signed by the different parties
- Set up the SR bodies
- Develop a SR **fundraising and networking strategy**
- Reinforce the **cross-learning** within CPs
- **Training of CPs and NSCs** to strengthen their capacities in networking and resource mobilisation
- Backstopping to CPs (Mali, Cameroon)
- Revive **dormant CPs** (Niger, Nigeria)
- Assist countries wanting to set up their national CPs (Benin, Gambia, Guinea, Togo)

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