

Setting up the West Africa network within the Programme and Innovation Management Cycle (PIMC)

Learning from our past experiences to innovate for the future

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Long-term EU - AU Research
and Innovation Partnership
for Food and Nutrition Security
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The Subsidiarity Partnership Model

Global Forum on Agricultural Research (GFAR)

Forum for **A**gricultural **R**esearch in **A**frica

FARA's objective: Facilitate strategic (continent-wide) collective actions in agricultural research and innovation to increase agricultural productivity and competitiveness. Actions are focused on strengthening the capacity for agricultural innovation on country specific basis

Sub regional agricultural research organizations (SROs)

SRO for Western & Central Africa

SRO for Southern Africa

SRO for Eastern Africa

SRO for Northern Africa

National Agric. Research & Innovation Systems

22 countries

16 countries

12 countries

5 countries

Structured conversations need to happen amongst partners both horizontally and vertically (or facilitated)

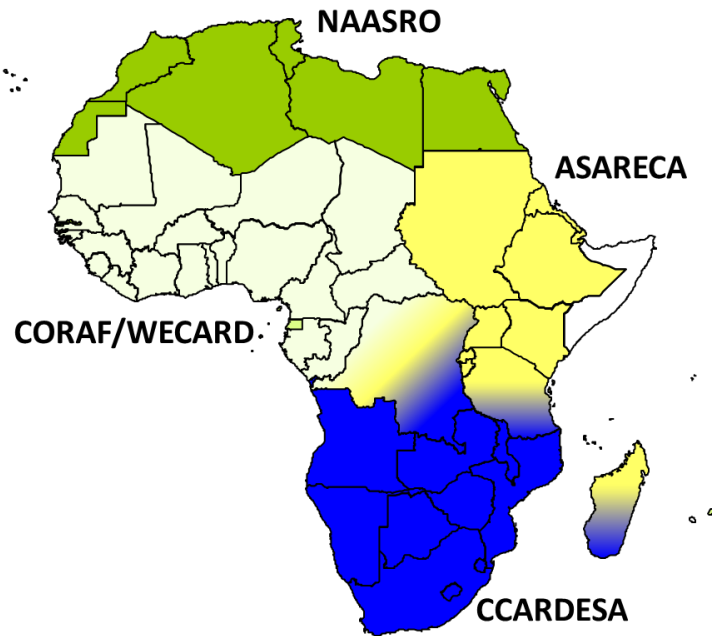
Building blocks of FARA:

Regional and Sub-regional organisations functioning as a (loose) consortium along the AU CAADP-Malabo mandate to support the National AIS (now collectively supported by the EU as the CAADP Ex-Pillar 4 organisations)

Science Agenda for Agriculture in Africa (S3A)

FARA

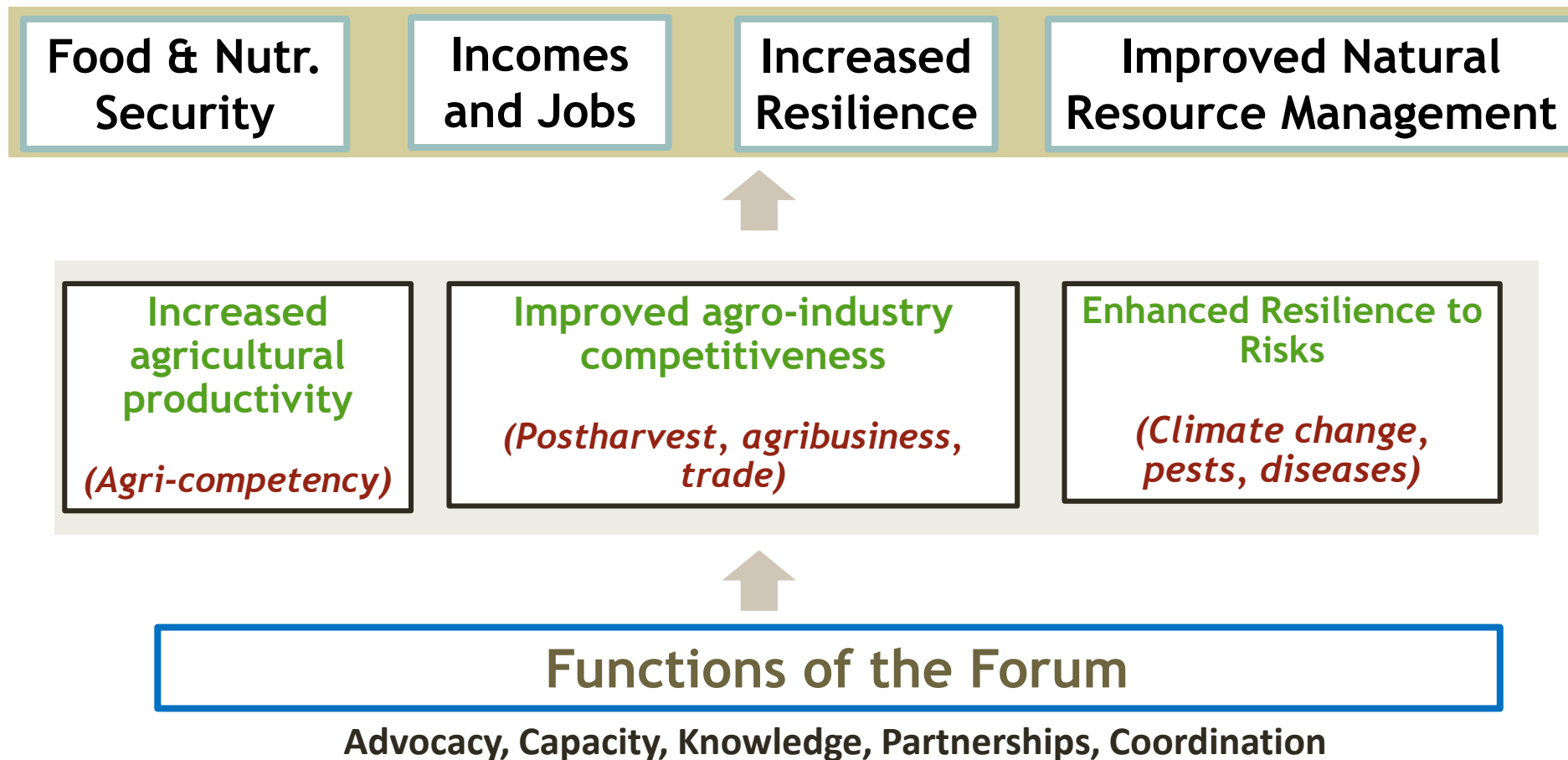
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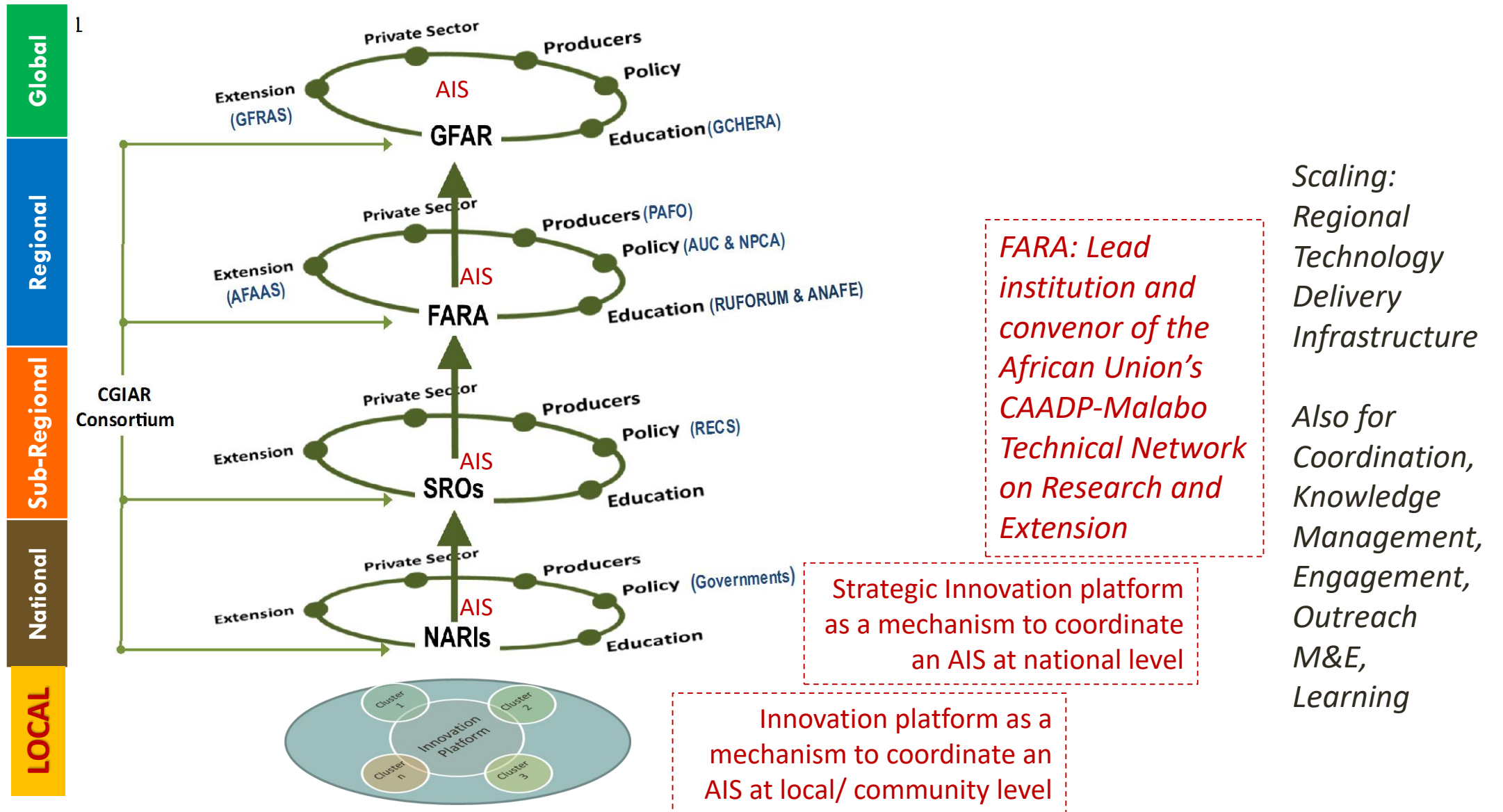
Countries currently implementing AfDB-funded Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation (TAAT)

Spatial distributions may not necessarily lead to large differences in challenges, solutions, opportunities

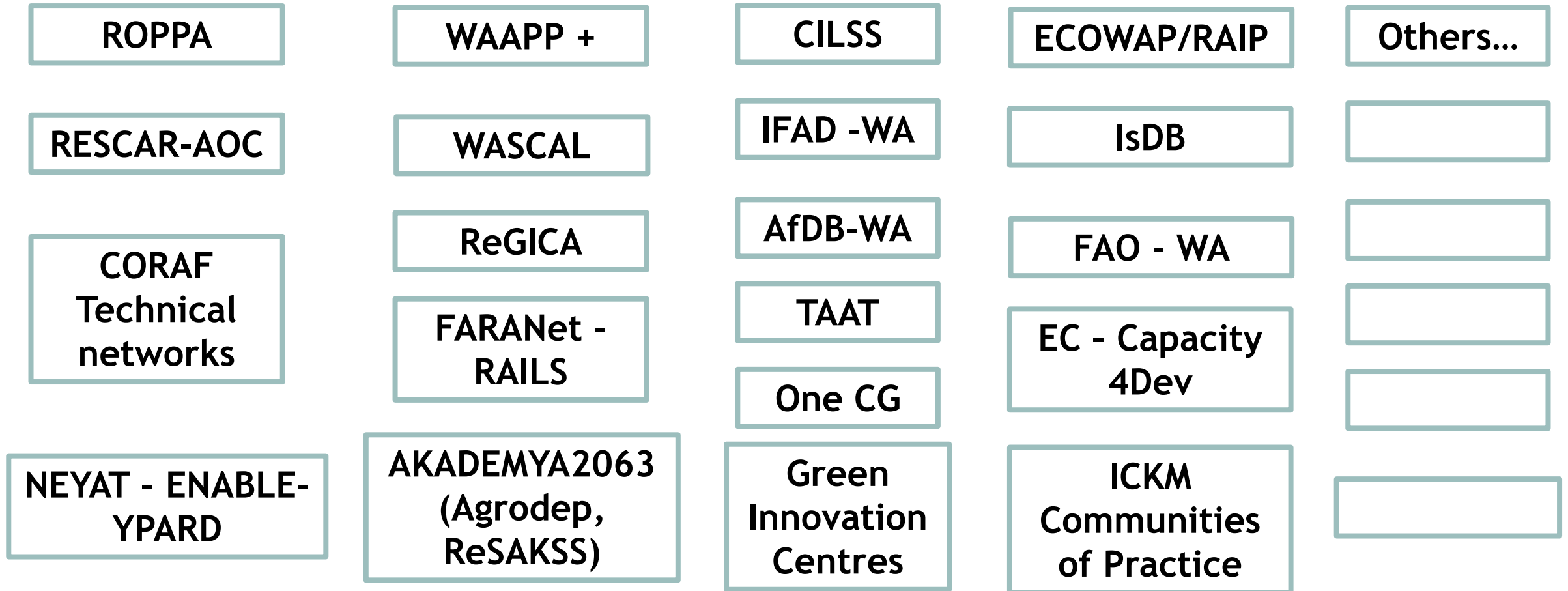
Harnessing the FARA Impact Pathway to strengthen the agricultural sector & intra Africa trade and economic integration



The FARA Partnership Model *informed by Agricultural Innovation Systems (AIS) approach*



Who are the groups in FNSSA in Western Africa?



A diverse set of networks of institutions and individuals, often active around a project or initiative. Not many have survived long beyond the project... Nevertheless, the actors are still engaged and can be re-convened around the West African FNSSA Chapter of the AU-EU-Partnership.. **What will make this initiative last?**

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A. Conversations, dialogue and knowledge exchange

- Laterally (peer conversations; Communities of practice, learning groups)
- Vertically (Outreach, scaling, advocacy, contractual arrangements, representation, synthesis)

B. Active seeking of networking and collaborative joint actions

- Laterally (Comparative analysis, sharing of experiences, identifying synergies)
- Vertically (Devolvement, localisation, Integration, consolidation, engagement, identifying complementarity)

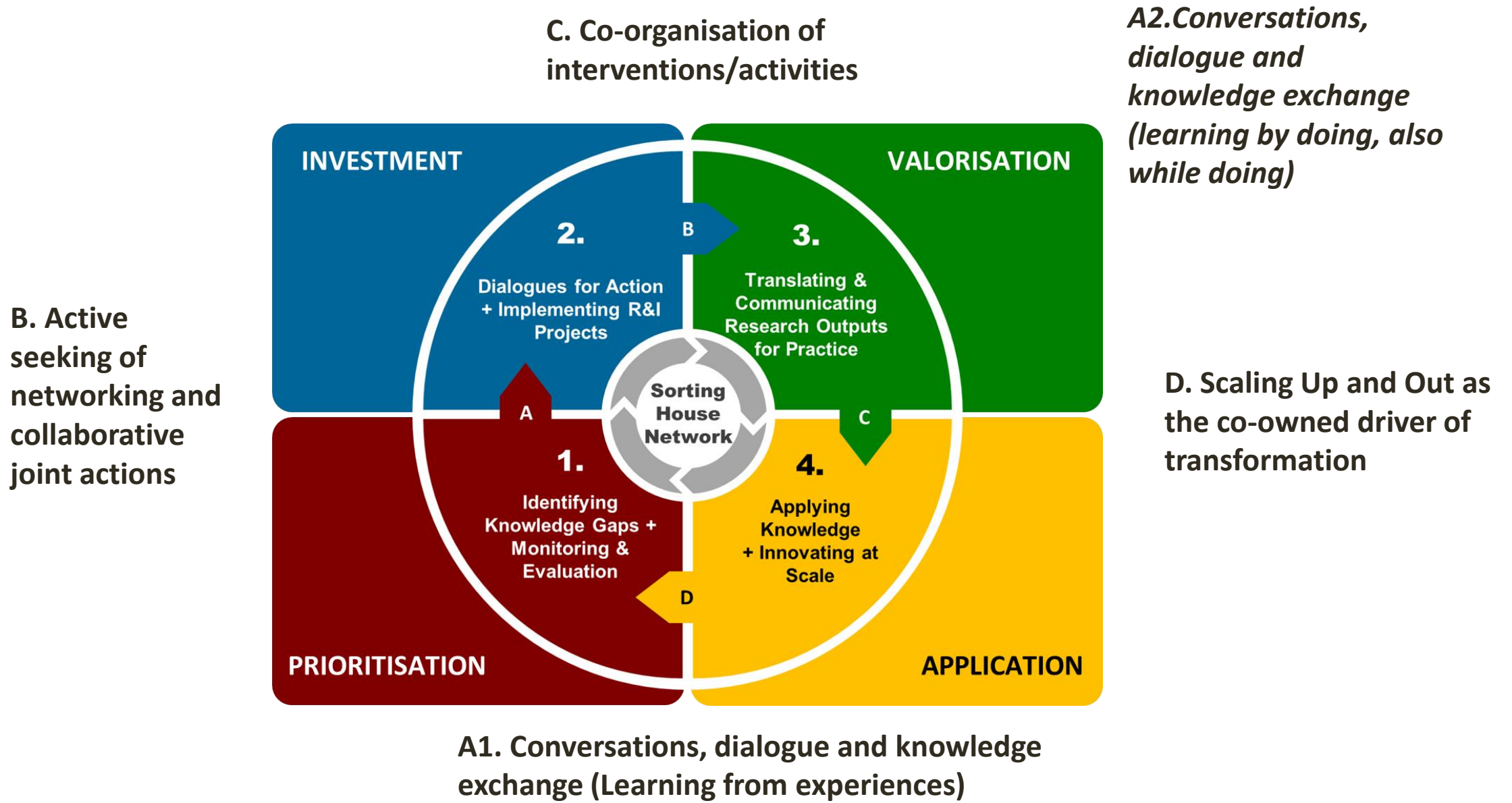
C. Co-organisation of interventions/activities

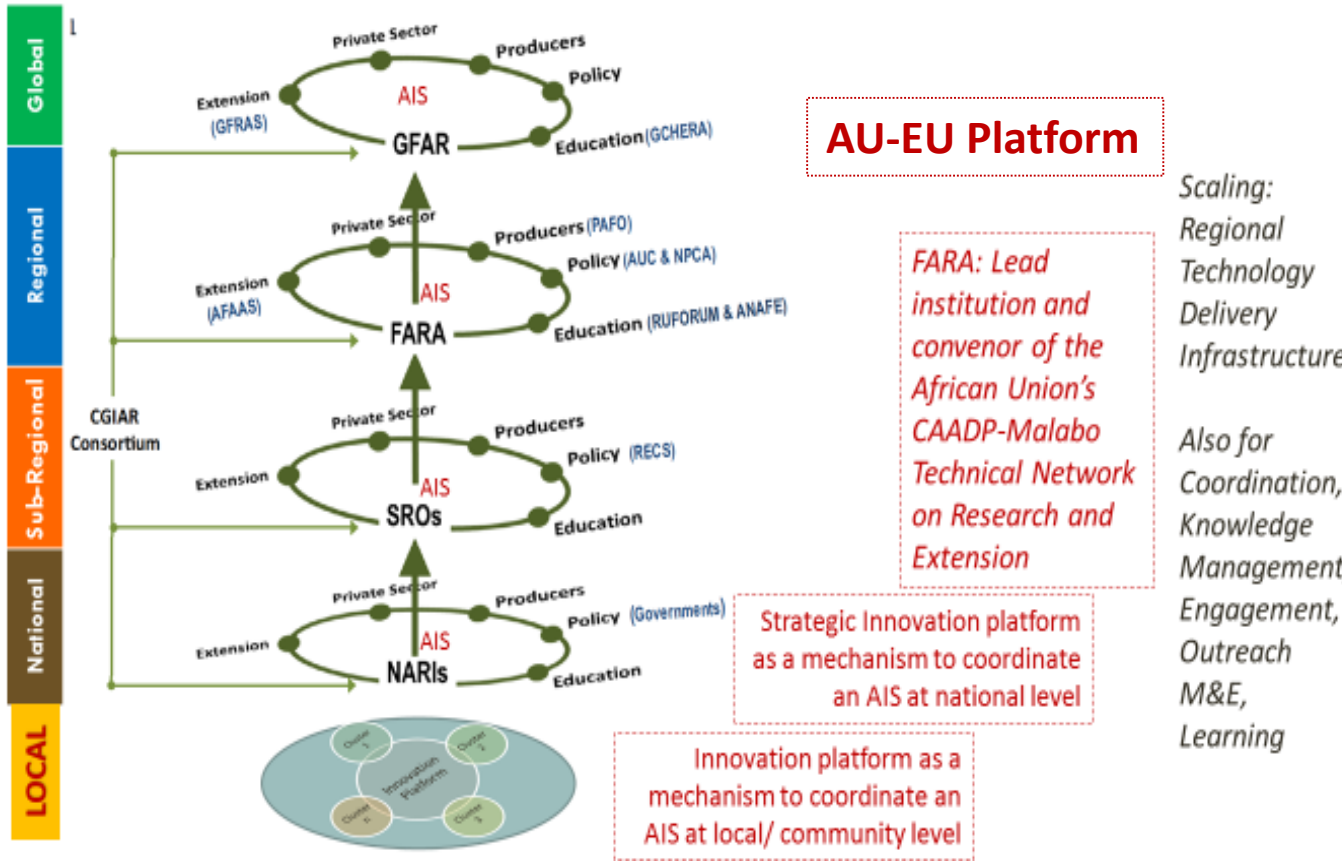
- Joint sense of **Purpose** (facilitates joint action towards a common goal, need, social responsibility)
- **Principles** of operation (respect, mutual accountability, complementarity)
- Joint **Planning** of interventions (additive collaboration, synergies, coordination, synchronisation)
- Celebrating **Partnerships** (joint learning from experiences, promising practices, good practices, innovations)

D. Scaling Up and Out as the co-owned driver of transformation

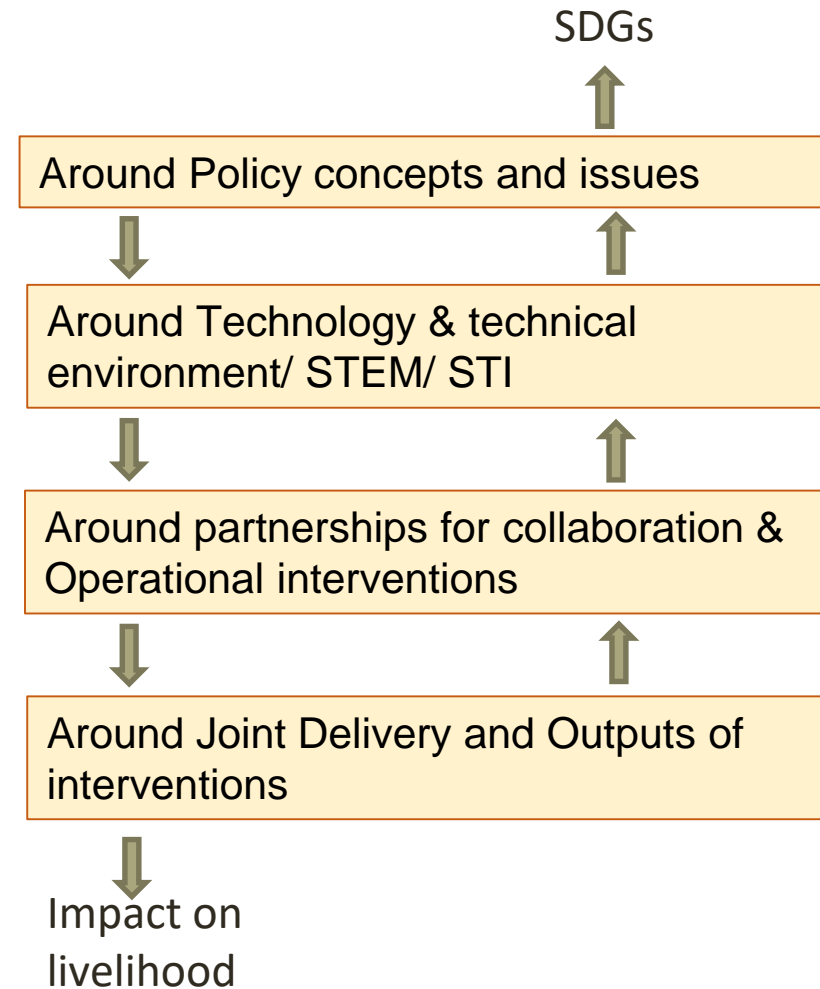
- Scaling maturity, Knowledge exchange
- Learning: Formative and Summative evaluation, Reflection and learning, Capitalisation of experiences,
- Packaging innovations for scaling – processes, ideas, experiences to learn from

The Programme and Innovation Management Cycle applied to the social construct of the platform





Four levels of conversations that have to be addressed in order to facilitate vertical integration and linkages:



The function and format of the WA platform has to be intrinsically linked to the processes it facilitates both upwards, downwards and laterally