



Africa - Europe Research & Innovation Platform for Food
and Nutrition Security and Sustainable Agriculture

Join the partnership!

Why this Africa-Europe Platform?

Food and Nutrition Security and the Sustainability of Agriculture (FNSSA) are top priorities in the 'Green Transition' of Europe and Africa. Both continents are convinced that they will have more opportunities to achieve these goals if they join forces. Therefore, the European Union (EU) and the African Union (AU) have adopted enhanced Research & Innovation collaboration as their core strategy and approved a 10-year [FNSSA Roadmap](#). To boost this collaboration, the LEAP4FNSSA project, consisting of 35 African and European stakeholders, has been tasked to establish a bi-continental Platform to advance food and nutrition security and sustainable agriculture, in short: the FNSSA Platform.

What kind of Platform?

Membership of the FNSSA Platform will be open to the broad range of stakeholders involved in Research and Innovation, such as research organisations, funders, policy makers, private sector, and civil society organisations. As such, it will be a multi stakeholder partnership. It will be operational, and support Research and Innovation (R&I) activities through information sharing, by creating opportunities for dialogue and identifying synergies with other initiatives. Providing improved access to funding will be one of its roles. By working along these lines, access to state-of-the-art knowledge will be improved, and pooling resources with like-minded partners will be facilitated. Partners will keep up to date with the AU-EU policy dialogue. Governed by its members, this Platform is expected to receive the support of both the AU and EU Commissions. Designed as an International Research Consortium, it will be a sustainable Platform, binding together for the mid to long term African and European institutions, yet with ability to evolve and adapt, remain flexible and purpose-driven, prioritising co-learning over building additional structures.

The Platform will fulfil three main objectives:

Create synergies between the many R&I programmes, initiatives, and actors with the aim of improving the food and nutrition security and sustainability of agriculture in Africa and Europe.

Reduce the hassle of identifying partners in R&I, finding appropriate funding opportunities, and contributing to relevant policy developments.

Boost innovation by showcasing solutions that work, supporting creativity and expertise of all stakeholders.

Why join?

By being part of the FNSSA Platform, it will be easier to:

- **interact** with R&I partners from both Europe and Africa;
- enhance the **impact** of R&I investments, and **scaling-up** through alignment and synergies;
- gain access to a **Database of Projects**, tailored information and relevant knowledge, to adapt it and build on it;
- find **the right partner(s)**, who may have the resources, knowledge and network connections, to take your ideas one step further;
- increase the **visibility** of what you are doing and what you are planning to do by connecting to a high-level AU-EU initiative.



What are the thematic priorities?

The activities of the FNSSA Platform are focused on the priorities of the FNSSA Roadmap:

1. Sustainable intensification
2. Agriculture and food systems for nutrition
3. Expansion and improvement of agricultural markets and trade

Cross-cutting issues include improving coordination between projects, supporting innovation processes and strengthening collaborative capacities of R&I communities, etc.

What principles are behind it?

1. **Inclusiveness:** The aim is to seek participation of committed institutions from different stakeholders' groups in Europe and in Africa
2. **Commitment:** Membership of the FNSSA Platform is open to all institutions
3. **Co-design:** Institutions joining in the design and launch of the FNSSA Platform will be given full responsibilities to agree on its governance and organisation, and all parties involved will have equal rights in shaping it
4. **R&I for impact:** The focus is on R&I activities within a vision for impact
5. **Pragmatism:** Organisation and content aim at being effective, innovative and with a potential for leverage, while at the same time being pragmatic and with explicit benefits for the members
6. **Sustainability and adaptability:** The Platform is intended to be established for the long-term.

Want to know more?

For more information, please contact: info@leap4fnssa.eu or visit: www.leap4fnssa.eu.

The LEAP4FNSSA consortium collects Expressions of Interest from various stakeholder categories in Africa and Europe.

Join the process here: <https://www.research.net/r/LEAP4FNSSA>

Until the first half of 2022, options for the FNSSA Platform governance, organisation and activities will be developed in a co-design process with those institutions having expressed their interest. Then, together with the institutions confirming their willingness to join, decisions will be made on the governance, organisation and activities. By the end of 2022, the founding institutions will launch the FNSSA Platform as an International Research Consortium.

