TAAT POLICY ENABLER COMPACT



Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation

Facilitating Creation of an Enabling Policy Environment in Support for Technology Deployment in Africa





High-level Participants at the workshop on Harmonization of Seed Regulations within COMESA

The Policy Related Challenges Hindering Technology Deployment in Africa

The TAAT programme seeks to facilitate widespread and large-scale deployment of proven productivityenhancing agricultural technologies in Africa. This process is often hindered by a range of policy, regulatory and institutional bottlenecks including:

- Weak and inefficient seed systems governing variety release, certification and registration.
- Deficiencies in the policy and regulatory environment resulting in slow domestication and implementation of regionally harmonized seed regulations across the four major RECs in Africa (COMESA, ECOWAS, SADC and EAC).
- **Inadequate supply of quality seed** and other important agro-inputs (fertilizer, pesticides) with high incidences of fake agro-inputs.
- Weak and non-competitive agricultural value chains and low inter-Africa agricultuiral trade.

The TAAT Policy Approach to Address the Challenges

To address the policy related challenges, TAAT Policy Enabler Compact embarked on a four-pronged approach organized around four work streams:





Agro-input dealer accreditation ensures delivery of quality inputs to farmers and minimizing of fake inputs

Key TAAT Policy Compact's Achievements within 18 Months of Implementation

Based on the contribution of the TAAT policy compact, three regulatory reforms were achieved: Seed Policy adopted in Uganda, Decree passed in DRC.

Seed industry assessments completed in eight countries to identify the chock points and facilitate signing of communiques to commit to reforms in the seed industry.

25 National policy Dialogue events organized with stakeholders to identify, validate and develop action plans to address policy bottlenecks.

Agro-input dealer accreditation protocols developed and used to accredit 120 agro- input dealers in Tanzania and Nigeria.

450 Stakeholders engaged representing policy decision makers and implementers, officers from relevant Ministries, Agencies and Departments and private sector.