



Ethiopian National Learning Alliance

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Ethiopia NLA Vision and Mission

NLA Vision

Decision makers create enabling environment for implementation of SAI strategies.
Smallholder farmers benefit from SAI practices.

Mission

Create a learning platform for decision makers, development partners and
smallholder farmers.

NLA structure

Steering committee

NLA Platform

Thematic learning groups



Boundary Partners an their Outcome challenge

Public Development Partners

- Commit to promote and support the implementation of SAI practices
- ADPLAC platform is used to integrate and coordinate efforts exerted among different stakeholders to
- Evidence based knowledge and database management system established.
- Professionals are capable to adapt services to meet the needs of smallholder farmers
- SAIRLA research evidences and tools are used to improve decisions

Private sector

- Identify business opportunities in SAI tools and evidences



Boundary Partners an their Outcome challenge

NGOs and CSOs

- Put research based intervention in place
- Target smallholder farmers to promote SAI practices
- Share best practices

Bilateral and UN agencies

- Identify and invest in best practices on SAI
- Disseminate SAI research findings



Boundary Partners an their Outcome challenge

The Media

- Expand their coverage on SAI
- Target women and youth.



Learning Themes/Sub-themes/Issues

Equity:

- Social inclusion of vulnerable groups

Trade-offs:

- Managing trade-offs between livestock production and environment
- Capitalizing on synergy between SLM and productivity

Services:

- ICT use in research and extension
- Smallholder farmers risk management

Decision making process

- Evidence based decision making process
- Learning based approach for SAI



Expected Results

By the end of the second learning cycle

- Identification of champions from boundary partners
- Identification of implementable ideas
- Intensives learning on the tools and evidences
- Start testing of some of the tools
- Blog posts, collective action plans, reports of field experiences
- Mid-term outcome harvesting

By the end of the fourth learning cycle

- Tested and validated evidences and tools on SAI
- Action plans to mainstream the tools and evidences in existing policies
- Implementable ideas on SAI and champions identified
- The NLA embedded in existing platforms
- Final outcome harvesting



Challenges so far

- Complexity of the policy making process, what is the best entry point?
- Underfunding of some of national representatives of SAIRLA research, how best can we take advantage of the national representatives?
- Linking researches with national initiatives, how can we link the location specific researches with national initiatives?
- Milestone payments

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