

Communication as a Strategic tool for Africa's Agricultural Transformation

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Communication as strategic tool

- The need for coherence, strategic focus and integration of all TAAT communication activities from the Executing and Implementing Agencies
- Communication as a strategic tool to drive TAAT's mission and objectives within the framework of the "Feed Africa Strategy".
- Branding TAAT's uniqueness through identity shaping practices that lead stakeholders to perceive the programme as credible, reliable, responsible and trustworthy.
- Draft communication strategy for TAAT awaiting validation processes









Focalising on Stakeholders

- TAAT's Communication focuses on:
- Enhancing stakeholders' understanding of TAAT;
- Broadening its partnerships;
- Deepening its resources and capacities; and
- Initiating and maintaining dialogues with stakeholders to secure their feedback (Stakeholders: AfDB; Regional Member Countries of the Bank (African States) Development Partners; Famer Unions; Women Groups; NARES; Compacts; Private Sector; Civil Society; Opinion Leaders; and the Public)

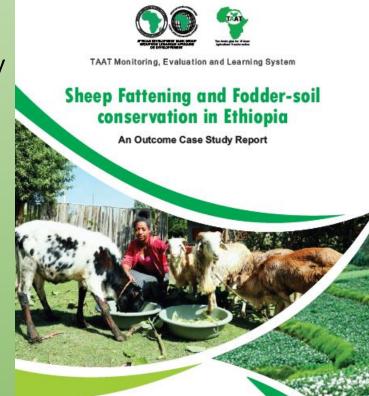






Communication Priorities

- 8 Priority Intervention Areas for TAAT Communication:
- Develop TAAT's profile and visual identity (Branding);
- Deploy the TAAT website as a strategic tool;
- Intensify strategic outreach and engagement;
- Intensify media outreach;
- Develop publications;
- Disseminate Newsletters;
- Engage stakeholders on social media;
- Develop audio-visuals





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Communication Milestones

- TAAT website is up and running
- TAAT Communication Community of Practice (TCCP) is adding value to TAAT Communication efforts
- Region-wide publication and broadcast of TAAT stories and activities
- Production of IEC materials: Flyers, Newsletters, video documentaries and banners
- Strategic Partnership with News Agencies Kenya, Nigeria, France & China
- Increased synergy through Feed Africa Mailing List for Journalists
- Stakeholder engagement via social media







