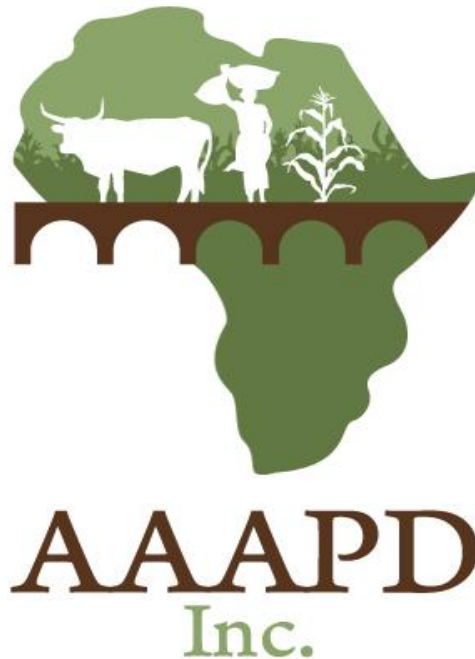


Leveraging Agricultural Research & Development through Collaboration with African Diaspora Networks



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Real Development through Strategic Partnerships

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African Wisdom



“Until lions learn to write, hunters will tell their history for them” ---

Moky Akinsemoyin Makura [Africa's greatest entrepreneurs, 2008]

Why AAAPD?

- African immigrants' Sub Saharan African **remittances** ~ \$4billion/year; FDI <\$2billion
- Institutions and individual Africans have done great things **but in isolation**, need to pool resources & work together
- Lack of publicly-accessible **database** on Africans in the Diaspora, identifying their skills & availability
- Need to identify **strategic focus** for Diaspora resources
- Provide **enabling environment** to motivate Diaspora participation

Spotlight on Africans in Diaspora



- A call for a credible plan to involve the African Diaspora in African Union (AU)/NEPAD by African Presidents
- Noted that Africans in the Diaspora are underutilized
“... ***The African Diaspora constitutes the most indispensable catalyst in the accelerated development of their home countries because they have a permanent vested interest in the well-being of their people...***”
- Africans in the Diaspora are now regarded as the 6th constituency by African Union.

Learning from other Successful Diaspora Networks



1. Indian IT industry growth was spurred by the Diaspora
2. Indian Diaspora took positions of influence in the US -- IT industry
3. Through outsourcing, India's IT grew by 40% in the 1990s
4. By 2002 India's IT reached \$10 billion (\$7.7 billion from Diaspora/outsourcing)
5. Employment grew from 56k to 360k workers

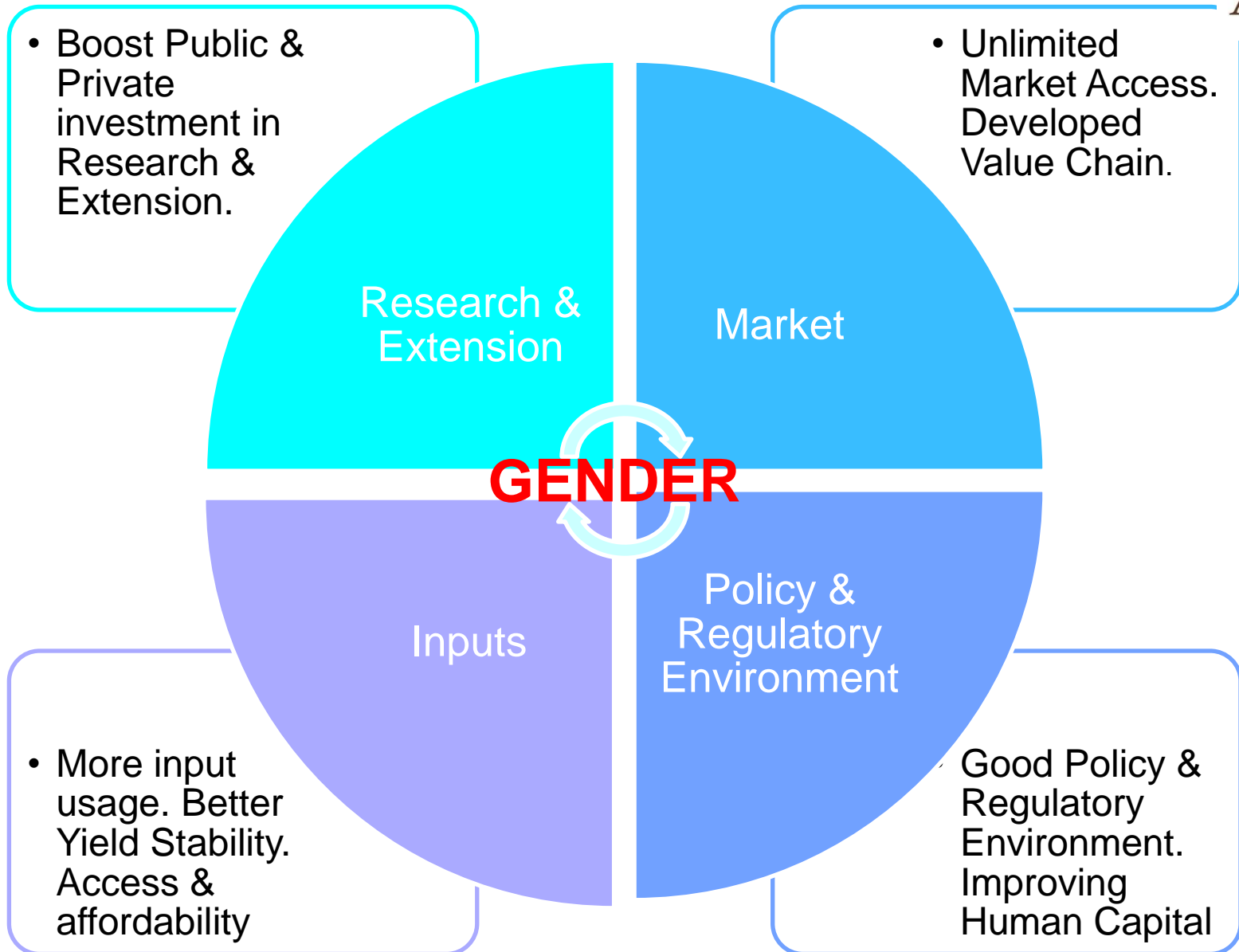
Taiwanese Diaspora Experience

- They relied on Diaspora community for policy direction in creating the technology industry
- Taiwanese officials started traveling to Silicon Valley in the 1960s and 70s ahead of everyone else
- Taiwan “*institutionalized mechanisms for eliciting advice on technology and industrial policy from the region's community of US educated Taiwanese engineers*”
- Developed Silicon Valley models for industry linkage with public research institutions; created venture capital for high risk industry
- Hsinchu Science Park came about due to close affiliation with California education & business system

US Diaspora Initiative

- 2nd Annual Global Diaspora Forum was convened by Sec. Clinton on July 25-26, 2012 at USAID.
- Reviewed progress of the International Diaspora Engagement Alliance (IdeA) launched in 2011.
- ***“By tapping into the experiences, the energy, the expertise of diaspora communities, we can reverse the so called ‘brain-drain’...”*** Sec. of State Hillary Clinton July 25, 2012.
- New partnerships announce include; mentoring platform grassroots philanthropy program, a Diaspora fellowship program, and a Diaspora volunteer corps.

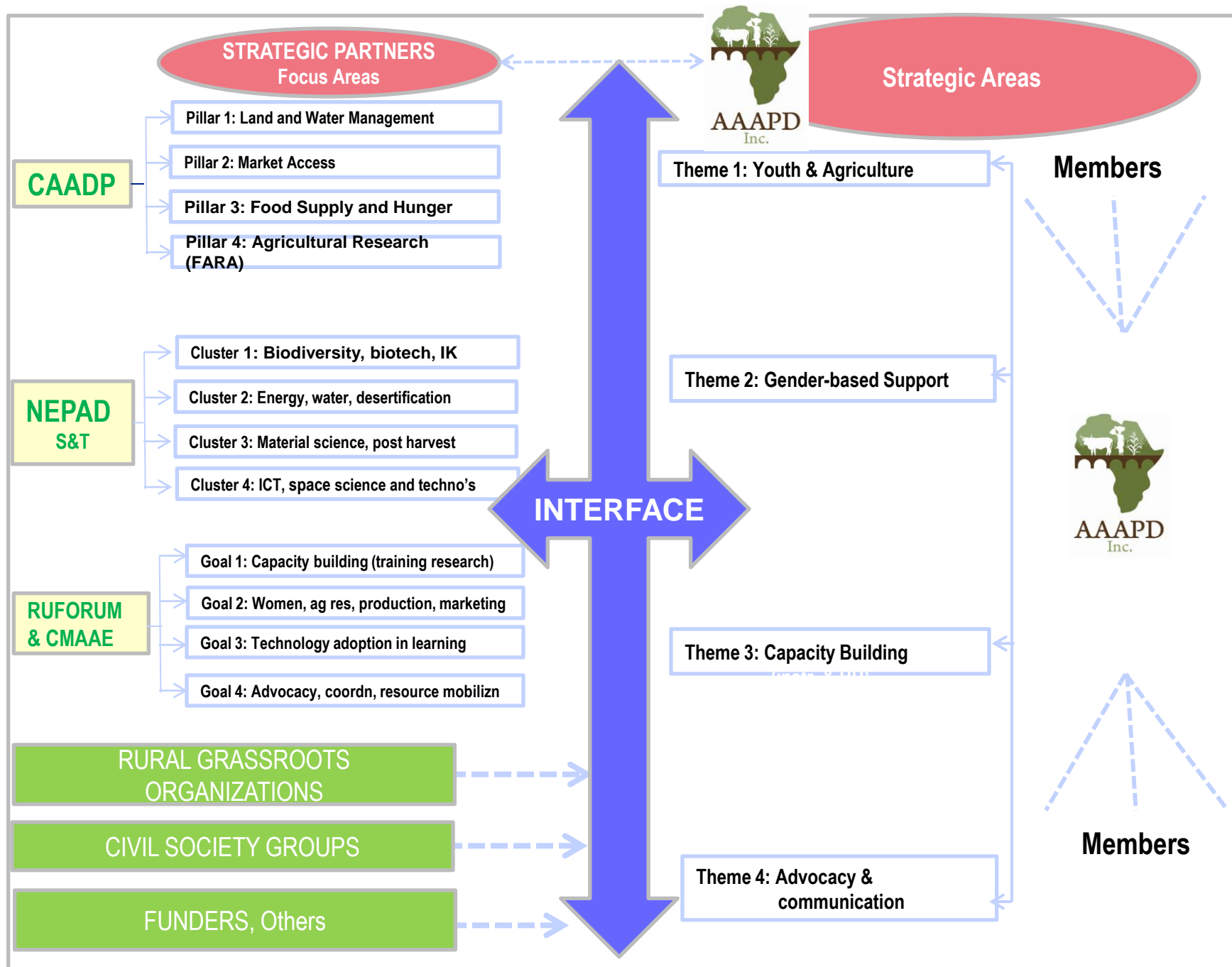
Multifaceted Problems in Agricultural Development



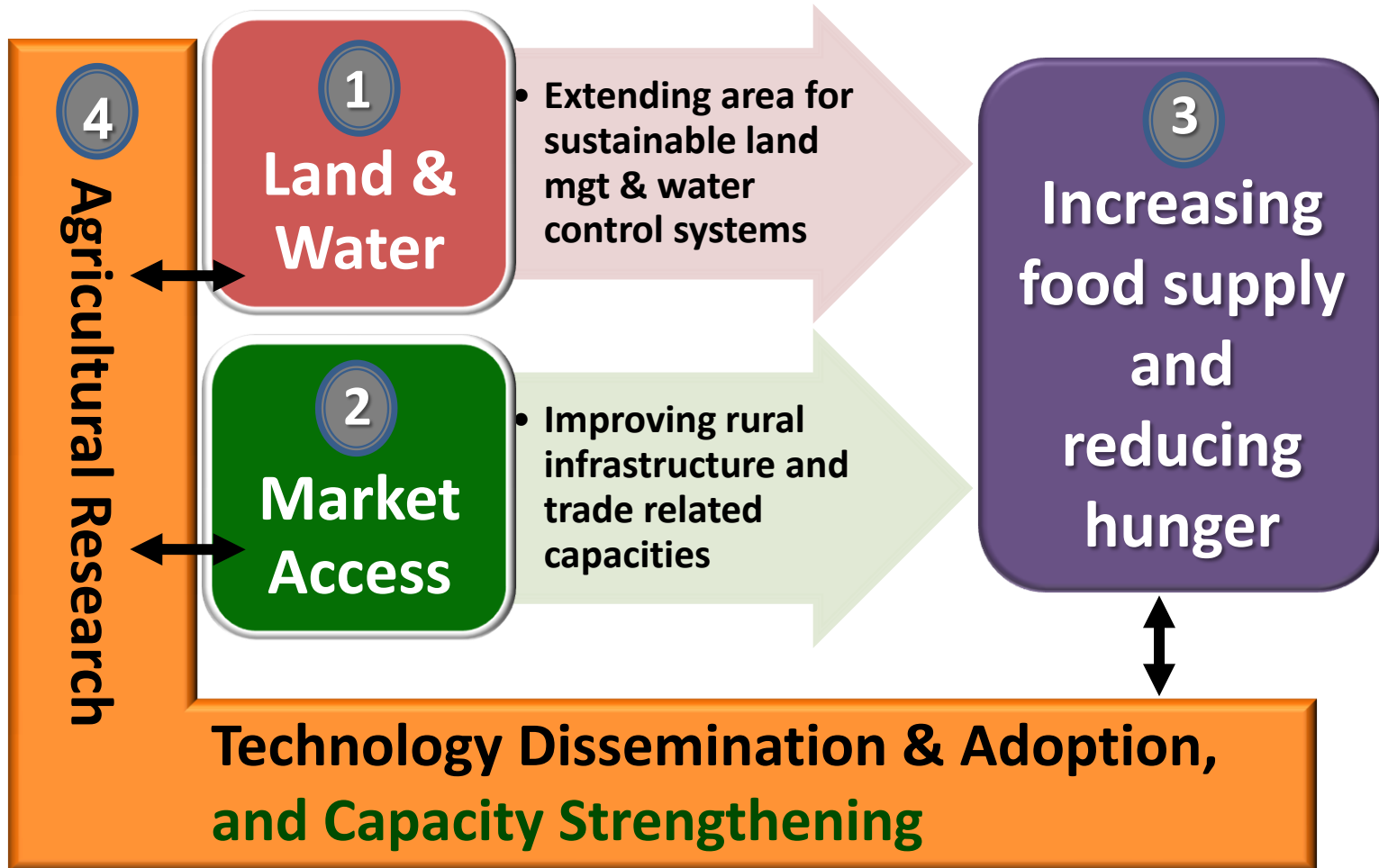
AAAPD's Objectives

- Catalyze Africa's agricultural transformation by facilitating information & technology exchanges
- Encourage public-private investments and collaborations in RETB
- Harness the Diaspora skills, financial resources & networks to promote Africa's agricultural development.
- Bridge between African institutions and developed countries' institutions

INTERFACE BETWEEN AAAPD & STRATEGIC PARTNERS



CAADP's mutually reinforcing pillars/themes



FARA is the lead institution for Pillar IV

Opportunities for the Diaspora

- Build bridges in human resources, catalyze new info & be a link to new technology
- Source of qualified professionals, intellectual resource, innovative ideas & mentorship
- Stimulate investments in agriculture
- Enhance value chain development in processing to increase nutrition, marketability & shelf life.

Opportunities for the Diaspora

- Leverage innovation, knowledge & resources through partnerships
- Improve access to capital through viable networks
- Provide consulting services to investors & entrepreneurs
- Engage in public policy and advocate for smallholder agricultural concerns
- Partner with bilateral & multilateral institutions to support appropriate development

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AAAPD Mission Statement

The Association of African Agricultural Professionals in the Diaspora brings together scientists in Africa and abroad to participate in the development of African Agriculture and the continent as a whole.

African Agricultural Professionals to be Linked Through Grant.

AMES, Iowa - An Iowa State University professor is leading a project that will connect African agricultural experts scattered across North America with representatives in the African continent. [Read full article.](#)




The Association of African Agricultural Professionals in the Diaspora Event at World Bank in Washington, DC.

The AAAPD event at the World Bank in Washington, DC on July 27, 2010 was a resounding success. For a press release and some pictures of the event [click here.](#)

AAAPD

is a new organization that aims to strengthen the human and institutional capacity of African agricultural RET institutions and build strong linkages between these institutions and counterpart institutions world wide. [more](#)

Land Grab in Africa.



Recent land acquisitions in africa have become a major concern for smallholder farmers whose land is a key

New Ideas?

AAAPD is soliciting input on ideas to develop sustainable agricultural systems in Africa. Please share your vision. [Read more.](#)

African Trips.

One of AAAPD's key objectives is to build strong and effective linkages with African Insitutions. AAAPD members travelled to Africa for that purpose. Read more about [this trip](#)

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What else did AAAPD achieve?

- Took part in critical conversations with agricultural partners
- Built relationships with RETBs, NGO's, multilaterals, bilaterals, & with **agricultural professionals.**
- Identified opportunities to utilize networks towards improved agricultural outcomes
- Linked individuals with institutions to foster critical collaboration
- Crafted concept notes for future project opportunities, and solidified relationships.



Action Points

1. Strengthen African Diaspora networks and linkages with African institutions.
2. Use Diaspora platforms to leverage funds, knowledge & skills responding to existing agricultural problems & priorities.
3. Establish collaborative mentoring, sabbaticals and professional development programs.
4. Encourage Diaspora investments in agricultural RETB, e.g. establish endowment funds, agro-industry, etc.
5. Involve Diaspora in agricultural policy dialogue & formulation
6. Empower Diaspora to become effective advocates of Africa's agriculture & smallholder farmers

Reforms

policy makers, scientists, researchers- Providing opportunities to study in the wider contexts of economic devp't, security, world trade, climate change

Entrepreneurs, traders, processors, wholesalers & those who interface with producers and business people-Improving agribusiness education in agribusiness

Extension workers/change agents-Training in soft /personal mastery skills

Rural technicians and artisans- Technical and vocational training

Small-holders and farmers - Empowering them with both opportunities for learning and information , i.e. Make them **knowledge-able**



Balancing the human capacity pyramid - No level is dispensable !

Thank you



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