



Development of Smart Innovation through Research in Agriculture

Newsletter 5

The DeSIRA initiative contributes to climate-relevant, productive and sustainable transformation of agriculture and food systems in low and middle-incomes countries.

FNSSA Stakeholder Engagement Week May 31 @ 8:00 am - June 4 @ 5:00 pm

The LEAP4FNSSA Project will host the Stakeholder Engagement Week on food, nutrition security and sustainable agriculture (FNSSA). The event is aimed at cross-sectoral participation from governments, academies, SMEs, development agencies, research institutes, agribusinesses, and farmer organizations. The FNSSA Stakeholder Engagement Week will take place virtually, **from 31 May to 4 June 2021**.

See the programme and registration : [FNSSA Stakeholder Engagement Week | Leap4fnssa](#)

Several sessions are related to DeSIRA:

04/06/21, 9:00/11:00 (Brussels time) : How research can better support innovation for the transformation towards sustainable agri-food systems in Africa?

The EU funds the DeSIRA initiative with the objective to contribute to climate-relevant, productive and sustainable transformation of agriculture and food systems in low and middle-incomes countries. DeSIRA aims to put more science into development considering that the solutions to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals are knowledge-intensive but context-specific. The DeSIRA initiative but special emphasis on multi-stakeholder approach and capacity strengthening to support innovation. The objective of the session is to discuss the different innovation models which are under debate to support innovation in agriculture and how research can make a contribution. This reflection is useful for the DeSIRA projects for improving their interventions and contribute to impacts.

Organizer: European Commission

03/06/21, 15:00-17:00 (Brussels time) Leveraging the DeSIRA initiative for agri-food systems transformation: building on and with your experience and lessons learnt (WUR – DESIRA LIFT)

The DeSIRA-LIFT project is starting! The project will manage and deliver services for the Development Smart Innovation through Research in Agriculture (DeSIRA) Initiative in support of DG INTPA, the involved European Delegations and stakeholders at large. The DeSIRA-LIFT project comprises both the delivery of pre-defined services and emerging on-demand services. In this session, the DeSIRA-LIFT project and its work packages will be introduced, but more importantly, this session is particularly designed to obtain a lively interaction with participants on the issues and priorities to inform the three work packages. Thus, we can enhance future cooperation in FNSSA and build on experiences and approaches applied in other (DeSIRA) projects and integrate lessons learnt.

Organizer: WUR – DESIRA LIFT

There are other sessions which address the multistakeholder partnership, for example;

- Organizer: FARA – EAFF : Fostering multi-stakeholder partnership engagement for impact on FNSS, Lessons learnt from PAEPARD (2007-2018)
- Organizer: COLEACP : Partnerships and multistakeholder approaches for impact

News of projects

17 May 2021 took place the project's kick-off webinar of the DeSIRA project 'Earth observation and environmental sensing for climate-smart sustainable agropastoral ecosystem transformation in East Africa' (ESSA)

<https://europa.eu/capacity4dev/desira/news/research-boosts-transition-climate-smart-livestock-management-east-africa>

Please send news on the main events and communication products (flyers, vidéos, etc.) regarding your DeSIRA projects to post on the DeSIRA website and facilitate exchange among the DeSIRA community. The DeSIRA website is hosted by Capacity4dev:

<https://europa.eu/capacity4dev/desira>

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