



FAO-GFRAS collaboration

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**Signing Ceremony of the
FAO-GFRAS Memorandum of Understanding
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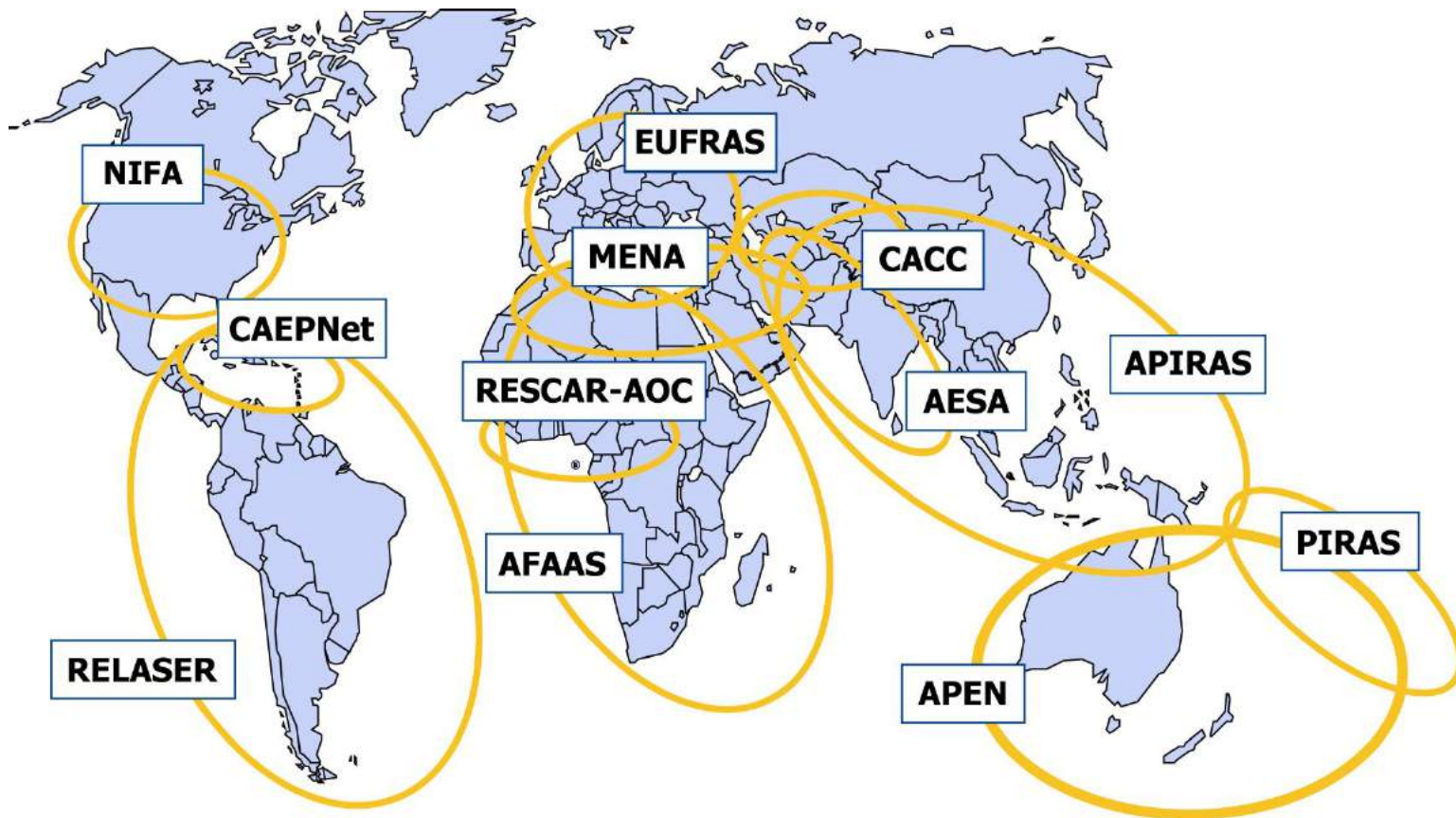


Creation of GFRAS

- ✓ As member of the Neuchâtel Initiative FAO actively participated in the process of defining and shaping of GFRAS
 - Concept note for an FAO hosted resource center (2007)
 - Stakeholder process in Africa to see the demand (2008)
- ✓ FAO hosted the 15th Annual Meeting of the Neuchâtel Initiative (2009)
 - Declaration of Assisi for the creation of an international forum for advisory services



Joint support to regional extension networks





Thematic Collaborations

- ✓ Capacity development
- ✓ Global good practices initiative
- ✓ Gender equality working group & Gender in Agriculture Platform (GAP)
- ✓ Extension Evaluation Initiative
- ✓ SOFA 2014 - GFRAS participated in stakeholder consultation for the on 'Agricultural Innovation in Family Farming'
- ✓ TAP - GFRAS participates



Studies and research

- ✓ **Worldwide Extension Study (since 2009)**
- ✓ **Evaluation of extension systems**
 - **GFRAS International Reference Group for Extension Evaluation (FAO is member)**
 - Evaluation of Brazil reforms of the extension system in collaboration with IFPRI
 - **FAO - RELASER - IADB collaboration for the evaluation of extension systems of the other Latin American countries**



Publications, Policy Briefs, ...

- ✓ Joint publication “Mobilizing the potential of rural and agricultural extension” (2010)
- ✓ Joint Position Paper ‘Building Knowledge Systems in Agriculture’ for Rio +20 (2012)
- ✓ Paper for GCARD II “The new extensionist” (2012)



GFRAS Annual Meetings

- ✓ **FAO contributions to the GFRAS Annual Meetings**
 - Chile 2011, Manila 2012, Berlin 2013

- ✓ **Example Berlin:**
 - Presentation on the Role of FOs in RAS
 - Side event on SOFA 2014 'Innovation and Family farming'
 - Participation in working groups



Conferences and FORA

- ✓ **International Extension Conference in Nairobi 2011** - GFRAS and FAO were main co-organizers
- ✓ **Joint inputs into GCARD I, Montpellier 2010 and GCARD II, Uruguay, 2012**



Continuing collaboration

- ✓ **FAO support to governance of GFRAS**
- ✓ **GFRAS Annual Meetings**
- ✓ **Working Groups, Papers, Studies**
 - Capacity Development
 - Gender, also feeding into GAP
 - Consortium for Extension Education
 - International Reference Group on Extension Evaluation
- ✓ **Support to Regional Networks**
- ✓ **Studies - Good Practices in extension**
 - Extension, gender, nutrition



Forth-coming collaboration

- ✓ **FAO-GFRAS side event at the Farmers' Forum at IFAD (02-2014)**
- ✓ **Events by GFRAS and the regional networks in support of the International Year of Family Farming (IYFF) during 2014**
- ✓ **GFRAS Annual meeting in Buenos Aires (2014) and in Kyrgyzstan (2015)**



Thank you very much for your attention