

The TAAT clearinghouse coordinating technology delivery at scale

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Abstract: The Technologies for African Agricultural Transformation TAAT program funded by the African Development Bank is a bold plan to boost the productivity of African agriculture which is currently a fraction of what obtains in other regions of the world. The program's goal is to increase food production to reduce reliance on food imports, reduce poverty and create jobs, especially for women and youth. In 2018, the program has prioritized interventions targeting 11 commodities in 29 countries. Interventions are organized along the entire value chain of each commodity and involve actors from the public and private sectors, who act in partnership to deliver proven technologies and know-how, inputs, financing and market access to millions of farmers. These partnerships are led by CGIAR centers with mandate over each commodity. The TAAT Clearinghouse was established as an independent unit and honest broker to assess technologies selected for scaling up, evaluate and approve the plans of work. It monitors implementation and is responsible for impact assessment. It fosters partnerships between the various actors and facilitates linkages with other development initiatives for African agricultural transformation. The TAAT Clearinghouse is partially funded by a grant of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to IITA.