Foresight for future planning training series

A four-part training series for applying foresight to address climate change impacts and uncertainties and develop skills and capacity to future proof strategies, policies and research to achieve climate resilient agriculture.

WHO CAN BENEFIT FROM ATTENDING THE FORESIGHT FOR FUTURE PLANNING TRAINING SERIES?

This training series is designed for policy makers, technical officers, advisory services, researchers and academicians from regional and national government linked to agriculture, food systems and climate change across the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Region.

KEY TRAINING OUTCOMES

In these highly uncertain and rapidly changing times, the SADC Region remains fundamentally dependent on a robust and resilient agricultural system and natural resource base. Climate change still poses the greatest threat to the productivity of agricultural systems and therefore technical and research capacity is needed to take into account uncertainties and to adapt plans, policies and programmes that support climate smart and resilient agriculture.

Considering alternative futures, this training series equips users to practically apply a range of foresight tools and methods for innovative research in development prioritisation, specifically assisting in strategic planning and policy formulation for climate-relevant transformation in agriculture and food systems.
**APPROACH**

This virtual training series aims to ensure attendees can apply practical and concrete foresight tools and methods to plan for climate resilience in agriculture and natural resource management in the SADC Region and beyond. As a participant you will engage in interactive exercises during the four webinars and will receive an accompanying Foresight Toolkit to support your further efforts.

**SCHEDULE**

The four-part Foresight Training Series will take place over a two-week period, hosted on **Mondays and Wednesdays between July 12th and July 21st**. The training series will be delivered through four **90-minute sessions** taking place between **14:00 - 15:30 (SAST)**. The virtual training will be conducted via Zoom.

**FOUR-PART VIRTUAL TRAINING SCHEDULE**

1. **Setting the Stage**
   - **Monday 12th July 2021**
   - **14:00 - 15:30 (SAST)**
   - Introduction to Foresight
   - Transformational Planning
   - Climate Resilient Food Systems

2. **Bringing Evidence to Bear**
   - **Wednesday 14th July 2021**
   - **14:00 - 15:30 (SAST)**
   - Trend Analysis
   - Horizon Scanning
   - Climate Risk Framework and Applying Climate Information

3. **Cultivating the Climate Resilient Future**
   - **Monday 19th July 2021**
   - **14:00 - 15:30 (SAST)**
   - Developing scenarios
   - Using scenarios to inform future interventions

4. **Pathways to a Desired Future**
   - **Wednesday 21st July 2021**
   - **14:00 - 15:30 (SAST)**
   - Visioning
   - Backcasting
   - Prioritisation and Transformative Pathways for Long-term Impacts

**REGISTRATION**


**About the AICCRA Project**

Accelerating the Impact of CGIAR Climate Research for Africa (AICCRA) is a new initiative that will enhance access to climate information services and validated climate-smart agriculture technologies in Africa.

It is supported by a grant from the International Development Association (IDA) of the World Bank, and will enhance research and capacity-building activities by the CGIAR and its partners.

**CAADP-XP4 Programme**

The CAADP-XP4 programme aims to strengthen and support agricultural knowledge and innovation partners at all levels in Southern Africa in order to transform agriculture and food systems and to influence policy formulation through effective linkages to and use of climate-relevant science, knowledge and innovation.