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   - Multiple information and communication strategies are used to close the gap between research and farming through dissemination of research findings to farmers, promoting sharing of lessons and experiences by farmers, practitioners, researchers, and sensitising the general public on the value and importance of EOA.

3. **Value Chain and Market Development**
   - A holistic approach is used to promote market innovations across the value chain to ensure production of high quality products, in good quantity as well as value added, stimulate market development, and increase trade in traditional and high value agricultural produce and products at both domestic and export levels.

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   - Strategic involvement by various players including farmers, the public sector and private sector is central to the growth of EOA. This is achieved through facilitating interactions among the players, strengthening multi-stakeholder forums to build synergies, networking and partnership building with other partners. This is supported by AfroNet, the umbrella organisation, linking various players in Africa.

5. **Policy and Programme Development**
   - Programmes and policies developed to promote EOA in a truly bottom-up approach by supporting stakeholders platforms to share knowledge and experiences (agricultural extension agencies, policy making and implementation agencies, credit institutions, prospective agricultural markets, etc.) of programmes and policies to promote EOA.

6. **Institutional Capacity Development**
   - Capacity within EOA implementing institutions and organisations strengthened to support development programmes and change processes, improve the structures and institutions of policymaking, and empower agencies to undertake their roles and functions effectively and efficiently. It targets relevant policy-makers, managers of programmes and projects, research staff, extension practitioners, farmers, and the public at large.

**Our Vision**

Vibrant systems for ecological organic agriculture that enhance food security and sustainable development in Africa.

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is a production management system that considers the agro-ecosystem in all its diversity, focusing on biological diversity, healthy use of soils, air and water and relying on renewable resources in locally organised and managed agricultural systems. It integrates modern science, innovative practices and indigenous knowledge.

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