

**AgWA Steering Committee/Partners’ Meeting**

**March, 18-19th 2014, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

**SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES RAISED AND WAY FORWARD**

**1. Key issues to consider on AgWA’s thematic scope of work**

* + Smallholder (family farming)/ poverty reduction
  + Rainfed systems
  + Multiple use services
  + Ecosystem services approach
  + River basin approach and River basin organizations (RBOs) as partners
  + Emphasize AgWA’s role on AWM beyond CAADP (i.e. improving water use efficiency, enhancing water productivity, etc)

**2. Way forward. AgWA secretariat and partners to work on the following:**

* AgWA vision
* Mapping of actors / stakeholders for CAADP implementation. To use current structures as much as possible (RECs/CAADP FPs)
* Criteria for country selection in proposals
* Results based Framework
* On partnership’s governance
  + To prepare a Constitution (defining roles of members, who gets in the Steering Committee and for how long)
  + Definition of application process / form to become part of the Steering Committee (SC) and reaching out to members.
  + Work on legal status: to hire a legal adviser to assess pros and cons of different alternatives of becoming a legal entity.
* On resource mobilization
  + To work together with ARID and CILSS on a proposal on Knowledge-sharing in Sahel to be funded by the World Bank.
  + Establishing a consortium with partners to apply for funds for specific activities.
  + Undertaking scoping on resources
* AgWA, together with CARE, will work on materializing element 6 in Basket Fund (*Biannual publication of the state of the art of AWM in Africa*) and event co-organisation
* AgWA, together with WaterNet, will organize a joint session in the WaterNet/WARFSA/GWP-SA Symposium to be held in Malawi in October 2014
* AgWA will lead the creation of a Taskforce for the follow-up of the *Eastern Africa Sub-regional Workshop on Addressing the Challenges of Water Scarcity in East Africa and Strengthening Resilience to Drought.* In particular to:
  + Clarify taskforce(s) role and ToRs as committee develops its governance structure (FL to lead)
  + Link to SC and non-SC members, potentially in development of taskforce(s)
  + Action points under the Taskforce should be re-examined by the SC