Instructions
What benefit would you expect to make your membership worthwhile?

- Easier collaborations
- Share my expertise
- Sustainable recognition
- Launching bicontinental calls for R&I programmes
- Access to financing, eligibility to apply for calls
- Funding mechanism
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- Networking, finding consortium partners
- Improved coordinated multilateral programming in R&I
What benefit would you expect to make your membership worthwhile?

- Networking with EU and AU partners for constructive research in FNSSA and exchange of expertise among African countries
- Being able to participate in research projects
- Work on collaborative R&I and capacity building projects
- Networking events to concretize ideas into practical realities
- Regular access to funding opportunities for research and graduate training in the FNSSA domain
- Networking, knowledge sharing
- Exchange of experience across geographical borders
- Networking and collaborations
- Opportunities to jointly apply for fundings
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What benefit would you expect to make your membership worthwhile?

- Increased funding opportunities, better linkages with other research and innovation partners, information on current FNSSA issues
- Most recent updates on financing opportunities
- Strengthened capacity to participate in IRC
- Good partnership between EU and AU, finding research
- Platforms for accessing policy makers in Africa and Europe
- Easier connection with African and European partners, better coordination, greater efficiency in partnerships and joint actions
- Sharing of information, networking and policy implementation, funding
- Different funder consortia would find support in the coordination infrastructure
- Decentralised coordination of actors networks
What benefit would you expect to make your membership worthwhile?

- More interactive approaches to motivate cooperation
- Capacity building and mentorship for youth to participate in IRC
- Polycentric coordination approach of actors (after Elenor Ostrom, Nobel Price)

youth engagement
Are there any other functions and/or services that you think the IRC should perform?

- No likely to refine among all the proposals
- Policy implications
- IPR support
- Link up closely with the Knowledge Management for Agricultural Development agenda currently being championed by the CAADP-XP4 Partners and the CGIAR
- youth employment
- Proposal making course
- List up accelerators on which outcomes of research and agri SME can tap
- Support in technology/innovation uptake
- institutional strengthening to improve coordination
Are there any other functions and/or services that you think the IRC should perform?

- Knowledge Management Research
- Policy reviews
- Impacts of climate change on food security and sovereignty in different countries
- Communication Center to support research and end-user of knowledge communication (methods, technologies, etc.)
- Linking stakeholders setting up teams to respond to current challenges in FNSSA
- Capacity building
- Unit for temporary funders consortia for the support of programme development
- Science-Policy interface
- Establishing partnerships with other non-EU AU partners
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- Any place for graduate students’ research?
- emphasise research translation into practice
- Enforcement of policy related to research
- Needs assessment based research agenda development
- Establishment of decentralised coordination hubs for clusters on all geographical levels
- Facilitate R & I to Research Organizations not only the focus being the University
- filling the gapness ICT agricultural farmers in remote areas
- [Applied Research project] Coordinators usually do not know about the existence of many public funding programmes and often lack the connections or visibility with private investors.
- Link with EU Research infrastructures or create mirror sites as appropriate.
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- Establishment of a long-term interface with the AU-EU HLPM
- Explicit focus on the needs of women/men/youth
- Entry point for interactive development of the platform
- Capacity building
- Private capital and corporations need to play their important role in maintaining an innovation ecosystem (e.g., by attracting early stage and corporate investors to local innovation ecosystems to support the growth and expansion of spin-off companies)

There is a need for more professional institutionalized Technology Transfer Offices (TTOs). TTOs are important institutions for the successful transferability of research outputs to entrepreneurs. An example of a regional agricultural TTO is WACCI.

The West Africa Centre for Crop Improvement (WACCI) is a partnership between the University of Ghana (UG) and Cornell University, USA that was established in June 2007 with funding from AGRA.
Thanks for your feedback!