

**DECLARATION OF GFAR REGIONAL FORA ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
A GLOBAL NARS CONSORTIUM**

Bangkok, 17 March 2023

WHEREAS the Global Forum on Agricultural Research and Innovation (GFAR) is facilitated by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), which are Specialized Agencies of the United Nations system;

WHEREAS the vision of GFAR is to make agrifood research and innovation systems more effective, responsive and equitable, towards achieving Sustainable Development Goals;

WHEREAS members and partners in GFAR, at national, regional and international levels, advocate for and catalyze Collective Actions that strengthen and transform agrifood research and innovation systems;

WHEREAS members and partners in GFAR include farmers, agricultural workers and their organizations, civil society, NGOs, consumers, education, finance and investment institutions, UN Agencies, public sector, national and international research, advisory services, private sector, social enterprises, women's groups and youth organizations;


WHEREAS GFAR members include six Regional Fora that represent the National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS), *viz.*: AARINENA (the Association of Agricultural Research Institutions in the Near East and North Africa); APAARI (the Asia Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions); CACAARI (the Central Asia and the Caucasus Association of Agricultural Research Institutions); EFARD (the European Forum on Agricultural Research for Development); FARA (the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa); and FORAGRO (the Forum for the Americas on Agricultural Research and Technology Development);

WHEREAS, in December 1994, an International Consultation entitled "Towards a NARS Vision of International Agricultural Research" was convened by IFAD in Rome, within the framework of the process of renewal of the CGIAR System involving some 80 NARS leaders resulting in a Declaration that outlined concrete actions to strengthen the partnership between NARS and the CGIAR;


We, GFAR Regional Fora:


- **Endorse** the repositioning (the renewal, refocusing and rebooting) of GFAR in knowledge brokering, representing and empowering NARS through the Forum;
- **Recognize** major investments and efforts being made by countries to strengthen their NARS;
- **Call** for collective action to strengthen and revitalize NARS in the rapidly changing global context through the creation of a Global NARS Consortium (GNC) within GFAR;
- **Resolve** to establish the GNC within GFAR, which will seek to strengthen the global voice, enhance the influence, improve the resource base, and capacities NARS;
- **Commit** to strengthen the collaboration and linkages among partners;
- **Agree** to operationalize the GNC, building on experience and lessons learned, in consultation with relevant national, regional and global institutions, networks and organizations;
- **Undertake** to facilitate the implementation of a roadmap by 2025, to mark the 30th year of GFAR's existence.

Declaration signed in Bangkok on 17th March, 2023 by the Executive Secretaries of GFAR Regional Fora:

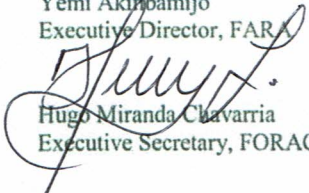
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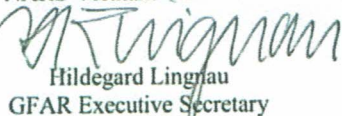

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