

# Report on the Global NARS Consortium (GNC) Survey

## Initial Statement

GFAR has been entrusted with developing a Global NARS Consortium (GNC) based on the Declaration signed in Bangkok (March 2023) by its Regional Fora. The GNC aims to strengthen and amplify the global voice of NARS by defining them as "all public and semi-public stakeholders involved in research and development in a country, including National Agricultural Research Institutes, universities, and government laboratories".

This survey is a key step in the development of a GNC, according to the GNC implementation plan agreed with representatives of GFAR Regional Fora (RFs) meeting in Durban (June 2023). This tool enables the collection of valuable information on NARS worldwide in a systematic and efficient way.

It will also help to identify and understand the needs, opinions, priorities and expectations of the stakeholders involved in the process. The survey will inform the global NARS conference that GFAR intends to hold in 2024. The main function of the survey is to map public NARS stakeholders in each region and obtain a comprehensive picture of the perspectives of the different stakeholders on NARS. By collecting quantitative and qualitative data through structured and open-ended questions, this survey will provide a more accurate picture of the challenges, opportunities and requirements of the GNC.

The survey allows for the identification of key areas of interest and concern, as well as of the strengths and weaknesses of the NARS worldwide. By improving our understanding of the needs and preferences of relevant stakeholders, GFAR's Secretariat will be able to identify areas where targeted support for the GNC will be useful and effective strategies to address challenges identified.

In addition, the survey also seeks to promote the participation and engagement of Regional Fora by providing them with the opportunity to express their views and actively contribute to the GNC development and planning process. This will foster a collaborative approach in setting up and running the GNC.

We sincerely appreciate your valuable participation. Thank you!

## Results

A. Completing the process of categorizing stakeholders of the GNC and establishing a clear picture of the composition of the GNC

**1. Name the key public national agricultural research system actors in your region. (please list all that fit with the definition of NARS as set out above)**

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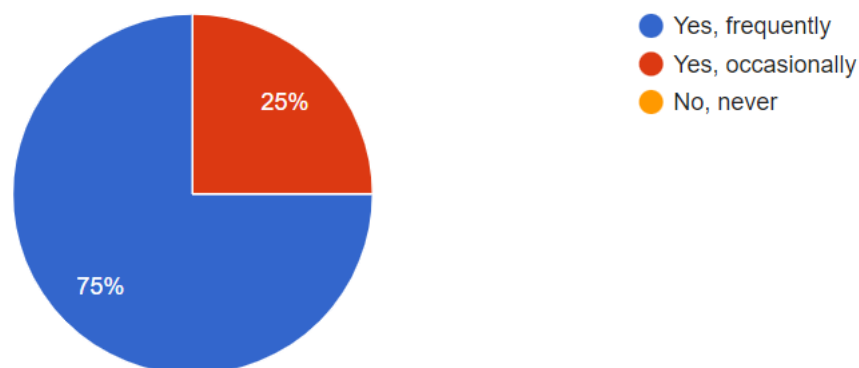
**2. How familiar are you with the research activities of public national agricultural research institutions in your region?**



**2.1. If the response is 'not familiar at all' please provide insights on potential factors that may contribute to this lack of familiarity. This information will help us understand why and improve our approach.**

Not responses for this question

**3. Have you ever collaborated or interacted with any public national agricultural research institutions in your region?**

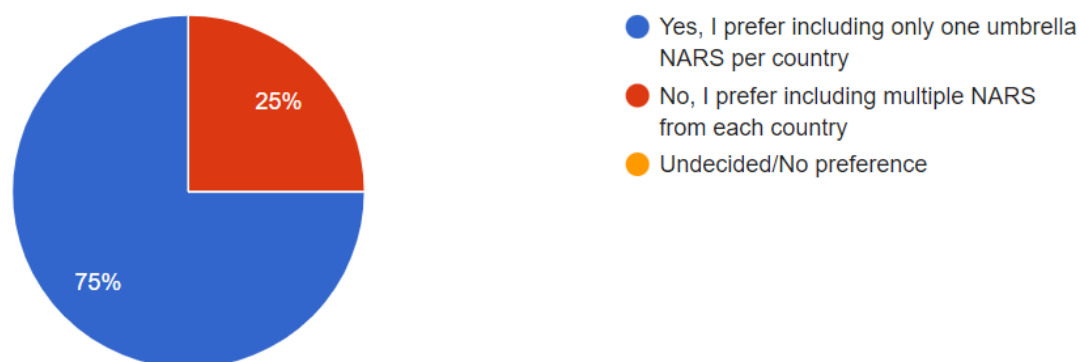


**3.1. If the response is 'no, never' please provide insights on potential factors that may have contributed to this. This information will help us understand why and improve our approach.**

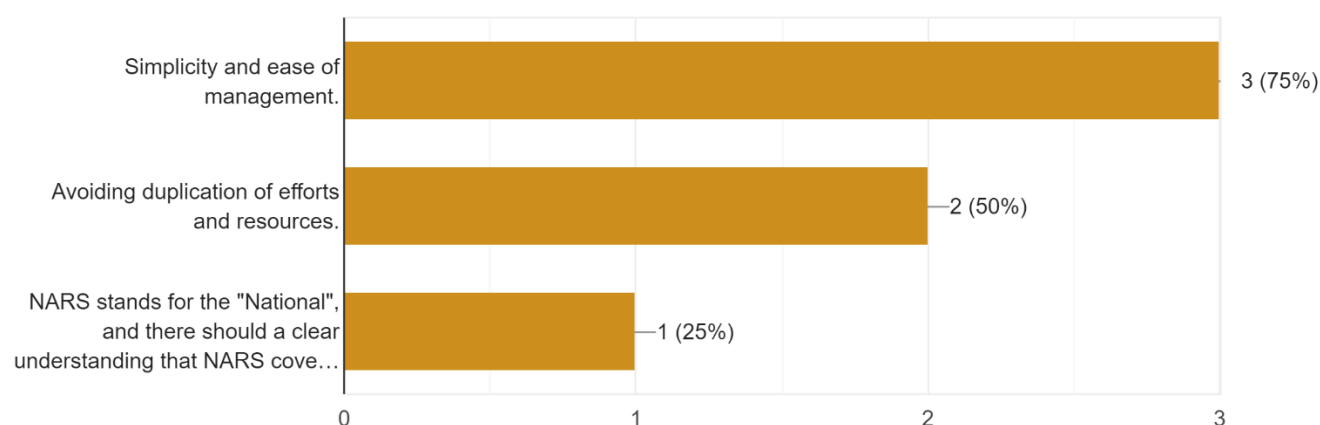
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## B. Harmonization and representation

### 1. Do you prefer to include only one umbrella NARS (National Agricultural Research System) per country in the global list?



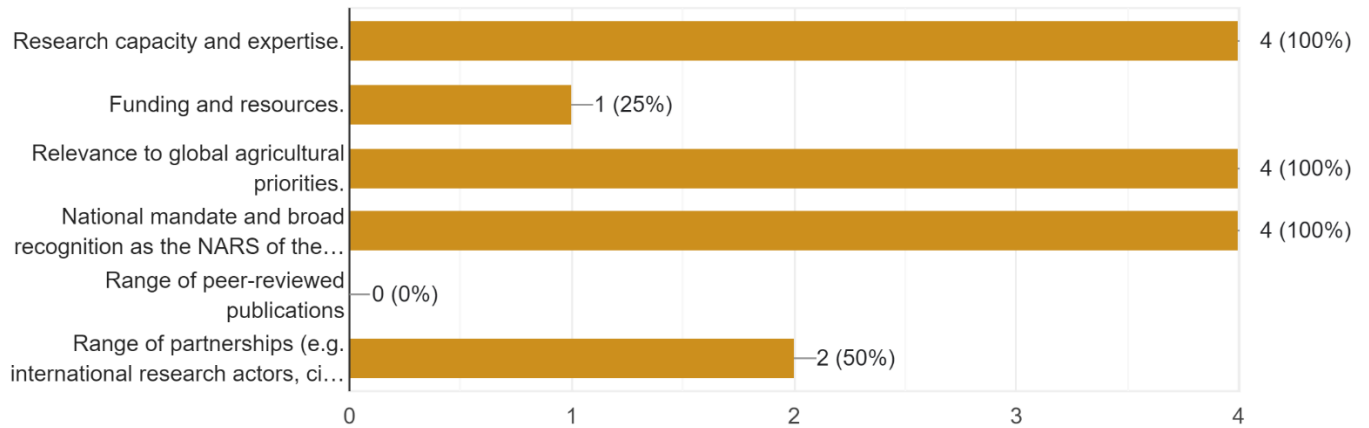
### 2. If you prefer including only one umbrella NARS per country, what is your main reason for this choice?



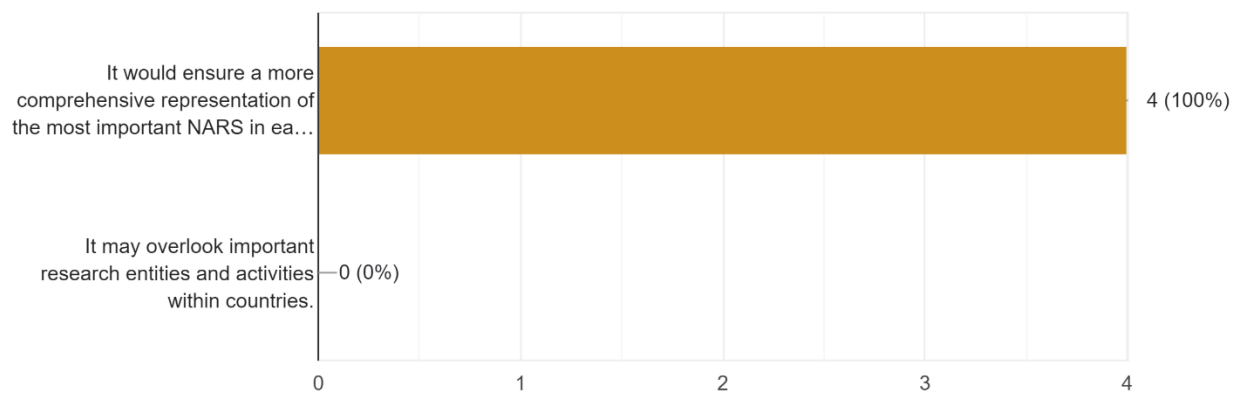
### 3. If you prefer identifying several NARS in each country, what is your main reason for this?

- “The reason is to have a clarity on multiple Institutions at the initial stage to have a comprehensive picture of NARS in a given country institutions of NARS at this stage when the Consortium is being developed. At later stage we can have think of having one nodal National NARS”

**4. What criteria do you think should be used to select the umbrella NARS to include in the global NARS list? (Select all that apply)**



**5. If only one umbrella NARS is included per country, how do you consider that this would impact the accuracy and completeness of the global list?**



### C. Research-extension/advisory services linkages

#### 1. In your opinion, how important is it to establish links between the GNC and global fora for agricultural extension and rural advisory services?



#### 2. How important do you consider innovation systems in shaping the success of a Global NARS Consortium in advancing agricultural research and development?

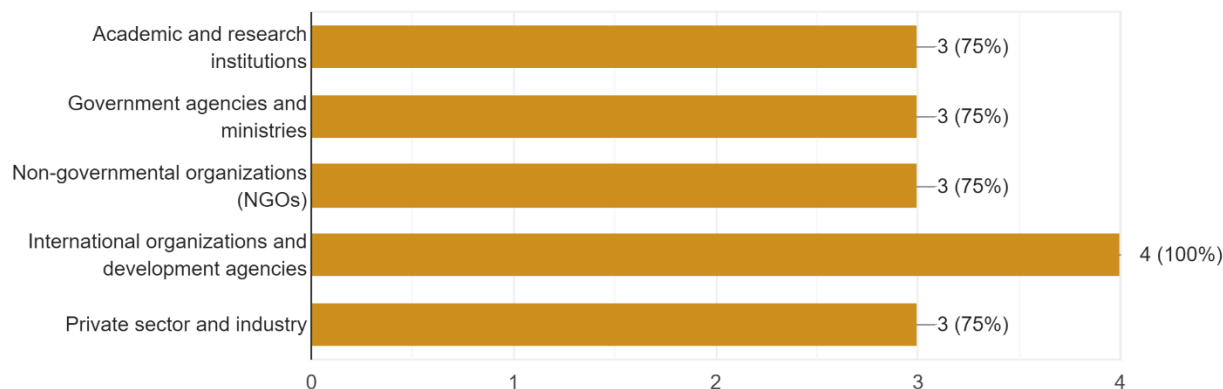


#### 3. How do you think the above points could be implemented? If you have any suggestions or comments, please let us know.

- “Research remains the key source of the knowledge, and the knowledge is the key for innovation.”
- “Global Fora can be strengthened with inputs from NARS in agrifood systems transformation”
- “In order for the NARS to accept being part of the initiative and commit themselves at the highest level, the GNC has to offer them a high added value. It is necessary to arrive with a specific and concrete value proposition. There are already several networks and consortia between the NARS of several regionals.”

## D. GNC Advisory Group

### 1. Which professional backgrounds should the resource persons selected for the GNC Advisory Group be drawn from? (Select all that apply)



### 2. Are there specific resource persons, leaders in their field, who you would suggest to be invited to take part in a GNC Advisory Group?

- “Facilitators & Coordinators. They maintain the functionality of the NARS.”
- “Regional Networks to identify leaders for shortlisting such names”
- “For ALC: i) Executive secretariats of existing regional CTi mechanisms (PROICs, Fontagro, Forago, Bioeconomy Network, etc.). II) Organizations of international cooperation on the subject (IICA, FAO, CGIAR, World Bank, etc.)”

## E. End of the survey

### 1. Do you have any additional comments, questions, or suggestions regarding the GNC? Please feel free to share any additional insights or feedback you may have.

- “A questionnaire is needed to be developed for NARS Institutions to get their willingness to join and contribute”