The Platform for Agricultural Risk Management (PARM), an outcome of the G8 and G20 discussions on food security and agricultural growth, is a four year multi-donor partnership between developing nations and development partners to make risk management an integral part of policy planning and implementation in the agricultural sector.

Since its inception in December 2013, PARM has worked for a better management of risks in agriculture in developing countries, considered as a main constraint to improve farmers’ livelihoods. PARM’s governance has been designed to build partnerships and knowledge networks on Agricultural Risk Management (ARM), mobilizing existing resources and expertise. PARM is promoting a holistic preparedness approach to empower farmers and stakeholders with ARM tools and strategies, rather than resigning to cope with disasters. This is the essence of the Platform as a neutral environment where ARM demands and needs are rigorously identified and assessed, and where experts and service providers can develop tailored tools to these demands. During its first year of existence, PARM has consolidated its partnerships and launched setting up activities in six African countries. PARM efforts have been concentrated so far on developing a business model for the elaboration of studies, capacity development, and on implementing an ambitious knowledge management strategy.
**Niger**

**WHERE ARE WE?**

01 **Setting-up**

- **PAGRA Validation Workshop**
  June 2014
  A National Stakeholder workshop, led by the World Bank with active participation of PARM (Interim Secretariat) and NEPAD, was held in Niamey from 10 to 11 June 2014

- **Setting-up Mission**
  December 2014
  The newly appointed PARM Secretariat jointly with NEPAD organised its first joint mission to Niger from 9-12 December 2014 to follow-up on the PAGRA Validation Workshop, to build synergies and re-launch activities in the country.

- **Road map developed**
  January 2015
  PARM Road map was developed and validated by the Haut Commissariat à l’Initiative 3N (HC3N).

- **Risk Assessment Terms of Reference**
  February 2015
  The Terms of Reference for the Risk Assessment has been developed and validated by HC3N.

02 **Risk Assessment**

- **Risk Assessment Study Kick-off**
  May 2015
  The Institut de Recherches et d’Applications des Méthodes de développement (IRAM) has been identified and recruited to undertake the Risk Assessment study in Niger which will be finalized early 2016.

- **Risk Assessment Workshop and Capacity Development Seminar**
  December 2015
  A Capacity Development Training was held on December 9, 2015 in Niamey in collaboration with Agrhyment, NEPAD and HC3N to provide trainees with capacity to understand the holistic approach to analyze and manage the main agriculture risks affecting smallholders.

- **Also, a National Stakeholder Workshop was held on December 10, 2015 to present and discuss the Draft Risk Assessment Study and identify priorities on risks and tools.**

03 **Policy Dialogue**

**Uganda**

**WHERE ARE WE?**

01 **Setting-up**

- **Setting-up Mission**
  December 2014
  The PARM Team organised its first visit (jointly with NEPAD) to the country from 15-18 December 2014 to follow-up on the ARM process already started with FAO and NEPAD in 2013, with the establishment of a National Steering Committee (NSC).

- **Road map developed**
  December 2015
  PARM Road map was developed and validated by the NSC and the Government.

- **Risk Assessment Terms of Reference**
  February 2015
  The Terms or Reference (TORs) for the Risk Assessment developed and validated.

02 **Risk Assessment**

- **Risk Assessment and Information System Study Kick-off**
  March/May 2015
  National Stakeholder Validation Workshop
  June 2015
  A National Stakeholder Validation Workshop was held from 29-30 June 2015 in Kampala to present and discuss the Draft Risk Assessment Study and identify priorities on risks and tools.

- **Capacity Development Seminar**
  July 2015
  A Capacity Development Seminar has been conducted from 1 to 2 July 2015 by PARM, NEPAD and FAO in partnership with MAAIF to provide trainees with capacity to understand the holistic approach to analyze and manage the main agriculture risks affecting smallholders.

- **ARM National Steering Committee**
  July 2015
  Capacity Development Training
  December 2015
  A Capacity Development Training will be held on 8-9 December 2015 at district level in Uganda as a follow-up of the Capacity Development Seminar that took place in July 2015.

03 **Policy Dialogue**
PARM activities kicked-off in Ethiopia in occasion of the “Policy Forum on Integrating agriculture and food risk management and innovative financial services” jointly organized by AFRACA, NEPAD, PARM and FAO in Addis Ababa on 11-13 November 2014.

A setting-up mission was undertaken from 9 to 12 February 2015. During the mission, a PARM Road Map and TORs was developed and discussed with the temporary ad hoc National Steering Committee. Potential partners to support PARM studies and capacity development plan were also identified.

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The Natural Resources Institute (NRI) from the University of Greenwich (member of Agrinatura network) has been identified to undertake the Risk Assessment study in Ethiopia to be presented in November 2015.

A National Stakeholder Workshop was held from 16 to 17 December 2015 in Addis, Ethiopia in collaboration with the Government of Ethiopia (ATA) and NEPAD to present and discuss the Draft Risk Assessment Study currently on-going and identify priorities on risks and tools.

PARM participated in the World Bank “Risk Assessment and Response in the agricultural sector” workshop held on 12 March 2015 to explore synergies with the on-going ARM initiatives and present PARM in view of the setting-up mission.

A joint PARM-NEPAD first country visit in Senegal was undertaken from 13 to 19 April 2015. The mission represented the first step of PARM process in Senegal and to find complementarities with the Risk Assessment Study (RAS) recently undertaken by the World Bank. The main achievement of the mission has been the informal commitment expressed by the MoA, through the SG, to insert PARM in the national agenda. A multi-sector pool of experts coming from different Ministries and organizations has been constituted to identify the gaps of the current RAS and to be integrated (partially or totally) by PARM process. A formal commitment from the Government is expected by the end of 2015.

A draft road map and TORs for the Risk Assessment have been developed by the Government in collaboration with the CAADP Focal Point and is expected to be completed by end of December 2015.

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Setting-up Mission

April 2015

The PARM Team organised its first visit (jointly with IFAD) to the country from 5 to 14 March 2015 to get the official commitment of the Government of Cameroon and to develop a road map. Potential synergies to support PARM studies and capacity development plan were also identified.

Official Engagement and Road Map

May 2015

An official commitment letter was addressed to the President of IFAD in March 2015 and a CAADP focal point has been nominated to support PARM process. A draft road map is being developed with the MOA and it is in the process to be finalized.

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Setting-Up

Cameroon

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Cabo Verde

WHERE ARE WE?

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NEPAD Country Visit

April 2015

A NEPAD first country visit in Cape Verde took place in April 2015 to launch the PARM setting-up phase and engage in the first contacts with the government and national stakeholders.

Official engagement and Road Map

May 2015

A proposed roadmap is under development including: adaptation and validation of the TORs of the assessment study, a capacity development component and the identification of a national team of consultants.

TO BE CONTINUED...

Setting-Up

Mozambique

First Country Contacts

November 2014

PARM has started its first country contacts with the Ministry of Agriculture during the FARM-D forum organized by the World Bank in South Africa. Considering the elections in October 2014 the country is still listed as a 2015 target of PARM and a first country visit is planned for the first quarter 2016.

Setting-Up

Liberia

First Country Contacts

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Stand-by

The Gambia

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KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT

Country Partners Meeting on ARM

Kampala, 27 October 2015

PARM will bring together the different PARM country focal points and experts recruited to share the risk assessment studies process and results in the different countries, share the lessons learned to improve PARM and Government synergies across countries.

Africa Day for Food and Nutrition Security

Kampala, 28-30 October 2015

In occasion of the ADFNS commemoration, PARM organized a pre-event on October 28th when the Risk Assessment Study in Uganda was launched

Joint PARM-FARM-D Webinar on Uganda Risk Assessment

PARM-D, 11 November 2015

PARM hosted by FARM-D held a webinar to present and discuss Uganda Risk Assessment Study with international and local experts.

Joint PARM-FAO Webinar on Warehouse Receipt Systems Study

FAO, 18 November 2015

Annual Advisory Committee

Teleconference, 26 November 2015

Joint PARM-MFW4A Webinar on Warehouse Receipt Systems Study

MFW4A, 2 December 2015

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