

# Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) & Australian International Food Security Centre (AIFSC)

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# ACIAR core business and objectives

**Mission:** To achieve more productive and sustainable agricultural systems for the benefit of developing countries and Australia through international agricultural research partnerships

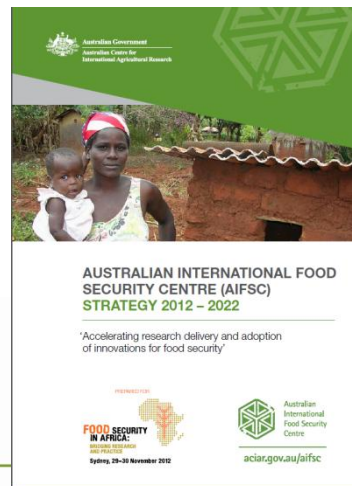
## Our functions:

- Commission research into improving sustainable agricultural production in developing countries
- Fund project related training
- Communicate the results of funded research
- Conduct and fund development activities related to research programs
- Administer Australia's contribution to the IARCs



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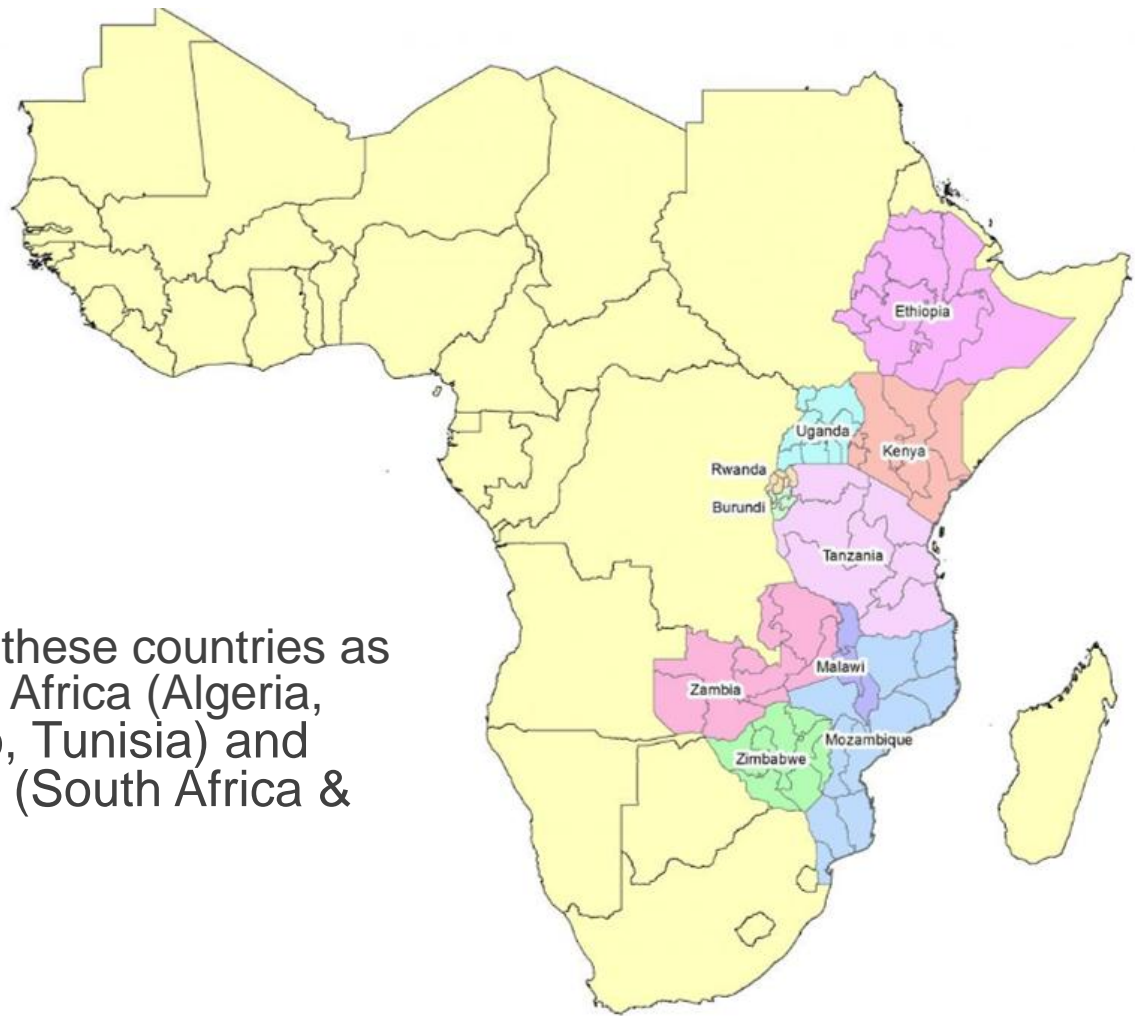
- Centre within ACIAR
- 10 year strategy builds on the priorities, gaps and research capabilities identified through consultations with Australian, African and international stakeholders and CAADP
- Mission: accelerate the delivery and adoption of research innovations for food security
- Providing a 'bridge' between research and development to improve adoption and scale up
- Goal: help smallholder farmers and other poor households access sufficient, accessible and nutritious food



# AIFSC focus countries

- Burundi
- Ethiopia
- Kenya
- Malawi
- Mozambique
- Rwanda
- Uganda
- Tanzania
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

ACIAR works in these countries as well as Northern Africa (Algeria, Egypt, Morocco, Tunisia) and Southern Africa (South Africa & Botswana)





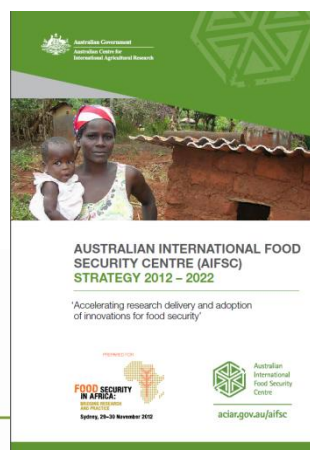
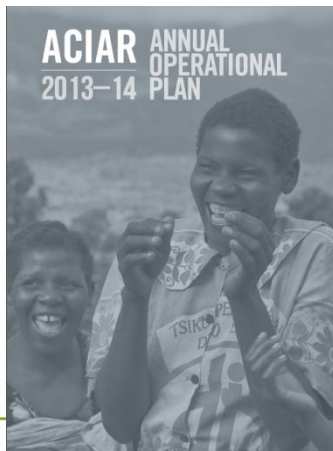
# Research Agenda 2013/14

## ACIAR research projects

- Water management
- Crops
- Conservation agriculture
- Sustainable intensification
- Seed systems
- Livestock management
- Fisheries and aquaculture
- Grain and livestock value chains

## AIFSC research programs

- Sustainable & productive farming systems
- Strong & equitable economic and social systems
- Food nutrition & safety
- Communications & knowledge management
- Education, training & capacity building



# AAUN collaboration

- Partner from AAUN's inception
- RUFORUM-AAUN meeting, Uganda & 'The Power of Partnerships' Forum
- Research Development Fund

- **African partner universities:**
- Ain Shams Uni, Makerere Uni, Egerton Uni, Sokoine Uni, Uni of Malawi (Bunda College), College of Agriculture (Botswana), Uni of Eduardo Mondlane, Uni of Pretoria
- **Australian partner universities:**
- Uni of Queensland, James Cook Uni, Sydney Uni, Charles Sturt Uni, Adelaide Uni, Uni of South Australia, Murdoch Uni, Curtin Uni



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