		APAARI Biennial Work Plan 2017-2018		
Activity Number	**Planned Activity for 2017 and 2018**	**Purpose**	**Expected Outputs**	**Time Frame**
1. Knowledge Management				
Key Strategy 1.1 AFS made more knowledge intensive to effectively contribute to sustainable agricultural development				
1.1.1	Development of APAARI Knowledge Management and Communication strategy.	To make knowledge and communication within AFRIS and AFS more effective and efficient; encourage APAARI members, partners and other stakeholders to adopt APAARI's KM and communication strategy.	Framework on KM and communication activities and tools developed. More effective planning and monitoring of KM and communication activities achieved.	2017
1.1.2	Development and dissemination of information and knowledge through APAARI Newsletter, APAARI Network Highlights (ANH), APAARI website and social media.	Make agri-food research and innovation system more informed with increased opportunities for learning and knowledge sharing.	Primary stakeholders are benefitted from improved access to information and learning opportunities; communication and knowledge sharing within AFRIS improved.	2017, 2018
1.1.3	Organization of a workshop on APAARI biotechnology communication strategy and its potential for adoption (FAO/DOA/CABI).	Review, discuss and improve the communication strategy developed by APAARI in 2016 for adoption by members and other stakeholders.	A refined communication strategy on agricultural biotechnology acceptable to APAARI members and other stakeholders developed. Stakeholders are encouraged to use the strategy.	2018
1.1.4	Development of an improved APAARI website.	To make access to rich information and knowledge from AFRIS, as well as sharing, more effective.	User-friendly, attractive and well-organized website with enriched content developed.	2017
1.1.5	Content management of the new APAARI website.	To make information and knowledge sharing timely and relevant.	APAARI members and partners are informed about activities, events and research results within AFRIS in a timely manner.	2017, 2018

1.1.6	Facilitation of online discussions: (i) How to make KM and communication more beneficial for AFRIS; (ii) Collective actions for GFAR's MTP; and (iii) Integration of CDAIS into university curricula.	To create an opportunity for APAARI members and partners to engage and discuss various issues relevant for the strengthening of AFRIS.	Online interaction and engagement with APAARI stakeholders improved. Knowledge sharing and learning processes within AFRIS improved.	2017
1.1.7	Re-organization and improvement of the APCoAB website.	Develop an information and knowledge sharing tool on agri-biotechnology in line with a revamped APAARI website.	More user-friendly, well-organized and content-enriched website aligned with the new APAARI website developed.	2017
1.1.8	Content management of the APCoAB website.	Keep stakeholders abreast of ongoing developments and opportunities in biotechnology.	APAARI members and other stakeholders are better informed and equipped to take decisions regarding adoption of biotechnology tools and products.	2017, 2018
1.1.9	Establishment of a Community of Practice (CoP) of communication and knowledge management focal points from APAARI member and partner organizations.	To improve linkages and communication between KM and communication focal points of APAARI member and partner institutions to share information more effectively and identify synergies for collaboration.	The content and use of Social Media improved. The content of the APAARI website and ANH is enriched.	2017
1.1.10	Collection, processing and publishing of case studies/success stories on experiences in using ICT in agri-food systems.	To document experiences in the use of ICT that are available for sharing and scaling up and out.	Information and knowledge sharing among AFRIS stakeholder improved and lead to collaboration and collective actions; stakeholders are better informed about good practices in the use of ICT in agriculture; Stakeholders are inspired to take up some of the good practices in e-agriculture.	2017
Key Strategy 1.2 AFRIS strengthened through more effective knowledge management				
1.2.1	Compilation, processing and publishing of consultation proceedings/case studies/success stories on biotechnology application in Asia-Pacific.	To make information about policy developments/successful biotechnologies and products that exist for field level/industrial adoption available to stakeholders.	Stakeholders are empowered to take informed decisions regarding adoption of biotechnology policies, processes and products.	2017, 2018
2. Partnership and Networking				

Key Strategy 2.1 Innovative and strategic partnerships and networking strengthened				
2.1.1	Support to implementation of the Common Framework on Capacity Development for Agricultural Innovation Systems (CDAIS) and TAPipedia developed under the Tropical Agricultural Platform, in collaboration with FAO Rome.	To develop capacity for agricultural innovation systems through collective actions.	Strengthened knowledge sharing and capacity development of AFRIS stakeholders in key areas based on a needs assessment.	2017, 2018
2.1.2	Organization of regional E-agriculture Solutions Forum 2017 in collaboration with FAO RAP.	To plan, co-organize and support the E-agriculture Solutions Forum 2017, and to collect success stories. Committed USD 70,000	Proven e-agriculture solutions are shared to benefit AFRIS stakeholders and encourage scaling up and out of good e-agriculture practices.	2017
2.1.3	Contribution to two marketplaces on capacity development for agricultural innovation systems (CDAIS) in Bangladesh and Lao PDR in collaboration with FAO, Rome.	To facilitate two marketplaces to engage AFRIS stakeholders from Bangladesh and Lao PDR in the sharing of good practices in CDAIS.	Good practices in CDAIS are shared among stakeholders and promoted through advocacy efforts.	2017
2.1.4	Further data collection for APAARI's stakeholder scoping and mapping exercise.	To determined and assess key stakeholders across the entire stakeholder spectrum within AFRIS.	Information about APAARI's key stakeholders improved; targeting and prioritization of APAARI stakeholders for future interventions improved as a basis for engagement strategy.	2017-, 2018
3. Capacity Development				
Key Strategy 3.2 Organizational capacity for good governance, effective management and delivery of research and innovations enhanced				
3.2.1	Organization of two sub-regional writeshops on transferring research/innovation findings into knowledge and information understandable by development practitioners.	To train researchers in the documentation and processing of information derived from expert knowledge, and translating this information into practical language of development practitioners.	Communication and knowledge transfer skills of researchers improved; knowledge from agricultural research is available in practical language to benefit development practitioners and farmers.	2018
Key Strategy 3.3 Technical competency developed				

3.3.1	Organization of a Symposium/Expert Consultation: Underutilized plant bioresources and their potential for food and nutrition security of Asia and the Pacific (Crops for Future/World Vegetable Centre/ Bioversity/JIRCAS/ICARDA/COA	Create wider awareness about underutilized crop resources particularly of Asia-Pacific region and their potential in meeting food and nutrition needs; find ways of their large-scale adoption and their use for food and other purposes.	Policy makers, scientists, producers are better aware about underutilized crops and able to promote appropriate species for wider adoption to meet the goals of food and nutrition security for all.	2017
3.3.2	Organization of a Symposium/Expert Consultation: Underutilized animal and fish bioresources and their potential for food and nutrition security of Asia and the Pacific (ILRI/COA/World Fish Centre/JIRCAS/RDA	Create wider awareness about underutilized animals and fish resources particularly of Asia-Pacific region and their potential in meeting food and nutrition needs; find ways of their large-scale adoption and their use for food and other purposes.	Policy makers, scientists, producers are better aware about underutilized animal and fish resources and able to promote appropriate species for wider adoption to meet the goals of food and nutrition security for all.	2018
3.3.3	Training /workshop on underutilized crop resources of Asia-Pacific and their amelioration (Crops for Future/World Vegetable Centre/MARDI/PARC)	Discuss and demonstrate the diversity, cultivation, improvement and utilization of some important underutilized crops of Asia-Pacific.	Stakeholders are better informed about the diversity, cultivation, potential and post-harvest processing of specific underutilized crop species.	2018
4. Advocacy				
Key Strategy 4.1 Understanding of the role of agri-food research and innovations in AFS and socio-economic development improved				
4.1.1	Assessment of the contribution of agri-food research and innovation to socio-economic development by using the data collected through the ASTI project.	To monitor the contribution of agri-food research and innovation to socio-economic development through more effective data collection and analysis.	The contribution of agri-food research and innovation to socio-economic development measured and assessed based on quality data; advocacy for increased investment in AFRIS improved the contribution towards socioeconomic development.	2017, 2018
Key Strategy 4.2 Investment in agri-food research and innovations improved for development of AFS				

4.2.1	Preparation of policy briefs to promote improved investment.	To enhance data collection through the ASTI project and use this data to provide evidence targeting policy and decision makers.	Policy and decision makers are well informed about the convincing evidence that is supporting the need for improved investment in AFRIS.	2018
4.2.3	Preparation of factsheets on successful agricultural innovations used in AFRIS to promote improved investment in these areas.	To use improved data about proven agricultural technologies and innovations to provide guidance to development practitioners.	Development practitioners are informed about proven sustainable agricultural technologies and innovations; adoption and scaling up and out of improved technologies improved.	2018
5. Women and Youth				
Key Strategy 5.1: Women and youth are engaged in productive and rewarding activities in AFS				
5.1.1	Collection and dissemination of success stories from women and youth working in agricultural research at the grassroots level.	To improve documentation and dissemination of success stories of women and youth agricultural researchers working with farmers.	Role of women and youth in sharing their experiences with AFRIS recognized; knowledge and experiences of women and youth working with farmers documented and disseminated.	2018
Sub-Total Women and Youth				
7. APAARI Governance and Development				
Key Strategy 7.1: APAARI is efficient and effective in contributing to strengthening of AFRIS in the APR				
7.1.1	Development of strategies, structures and standards for management of APAARI resources for its effective performance.	To develop and implement strategies, structures and standards for efficient mobilization, management and use of resources for APAARI's effective performance.	Efficiently managed APAARI resources for effective APAARI performance , effective strategies and frameworks available for generating and managing APAARI resources such as human, financial and partnership; enhanced transparency and accountability in APAARI; realigned and effective APAARI in responding to the changing needs of the region.	2017, 2018

7.1.2	Reforming APAARI into a more diverse multi-stakeholder platform.	To develop APAARI as more diverse multi-stakeholder platform wither wider equitable and inclusive stakeholder involvement, representations and ownership in collective actions in strengthening AFRIS.	The number of APAARI members increased; the diversity of APAARI members improved by including wider stakeholder representations bringing their interests, resources and complementary efforts; a membership fee structure, conditions and processes of members' participation in APAARI improved; enhanced and equitable stakeholder participation in APAARI governance and decision making.	2017, 2018
7.1.3	Oganization of a dialogue on involvement of APAARI members, partners, AFRIS and other stakeholders in APAARI collective actions.	To realize effective involvement and partnership of APAARI members, AFRIS and primary stakeholders in benefit and resource sharing in APAARI collective actions.	Commitment, ownership, team work and leadership from partners obtained; way forward in ensuring continuous commitment and efforts to implement collective action developed; new areas for collaboration and partnerships identified; partners for benefit and resource sharing identified; partnership development and engagement strategy available for implementation.	2018
7.1.4	Development of a planning, monitoring and evaluation (PM&E)/learning system for APAARI performance assessment.	To develop and implement an effective planning, monitoring and evaluation/learning system to assure timely adjustments and efficient derivation of results, as well as an assessment of how such results are contributing to the desired outcomes and outcome pathways.	Detailed results framework and corresponding PM&E systems developed and implemented; Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Time-bound (SMART) criteria- based M&E developed; capacity for planning and implementation of the PM&E systems built in APAARI; activities identified, prioritized, and linked to projects, programmes and outcome pathways; indicators of success, targets, means of verification, assumption and risk management options identified; periodical assessment and reporting implemented.	2018

7.1.5	Making APAARI constitutional change to reflect the APAARI reform.	To plan and implement systematic and progressive changes/ amendments to APAARI constitution, reflecting APAARI reform necessary for improved APAARI governance and development.	APAARI existing constitution reviewed and assessed for its effectiveness in governance, development and management of APAARI; appropriate amendments and changes made to the constitution as necessary, giving effect to APAARI reforms and improved APAARI governance, development and management; APAARI becomes effective in delivering of its vision and mission.	2018

Budget Summary		
Items	**2017** (USD)	**2018** (USD)
Staff time cost from APAARI	121,962	231,687
Operational cost required to implement the Work Plan	124,000	103,800
Funds already committed	78,800	8,800
Funds needs to be mobilized	20,000	70,000
Per cent operational cost to be mobilized	0.16129	0.67437
Total cost	245,962	335,487
Funds available from APAARI	25,200	25,000
Total Cost (Staff time + Operational)	**245,962**	**335,487**
Total APAARI Contribution (Staff Time + Funds)	**147,162**	**256,687**