

SIANI REGIONAL NETWORK MEETING

Summary of roundtable discussions

Participants at the SIANI regional network meeting in Nairobi 2023 discussed what collaborations they see as important for improved food systems, and the role of SIANI to enable such collaborations. The discussions are summarised below.

WHAT COLLABORATIONS ARE NEEDED TO IMPROVE FOOD SYSTEMS?

ACTORS TO INCLUDE

- Farmers and producers
- Local communities
- Entrepreneurs
- Human rights organisations
- Local and national government
- Researchers
- Agricultural extension providers
- Financing institutions

AREAS FOR COLLABORATION

- Technology and digitalisation
- Seed systems
- Traditional foods
- Bridge gap between science, policy and practice



CONTINUE PROVIDING ARENAS FOR STAKEHOLDERS TO INTERACT

COMMUNICATE

- Science to local communities and practitioners
- Examples of good practices
- Education material
- Needs and knowledge gaps

FACILITATE COLLABORATIONS

- Peer-to-peer network and engagement
- Local convenors
- Exchange visits
- Regional networks
- Training seminars/capacity building programmes
- Matchmaking of stakeholders
- Events targeting specific actors (donors, extension workers, youth, farmers, private sector)

HOW CAN SIANI CONTRIBUTE TO ENABLING COLLABORATIONS?