Sustainable Agricultural Intensification Research & Learning in Africa (SAIRLA)

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Context

• To meet global challenge to support growing population with sufficient and nutritional food, **agricultural production must increase** (SDG2).

• Increased production needs to be achieved while **reducing environmental impacts**, given the key challenges of climate change, biodiversity loss

• **Social challenges** are also key with continuing areas of chronic poverty and rising inequality around the world (SDG1)
What is Sustainable Agricultural Intensification (SAI)?

Concept of SAI has aim of:

• increasing agricultural productivity
• maintaining or improving environmental services

SAIRLA focus on how **women, youth and poorer smallholders** in Africa can participate in and benefit from SAI.
SAIRLA aim

To generate, share and facilitate use of knowledge/evidence by decision makers (policy makers and investors) and other stakeholders to develop SAI in ways that enable poorer smallholders, particularly women and youth in Africa to participate in and benefit from agricultural development

- **Complex challenge**
- Knowledge incomplete, with uncertainty diverse values & interests.

- **Multi-stakeholder, social learning** needed to enable:
  - different perspectives to be discussed
  - scenarios and options jointly assessed
  - more inclusive decision-making
  - strengthening of capacity (capability, motivation, opportunity) to act

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