

Brand new magazine for FANRPAN

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FANRPAN has launched a quarterly publication targeting stakeholders in the food, agriculture and natural resources sector focusing on different programmes.

The AGRIDEAL magazine series is set to become a continent-wide as well as a global leader in empowering stakeholders deliberately chosen to align with FANRPAN flagship events.

FANRPAN board member Lynette Chen launched the magazine during the Dar es Salaam dialogue and said it will package the work done in terms of influencing food security policies.

“The September issue coincides with the FANRPAN Annual Regional Policy Dialogue. The January magazine will coincide with the annual planning and common vision meetings, while the May magazine will coincide with the FANRPAN Annual Partners meetings,” she said.

In the first issue of AGRIDEAL, FANRPAN has highlighted the milestones of the Women Accessing Realigned Markets (WARM) project that focuses on the plight of women farmers who have no voice in the development of agricultural policies designed to improve their productivity.

The WARM project leveraged on FANRPAN's experience as a multi-stakeholder policy network to bridge the gaps between women farmers and policy processes. WARM was born out of the realization that although women farmers produce more than 90 percent of the food on the African continent by providing agricultural labour, processing and storage, they have very limited access to credit, fertilizer, seed and other production inputs.

Chen said the first edition of AGRIDEAL is dedicated to the women of Africa. She says about 80 percent of agriculture in Africa is done by women.

According to FANRPAN Chief Executive Officer, Dr Lindiwe Majele Sibanda, women farmers are the pillars of African agriculture, and according to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization over two thirds of all women in Africa are employed in the agricultural sector and produce nearly 90 percent of food on the continent.

The January 2013 edition of AGRIDEAL will focus on the Limpopo Basin Focal Project, while the May 2013 issue will focus on the Comprehensive Africa Development Programme (CAADP).