

## **Training for several African journalists at FANRPAN dialogue**

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Journalists have been challenged to effectively disseminate agricultural policies to enhance better food security on the African continent.

Dr Lindiwe Majele Sibanda, Chief Executive Officer of FANRPAN, challenged journalists attending a training session at the Dar es Saalam dialogue to stimulate thinking and discussion on issues pertaining to food security.

Sibanda said FANRPAN works with all stakeholders including governments, researchers, farmers, media and other partners toward secure food policy on the continent and urged closer media cooperation in this respect. "We rely on you to take information out and welcome journalists into our network. We expect close partnerships and collaboration with the media to ensure better understanding of the various challenges facing the continent," she said.

She challenged journalists to effectively use all the available media including print, online and voice to enhance better agricultural communications. The interactive training was designed and facilitated by two media experts - Martin van Niekerk and Ben Rootman from South Africa-based Junxion Communications, who offered valuable insights and a cross-cutting approach to reporting food security.

About twenty agricultural journalists attended a one day training workshop ahead of the weeklong FANRPAN dialogue. Participating journalists came from several African countries including Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, South Africa, Malawi and Swaziland.