



National Thematic Group

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Gambia, The

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Working language

- English French Spanish Arabic Chinese
Others

Members

- FAO IAEA IFAD ILO IMF UN
- UNAIDS UNICEF UNDCP UNDP UNEP UNESCO
- UNFPA UNHCR UNHSP UNID World Bank WFP
- WHO WMO Other UN bodies [UNV](#)

International Organizations

NGO/CSOs

Governmental bodies

Donors

Others

Collaboration with other stakeholders

- Universities
- Research Institutes

Areas of activities

- Exchange of information, networking Joint implementation of projects
- National Policy formulation Trainings/Organisation of forums and seminars
- CCA/UNDAF Preparation and distribution of joint publications
- Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers Identification of resources for activities in the country

Others [World Food Summit](#)



Short description of the activities

1. The National Thematic Group was instrumental in helping the Gambian YAMPI Farmers Association (GAYFA) to have their first conference in which a countrywide farmer association was officially inaugurated and officers democratically elected for three years. Now GAYFA is the largest organized farmer association in the country covering some 50,000 farmers.
2. The National Thematic Group has assisted the farmer training centres to coordinate their activities to avoid duplication of the efforts and misuse of meagre resources.
3. The National Thematic Group wrote the National document for the World Food Summit plus five, formulated the national rice policy etc.



Involvement in other coordination mechanisms

- CCA/UNFAD PRSPs MDGs Donors Liaison Mechanism Government Liaison Mechanism

Others



Other Thematic Groups in the country

Issues of other Thematic Groups

Name of the coordinating organization(s)



Published articles in the Web Site of the UN System Network on Rural Development and Food security

Thematic group boosts activities of farmer organizations

September 2004



Other publications and documents related to the Thematic Group

Buildings Partnerships for Food Security, 2002 - Strengthening capacities in agricultural training in the Gambia