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"Bridging the gap between increasing knowledge and decreasing resources"

Providing Existing Knowledge through Networks and Knowledge Sharing

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Abstract

Innovation Transfer into Agriculture-Adaptation to Climate Change (ITAACC) is a BMZ funded programme implemented by GIZ and in close collaboration with the International Center for Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) in Kenya, which through innovative pilot projects seek to more closely integrate scientists and practitioners in Africa. These projects are designed in collaboration with international agricultural research centres and implemented in conjunction with various partners, including private sector and non-governmental organisations. One of the tools being developed is a knowledge transfer platform that matches offers to agricultural demand: www.icipe.org/itaacc.

ICIPE is also part of the Association of International Research and Development Centers for Agriculture (AIRCA, www.airca.org), where networking and knowledge management are important mechanisms that support multi-disciplinary demand driven research.

The various approaches used by ITAACC and AIRCA will be presented, compared and will show how increased knowledge can be used for bridging gaps on different levels.

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