

The importance of transferring competencies for sustainable farming practices, through extension services

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Background story



- In 2021, AFAAS has encouraged Country Fora to use the E-Learning Academy Courses to strengthen the knowledge of CSA Technical Working Groups
- Seven modules from the ELA were proposed to the CSA TWG:
 - Introduction to CSA
 - Climate Smart soil and land management
 - Water management for climate-smart agriculture
 - Climate Smart crop production
 - Climate Smart forestry
 - Climate Smart fisheries and aquaculture
 - Climate Smart livestock production



Background story



- With very limited resources, 5 countries started exploring the ELA materials and organised trainings in 2021
- A diversity of approaches were observed: learning alone (not much result), learning in groups and massive online training (explanation will follow)
- Audience and objectives were also very diverse: from Deans of Faculties who want to experience online learning tools to Extension Workers who were willing to learn sustainable farming practices to be disseminated in cascade
- Results were very diverse: some countries managing to have more than 300 trained participants in few weeks





Example of stakeholders mobilisation (University and Extension Network) to disseminate FAO CSA e-learning materials in Madagascar









LEAD ORGANIZATIONS





TRAINER AND CERTIFIER ORGANIZATION



COURSE MATERIALS



TARGETS

Students, Extension workers, Decision-makers, Entrepreneurs,...



5 training modules were delivered by PhD trainers from the University



306 trainees, IST certificates distributed



46% vs 54% of participants



81% of participants were under 35



Participants from **18 of the 22** regions of Madagascar.





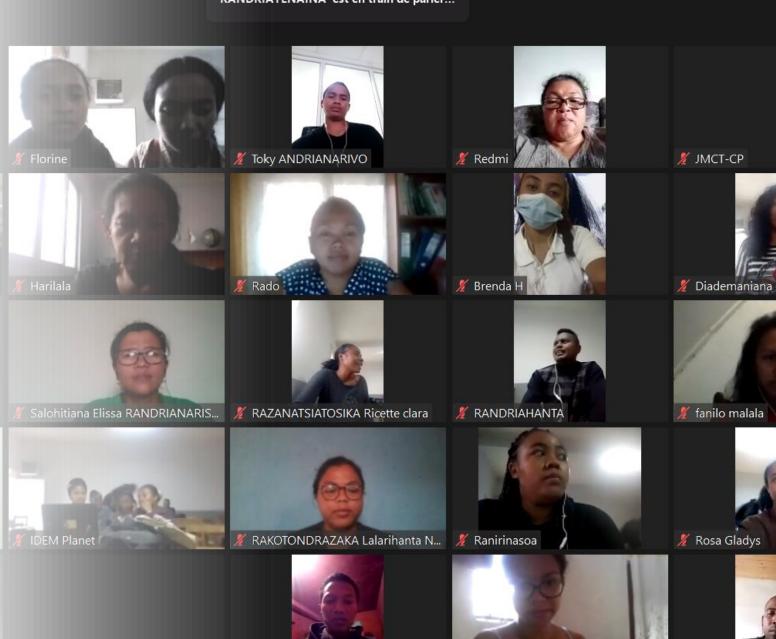






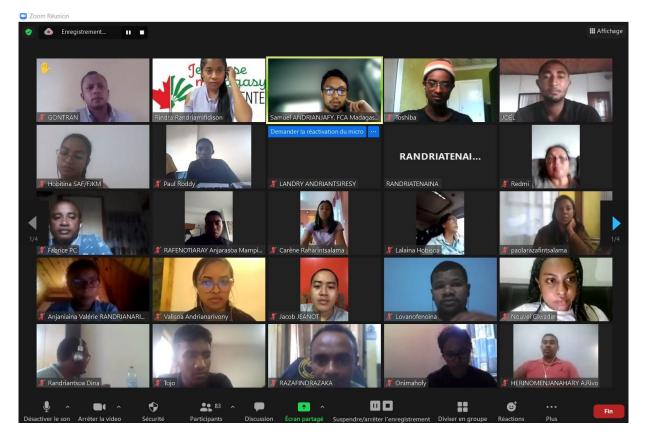
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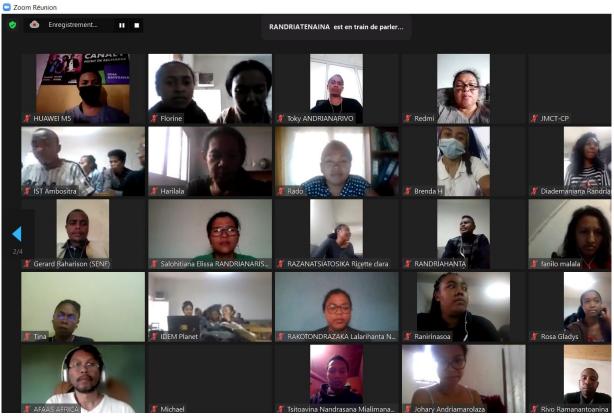
- CSA is a hot topic which is of high interest for many stakeholders. AFAAS encourages the development of similar topics in future
- Obtaining a Certificate at the end of the training was an incentive for young people, women and those who want to advance in their career
- Online training allowed to bring together massive participants from very different backgrounds, overcoming geographical and financial limitations



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Thank you very much!





