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Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI) proposes establishing a Global NARS Consortium

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The **Asia-Pacific Association of Agricultural Research Institutions (APAARI)** gathered members and partners in an insightful discussion focused on the Global NARS Consortium (GNC) on 29 Jan 2024. As the agricultural landscape continues to evolve, itâ??s imperative for stakeholders to come together and address the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Key Objectives:

- Explore the role of NARS in the changing global agricultural landscape.
- Discuss the benefits and opportunities offered by the Global NARS Consortium.
- Foster collaboration and linkages among stakeholders for collective action.

In March 2023, the Global Forum on Agricultural Research and Innovation (GFAR) and six Regional Fora (AARINENA, APAARI, CACAARI, EFARD, FARA, and FORAGRO), came together to sign a Declaration for the establishment of the Global NARS Consortium (GNC), supported by the European Commission. The GNC represents a significant step towards strengthening the global voice of National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS). It aims to enhance the influence and capacities of NARS worldwide.

On March 17, 2023, the heads of the six GFAR Regional Fora (AARINENA, APAARI, CACAARI, EFARD, FARA, and FORAGRO) signed a Declaration to establish a Global NARS Consortium (GNC) and entrusted it to GFAR.

The Regional Fora represent diverse stakeholders involved in agrifood systems transformation and agricultural research, specifically the National Agricultural Research Systems (NARS) in their regions.

The past Declaration calls for collective action to strengthen and revitalize NARS in the rapidly changing global context through the creation of a Global NARS Consortium (GNC) within GFAR. In 2024, the GNC will seek to strengthen the global voice, enhance the influence, and improve the resource base and capacities of NARS as well as strengthen the collaboration and linkages among partners.

The Declaration was witnessed by high level representatives from the CGIAR and IFAD, and the representatives of the NARS of Australia, Iran and Vietnam, and itâ??s here attached.

The GFAR Regional Fora agreed to operationalize the GNC, in consultation with relevant national, regional and global institutions, networks and organizations, undertaking to facilitate the implementation of a roadmap by 2025, to mark the 30th year of GFARâ??s existence.