

Reflecting on the impacts of PRCI on ANAPRI

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Historical Timeline of ANAPRIs Trajectory, 2012-current



ReNAPRI formed on 12 Nov 2012 in Lusaka, Zambia, with 7 Founding Members

12 Nov. 2012

31 Oct 2014

ANAPRI formerly registered as ReNAPRI in 2014

ReNAPRI Secretariat officially launched in 2019. Membership of network grows from 7 to 12 centers

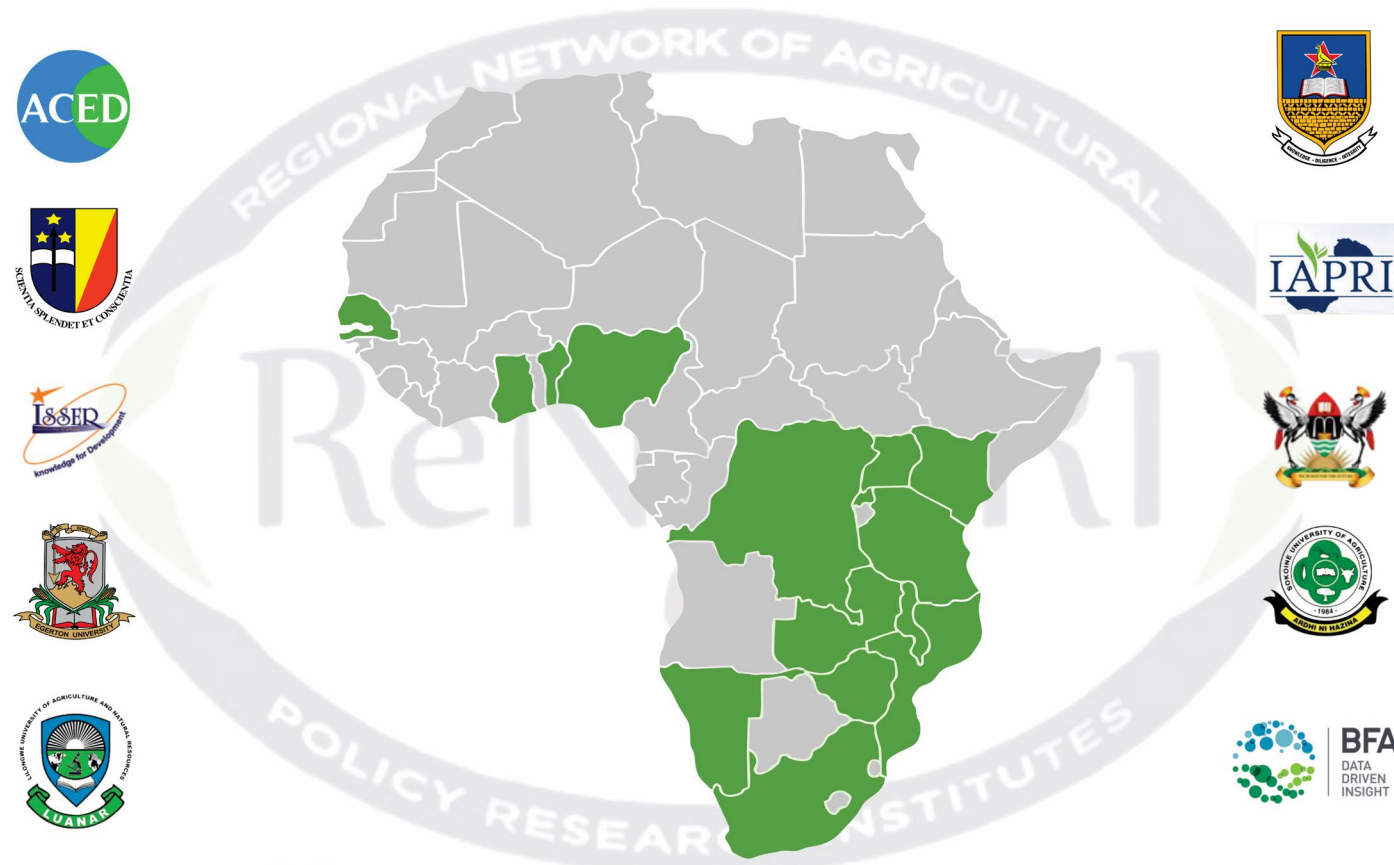
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31 Oct 2022

ReNAPRI formerly rebrands itself to ANAPRI in Nov 2023, to reflect continental ambitions as membership increases from 12 to 16

ANAPRI's continental footprint



Context

Why ANAPRI?

- ANAPRI exists to fill the gap for a regional “think tank” that can guide continental policies:
 - From 2009, the CAADP framework gained much traction, and in 2014, the Malabo Declaration brought some emphasis on inclusive food systems transformation.
 - This heightened the desire to come together to learn from each other’s experience and establish a “go-to” institution that deals with continental or cross-country issues.



Impact of PRCI on ANAPRI

Deepening of ANAPRI's partnerships and outreach

- Collaborating with various partners in research and calls for proposals, MoUs (e.g., CCARDESA, AAP), Hosting webinars, Hosting side-events and presentations (e.g., ANAPRI Annual Conference, AGRF, COP28)



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- **Supporting continental policy research**
 - E.g., research that supported Africa's continental position on Fertilizer and Soil Health and the formulation of a 10-year Plan of Action.
 - Building on this work, ANAPRI is planning to co-host side event at the Africa Soil Health and Fertilizer Summit (AFSHS).



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Topic

Shocks and Policy Responses: Evidence from Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Senegal, Tanzania and Zimbabwe

Speaker

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1. Training and Capacity Building

- e.g. training of low- to mid-senior government officials the steps and procedures in the policy making process
- Broadening the skills of network research centers, e.g. Toolkit for Agricultural Geospatial Impact Evaluations

2. Leveraging PRCI to attract more funding support

- The institutionalization and formalization of ANAPRI's Secretariat has presented a case for new funding partners, to enhance and broaden its impact.
- The PPVC Project funded by BMGF has given ANAPRI additional resources to establish a Modelling Services Center (MSC), and train researchers



ANAPRI supporting ISSER in driving evidence-based policy marking in Ghana's Agricultural Sector under PPVC

A self-assessment of ANAPRI Centers

How do we assess the lessons from PRCI and beyond?

Center perspectives:

- Engagement with Current & Past Executive Directors (EDs), Research Directors (RDs), Financial Directors (FDs), Junior Researchers, etc.

SWOT Analysis

- Focus on Opportunities & Threats
- Lessons Learned & Recommendations

PEST Analysis

- Internal & External Environmental Adaptations
- Key Insights

External Stakeholder perspectives

- Government/Non-state Actors: (x5)
- Private Sector Players: (x5)

How do we ground lessons from the impact of PRCI?

Survey Objective:

- Validate Observations
- Comprehensive Assessment of ANAPRI Network Members

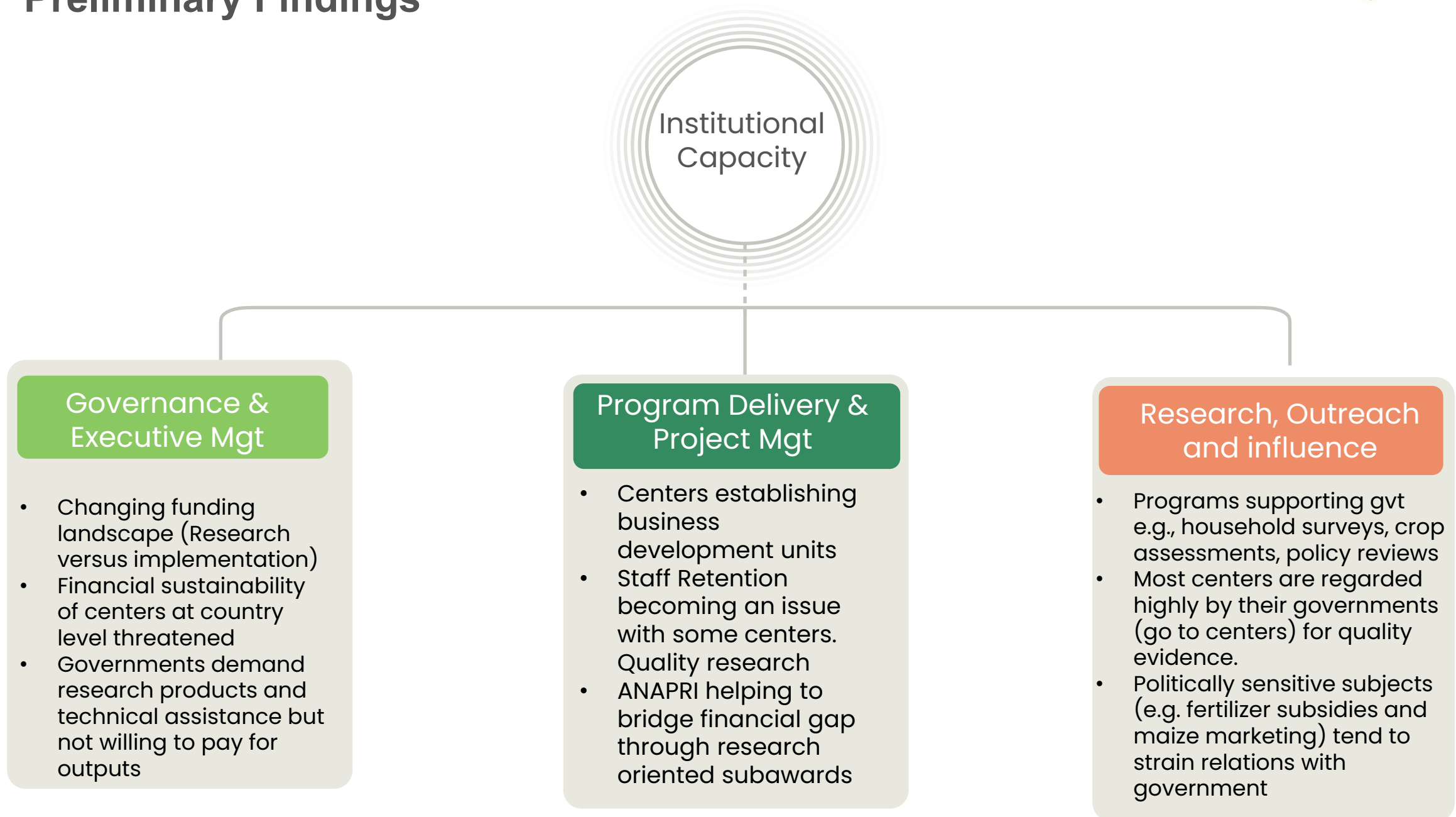
Focus Areas:

- Current Approaches to Capacity Building
 - Individual & Institutional Levels
- Successes and Challenges:
 - What's Working
 - Less Successful Strategies

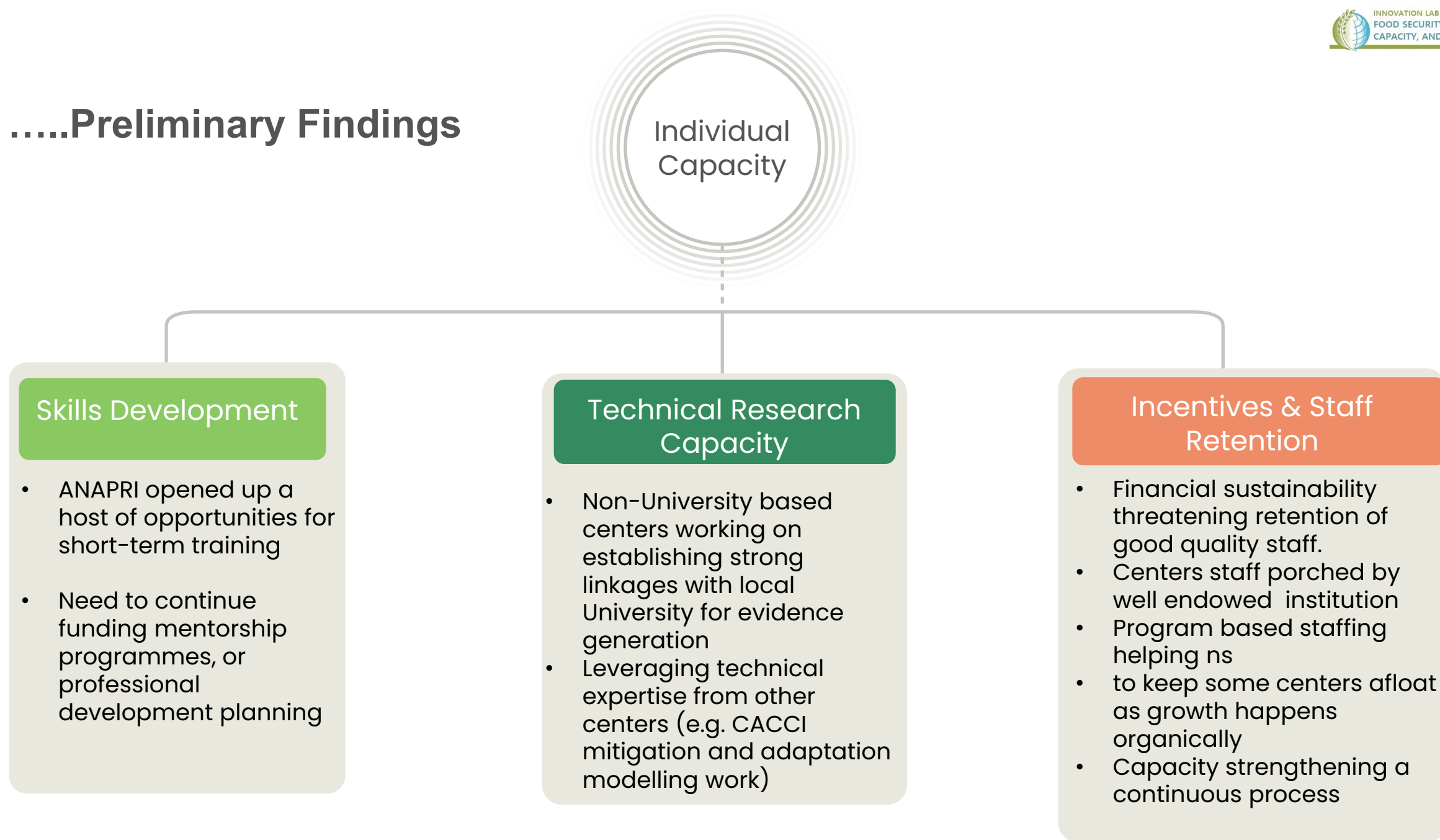
Lessons Learned:

- Extracted from Diverse Network Experiences
- Key Recommendations for Enhancing Capacity Building

Preliminary Findings



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Deepening the impact of PRCI

Continue to strengthen ANAPRI Centers technical capacity

- Facilitate more collaborative research projects that produce high-quality cross-country research output.
- Leverage BMGF funds to strengthen the role of ANAPRI Modelling Services Center MSC to continuously provide training on cutting edge analytical tools (more staff at Secretariate)
- Support the development of a Center of Excellence for Agricultural Data and Analytics, which becomes a repository of micro and macro- data for agricultural sectors across the ANAPRI network

Enhance the Secretariat's knowledge dissemination and outreach capacity by investing more resources in outreach and communication activities.

- Repackaging ANAPRI's research outputs into consumable policy messages and strategies targeted towards specific audiences (i.e., Policy Notes or Policy Briefs, Newsletters etc.).

Broaden opportunities by expanding ANAPRI's footprint into north Africa (Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt etc.) and the horn of Africa (Ethiopia, Somalia, Djibouti etc.)

Using the Lessons Learnt Year 5 report to inform and guide the new centers on principles of sustainability, and effective capacity building to ensure new Centers adopt principles of ANAPRI network lessons.



**We are transitioning into
this new era of ANAPRI
under new leadership**



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Thank you