LEAP-RE RE4AFAGRI

RENEWABLES FOR AFRICAN AGRICULTURE: "MODELLING EXCELLENCE AND ROBUST BUSINESS MODELS TO THE BENEFIT OF SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN SMALLHOLDER FARMERS AND COMMUNITIES"

Introduction to IIASA-WRI capacity building workshops

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LEAP-RE

Long-Term Joint EU-AU Research and Innovation Partnership on Renewable Energy



RE4AFAGRI

Renewable Energy for African Agriculture



The LEAP-RE project has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Program under Grant Agreement 963530.

Agenda



- 1) Introduction to the LEAP-RE RE4AFAGRI project
- 2) Capacity Building Workshops
- 3) Application process
- 4) Input from WRI & NRF
- 5) Q&A





RE4AFAGRI's Objectives



- Rainfed agriculture and no electricity in the community
- Low productivity and raw crops to wholesale
- Poverty and inequality trap





- Sustainable irrigation and community-wide renewable electricity
- Increased productivity & local crop processing
- Agriculture as leverage for reduction of poverty and inequality















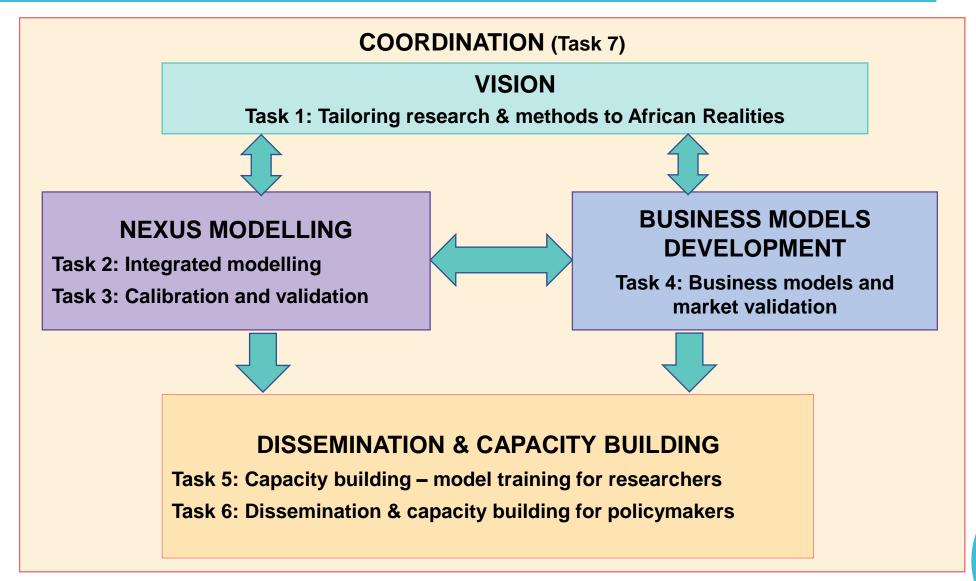






RE4AFAGRI project structure

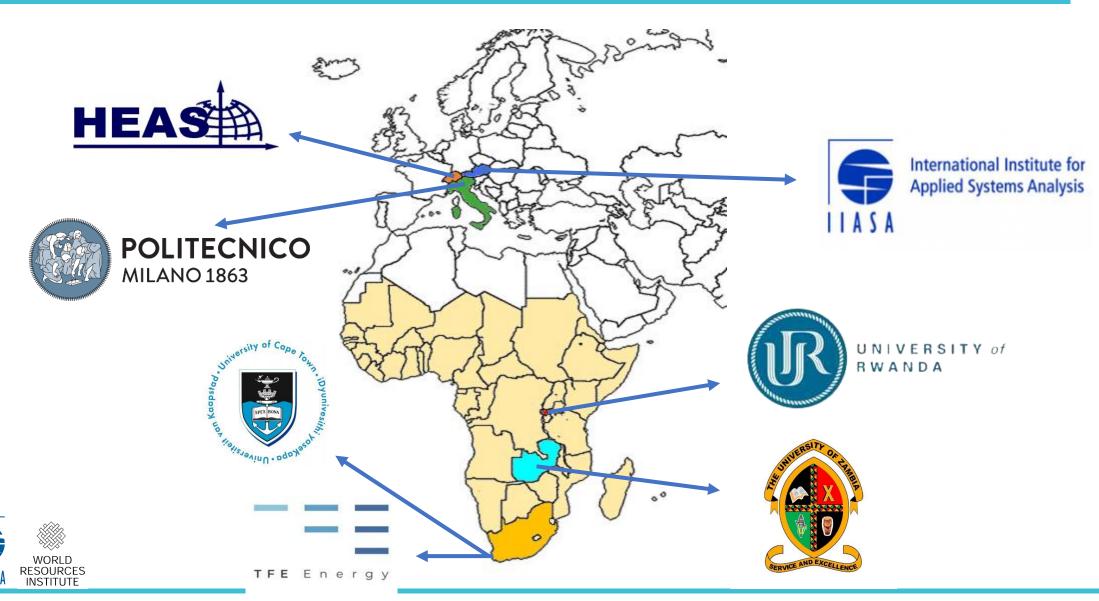






RE4AFAGRI project partners





IIASA







WRI



WRI's Data Expertise



15+ years

Of experience building interactive data applications

950,000

Annual users on our most established data tool GFW

10+

Innovative platforms

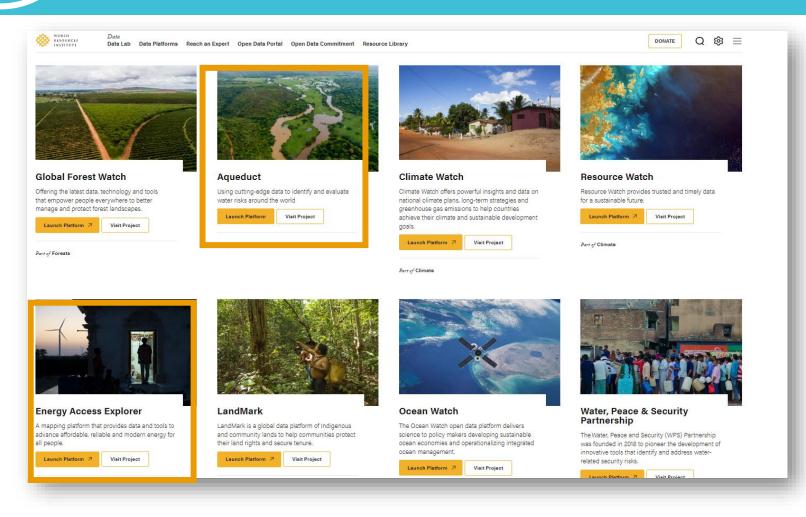
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Data products overall



WRI online data portals and tools





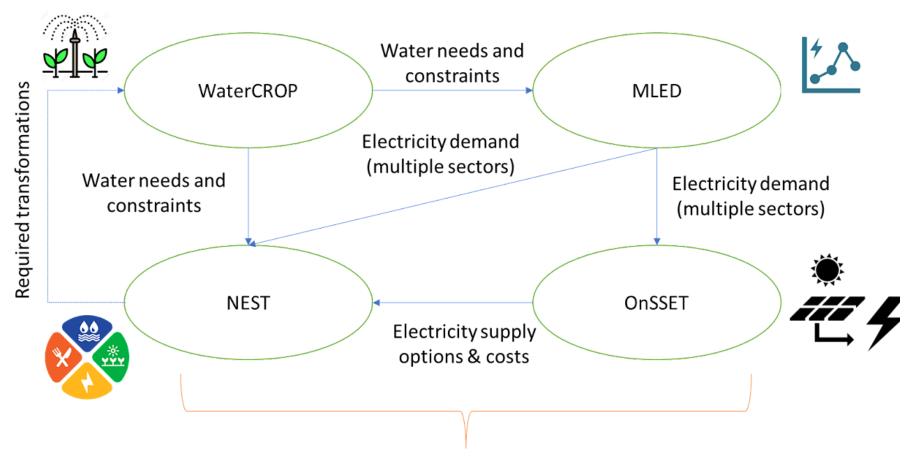






THE RE4AFAGRI modelling platform





Infrastructure and investment requirements estimated and impact analysis



RE4AGRI – WRI Workshops - 2023



2 back-to-back workshops – Addis Ababa, 16-20th October 2023

https://iiasa.ac.at/events/oct-2023/re4afagri-iiasa-and-world-resourcesinstitute-wri-joint-workshops



- 1. **High-level course** on tools, assessment and policy analysis of the waterenergy-land nexus in SSA – **HYBRID FORMAT** (in Addis Ababa AND online)
- 2. Technical course on WEL-nexus modelling tools IN PERSON ONLY





Approx 30 participants Free to attend

Online capacity building – end 2023 / Q1 2024

- 4 months, 4 models
- Weekly online sessions
- based on #2. Technical course





Workshop structure



	Workshop #1	Workshop #2
	High-level course on tools, assessment and policy analysis of the water-energy-land nexus in SSA	Technical course on WEL-nexus modelling tools
Content	Introductions to RE4AGRI & WRI projects Lectures and hands-on activities on WEL nexus modelling approaches, GIS and web-based tools and data platforms, including: WRI Aqueduct, AgriAdapt, RE4AGRI Modelling Platform	Advanced tuition on 2/3 of the 5 models: ONSSET, M-LED, WaterCROP, NEST, WRI Energy Access Explorer
Target participants	Broad: policymakers, researchers, analysts, academics, working in assessment and planning in the water resources, agriculture & irrigation, and energy sectors. Typically those in mid-career stage and/or with Masters degree equivalent.	Advanced: As for #1, but requiring computer programming skills in a high-level language, e.g. Python, R, Matlab, Julia, etc.
When, duration	Monday-Tuesday, 2 days, HYBRID FORMAT (in Addis Ababa AND online)	Wednesday-Friday, 3 days, IN PERSON ONLY



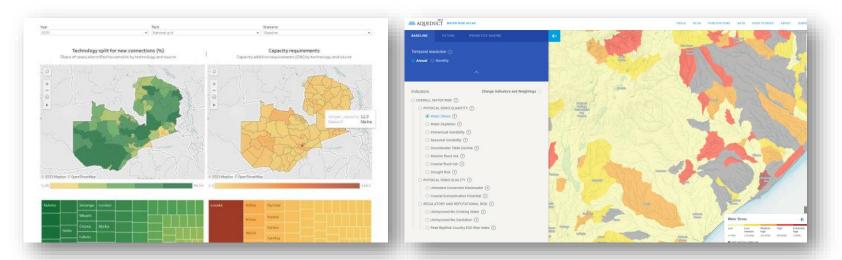
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What: Lectures and hands-on activities on WEL nexus modelling approaches, GIS and web-based tools and data platforms

- WRI <u>Aqueduct</u>, <u>AgriAdapt</u>,
- RE4AGRI Modelling Platform concept, output data, and the RE4AFAGRI dashboards

Aim: learn how spatial datasets and model outputs can benefit public and private decision makers along the WEFE Nexus; real-world use examples of data-informed planning





Workshop 2 - Technical course on WEL-nexus modelling tools



What: Advanced tuition on selected models, with two tracks to select from:

- ENERGY track: ONSSET, M-LED, WRI Energy Access Explorer
- <u>NEXUS track:</u> WaterCROP, NEST,

Aim: Understanding the models, their structure, code, and input/output data; crash course on model configuration & run; focus on new scenarios and country-studies development.

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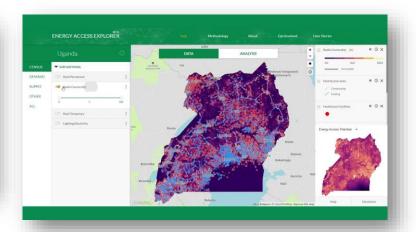
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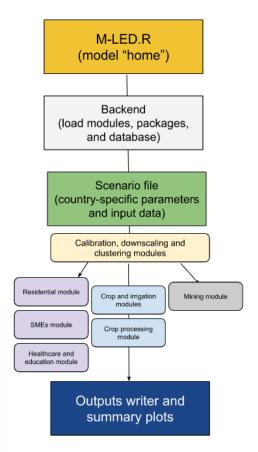
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SSA - Regional Member Organization of IIASA



- Expanding the reach of the in-person and capacity building plans
- Promoting the best researchers from the network:
 - Identifying promising candidates and informing selection process
 - Funding, sponsorship, bursary opportunities via the Science Granting Councils Initiative
- 17 countries: https://iiasa.ac.at/members/ssarmo







Application process



- Deadline 31st May 2023 23:59 CET
- Info and application form
 - Your professional background
 - Current work and skills
 - Funding needs
 - Upload CV / Resumé
- Selection and funding matching process during June
- Notification of participation early July.

Female candidates strongly encouraged to apply



Funding



For what?

- Attendance is free
- Refreshments & lunch provided

Additional costs

- Accommodation
- Local travel
- Regional travel
- Breakfast / dinner etc
- Visas & associated costs

Funding opportunities

via RE4AFAGRI project via SGCI member countries

We will aim to match sponsorship opportunities to applicants.

Partial bursaries may be offered (e.g. Travel only)

Applicants should not book anything without an official invitation letter.





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