



# NAMC partners on the GCRF-AFRICAP programme



Ndumiso Mazibuko (Left, Senior Economist) and Bonani Nyhodo (Right, Senior Manager) presenting Africap to Zama Xalisa (Middle, CEO).

*The Food Agriculture Natural Resources Policy Network (FANRPAN) hosted a workshop on the 13th to the 16th of March 2018. It took place at the Farm INN, Pretoria. The NAMC participated in its capacity as the FANRPAN node host institution in South Africa to learn more about the GCRF-AFRICAP programme.*

GCRF-AFRICAP is an innovative programme funded by the UK government's global challenge research fund. It addresses research and capacity growth under 3 broad themes: (1) how to make agriculture (and food systems) productive as well as resilient to extreme weather whilst minimising impacts on the environment and maximising its contributions to livelihoods, and food and nutrition (2) as the economic and food-security demands on agriculture change over the next decades, and at the same time weather and climate risks change, what are the feasible ways that agriculture can develop to become more productive in order to meet future needs? (3) how can policy be developed that enables potential sustainable, productive, climate-resilient pathways to be realised in the most inclusive way, thus maximising the contribution of agriculture to achieving the SDGs?

The project team includes University of Leeds, University of Aberdeen, the UK Met Office, the Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN) and Chatham House. They will assist and work locally with the

NAMC in research areas of, climate, ecology, soils, water, post-harvest losses, land use, nutrition and health, rural livelihoods, and policy and institutional analysis.

According to Bonani Nyhodo, senior manager of Agricultural Trusts the NAMC's role was tasked to open research access with local industry stakeholders, work with the partners in South Africa to share research and knowledge on areas of agricultural policy and practice he said. Ndumiso Mazibuko, Senior Economist (NAMC) highlighted that "Africap will advice on the development of Climate - Smart Agri - Food system path ways and create special agricultural zones, where research can be turned into evidence, leading to policy that is capable of influencing practises".

This is a four-year project that will run until July 2022. According to FANRPAN, the aim is to make a positive difference towards ensuring the implementation of sustainable agricultural development pathways in the face of multiple, sometimes conflicting, needs.