

Government action and lobbying

Group 1

OA policy

- Government needs sensitisation through stakeholders forum through statistics and benefits of OA. Can be done through establishment of a taskforce to drive the agenda which should include EA partners for regional representation
- Decision needs to be made on whether to mainstream OA in agric policy or stand alone which can lead to Sessional paper then cabinet paper
- Higher institutions of learning can promote the importance of OA through inclusion in curriculum

Government concerns

- Contribution of OA to food security documentation and simplification
- Access to information: Sharing and simplification of information to policy makers

Research

- Research initiatives could be modeled on the success on the EA working group to operationalise and identify needs, priority areas.
- Lobby governments from a regional level to allocate a percentage of their budgets to research in sustainable or alternative agriculture