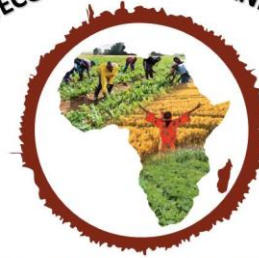




TRANSFORMING AGRICULTURE IN AFRICA
AGROECOLOGY and ORGANIC TRADE



Reducing Synthetic Pesticides and Fertilizers

Knowled Center for Organic Agriculture in Africa

The Global Challenge

Eradicate hunger and malnutrition by 2030 while ensuring the long-term conservation of natural resources such as soil, water and forests.



Business as usual is not an option!

For the achievement of SDGs - organic agriculture can be key!

- Increasing yields in low-input areas
- Conserving biodiversity and natural resources
- Reducing costs – no synthetic pesticides
- Increasing farmer's income
- Producing safe and healthy food
- Being sustainable in the long-term

Africa has the greatest potential to expand organic agriculture – lowest rate in organic agriculture of all continents with only 0,2% of agricultural land¹⁾.

Organic agriculture requires in-depth understanding of ecological interrelationships and extensive knowledge of practices in agricultural production, processing and marketing, etc. – **Knowledge gap.**

¹⁾FIBL & IFOAM – Organics International, 2019



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Objective

Knowledge hubs are successfully implemented as an innovative strategy for promoting organic agriculture with actors in the regions of West, East and Southern Africa.

Field of action 1

Preparing of knowledge:
Validated technical and methodological knowledge for the promotion of organic agriculture, including processing, is prepared for the context of the participating countries and stakeholder groups.

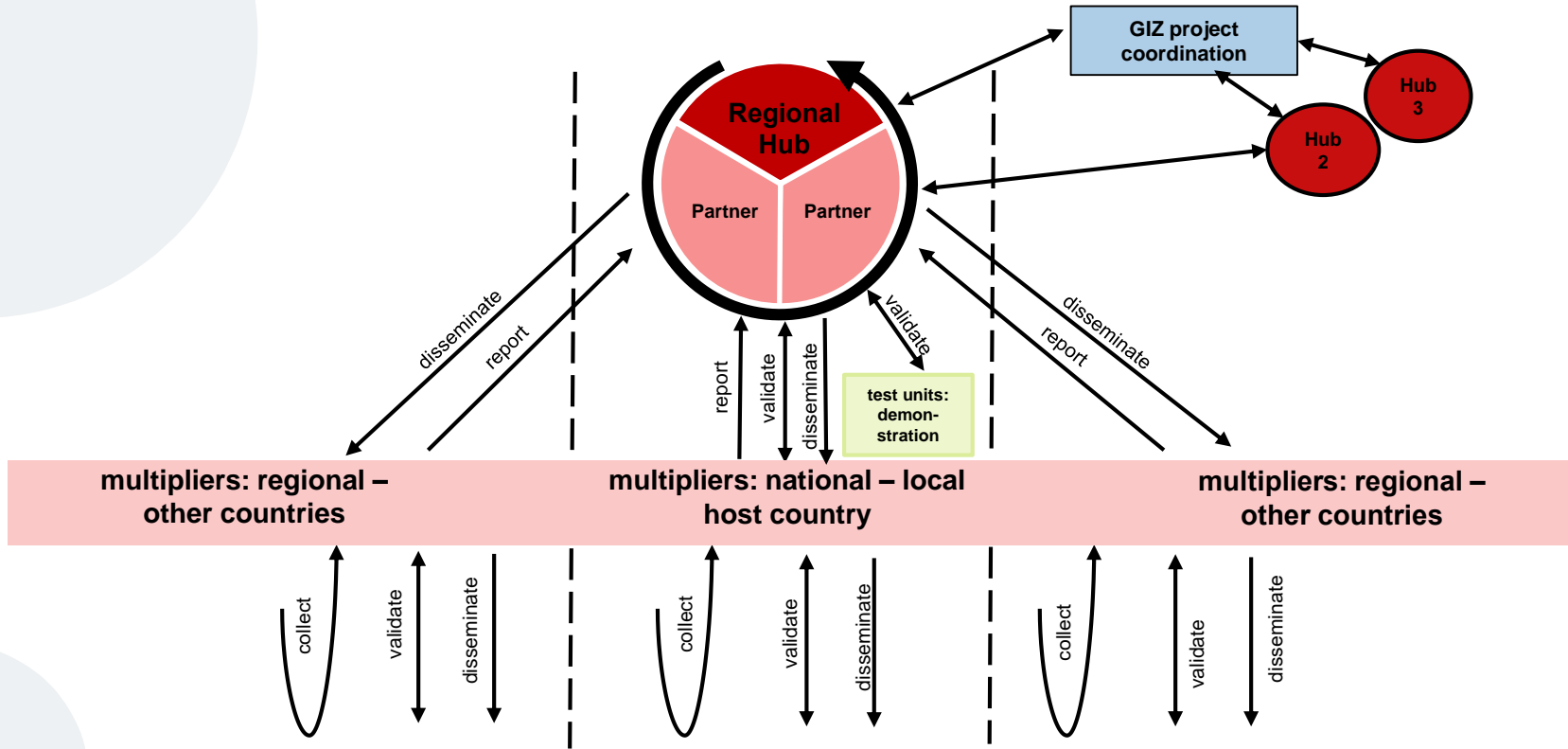
Field of action 2

Dissemination of knowledge:
Validated knowledge, strategies and good practices in the field of organic agriculture, adapted to the contexts of the countries participating in the regional knowledge hubs, have been disseminated.

Field of action 3

Networking:
Key actors in organic agriculture value chains of the participating countries in the three regions are networking in an exemplary manner to strengthen markets and consumption patterns for organic products.

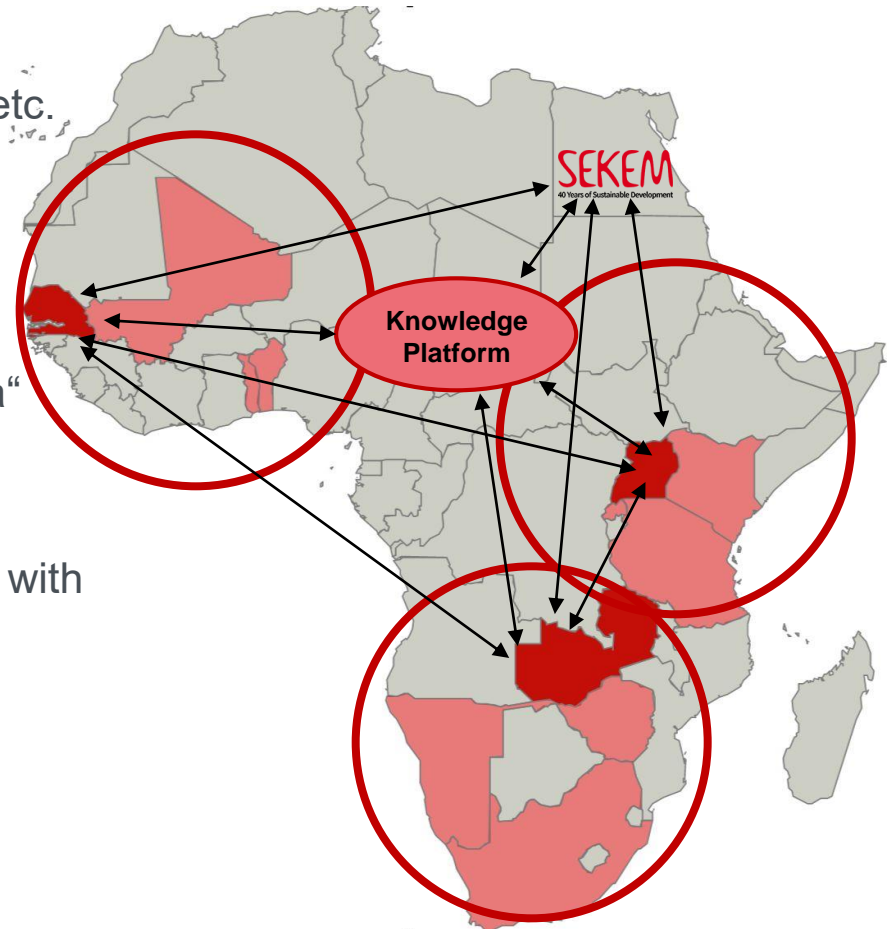
Knowledge collection - validation - dissemination



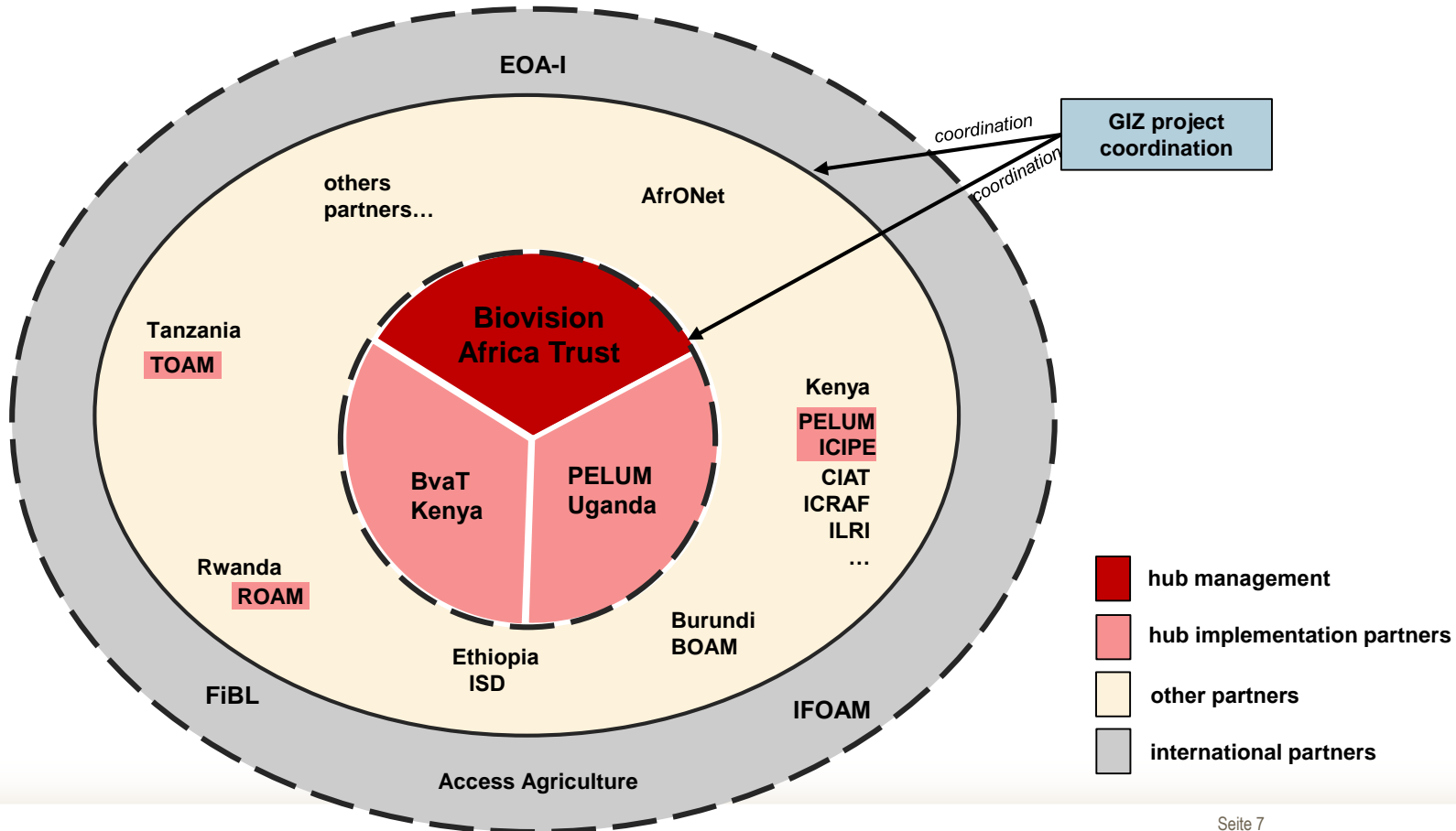
Key actors: farmers / producer organizations / processing units / marketers - traders / consumers

Knowledge Center - Regional Knowledge Hubs - Network

- **West: Senegal, Benin, Mali, Togo, etc.**
- **East: Uganda, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, etc.**
- **South: Zambia, Namibia, South Africa, Zimbabwe, etc.**
- Cooperation with SEKEM, Egypt:
1st network meeting „Boosting the Role and Potential of Organic Agriculture in Africa“
- Cooperation and synergies with Ecological Organic Agriculture Initiative (EOA-I) / AU
- Digital knowledge platform, continental level with region specific sections
- Networking, leadership training on OA
- Duration of the project: 2019 – 2023
- Budget: approx. 10 Mio. Euro



Actors of the Knowledge Hub - East Africa / Uganda



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ANY QUESTIONS?

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