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EDITORIAL

One of the most important tasks of a research leader is to develop and direct a cadre of experienced research personnel of the proper size, mix and educational level, and to inspire them to give outstanding performance.

With personnel who, have been carefully selected to do specific tasks; who are skilfully coached to do that task, and, above all, who are highly motivated, there is no limit to what can be accomplished even with less than ideal facilities and budgets.

However, one of the pre-requisite necessary to achieve sustainable results is the availability of reliable, accurate and up-to-date scientific information to researchers.

SACCAR in conjunction with CTA carried out a study to identify agricultural information needs in SADC. The study which was carried out at national level and synthesized into a regional report will form a basis for the formulation of national as well as regional agricultural information programmes to supplement the already existing ones in the region.

In this way SACCAR is confident that research leaders in NARS will use the products and services from these regional agricultural information programmes to assist researchers in finding solutions to reduce hazards arising from droughts, environmental degradation and food insecurity.

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