



# e.RAILS

## The African Portal on Agriculture

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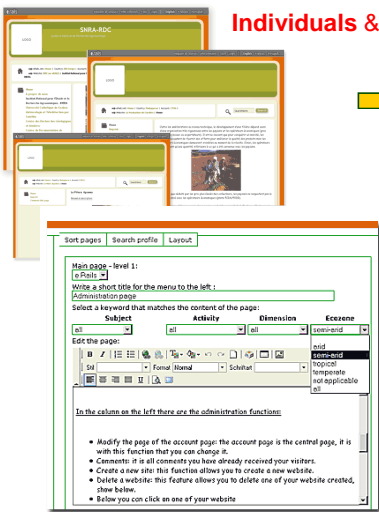

## eRAILS Specific objectives:

- Promote local contents development, management and dissemination
- Promote open access to local contents
- Facilitate information and knowledge sharing, and collaboration among African stakeholders
- Facilitate linkages and access of African stakeholders to major knowledge resources and technologies related to agriculture;
- Facilitate learning among RAILS teams across the African region






## eRAILS: A glance at the features

The concept...



Individuals & Org. create sites

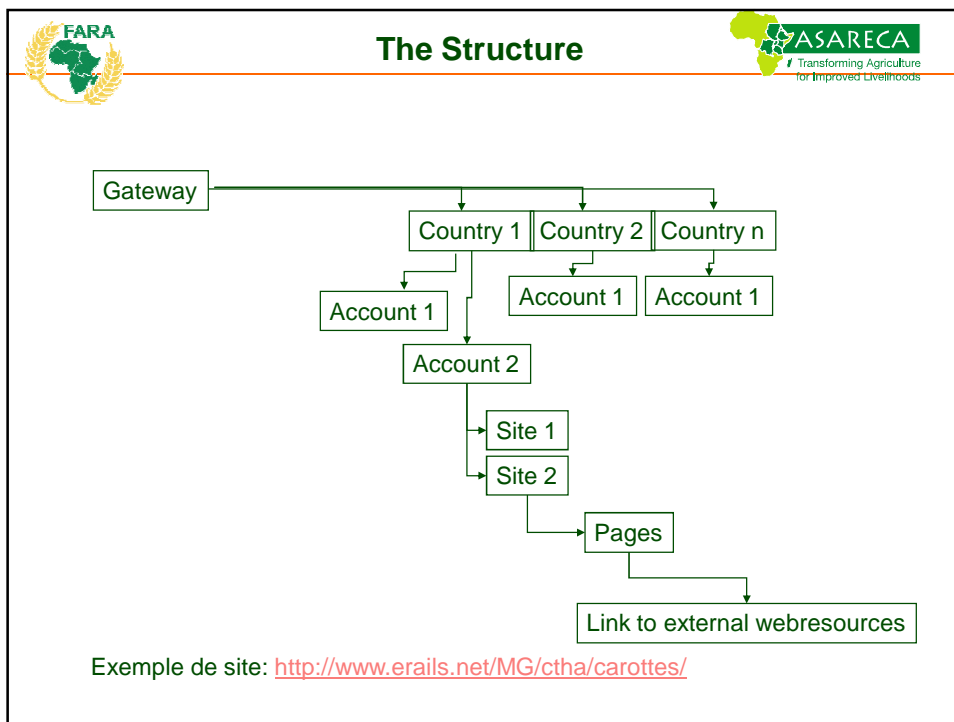




All the sites are linked and searchable through a single gateway

The user's backend allows to:

- **edit and design** sites and pages,
- provide **links** to external web-resources
- **classify** information



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Request an account | Login, please

ASARECA  
Transforming Agriculture for Improved Livelihoods

agricultural innovations!

Request an account for yourself or your organisation.

As an account holder you are entitled to create various websites in order to publish information about your projects and activities. eRAILS is easy to use and requires no programming skills.

Create a new web-site in a few seconds. Use copy and paste to get your information online. Use a simple editor to make it look beautiful. Add links to interesting web-sites, upload documents, pictures and multy media files.

This service is for free for all those living in Africa working for agricultural and rural development.

**Allows actors from Agriculture to request an account to create various sites**

**RAILS focal points manage accounts in their country**

The screenshot shows the e.Rails website interface. At the top right is the ASARECA logo with the tagline "Transforming Agriculture for Improved Livelihoods". Below it is a search bar with "cassava" entered and a "Search" button. The main header features the "e.rails" logo and the text "The African Portal on Agriculture" and "CORAF/WECA". There are buttons for "Request an account" and "Login, please".

The "Search e.rails" section includes a "Freetext Search" field with "cassava" entered, and filters for "Country" (set to "Ecozone"), "Activity" (set to "Commodity"), and "Dimension". A "Search again" button is present. Below this is a section for "Search selected external websites".

The "Publications in eRAILS" section shows "Sites and Pages in eRAILS : 16 Pages found". It lists results for "Ghana - NFS2 - NFS2 WORKSHOP" and "Uganda - RDN - QAS 2009". Under the Ghana results, there are links to "Page: Day 1/ Open Sce Report/" and "Page: Day 1/ Sierra Leone Case/". Under the Uganda results, there are links to "Page: Soroti District/ A strange weed attacking a maize garden/", "Page: Staple crops/ Cassava 1/", "Page: Staple crops/ Cassava 2/", "Page: Staple crops/ Cassava 3/", "Page: Staple crops/ Cassava 4/", "Page: Kyenjojo District/ Cassava plants with no tubers. /", and "Page: Kyenjojo District/ Tubberless cassava".

Annotations with red lines point to the search filters and the list of publications.

Free text search and filters

Pages found in e.Rails

List of links to external websites, bookmarked on the selected e.Rails pages.  
 • Use the e.Rails search to tune the  
 • Use the external search to search related sites.

The screenshot shows the FARA website interface for Madagascar. At the top left is the FARA logo. At the top right is the ASARECA logo with the tagline "Transforming Agriculture for Improved Livelihoods". The main header features the Madagascar flag and the text "Madagascar".

Below the header is a map of Madagascar. To the right of the map is a section titled "View Accounts and Websites from Madagascar". It lists several accounts and websites:

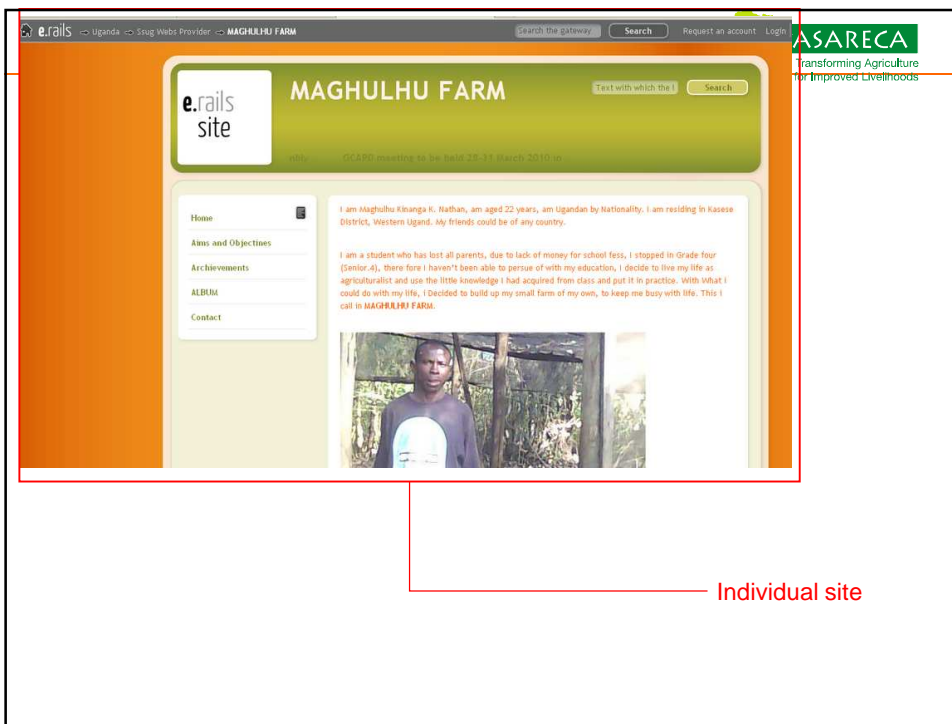
- Account: CTHA
  - Carottes description
- Account: Divers
  - Apiculture Apiculture et Exportation
  - Calendrier Lunaire Calendrier Lunaire Agricole, explications...
  - CEFFEL Centre d'Expérimentation et de Fomatón en Fruits et Légumes
  - Culture Maraichere Ny vary sakafo any ny landy no laoka
  - Environnement Tontolo laihana sy rano
  - Formation piscicole Centre de formation piscicole: "Mila Soa"
  - La méthode MAFF description et exalications

Annotations with red lines point to the country information and the list of accounts.

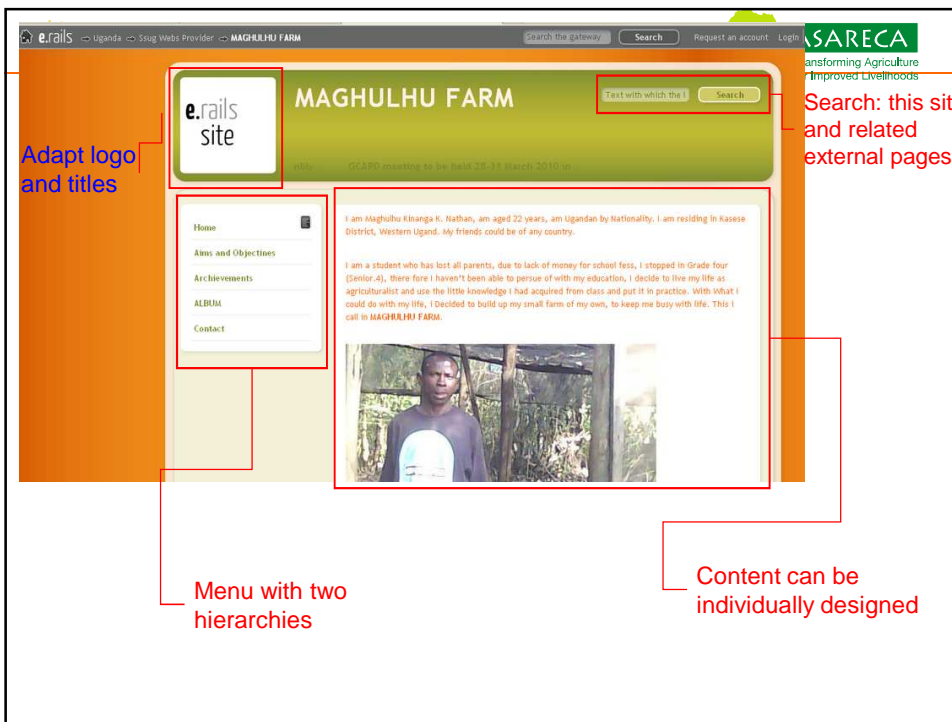
Country information managed by the country administrator

Accounts of individuals and organisations registered in this country





Individual site



Adapt logo and titles

Search: this site and related external pages

Menu with two hierarchies

Content can be individually designed

e.rails site

Text with which the | Search

ARECA  
Transforming Agriculture  
for Improved Livelihoods

CORAF/WECAARD 3rd Agriculture

Home  
Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service  
Contact

Open in a new window

Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service

Home About us Services National Crop Variety List Online Forms

KEPHIS

KEPHIS is a regulatory agency for Quality Assurance on Agricultural inputs and produce in Kenya. KEPHIS undertakes: Plant Variety Protection; Seed Certification; Phytosanitary Inspection of Imports and Exports and Analysis of Soil, Water, Agricultural Produce, Fertilizers and Pesticides.

Home  
Tender Notice  
Online Forms

REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION AS A SEED MERCHANT.  
The merchant should observe the following prior to being fully registered to handle seed matters.  
Read more...

External websites can be opened in a new window


External websites open in a frame and are searchable

FARA


## Some Benefits

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- Easy creation of web sites and fewer concerns about technical aspects: development, design,
- Programming, hosting, maintenance, etc.
- Increased visibility of your sites at the continental and international levels
- Free hosting for your website
- Ability to receive comments and suggestions from users on your site



## Some Benefits




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- Ability to integrate your existing web site and make it accessible to search engine
- Being part of a continental community and benefit from the experience of other colleagues
- Get an online technical support when needed



## eRAILS Partners



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- Regional
  - FARA
- Sub-regional
  - SRO's: ASARECA, SADC/FANR, CORAF
- National
  - **RAILS National Teams** (Extension, Research, NGOs, Ministries, University, Medias, Farmers organizations)
  - **NARS Stakeholders** (Network, etc.)
  - Etc.
- International
  - BLE – ISICAD
  - AfDB
  - FAO
  - IAALD
  - Etc.



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