

# Ghana Country Table RiU Highlights

Promoting Research into Use Through Networking and Engagement (PRUNE)

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## Introduction



PRUNE blog: [cariaghanaupdates.blogspot.com](http://cariaghanaupdates.blogspot.com)

The Promoting Research into Use through Networking and Engagement (PRUNE) project is an additional project activity of the Country Table/Country Engagement Group (CEG) of the CARIAA Ghana consortia using science-based communication as a way of increasing research impact in achieving sustained adaptation to climate change.

PRUNE uses a holistic approach for strategic networking, knowledge sharing and dissemination of research results from the consortia to a wide range of stakeholders to impact policy decisions and adaptation options at national and regional levels.

Specifically, the PRUNE activity is to help:

- Collate knowledge on national climate change activities relevant to CARIAA's objectives into the CARIAA KMC platform & other databases
- Enhance the effectiveness of the CEG and the communication between the national teams and the KMC Working Group.
- Increase, at the national level, the awareness about the CARIAA projects (ASSAR and DECCMA) and their research outputs through a bi-directional communication flow with relevant national stakeholders in Ghana.

## Methodology

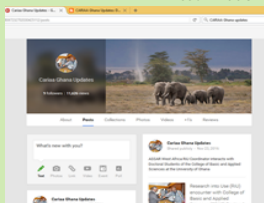
Expected Output	Timeframe (2016)											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>A. INITIAL PROJECT TAKE OFF</b>												
1. Draw a 12-month Work plan and set up a blog for updating on ASSAR and DECCMA activities												
<b>B. MAIN RIU RELATED ACTIVITIES (STRATEGIC RIU AND COMMUNICATIONS)</b>												
2. Collate database of and map stakeholders in climate change related activities in Ghana and West Africa with periodic updates as required												
3. Stakeholder engagements including attendance at meetings and Conference events												
4. Development and dissemination of Communication products												
5. Monitoring and Evaluation of Communication Products and activities												

PRUNE Project Work Plan

Various engagement activities with Researchers, National & Local level Stakeholders



Dissemination modes and Activities



PRUNE Google+ page



Posters on exhibition at the CBAS SDP program, University of Ghana, Feb. 2016



ASSARTSP @ Wa in June 2016



CCPOP RIU panel @ UG, July, 2016



DECCMA National Stakeholders' Meeting @ Accra, October, 2016

PRUNE's activities have contributed to improving the visibility and the communication activities of the CARIAA Ghana consortia. It has led to improved joint and individual project participations in relevant national events and programs during which information about the research activities are discussed through interactions or by means of relevant information materials. Major outcomes from the PRUNE project include:

- Stakeholder Database:** Database of national and local level ASSAR and DECCMA project stakeholders in the semi-arid and the deltaic regions is available at <https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/0B5rhu6TqARq0bmoxZlIGTno4ZWts>.
- Communication and Dissemination Products:** Products are disseminated through a blog ([cariaghanaupdates.blogspot.com](http://cariaghanaupdates.blogspot.com)) and a Google+ at <https://plus.google.com/118067232702030425112> (with over 12,000 views), information briefs as well as stories posted on the CARIAA KMC and respective consortium websites
- Other Innovative Strategies of Communication:** The use of the Transformative Scenario Planning (TSP) processes (ASSAR), mental modelling and the Stories of Change (SoC).

By sharing research results and through effective Research into-Use (RIU) and communication strategies with a variety of audience including researchers and policy makers, PRUNE will help in meeting the overall objective of CARIAA in achieving an effective, widespread and sustained adaptation to climate change leading to improved wellbeing and adaptive capacities of vulnerable populations in the semi-arid and deltaic regions. The impact of this activity upon completion is expected to enhance the effectiveness of the CARIAA consortia in Ghana and create awareness about the projects.

## Emerging Issues and Way Forward

- Migration has been identified as a common synthesis area for the ASSAR and DECCMA consortia.
- Plans are in progress to support the production of and dissemination of thematic communication materials to target specific stakeholders with the emerging results of each consortium.
- Opportunities and Synergies Fund (OSF) opportunities are being explored by the CEG to support the consortia synthesis documentation and co-production of communication materials for national level effectiveness.
- To improve the information on climate change activities, physical visits to relevant Ministries, Departments, Agencies & related organisations will be carried out.
- Stories of Change (SoC) development for is underway for some of the significant project outputs

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