BARNESA is the Banana Research Network for Eastern and Southern Africa. The network seeks to increase the contribution of bananas to food security and economic growth within eastern and central Africa. Its goal is to contribute to increased and sustainable agricultural productivity in the region with the purpose of establishing a sustainable commercialized banana sector.

It was established in 1994 by a group of 10 countries of Eastern and Southern Africa to encourage cooperation between national research programmes. The network was accepted and adopted by ASARECA as one of its constituent networks in 1995 and is now part of the ASARECA Staples Crop Programme. BARNESA is managed by a Steering committee that meets every two years. Bioversity International’s regional office in Kampala, Uganda, has been providing the secretariat since 1997.

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**Burundi:** Institut de recherche agronomique et zootechnique  
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**Eritrea:** Ministry of Agriculture  
**Ethiopia:** Ethiopian Agriculture Research Organisation  
**Kenya:** Kenya Agricultural Research Institute  
**Madagascar:** Centre National de la Recherche Appliquée au Développement Rural  
**Malawi:** Department of Agricultural Research and Technical Services  
**Mozambique:** National Agriculture Research of Mozambique  
**Rwanda:** Institut des Sciences Agronomiques du Rwanda  
**South Africa:** Banana Research for Tropical and Sub Tropical Crops  
**Sudan:** Agricultural Research Corporation  
**Tanzania:** Ministry of Agriculture  
**Tanzania:** Agricultural Research and Development Institute  
**Tanzania:** Horticultural Research and Training Institute  
**Uganda:** National Agricultural Research Organization

Secretariat

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12 countries, 4 institutes

Website

banana-networks.org/barnesa
Uganda: International Institute of Tropical Agriculture
Uganda: Uganda National Council for Science and Technology
Uganda: Makerere University

Other regional R4D networks on bananas

BAPNET - the Banana Asia-Pacific Network
Innovate Plantain - Innovation platform on plantains
MUSALAC - the Banana Research and Development Network for Latin America and the Caribbean

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