



ASTI CONNECT USER GUIDE

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OVERVIEW

The purpose of ASTI Connect is to give focal points a space to interact with the ASTI community, access the latest data, graphing, and survey tools, and learn more about ASTI methodology and procedures. This guide will explain the Home page and the four components of ASTI Connect: Data, Manage Surveys, Community, and Resource Center.

1. HOME/WELCOME PAGE

The **Home** page comprises four components: the menu bar, community newsfeed, mini-data and mapping tool, and social media links.

To access ASTI Connect, go to: <https://www.asti.cgiar.org/connect>



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Username or e-mail address

You may login with either your assigned username or your e-mail address.

Password

The password field is case sensitive.

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Instructions on how to set up your username and password will be provided by an ASTI team member. After logging in, you can change your password (see “Account” section below). Should you forget your password, click on “Request new password” on the log in screen or go to <https://www.asti.cgiar.org/user/password>.

1.1 MENU BAR

The menu bar at the top of the page allows you to access your user account, your private messages, the four main components of ASTI Connect (Data, Manage Surveys, Community, and Resource Center) and the “Contribute” functions.



ACCOUNT

Click on your name to access your user account information and profile.



Here you can see your profile information, photo, country, and messages. To change this information, account e-mail address, or password, click on “Edit”. After changing any information, make sure to click “Save” at the bottom of the page.

FOCAL POINT -KENYA (DEMO)

View **Edit**

First name: Focal Point
Last name: -Kenya (demo)
Institution: KALRO
Job title: Researcher
Work with ASTI: demo account

COUNTRY: KENYA

Related country page(s)
Kenya

Messages

Last updated	Subject	Participants
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MESSAGES

ASTI Connect features a private messaging system that allows you to easily communicate with other members, including the ASTI team and other focal points.



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MESSAGES

• [Write new message](#)

Delete

Actions...

<input type="checkbox"/>	Subject	Participants	Last Updated
<input type="checkbox"/>	Question	Point Focal -Se...	8 sec ago

CONTRIBUTE

The **Contribute** button allows quick access to submit an impact story or event, or ask a question on the discussion forum.



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CONTRIBUTE:

[SHARE AN IMPACT STORY](#)

[ANNOUNCE AN EVENT](#)

[ASK A QUESTION \(DISCUSSION FORUM\)](#)

TAGS:

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Each of these items can be “tagged” and the tag terms are listed here and can be clicked on to find all items tagged on that topic. Finally, a list of community members is also available – click on the name to see the member’s profile and/or write a message to them.

1.2 COMMUNITY NEWSFEED

This section features the latest discussion questions, events, publications, and other news.

LATEST FROM THE COMMUNITY

DISCUSSION FORUM

Training videos

Marcia MacNeil, 19 Apr 2017

We produced our new series of training videos-- available in the Resource Center -- based on our presentations to new focal points.

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Making ASTI data more accessible in-country

Kathleen Flaherty, 19 Apr 2017

We'd like our public ASTI data to be more accessible within countries, particularly for NARIs. One option is to put a link to our data on institute websites or even embed a data tool.

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Country data presentations

Sandra Perez, 13 Apr 2017

We produced PowerPoint presentations on national data for a few countries to help you disseminate your ASTI survey results. How are they working?

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[More discussions](#)

ASTI UPDATES

New User Guides available

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New user guides for ASTI Connect and the Survey Management System are now available in our Resource Center (click menu above).

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New data for SSA is now live! The public data, factsheets, and online tools are accessible on the ASTI website. You can explore your data by clicking on “Agency Data Tool”, “Agency Directory”, and “Country Page” under “Data” in the menu above.

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[More updates](#)

FEATURED



UPCOMING EVENTS

31 May 2017 Posted by: Kathleen Flaherty, 2017–2018 ASTI Survey Round – deadline for distribution

[Comment or reply](#)

15 Jul 2017 Posted by: Tony Murray, 2017–2018 ASTI Survey Round – deadline for submission of qualitative survey update

[Comment or reply](#)

[More events](#)

1.3 MINI-DATA AND MAPPING TOOL

The section allows you to quickly visualize an agency’s location, latest data, and trends.

LATEST AGENCY TRENDS



1.4 SOCIAL MEDIA

More ways to connect to ASTI, through Youtube, Twitter, and Slideshare.

ASTI ON SOCIAL MEDIA



2. DATA

The **Data** section of ASTI Connect has 3 components: Agency Data Tool, Agency Directory, and Country Page.



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2.1 AGENCY DATA TOOL

The **Agency Data Tool** provides you with access to your country's agency-level data. It works in a similar manner as to the public Country Data Tool.

2.2 AGENCY DIRECTORY

The **Agency Directory** is a public webpage and is also accessible through the public ASTI website.

The orange circles on the map show the number of agencies located in the general vicinity of the regions. As you zoom in, by either clicking on the orange circles or using the '+' sign at the bottom right-hand corner of the map, you will see the circles begin to indicate the exact agency locations. Hovering with the mouse over the orange circles will show the name of the agency.

To see more agency details, select your country from the drop-down list.

ASTI AGENCY DIRECTORY

- Locate agricultural research agencies on the map
- Search agencies by country
- Filter agencies on a number of criteria

SELECT COUNTRY



The top menu bar of the map offers three different filters to narrow down the number of agencies that you see: Agency type, Country, and Research Focus. For example, you may choose to see only Government agencies that conduct crop research in Kenya.

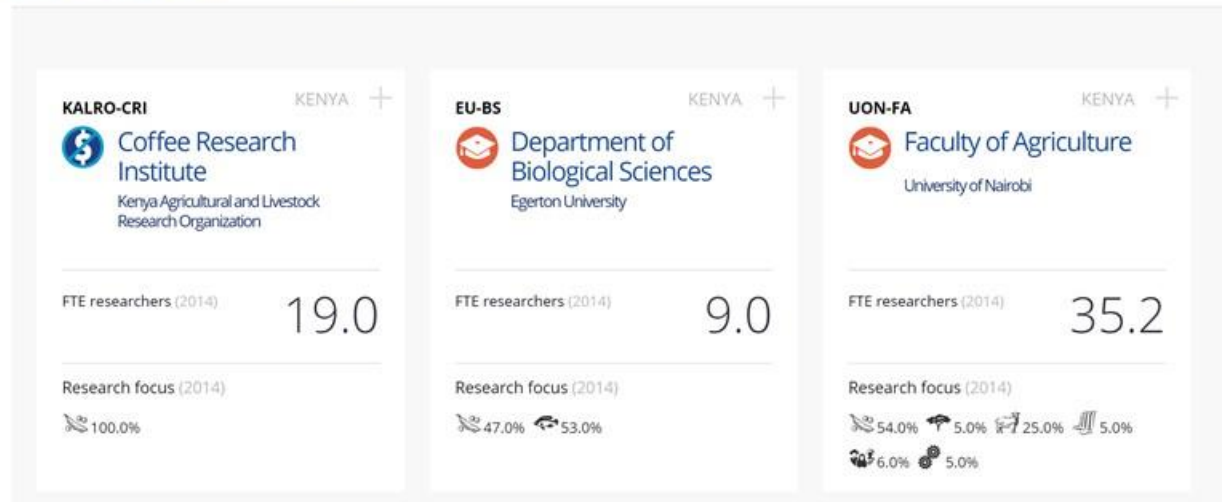


The agencies will appear below the map. The “Sort by” row allows you sort the agencies alphabetically by agency number, by size (number of researchers), and by institutional classification (agency type).

41 Agencies Found

Tile View List View

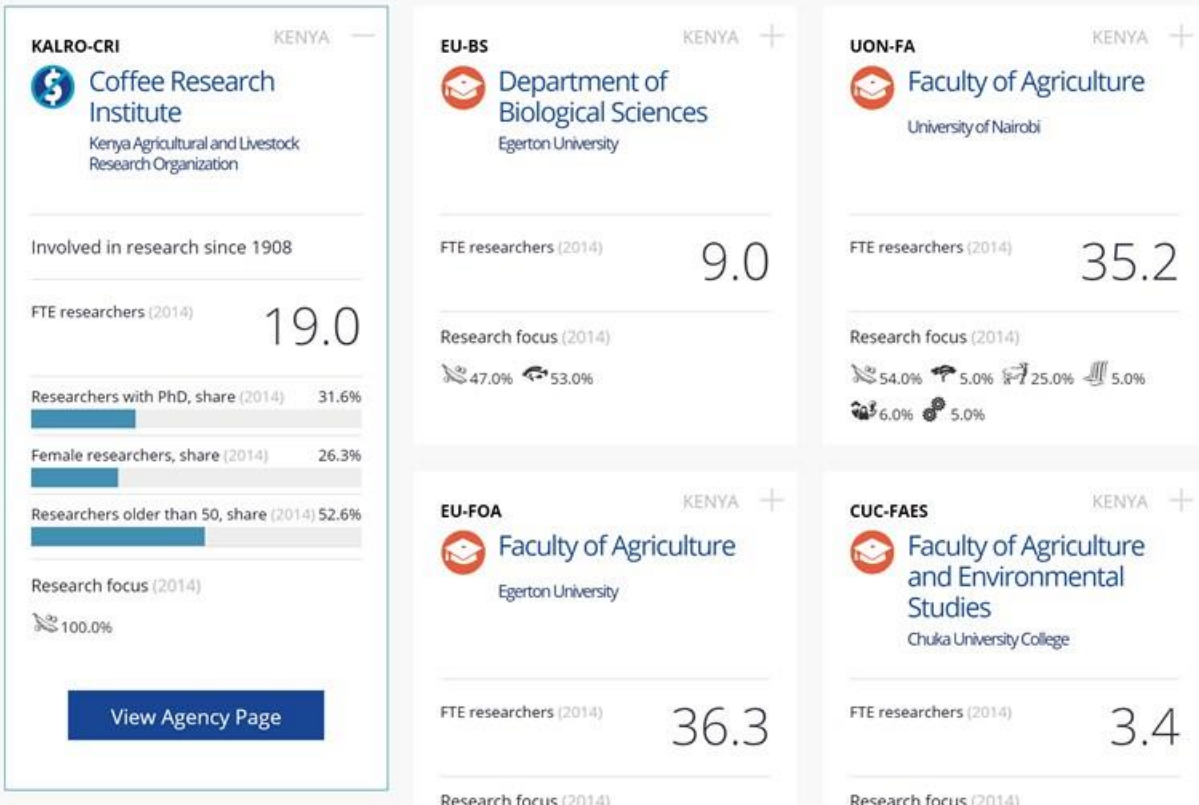
SORT BY: Agency name ^ | Number of researchers v | Agency type v



Each agency has a “tile” which contains information on the number of FTE researchers and primary research focus. The symbols next to the agency name represent agency types: government, higher education, and nonprofit. At the top right-hand corner, next to the number of agencies found, you can choose to view the agency tiles, or simply view a list.

To see additional agency details, click on the ‘+’ sign in the top right-hand corner of a tile to expand the box. The tile will now show the year the agency became involved in agricultural research and three additional agency indicators relating to degrees, gender, and age.

Click on the blue “View Agency Page” button to view more agency details and a link to the agency’s own website.



2.3 COUNTRY PAGE

This link takes you to the list of country pages on the ASTI website where you can choose your country. For more information on how to use country pages, the country data tool, and the regional benchmarking tool on ASTI's public website, watch [this video](#).

ASTI COUNTRIES

- AFRICA SOUTH OF THE SAHARA
- ASIA AND THE PACIFIC
- LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN
- WEST ASIA AND NORTH AFRICA



3. MANAGE SURVEYS

In the future, this link will take you directly into the **Survey Management System**, but currently it requires you to log in again to access your country's surveys.



A separate [User Guide](#) is available for the Survey Management System.

4. COMMUNITY

The **Community** area of ASTI Connect contains four sections: ASTI Updates, Discussion Forum, Events, and Impact Stories.



4.1 ASTI UPDATES

The latest **ASTI Updates** are featured on the ASTI Connect homepage. Clicking on ASTI updates in the menubar will take you to an archive of all updates.

ASTI UPDATES

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4.2 DISCUSSION FORUM

The **Discussion Forum** is a space for ASTI focal points to ask questions and share comments with other focal points and the ASTI team.

The Forum is organized around four topic areas: General, Methodology and data collection procedures, Agricultural R&D concepts, and Technical support for ASTI Connect

DISCUSSION FORUM TOPICS

Welcome to our discussion forum. Please feel free to ask questions and share your thoughts here with your fellow focal points and the ASTI team by posting in one of the topic areas below. ☰

Forum	Topics	Posts	Last post
 General	2 2 new	2	Making ASTI... by Kathleen Flaherty 1 day 6 hours ago
 Methodology and data collection procedures	1 1 new	1	Training videos by Marcia MacNeil 14 Apr 2017
 Agricultural R&D concepts	1 1 new	1	New index of... by Tony Murray 11 Apr 2017
 Technical support for ASTI Connect	0	0	n/a

4.3 EVENTS

The **Events** calendar features ASTI events such as workshops, important survey round deadlines, as well as external events that may be of interest to the community such as regional workshops.

ASTI CONNECT: UPCOMING EVENTS

All Events	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec

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To add an event, click on the Contribute button in the upper right hand corner of the home page and then click “Add an event”.

4.4 IMPACT STORIES

ASTI data has been used by focal points in a number of ways, such as to inform policymakers of the latest trends in agricultural R&D, provide input into research resource allocation, and illustrate human

and financial resource challenges faced by agricultural R&D agencies. We encourage you to share your own story of ASTI's impact in your country.

ASTI CONNECT STORIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Filter by: Type of Story

<Any>

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ASTI data helps increase PhDs in Swaziland

Marcia MacNeil, 14 Mar 2017

According to ASTI Focal Point Patricia Carmichael with the Agriculture Research Division at Malkerns Research Station, the government of Swaziland has not typically been keen to train researchers

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Datos ASTI forma parte de una aplicación para dispositivos móviles en Mexico

Marcia MacNeil, 14 Mar 2017

Actualmente Mexico se encuentra en proceso una colaboración con el Sistema de Información Agropecuaria y Pesquera de la Secretaria de Agricultura, Ganaderia, Desarrollo Rural, Pesca, y Alimentacion

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ASTI data makes an impact in Malawi

Marcia MacNeil, 14 Mar 2017

ASTI was very instrumental in the research mapping exercise for the country commissioned by EU.

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To add a story, click on the Contribute button in the upper right hand corner of the home page and then click "Share an Impact Story".

Please add tags (short descriptive words or phrases) to your impact story to help those who may be interested find your story. Tagged groups of items can be found under the "Contribute" button.

5. RESOURCE CENTER

The **Resource Center** features three categories: ASTI Resources, External Resources, and Tutorials and other Videos.

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar with the following items: Data, Manage surveys, Community, Resource Center (circled in red), and Contribute. Below the navigation bar is the heading "ASTI CONNECT RESOURCE CENTER". The page is divided into three main sections:

- ASTI RESOURCES**
 - ASTI Practitioner's Guide for National and Regional Focal Points - Methodology and Data Collection Standards**
Tony Murray, 18 Apr 2017 | English | Français
 - ASTI Connect User Guide**
Tony Murray, 15 Apr 2017
English | Français (à venir)
 - Summary Review and Strategizing Workshop for ASTI Focal Points from Africa and South Asia.**
Tony Murray, 30 Mar 2017
21-22 November 2016, Entebbe, Uganda
Read the summary review:
English | Français
- EXTERNAL RESOURCES**
 - FRASCATI Manual**
Tony Murray, 30 Mar 2017
OECD Frascati Manual
- TUTORIALS AND OTHER VIDEOS**
 - Training collection**
ASTI AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY INDICATORS
led by IFPRI
Training on ASTI's Methodology and Data Collection Procedures

ASTI Resources and External Resources are publications that are relevant to ASTI methodology, data tools, and survey procedures. Workshop related materials may also be found here. Videos included tutorials, workshop presentations, and focal point interviews.

Official ASTI publications such as factsheets, regional reports, and global reports may still be found on the public website: <https://www.asti.cgiar.org>.