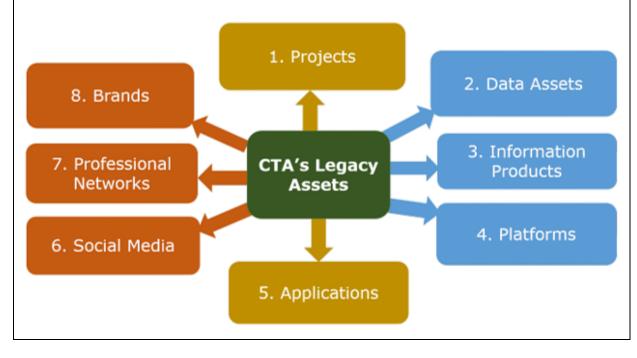
# **Preserving CTA's intellectual property assets**

In the run-up to the closure of CTA at the end of 2020, the Centre implemented a rigorous process to take stock of its intellectual legacy assets and plan for their responsible transfer, retention or disposal, in close consultation with EU and ACP stakeholders.

### Eight categories of CTA's intellectual legacy assets identified

- 1. Projects and related content, such as reports, articles and blogs
- 2. Data assets, such as farmer profiles generated by projects and held by CTA as data controller under General Data Protection Regulation rules
- 3. Information products, such as publications (both physical and electronic), photos and videos
- 4. Platforms, including CTA websites, online platforms and software and systems such as CTA's project management system
- 5. Digital applications created under projects in all cases, ownership of these resides with the project partner
- 6. Social media, including CTA's corporate channels (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn, Vimeo and YouTube), those associated with CTA information products (e.g. *ICT Update, Spore*) and those associated with CTA initiatives (e.g. Web2forDev, ARYDIS and Innov4Ag Pacific)
- 7. Professional networks, most of which were moderated by CTA staff
- 8. Brands, such as *Spore*, Brussels Briefing, *ICT Update*, Pitch AgriHack and VALUE4HER and UAV4Ag.



#### Guiding principles for handling of CTA's intellectual property assets

- Partners' rights were safeguarded, and a fair and transparent process was adopted
- CTA's intellectual legacy assets remain a public good and are available and accessible to all
- Any potential legal risks for CTA and its stakeholders were eliminated (or at the very least minimised).

#### Criteria for handing over of CTA assets

- The partner(s) with whom the legacy asset has been created was offered the asset as a first priority, unless capacity was a constraint
- The partner(s) has demonstrated capacity to offer continued services relating to the legacy asset
- The partner(s) has a similar mission and purpose and can provide continuity for the service.

#### Conditions of use include:

- The asset remains a public good, available and accessible to all
- The legacy asset is not used for commercial purposes, other than those it was established for
- All legal and data privacy rules are adhered to in order to eliminate any legal consequences for CTA and its stakeholders.

## **Three outcomes**

1) Assets archived/frozen

e.g. professional networks; brands such as *Spore*, *ICTUpdate* and ICT4Ag; websites and social media accounts; and CTA's administrative software and systems, such as its project management platform, DELTA and its financial system, NAVISION

2) Assets transferred within projects as stipulated by the cost-sharing or grant contract

e.g. project-related knowledge products, such as baseline studies, mid-term evaluations and final project completion reports, and platforms, apps and "communities" such as Innov4AgPacific

3) Assets transferred to strategic partners

e.g. VALUE4HERConnect (AGRA); Pitch AgriHack (AGRF); Publications (CABI); D4Ag assets (WUR); Chefs4Dev platform (IICA); KM Scan (FARA)