



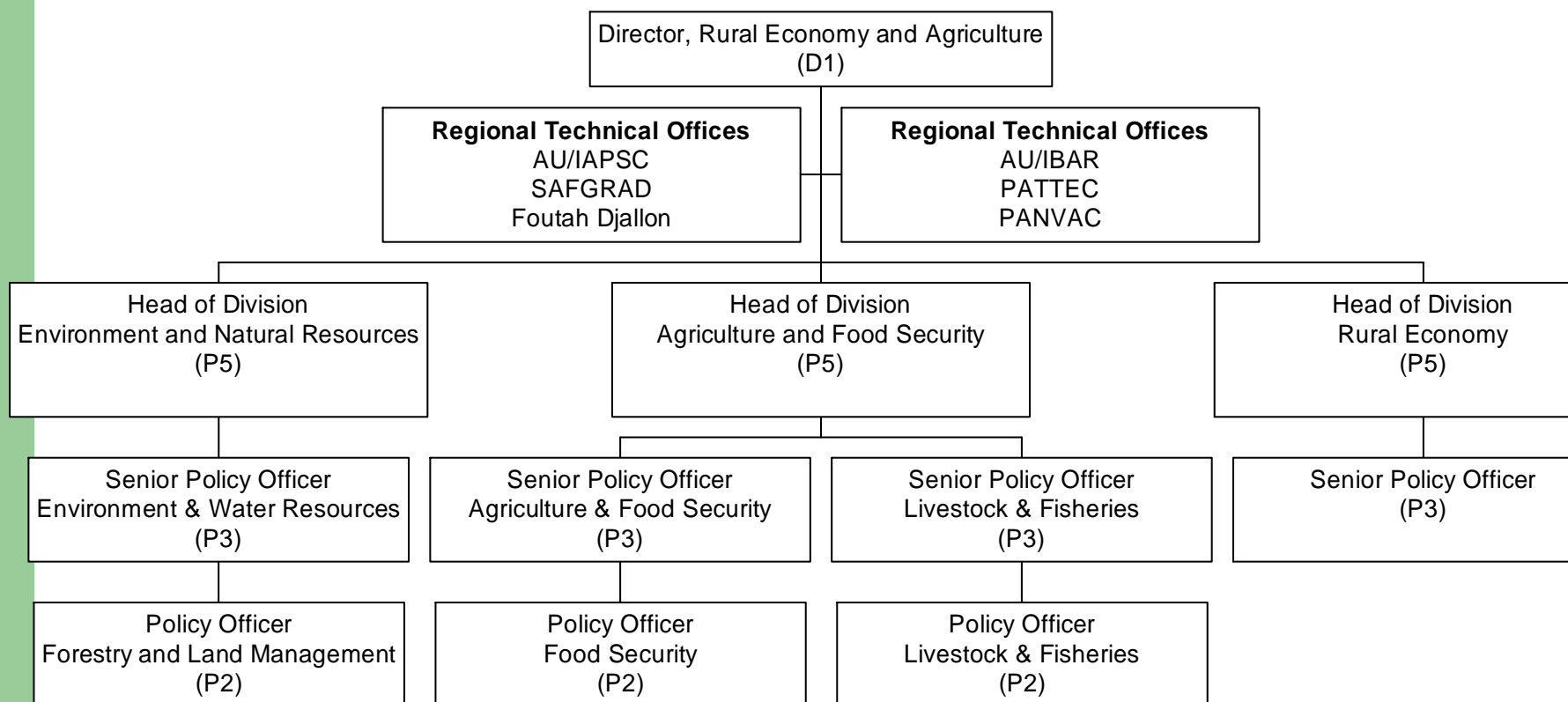
Institutional Strengthening of Regional Bodies

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Action Lines in 2005/06

Seminar on Food Insecurity

1. Agriculture Expenditure Tracking Mechanism for 10% Budget Allocation
2. Coordination and Strengthening of Early Warning Systems
3. Common Market for Basic Food Products
4. Review and Harmonization of Fisheries Policies in Africa
5. The African Seed and Biotechnology Programme
6. An African Position on GMOs in Agriculture
7. Food Safety with a Focus on Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Aspects
8. Coordination and Establishment of Centres of Excellence in Agriculture
9. Feasibility Study for the Establishment of an African Agricultural Development Fund
10. Food Security Reports and Summit



Decision Making at the AU

- ❖ Proposal by Member State or Commission
- ❖ Decision by Ministers of Agriculture to Conduct Study
- ❖ Study by Commission
- ❖ Study presented to Member States Experts who propose Recommendations for Ministers
- ❖ Recommendations Endorsed by Ministers of Agriculture and Heads of State
- ❖ Commission to Coordinate and Sensitize Member States to implement the Decision



Strengthening the AU

1. Technical Assistance

- ❖ Policy Formulation
- ❖ Establishing or Strengthening Regional Institutions
- ❖ Training

2. Material Assistance

- ❖ Hardware and Software

3. Validation Meetings with Member States

❖ Same Strengthening of RECs and Member States

- ❖ AU Information will only be as good as that coming from the Member States



Thank you for your attention