



Improving Dialogue; Support to National & Regional FS Policy

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Improving Dialogue

**Coordination between SADC Secretariat
and International Cooperating Partners
(ICPs)**

Recognition of national priorities

Capacity building

SADC Common Agricultural Policy



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Coordination of dialogue

Thematic Coordination forum between Food, Agriculture & Natural Resources (FANR) and International Cooperating Partners (ICPs) ;

First coordination meeting held in February, agreed such meetings be held 2 times per year.



National

Priorities

Dialogue that ensures/leads to

- ☐ **clear recognition of national priorities; and working around these**
- ☐ **role of agriculture in economic growth, poverty reduction, FS, natural resource management,**
- ☐ **based on May 2004 Dar es Salaam Declaration on Agriculture and Food Security.**



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Capacity building

**In relation to long-term functions of FANR, focusing on implementation of activities related to these functions.
(training +limited TA, if possible)**



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Creating a **SADC Common Agricultural Policy**, (Concept Note already developed)

Harmonizing and aligning national/regional plans for development of agriculture

CAP Guided by **CAADP** as endorsed by AU as a framework for restoration of agricultural growth, food security and rural development in Africa; also incorporating **Dar es Salaam Declaration on Agriculture and Food Security**



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Harmonization of content (especially political) in national agric policies, drawing lessons from EU experiences

integrating agriculture with other fields of development policy, (links to trade policy, infrastructure investment programmes, etc)



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