**CAADP 10 YEARS ON: DIALOGUE TO IMPROVE IMPLEMENTATION, COORDINATION AND ALIGNMENT WITH NATIONAL AGRICULTURE INVESTMENT PLANS**

**SUMMARY REPORT ON THE PRE-EVENT CONSULTATIONS IN TANZANIA**

**Introduction**

The pre-event consultations in Tanzania have been coordinated by the Africa Lead facilitator, guided by the given concept note, Terms of Reference and additional information by the coordinator in the US. The consultation process has taken two weeks in which phone conversations and physical meetings have been held.

Considering the very short time that the government and the donors have had to give in their inputs, it was a little bit difficult to have them in one meeting. The consultations were therefore held in two separate meetings.

The meeting with the CAADP country team, which also served as the meeting with the government group was held on the 24th of January 2014, at the Ministry of Agriculture’s conference room. The meeting had the following participants:

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The meeting, which took three hours, was chaired by the CAADP focal person and lasted for two hours. The country team members took time to go through both matrices and give their comments. These matrices had been sent to them one week prior to the meeting. Considering that some members who did not attend opted to give their comments by email, the meeting agreed that the CADP focal person would take time to compile all the inputs into the matrices.

The meeting with the Donor Group, which was held on the 27th of January, was a little bit different. The facilitator had a brief meeting with the chair of the Development Partners – Agricultural Working Group (DPs – AWG) Mr. Homma Minoru (JICA) and basically went through the matrices. The chair then promised to circulate both matrices to the group for their comments. It is this process that produced a document which summarized the comments from the DPs – AWG.

After their inputs both groups have continued their conversations with the facilitator mainly through emails. These communications has helped the facilitator refine the stock-taking documents to the comfort of both groups

**Stocktaking Results**

The stocktaking exercise was conducted by both groups using the given matrices. For both groups, color-coding performance was not a very keen interest. They rather concentrated on the comments to highlight what had been achieved so far and the areas of improvement

The general feel of both groups is that the country is on-track with the implementation of its programs to achieve most of these targets set out by CAADP. Both teams are also keen to point out that Tanzania has had very good structures and targets under the ASDP prior to the formation of TAFSIP. However, TAFSIP has helped the stakeholders in the prioritization process, hence, catalyzed the achievements of goals defined in the ASDS and ASDP

The results therefore given in the stocktaking matrices are very summarized in themselves and very straight to the point. (Please find attached)

**Logistics**

The country facilitator has also been in communication with the groups to avail any required logistics and communication support. The members of donor group are pretty much set on attending the event. However they are yet to furnish the facilitator with the final list of participants for the event

The government group has finally agreed on the names of four participants who are attending the event and their capacities. The list includes:

1. Mrs. Sophia E. Kaduma – Permanent Secretary Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and cooperatives (MAFC)
2. Mrs. Nkuvililwa J. Simkanga – Director of Policy and Planning (DPP – MAFC)
3. Mrs. Margaret Z. Ndaba – CAADP Focal Person
4. Mr. Chibole Manumbu – Vice Chair CAADP Country Team and Ministry of Industry and Trade (MIT) representative

The facilitator is currently in communication with the participants to ensure that their travel and accommodation logistics are well arranged in time

**Challenges**

In the coordination of these pre-event consultations, the facilitator has also been faced with a number of challenges. The challenges include:

**1. Communication with government:** It seems that timely information may have been sent to the government in regard to the event. However, it is also apparent that very little follow up was made by the CAADP Secretariat to see where this information has reached downstream and how it has been received. This created some confusion and delays considering the bureaucracies that exist in government. At some point the facilitator was perceived to be running a parallel show for the same event.

**Proposed Improvement:** When such events are organized, there should be follow-ups from CAADP Secretariat to ensure that the information has been received and adequately shared for action. CAADP Secretariat should also adequately inform the government should there be any facilitation support to ensure smooth coordination.

**2. Time:** 2 weeks can be a very tricky span to get anything constructive from government and donors considering that both groups are very busy and bureaucratic in handling issues.

**Proposed improvement:** The facilitators for such events should have at least one month prior to the event to work with the target participants

**3. Format:** Some of the country team members felt the document was too loaded to quickly read and comprehend. Some of them also have very sensitive memories with color-coding assessments and tend to personalize such assessments.

**Proposed Improvement:** The organizers should consider revising the formats of the assessment matrices

**4. The place of the CAADP Focal Point:** When communications of such events come to the government, they sometimes address the Minister or maybe the Permanent Secretary. The assumption is that there should be a very close and organized communication system between the Minister’s office and other office s downstream. The actual situation is different. This sometimes results in very little ownership by key stakeholders like the CAADP focal person and the CAADP country team and may end up in some coerced consultation process.

**Proposed Improvement:** The CAADP focal point should be given more empowerment. They should also be copied into communications that relate to CAADP going to any other offices.