



2014 Year of Agriculture

"Transforming Africa's Agriculture for shared prosperity and sustainable development"

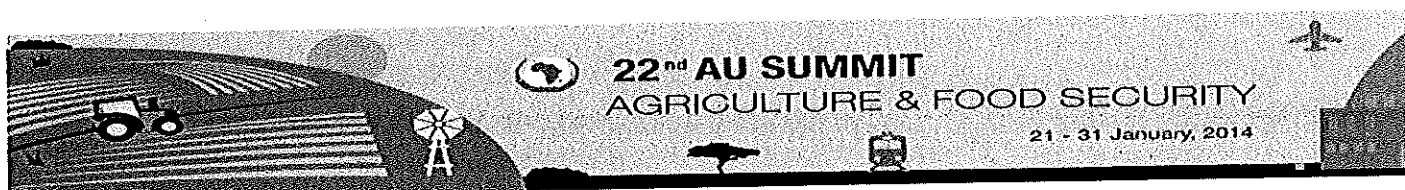
Steering Committee Meeting

Report of Technical Committee
26 February 2014
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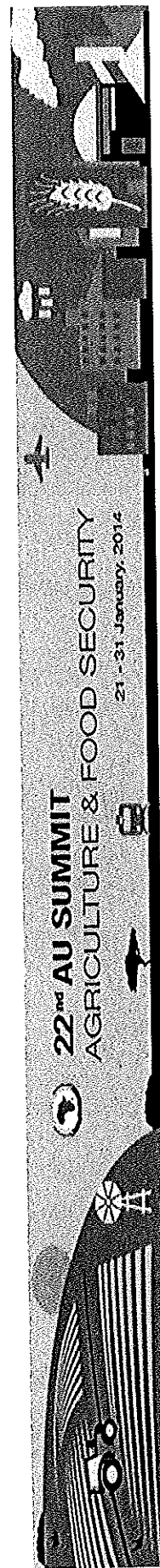
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1. The Technical Committee held two meetings
 - ✓ On 29th January 2014:
 - It brainstormed on the objectives, expected outcomes and organization of the Year of Agriculture and Food Security.
 - It reviewed and agreed on its TOR. Approval is sought from Steering Committee.
 - It brainstormed on the objectives and expected outcomes of key events leading upto the June Summit, in particular the CAADP PP scheduled for March 2014, and the joint ministerial conference scheduled for April/May 2014.
 - It brainstormed on the key thematic areas, proposed the following as work-streams that need to be worked on as inputs:
 - Science agenda for agriculture to inform the sub-theme on production and productivity;
 - Rural Infrastructure, Value Chain, Agricultural Inputs to inform the sub-theme on harnessing markets and trade opportunities; as well as investment financing
 - Investment financing to inform the sub-theme on enhancing investment for agricultural transformation;
 - Nutrition to inform the sub-theme on ending hunger and malnutrition;
 - Land and land policy to contribute to the policy and institutional reform areas;

- Agriculture-Climate Change Interface to inform the sub-theme on Resilience building and risk management.
 - Designated focal persons to lead the development of the work-streams; and requested the WGs to come up with an annotated outline of the work-streams.
 - Provided a set of principles to guide the work of Working Group, namely,
 - to ensure an adequate treatment of strategic issues, current status, goals, targets, and actions/commitments;
 - to address cross cutting issues of gender, youth, small holder farmers and the environment,
- ✓ On 25th February 2014:
- It brainstormed on what should constitute success in June 2014 Summit (expectations);
 - Agreed on a proposed format and structure for the debate on the summit, and seeks endorsement by the SC.
 - Agreed on the importance of effectively managing the key events preceding the summit (notably the ministerial and CAADP PP) as crucial inputs that should inform the debate and its outcomes
 - Agreed on the proposed format and structure for the Ministerial conference as well as on the 10th CAADP PP; needs approval by SC.
 - Agreed to invite NSAs to organize a forum to facilitate structured and organized contribution to the conversations during the ministerial conference and the summit; need approval by SC; needs SC's approval.
 - Agreed to develop an issue paper to guide deliberations both during the ministerial and the summit – which will be a synthesis of the work-streams, organized according to the sub-themes.
 - Noted progress being made in the development of Work-streams; urged WGs to expedite their work (in view of the limited time available) and agreed to review initial draft of Work-streams in its 3rd meeting (scheduled for 11 March 2014).

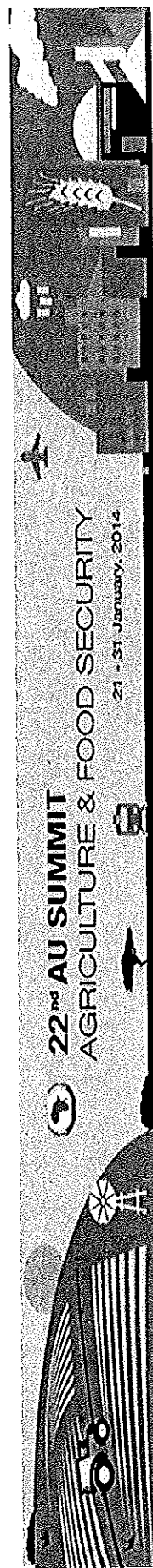


The June 2014 AU Summit Debate on the theme		Remarks
Objectives and Expected outputs	<p><u>Objective:</u> Facilitate high level political dialogue on collective actions and seek demonstrable commitment by the Heads of States and Government for a sustained support and engagement on agriculture through the CAADP framework.</p> <p><u>Expected output:</u> Renewed demonstrable political commitment by African leaders through adoption of an AU DECLARATION on the theme to deliver on a set of measurable goals and targets.</p>	<p>As in Concept Note</p>
Proposed Format/ Structure	<p><u>Keynote presentation</u> that makes strong and persuasive cases on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Strategic ISSUES, ▪ GOALS and TARGETS to be achieved by 2025 to address those issues, ▪ Real COMMITMENTS for accountability for actions and results <p>The Debate: Interactive conversation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Government, NSAs, Partners <p>The Product:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Summit Declaration (need to carefully craft the draft declaration) ▪ Expression of commitment by stakeholders (partners, etc). 	<p>Need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ set up the Debate for an Interactive and focused deliberation ▪ engage an able and influential FACILITATOR to guide the debates towards expected outputs. ▪ consider identification and invitation of leaders (champions??) to take lead interventions ▪ Invite stakeholders to articulate commitment in support of the agenda
Inputs that should inform the Debate and its outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ministerial conference ▪ Stakeholders voices and key messages ▪ CAADP PP ▪ Using other opportunities 	<p>These are the major ones.</p>

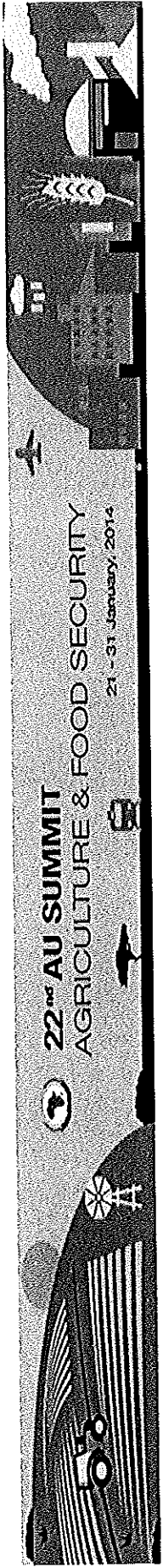


<p>A. Joint conference of Ministers (agriculture, rural development, etc.) 28 April – 02 May 2014, AUCC</p>	<p>Need to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ensure at least Bureau members from other ministerial bodies also attend (AMCEN, AMCOW, AMCOST, AMCOMET, Trade, Infrastructure, Health, Industry, Gender, Finance, etc.) ▪ Work with relevant AU Departments to ensure participation.
<p>Objectives and Expected outputs – as in Concept Note</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deepen country engagements and ownership to advance the agriculture and food security agenda ▪ Improved platforms for multi-sectoral actions at country and regional levels ▪ Validate the strategic issues, goals, targets, set of commitments reflecting the voices and key messages of multi-stakeholders. ▪ Adopt ministerial resolutions. 	<p>See draft agenda and programme of work (below)</p> <p>Relevant AU organs such as PAP need to be invited as well.</p>
<p>Format/structure and Organisation</p> <p>Should be designed to facilitate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Interactive conversation among various stakeholders ▪ Review and examination of key documents/validation and adoption 	

See next page for draft agenda and programme of work.



<p>Draft Agenda and Programme of Work of Ministerial Conference: 28 April – 02 May 2014, AUCC</p>	<p>Note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific topics of presentation under each sub-theme for consideration of endorsement by Steering committee. Issues in respective sub-themes to be addressed together with current status, desired goals and how best they should be addressed (with recommendations and key messages). AUC departments strongly encouraged to co-lead relevant sub-themes (e.g., T&I on sub-theme #2; SA on sub-theme #4; HRST on science agenda; EA on sub-theme #3, etc.) DREA focal persons responsible for co-leading and presentation of sub-themes designated. <p><i>Not to be discussed by AUCC - who by @NSA themselves.</i></p>
<p>a. Senior Officials' Session 1 Day 1 & 2 - 28-29 April 2014</p> <p>Opening session Constitution of the Bureau Adoption of the agenda and programme of work</p> <p>Presentation of the theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transforming Africa's Agriculture for Shared Prosperity and Sustainable Development <p>Sub-theme #1: presentation and discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transformation for accelerating growth (production, productivity) ✓ <i>Science agenda for agriculture in Africa</i> <p>Sub-theme #2: presentation and discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harnessing markets and trade opportunities for transformation and shared prosperity (agribusiness, rural infrastructure, services, etc.) <p>Sub-theme #3: presentation and discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing investment (public, private) in agriculture for transformation and shared prosperity <p>Sub-theme #4: presentation and discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nutrition and Food Security/self-sufficiency <p>Sub-theme #5: presentation and discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing Resilience of Africa's agriculture to climate change through transformation. Consideration and adoption of Senior Officials' Reports, recommendations Closing <p>Non State Actors Forum – deliberations on the theme and articulation of key messages</p>	<p><i>Slightly changed sub-themes.</i></p>



Ministerial Sessions:

<p>b. Ministerial Sessions Days 4 & 5 - 01-02 May 2014</p>	
<p>Day 4 9:00-10:00</p>	<p>Opening session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Welcome – AUC Chairperson ▪ Remarks - ▪ Official Opening - Minister from Host Country ▪ Constitution of the Bureau ▪ Adoption of agenda and programme of work
<p>10:30-13:00</p>	<p>Interactive Session I</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Keynote #1:</u> The Agriculture Future We Want: Prospects and Outlook on transforming Africa's Agriculture for Accelerated Growth, Shared Prosperity and Sustainable Development ... AUC Commissioner, REA ▪ <u>Panel Discussion</u> Defining and embracing success: the goals and targets that we can achieve by 2025, and key drivers of change and transformation: what they are and how they work.
<p>14:30-17:00</p>	<p>Interactive Session II</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <u>Keynote #2:</u> Making it Happen: Realizing Agricultural Transformation for Accelerated Growth, Shared Prosperity and Sustainable Development ... NEPAD CEO ▪ <u>Panel Discussion</u> The actions that we must continue deepening to sustain momentum (those actions delivering promising results), and the actions that we should take differently for a successful transformational change.
<p>Evening</p>	<p>Reception to be hosted by... AUC</p>
<p>Day 4 (01 May 2014) devoted entirely to interactive sessions (open sessions).</p>	<p>Panelists: to be proposed!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ministers – agric, trade, etc, ▪ representatives from a cross section of stakeholders– <p><i>(Link with issues in the sub-themes)</i></p>
<p>Panelists: to be proposed!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ministers – rural dev, environment, S&T, Finance, etc... ▪ Representatives from a cross section of stakeholders <p><i>(Link with sub-themes in the sub-themes)</i></p>	<p>Sponsoring: Agriculture-Climate Change Interface??</p>



Ministerial session continued	Day 05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consideration of Senior Officials' Report (from Days 01 & 02) ▪ Consideration of Recommendations from Interactive Sessions (from Day 04) ▪ Consideration of proposal to operationalise the AU Decision on STCs 	Closed ministerial sessions
	09:00- 13:00		
	19:00- 20:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consideration and adoption of Ministerial Resolutions ▪ Closing 	

