



2014 Year of Agriculture and Food Security and Marking 10 Years of CAADP¹

The 10th CAADP Partnership Platform Meeting - “All Africa Conference on Agriculture and Rural Development”

[19-22 March 2014, Durban International Convention Centre, Durban South Africa]

CONCEPT NOTE *(DRAFT FOR CONSULTATIONS ONLY)*

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1. BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

The year 2014 was declared, by the African Union Assembly of Heads of State and Government, as a “Year of Agriculture and Food Security in Africa, marking 10th Anniversary of the adoption of the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP)². This means that 2014 is a special year for agriculture and therefore the 10th CAADP Partnership Platform (PP) meeting will be special meeting. The year 2014 is a base and launch year for CAADP for the next decade [2014-2023].

The 10th CAADP Platform meeting is one of the major events lined up in 2014³ as part of facilitating consultations and dialogue amongst agricultural stakeholders on the continent and beyond. Drawing from the Year 2014 objectives, and considering the original principals enshrined in the CAADP Partnership, the 10th CAADP PP will facilitate broad-based and inclusive consultations and dialogue among all relevant stakeholders drawn from country, regional, continental and global partners covering state and non-state stakeholders including private sector, farmers and civil society. The 10th CAADP PP will further facilitate mutual learning and experience sharing among countries with a view to strengthening and deepening country engagements and ownership to advance the agriculture and food security agenda. It will be a platform where high level political dialogue (including Ministers and parliamentarians), will be engaged to seek demonstrable commitment on goals, actions and targets for agricultural transformation in the next decade. The 10th CAADP PP will draw from a range of Africa and global strategic partners to effectively engage to demonstrate commitment to programme alignment, harmonization, coordination and mutual accountability for the CAADP PP.

The outcome of the 10th CAADP PP will inform the technical and political deliberations for the Joint Ministers of Agriculture, fisheries and rural infrastructure and or development. The outcomes of Joint Conference of Ministers, coupled with outcomes of different consultations from Member States and Regional Economic Communities (RECs), will form the input to the Decisions and Declarations of African Heads of State and Government at the July 2014 Summit.

2. THE 10th CAADP PP FOCUS

The sustaining CAADP Results Framework is the conceptual framework for the 10th CAADP PP. Amongst the core principals of the sustaining the CAADP momentum in the next decade is focus on results and impact through strengthening sharing, mutual leaning and accountability. The 10th CAADP PP engagements and discussions, therefore will focus, and be guided, along the areas of broader thematic areas as defined in level 3 of CAADP results

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framework and/or work streams that have been defined along different themes of the Joint Action Groups (JAGs). The themes will

- i. Inclusive Policy and More strong and efficient institutional including reforms
- ii. Strengthening partnerships including Private Sector, agribusiness trade and market access
- iii. Regional Trade and Regional Integration
- iv. Increased Access to Quality Data, Monitoring, Evaluation and Mutual Accountability (JSRs etc...)
- v. Agricultural Science and Technology Agenda
- vi. Food security and Nutrition
- vii. Resilience and Risk Management
- viii. Inputs and Inputs Policy

Along each of these work streams, preparations will be made to ensure that stakeholders who are involved and working in these works streams are able to prepare for discussions at the 10th CAADP PP to provide comprehensive answers for the following key questions.

- i. What are the major goal(s) of each of these particular work streams for the medium (5 years) and long term (10 years) – next decade?
- ii. What are the key and concrete actions that will deliver these goals
- iii. What are the major 5-10 year targets that will measure the achievement of the goals set out in (i) above?
- iv. What are the key policy proposals, decisions, or declarations that Ministers and Heads of States should make commitments on?

The agenda for the 10th CAADP PP, therefore, will be structured to answer these questions, either through parallel or joint presentations and discussions on each of the work streams. Plenary sessions will be arranged to share outcomes of each work stream to the all delegates and participants. Specific panels will be arranged to discuss specific topics that may be cross cutting and to ensure that all issues and areas outlined in the results framework are captured.

Beginning December and until the 10th CAADP PP, the different thematic areas, work streams or JAGs will be required to undertake extensive consultations (political and technical) in preparation for presentation on specific lesson and actions that will define the implementation of these work streams in the next decade. Each work stream will be required to make detailed presentations, discussions and synthesis of the work and be concrete on the issues that Heads of States will be required to take note of. The outcomes of the 10th CAADP PP discussions will be considered and deliberated by the Joint Ministerial Conference of Ministers responsible for Agriculture, Fisheries and Ministers responsible for



Rural Infrastructure which will be held at end of March. Other key meetings will use the CAADP PP outcomes and discussions to further refine and generate consensus on key issues ready for Heads of States and Government consideration in July 2014.

3. THE 10th THEME AND SUB-THEMES

3.1. THEME

The theme for the 10th CAADP PP is derived from the theme of 2014 Year of Agriculture and Food Security which is ***“Transforming Africa’s Agriculture for Shared Prosperity: Harnessing opportunities for inclusive growth and sustainable development”***

3.2. THE 10th CAADP PP SUB-THEMES

Building from the main theme, agricultural transformation and sustained inclusive agriculture growth for shared prosperity and improved lives and livelihoods, as a key plank of Africa socio economic development strategies in the next decade will have to address the following, which will serve as sub-themes:

- i. Increased agriculture production, productivity and value addition
- ii. Functioning agricultural markets (country and regional markets& trade)
- iii. Increased investment financing (public & private) along the agriculture value chains
- iv. Towards ending hunger in Africa by 2025:
- v. Building resilience to address vulnerability to risks

4. MEETING PARTICIPANTS

The 10th CAADP PP, which will also be termed. “All Africa Conference on Agriculture and Rural Development” welcomes all categories and stakeholders in involved in the advancement of the agricultural transformation and rural development agenda to be part of this conference. This includes member states, political decision makers (such as parliamentarians and Ministers) Regional Economic Communities, government ministries, farmers’ organizations, the private sector, civil society, development partners, donor communities, the African Union Commission, and the New Partnership for Africa’s Development, among others.



5. LOCATION AND MEETING DATE

The 10th Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Program's Partnership Platform (CAADP PP) will be held on 19th to 21st March 2014 hosted by the Government of Republic of South Africa at the Durban International Convention Centre (DICC), Durban South Africa. The main PP will be preceded by the Pre-CAAP PP also an AUC-NPCA-RECs and ReSAKSS Joint Planning and Review Meeting. This meeting will take place on 17th – 18th March 2014 in Durban. The Business Meeting will be held on 22nd March 2014.

6. MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

The 10th CAADP PP will engage all relevant participants in advancing the CAADP agenda. Participants are welcome to register through the African Union Commission website www.au.int/caadp/10thcaddppp-registration and NEPAD Agency website www.nepad.org/caadp/registration

All inquiries can be sent to 10thcaadppp@africa-union.org

7. INFORMATION KIOSK/DESK OR EXHIBITION

The 10th CAADP Partnership Platform Meeting will put in place an information desk for the duration of the meeting. This will allow participants to display and distribute literature materials. Participants are invited and highly encouraged to take this opportunity to disseminate relevant information. For organizations intending to share information and knowledge materials, please contact evachanya@gmail.com and mwanjan@nepad.org to reserve a space.

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