



The 13th CAADP Partnership Platform

31 May - 02 June 2017, Kampala, Uganda

THEME:

***“Strengthening Mutual Accountability to Achieve
CAADP/Malabo Goals and Targets”***

MEETING CONCEPT NOTE

1 The 13th CAADP Partnership Platform (CAADP PP)

1.1 General, Dates and Venue

The CAADP Partnership Platform (CAADP PP) is an open, African Union (AU) member States-led forum. It is organized to reflect, on one hand, an element of continued learning to ensure its adaptation to changing circumstances, needs and aspirations and thereby, remaining relevant in advancing the CAADP vision and objectives. On the other hand, the CAADP PP stimulates and facilitates a process of sharing and learning on substantive agricultural transformation issues including policies, institutions, technologies, partnerships and alliances, as well as skills and knowledge. The 13th CAADP PP will maintain the focus of the preceding PP held in Accra Ghana in April 2016. The May-June 2017 Forum will seek to consolidate implementation tools and approaches in line with realizing the added value of the Malabo Declaration on Agricultural Transformation, with sound emphasis on the mutual accountability mechanisms and platforms. The 13th CAADP PP meeting will take place from 31 May to 02 June 2017, in Kampala, Uganda.

1.2 Strategic background and status of the progress towards the Malabo Biennial Review

It should be recalled that the Malabo Declaration requests the African Union Commission (AUC) and the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA) in collaboration with partner institutions to: develop mechanisms that will enhance Africa’s capacity for knowledge and data generation and management, to strengthen evidence based planning and implementation; institutionalize a system for peer review that encourages good performance on achievement of progress made in implementing the provisions of the Declaration and recognize, biennially, exemplary performance through awards; conduct, on a biennial basis(beginning in 2017), an Agricultural Review Process and, furthermore, launch a process of reporting on progress made, to the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government with the Inaugural Biennial Report expected at the January 2018 Ordinary Session of the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government.

Following the Malabo 2014 AU Decision, the AUC, NPCA and Partners have collaborated to respond to the call by initiating a process toward establishing a Biennial Review Mechanism to track progress made in achieving the provisions of the Malabo Declaration. This journey initially involved the development of an Implementation Strategy and Roadmap (IS&R) and a Program of Work (PoW) to facilitate implementation towards achieving the aspirations of the Malabo Declaration. A momentum was reached during 2016 with full involvement of the RECs and Member States to come up with the biennial reporting tools and instruments, as well as the coordination mechanism and continental roadmap for preparing the 2017 Biennial Report for the January 2018 AU Assembly. The tools and instruments are to support all Member States and RECs to prepare respective reports, and include: *-the Strategic Guidelines* endorsed by the Permanent Secretaries (PS) in April 2016 in Accra, that provides details on the collaborative and partners

engagement approach for rolling out the Biennial Review and accountability process; -the *Technical Guidelines* that provides the profile of each indicator and detailed calculations and computing methods; - the *Country Performance Reporting Template* which will be used by the country to collect data required for the country report preparation based on the guidance provided in Technical Guidelines; and -the *Technical Notes* developed based on the agreements reached on the weighting systems) that will exhibit the benchmarking methods for evaluating country progress in terms of being "on-track" or "not on track" for a specific target of the Malabo commitment, and will guide the design of the *African Agriculture Transformation Scorecard*. After a training of trainers organized in November 2016 by the AUC, a pool of trainers has been deployed to train member states and will follow up on post-trainings activities in each country for a good quality report to the AU Assembly.

1.3 Objectives of the 13th CAADP PP

The 13th CAADP PP intends to:

- Create increased awareness on the outcomes of the Malabo Biennial review and reporting process as a drive for mutual accountability platforms, subsequently build a shared understanding of country, regional and continental needs and expectations to roll out motivated and sustainable accountability mechanisms to foster implementation of the Malabo Declaration;
- Promote understanding of Malabo compliant National Investment Plans (NAIPs) and Regional Investments Plans (RAIPs) as foundation of adequate and more accurate planning for results for delivering on targets set in the Malabo Declaration, and promote coordinated approaches for financing agriculture in Africa;
- Unveil necessary multi-stakeholders platforms while reaching consensus on approaches, tools, instruments, mechanisms and pathways for their institutionalization, operationalization and animation for productive as well as results-oriented mutual accountability and dialogue in fostering implementation for achieving goals set in the Malabo Declaration.

2 Scope, Theme and sub-themes of the 13th CAADP PP

2.1 The main theme

The 13th CAADP PP is organized under the theme, *“Strengthening Mutual Accountability to Achieve CAADP/Malabo Goals and Targets”* and is expected to deliver on the above mentioned objectives by providing space and platform for all CAADP partners for results-oriented dialogue on strengthening accountability mechanisms within the context of agricultural transformation and development.

2.2 The sub-themes of the PP

In line with the objectives, the theme of the CAADP PP will be subdivided into three main sub-themes as follows:

Sub-theme#1: Strengthening evidence based planning through Malabo compliant NAIPs and RAIPs:

This sub-theme will dedicate time to refresh our minds on the transformation agenda captured in the Malabo declaration and the role of the NAIP to translate the continental aspirations into results and impact. Proposed specific sessions will specifically highlight key steps required for countries to take forward CAADP implementation within the context of their NAIPs and the need to embrace and align to the Malabo commitments. The role of evidence-based planning in the context of mutual accountability will take center stage during the sessions, while approaches for financing the plans will be discussed.

Sub-theme#2: Fostering evidence-based reporting and accountability:

Specific sessions of this sub-theme are conceived to inform PP participants on steps hitherto taken in designing the CAADP Biennial Review for effective mutual accountability. This is an integral part of the Malabo Declaration on fostering result-based implementation, evidence-based tracking, learning and building of new knowledge to inform further planning and policy reforms. Operational tools and

instruments, institutional mechanisms, and continental and regional roadmaps proposed and endorsed by members States and RECs, to coordinate preparation of country, regional and continental performance reports will also be exhibited. Anticipated challenges for a sustainable funding of the biennial reports preparation will be discussed as well as countries readiness to engage in the first reporting exercise.

Sub-theme#3: Strengthening multi-stakeholder platforms for review, dialogue and mutual accountability to enhance policy formulation and effective implementation:

Specific sessions of this sub-theme will provide comprehensive coverage of all the key stakeholder groups who need to be engaged for effective dialogue, implementation and mutual accountability while addressing 'public sector' coordination issues at national level, as well as sector coordination issues at regional and continental levels. They will also provide an insight into existing tools and mechanisms designed to promote enabling policy environments for responsible and inclusive private sector investment in agriculture along selected value chains. In line with the AU theme for 2017, issues on harnessing the demographic dividend through the role of youth in agribusiness development will also be discussed. Enough time will be given for discussion on lessons learnt, experiences, challenges and good practices with a view to informing a set of recommendations on how to strengthen multi-stakeholder dialogue and accountability platforms for effective NAIP implementation.

3 The conference structure and approach

To provide for enough time to achieve the main targets set for the event, the PP will be held over a period of 3 days. The Official Opening of the meeting will take place in the afternoon of Day 1 (i.e. Wednesday, 31st May). Prior to the Opening, space will be given for side events during the morning of the Day 1. The 2nd and 3rd days will allow enough time to deal with the main theme and the three sub-themes of meeting while no more side events will be allowed to avoid disturbance of sessions provided for the main theme of the PP.

3.1 Overall Structure of the PP

Provisions made for sessions on the main theme of the PP to encourage sharing and intense engagement among participants, include *15 sessions* in total of which: - *03 plenary sessions* of the political segment (opening, high level panel, and closing); - *03 plenary sessions* of the technical segment that are designed to deliver on each of the 3 sub-themes of the PP and to guide the breakout sessions; and - *09 breakout sessions* that will offer various platforms for detailed technical discussions on issues flashed out during the plenary sessions. The overall structure of the 13th CAADP PP is presented in [Annex 1](#).

3.2 Participants

Traditionally, the CAADP PP is open to all CAADP constituencies and other interest groups, organizations and individuals. Due to the uniqueness of the topic at hand and its focus on reporting in 2018, this year's event will be slightly different in that participation will be strictly by invitation. Representation will be drawn from the following stakeholder groups: Government political/policy and technical officials; Parliamentarians; RECs; farmers and farmers' organizations; private sector; civil society organizations; knowledge and research institutions; development partners; and the development partners etc.

3.3 Language

Facilities for simultaneous translation will be available throughout all plenary and breakout sessions in French and English languages. Special arrangements will be made to accommodate Portuguese and Arabic participants.

3.4 Information desk or kiosk and exhibitions:

Information desks and kiosks will be available during the CAADP PP (31st May to 2nd June 2017). Organisations and individual participants wishing to exhibit or distribute literature materials are requested to liaise with the organizers ahead of time.

3.5 Information:

For information on participation please contact the organizers as indicated below.

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