

FAMILY FARMING



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STRENGTHENING THE ABILITY OF FARMER ORGANISATIONS TO EFFECTIVELY ADVOCATE THE INTERESTS OF FAMILY FARMERS AND SMALLHOLDERS

10 to 12 November 2014, Johannesburg, South Africa
Garden Court Oliver Tambo International Airport

The CAADP Africa Forum is a platform of exchange for people working in agriculture across the continent. It is meant mostly for farmers and farmer representatives, but also for policy makers, manufacturers, traders, retailers, financiers, development workers and others who work in, with or for African agriculture. The purpose of the CAADP Africa Forum is:

Sharing and learning among farmers, experts and decision to foster the up scaling of best practices across Africa for a country-driven development of the agriculture and rural sector.

The CAADP Africa Forum is part of the CAADP framework, and is coordinated by the five Regional Farmer Organisations (RFOs) and their continental platform (Pan African Farmers Organisation) together with the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA).

The **2014 CAADP Africa Forum on Family Farming** is part of the commemorations of the 2014 AU Year of Agriculture and Food & Nutrition Security and is also linked to the 2014 UN Year of Family Farming. Under the overall forum theme of Family Farming, the detailed content of the forum is directly linked to the AU Year of Agriculture and Food Security.

The forum aims to contribute to both these landmark years by:

Articulating the farmers' perspective under the UN focus on Family Farming.

Elaborating and advocating farmers' interests along four themes identified under the AU Year on Agriculture and Food Security. The thematic areas of the 2014 CAADP Africa Forum are derived from the 2014 Malabo Declaration on Accelerated Agricultural Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods, which was an outcome of the AU Summit of June 2014 held in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea. The Malabo Declaration consists of a set of seven strategic goals and targets as integral part of the broader CAADP Results Framework. These goals are expected to guide strategic choices in advancing African agriculture within the CAADP policy framework over the period 2015 to 2025.

The thrust of CAADP implementation is at country level and Farmer Organisations (FOs) are an important part of that process. The successful achievement of CAADP depends on the partnership between FOs, RFOs and NPCA.

The 2014 CAADP Africa Forum will focus on the following four themes:

Climate-smart agriculture

What experiences have family farms made with climate-smart agriculture? Which are the most promising practices that can be adopted by family farms? What are ingredients of success, what are enabling conditions?

Farmer organisation for marketing and trade

How can farmers organise to make use of market opportunities or to address marketing constraints? In what way can farmer organisation create opportunities of scale for the family farmer, for example by negotiating better prices for inputs and outputs?

Mechanisation

How can mechanisation increase productivity of family farms? What forms of mechanisation can help family farmers make optimum use of available land and labour? Can mechanisation be used to overcome smallholders' problems of scale?

'Family farming-friendly' financing

How can access by family farms to agricultural finance and credit be improved? What are characteristics of agriculture financing that is 'family farming-friendly'?

These themes will be discussed taking into account the following principles and cross-cutting thematic issues: Women and Youth; Partnerships & alliances; Governance of farmer organisations; Data and knowledge support; and Agricultural policy.

Outcomes of the discussions will inform action areas for PAFO and RFOs to strengthen engagement of farmers at national and regional level to drive the agriculture transformation agenda.

The thematic areas are elaborated by the Regional Farmer Organisations (RFOs). Each RFO will develop a paper (or Position Statement) and present best practices to the forum in relation to the thematic area of their choice. Thematic areas are elaborated by:

- **SACAU** - Climate smart agriculture
- **EAFF** - Farmers' organisations and marketing and trade
- **ROPPA** - Mechanisation
- **PROPAC** - Family farming friendly finance

During the three-day forum each of these thematic areas is discussed during a half-day session. The RFO in charge of the thematic area is responsible for the content of that session.

Special Consultation on the Malabo Declaration Implementation Strategy Roadmap

The 2014 CAADP Africa Forum will also include a session on the Malabo Declaration: An Implementation Strategy and roadmap to translate the Malabo Declaration has been elaborated in preparation for submission to the Heads of State and Government at the 2015 AU Summit. This forum session provides an opportunity to farmers and farmer organisations to reflect and input into the proposed strategy before submission to a continent-wide stakeholder validation conference penciled in for mid-November.

The Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP), endorsed in 2003 (Maputo Decision, 2003) was adopted to stimulate the necessary reforms in the agriculture sector and bring agriculture to bear on the socio-economic growth and sustainable development.

An integral part of the NEPAD, CAADP is Africa's policy framework for agriculture and agriculture-led development, linking and aligning with development objectives in other sectors. It thereby provides for comprehensive and harmonised development policies, strategies and programmes.

Through CAADP, agriculture and the food industry can be the engine for growth in Africa's largely agrarian economies, with tangible and sustainable impact on improving food security and nutrition, contributing to wealth and job creation, empowering women and enabling the expansion of exports.

Host and venue

SACAU is hosting the forum, which will be held in Johannesburg. Venue of the forum is the hotel Garden Court Oliver Tambo International Airport on 2 Halley Rd, Isando Ext. 3, Kempton Park, Johannesburg, South Africa (Tel: +27 11 392 10 62).

Duration and programme

The three-day forum is from Monday 10 November to Wednesday 12 November. An overview of the main programme components is as follows:

	Monday 10 Nov	Tuesday 11 Nov	Wednesday 12 Nov
	Official Opening: PAFO, AUC, NEPAD, Partners, DAFF Introductions Meeting Objectives and organisation Setting the Scene	Farmer Organizations, Markets and Trade (EAFF)	Farmer-friendly financing (PROPAC)
Tea Break			
	Setting the Scene Overview of the thematic areas and overview of the approach for each session	Agricultural Mechanization (ROPPA)	Consultation Session on the Malabo Declaration Implementation
Lunch Break			
	Climate Smart Agriculture (SACAU)	Field Visit	Panel: NEPAD/AUC/RECs/MS/PAFO
Tea Break			
			Recommendations on thematic areas Way forward Closing
Evening	Welcome Cocktail	1700-1900 Closed NEPAD-PAFO Leadership Meeting Networking	Networking Departures

Language

The forum is bilingual, with English and French interpretation.