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**AUDA-NEPAD
Facilitation and
Coordination
Support to the Africa
Member States
On the UN Food
Systems Summit
National Dialogues**

*Orientation for National
CAADP / Nutrition Focal
Point Persons*

25 February 2021

Zoom Platform

**Concept Note &
Agenda**

Concept Note

Introduction and Background

While the world is not on track to achieve Zero Hunger by 2030, the adverse impact of the COVID-19 crisis is estimated to add 83 to 132 million people to hunger and undernourished ranks. In this regard, the UN Secretary-General found it necessary to convene an inaugural Food Systems Summit to drive progress on all 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Paris Agreement through the lens of food systems. The Summit is purposed to launch new actions which will transform food systems and promote healthier and sustainable diets. Numerous dialogues at the global, national, local, and entity levels and a pre-Summit convening in Rome, July 2021 will lead-up to the first-ever UN Food Systems Summit in September 2021.

The Food Systems Summit is designed as the **“People’s Summit”** and a **“Solutions Summit”** for sustainable food systems, and this calls for everyone to participate in the process. Most importantly, ideas across all levels are necessary to ensure that actions are owned and driven by various actors and sectors. In this regard, the National Dialogues aims to mobilise national and sub-national perspectives and commitments on locally appropriate actions towards a set of food systems outcomes.

For Africa, inherently linking the Dialogues to existing

institutional and development policy frameworks, such as the AU Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme (CAADP) and the Food Security and Nutrition, will be a cardinal success factor for the National Dialogues as well as what happens beyond the Summit. The national dialogues approach should be multisectoral and include key stakeholders from farm to fork/consumers, including farmers, food processors and food distributors, private sector, public sector, NGOs, civil society, science and technology and beyond. Moreover, the dialogues should promote equitable livelihoods, food security, good nutrition and health, ecosystem services, climate action, sustainable trade, and humanitarian responses.

Orientation purpose

AUDA-NEPAD is committed to providing the necessary technical backstopping, including orientation and training to the AU Member States to understand the purpose and processes leading to and hold the Summit, considering the timelines. The Food Systems National Dialogues is one of the streams to rally global ideas and commitments that align with the African Union Frameworks and building up towards the Summit.

The virtual orientation is intended to share relevant information and discuss available tools and mechanisms to



effectively convening national and sub-national dialogues led by the nominated national convenors. During the orientation, CAADP and Nutrition Focal points' roles and support to the nominated national convenors will be articulated.

This orientation will cover:

- Overview of the UN Food Systems Summit in the context of existing African Union Agenda 2063 and the associated continental frameworks/mechanisms and tools,
- Tools available to convene UN Food Systems Summit National Dialogues the Food Systems Summit Dialogues
- Roles of the CAADP and Nutrition Focal Points persons to the National Convenors to organize multi-stakeholder multi-sectoral dialogues.

The Meeting's specific expected outcome:

- a. Share relevant information and tools/mechanisms for convening successful national dialogues
- b. Understand the modalities and different roles of the national and sub-national food systems dialogues
- c. Engage with each other on how the food systems work in the context of Africa we want – Agenda 2063

The orientation will set the platform for the multisectoral and integrated approach to commence the National and sub-national UN Food Systems Dialogues.

Meetings Date: Thursday, 25th February, 2021

Meeting Time: 10.00am to 12.30pm GMT /
12pm to 14.30pm SAST

Meeting Venue: [Zoom Virtual Session](#)

Meeting Participants: Current and past CAADP and Nutrition/SUN focal point persons, including government, civil society, and private sectors.

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Agenda

Time (GMT)	Agenda Item	Responsibility
10.00 – 10.15	ITEM 1: OPENING SESSION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Call meeting to order• Announcements• Meeting Objectives/Purpose• Agenda review	Martin Bwalya, <i>AUDA-NEPAD</i>
10.15-10.40	ITEM 2: UNPACKING THE UN FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT PROCESS AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL Open Discussion	Martin Bwalya, <i>AUDA-NEPAD</i>
10.40- 11:10	ITEM 3: UN FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT OVERVIEW <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Roles to convene successful dialogues• Existing tools for convening the national dialogues<ul style="list-style-type: none">» Reference Manual for Convenors of Food Systems Summit Dialogues» Handbook for Member States	David Nabarro, <i>4SD</i>

Time (GMT)	Agenda Item	Responsibility
11.10- 11.55	<p>ITEM 4: CAADP AND NUTRITION FOCAL POINTS AND THE FOOD SYSTEMS SUMMIT NATIONAL DIALOGUES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As CAADP / Nutrition Focal points, What role and how do you see yourselves playing to ensure the success of the National Dialogues • Open discussion 	<p>Kefilwe Moalosi & Clement Adjorlolo, <i>AUDA-NEPAD</i></p>
12.20 – 12.30	<p>Way Forward and next steps</p> <p>CLOSING</p>	<p><i>AUDA-NEPAD / 4SD</i></p>

