

CAADP

17th CAADP PARTNERSHIP PLATFORM MEETING
“Ending hunger in Africa by 2025
through resilient food systems”

Concept Note

24th-26th November 2021
Virtual Event

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1 The 17th CAADP Partnership Platform (CAADP PP) Meeting

1.1 General, Dates and Venue

In its new format, the 17th CAADP PP meeting will convene from 24th to 26th November 2021, in virtual conference mode.

2 The 17th CAADP PP: context, theme, and sub-themes

2.1 Context

The overall context in which this event is being planned is marked by three major processes. The first one is the just ended United Nations Food System Summit, where Africa as a unique player, has seized the opportunity to elevate the Malabo agenda into the global arena by articulating an Africa common position. During the Summit, not only did Africa reaffirm what it stands for with regard to building its food system, it explicitly outlined key messages on food systems transformation to world.

Message 1: Africa welcomes the opportunity and momentum presented in the United Nations (UN) Secretary General call for a global UN Food Systems Summit. It is for Africa, collectively as well as at individual member states level, to critically examine current development pathways and associated policy and investment choices in the pursuit of Agendas 2063 and 2030. The cross-cutting nature of food systems on the 20 goals of Agenda 2063 and 17 goals of the SDGs makes this compelling. The advent of COVID-19 only goes to emphasize the urgency and imperativeness that it can't be business as usual.

Message 2: In line with Africa's own integrated national-regional-continental model in delivering sustainable economic growth and development impact, the continent has, additional to national dialogues and national level commitments, undertaken to develop the Africa Common Position on Food Systems. Both national dialogues and the Africa Common Position put spotlight on issues of IMPLEMENTATION. It is in this light that following key messages specifically highlight issues to augment and accelerate implementation. Through Agenda 2063 as well as other policy frameworks, including the CAADP-Malabo declaration, Africa has already identified some key targets important in realising resilient and inclusive food systems.

Message 3: It is important to conclude by highlighting that, through Agenda 2063 and CAADP-Malabo implementation structures, Africa has systemic mechanisms which will be enhanced to accelerate implementation of commitments specific to the food systems. The Africa Common Position on Food Systems implementation mechanism seeks to provide vertical and horizontal coherence as well as strong national ownership and drive of implementation. We look forward to all the partners to align and supportively work with the AUC and AUDA-NEPAD and RECs in this renewed undertaking.

The second process is the ongoing cycle of the Third Biennial Review Reporting on the progress in the implementation of the Malabo Declaration on "Accelerated Africa Agricultural Growth and Transformation for Shared Prosperity and Improved Livelihoods" ((ref.: Doc. Assembly/AU/2(XXIII)) that was adopted by the AU Assembly of Heads of State and Government in June 2014 in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, through the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP).

The third process is the upcoming 4th Ordinary Session of the Specialized Technical Committee (STC) on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment, that is currently under preparation and will take place 13-17 December 2021. The meeting will among others consider the 3rd CAADP BR report and the 2022-2025 AU CAADP Malabo Business Plan.

2.2 The main theme

The theme chosen for the 17th edition of the CAADP PP is centred on “**Ending hunger in Africa by 2025 through resilient food systems**”. So, the theme was chosen for this annual event to take advantage of renewed momentum that has been created by the UN Food System Summit, at a moment when the continent is halfway through the Malabo Declaration timeframe. The two previous BR reporting cycles had shown that pace at which implementation of CAADP was taking on the ground was not good enough to lead to the intended goals. More specific to this year’s theme of the PP, these same reports have revealed that Africa, as a whole, is not on track towards meeting the ending hunger by 2035 commitment. Besides this worrying underperformance, the COVID-19 global pandemic has dealt the efforts by the continent a serious blow for close to two years now.

Against this backdrop, the 17th CAADP PP will serve as an opportunity for main constituencies involved in supporting agriculture transformation on the continent to reflect on the main course of actions to bring Africa back on track towards ending hunger through resilient food system by 2025.

2.3 The sub-themes

To allow for a deep analysis of the numerous and important aspects of building a resilient food system in Africa in the present context, the theme of the 17th CAADP has been divided into 3 sub-themes as follows:

- *Sub-theme #1: Strengthening systemic capacity to “build back better”;*
- *Sub-theme #2: Nutrition and Food Safety;*
- *Sub-theme #3: Agri-food trade;*
- *Sub-theme #4: Science and innovation.*

2.4 Specific objectives

The 17th CAADP PP has three specific objectives:

1. Assess the status of the implementation of the Malabo commitments on ending hunger in Africa, based on the findings of the 2nd CAADP biennial review report and various evidence-based analysis and consolidate policy actions to fast-track the implementation.
2. Engage participants on the Africa common position on the food systems and its meaning and implications for the Malabo Declaration commitments, goals, and targets.
3. Catalyse contributions from the parties involved to chart a realistic roadmap for the remainder of the Malabo journey towards achieving the ending hunger commitment by 2025.

3 Meeting structure and approach

Traditionally, the CAADP PP is the main African Union’s continental agricultural platform for policy dialogue, lessons sharing and accountability among the CAADP Stakeholders to advance the CAADP Agenda. Every edition builds on the lessons learned and challenges from previous ones, while (a) streamlining the anchorage of this multi-stakeholder mobilization and engagement platform, and (b) reinforcing the partnership among constituents for accelerated CAADP implementation. This year, the event will be structured around four key components as follows:

3.1 The Malabo Policy Learning Event (MAPLE)

Scheduled for 22nd and 23rd November 2021, the Malabo Policy Learning Event (MAPLE) is an integral part of the CAADP PP which serves as a topical and curtain-raising event. In sync

with the theme of the CAADP PP, the focus of the MAPLE 2021 will be on lessons learned from implementing inclusive policies to support resilient food systems.

3.2 CAADP PP High Level Ministerial Forum (HLMF) on building a Resilient Food System in Africa

The high level ministerial forum is an innovative move introduced at the 15th CAADP that held in June 2019 in Nairobi as the African Union was responding to calls from the CAADP constituencies to revamp the PP. As such, the Nairobi inaugural HLMF was a moment that kickstarted this series that is now institutionalized. This year, participants in the HLMF will be invited to reflect on “**strategies and options to accelerate actions towards ending hunger by 2025**”, with the purpose being to review progress against Malabo goals and targets and encourage policy dialogue and actions (either collectively or individually by organizations/countries) and stimulate peer to peer learning to accelerate progress.

This meeting will endeavor to discuss **what will be required to strengthen institutions and increase investments to accelerate agriculture transformation both at country and regional levels**. Building on the momentum generated by the just ended UN Food System Summit, in which Africa was a major player through the participation of AU member states, the HLMF will examine the main policy actions required to streamline ongoing efforts towards building resilient food system that would eventually bring an end to hunger on the continent.

3.3 The CAADP PP thematic discussions

As per the tradition, thematic focus group discussions will be organized along the two sub-themes of the PP, and run in parallel sessions to deliver on a set of recommendations that will be translated into actions to advance the CAADP PP theme of the year. A lead presentation will be made to help frame the discussion in each of the groups. Individual groups will be requested to report back in plenary and action-oriented discussions will ensue.

4 Language

The technical sessions will have French-English, simultaneous interpretation

The plenary session will have French-English, Arabic, Portuguese and Spanish simultaneous interpretation

5 Participants

The CAADP PP is open to all interest groups, organisations, and individuals. These include Government political/policy and technical officials; parliamentarians; Regional Economic Communities, farmers and farmer organizations, private sector, civil society organisations, knowledge and research institutions, development partners, donor communities, etc.

Draft Agenda 17th CAAPD PP Meeting

DAY ONE: November 24

TIME: +3 GMT	DESCRIPTION
11:30 P.M – 11:45 PM	Meeting Room Open
11:45 AM-1:30 PM	Side events: FARA
1:30PM-1:50PM	Welcome address Meeting ground rules
2.00 P.M -4:00 P.M	SESSION 1: <i>Strengthening systemic capacity to help “build back better”</i> Session Moderator: Dr Godfrey Bahiigwa <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote Presentation & Setting the Scene • Panel Discussion • Moderated Question and Answer Session • Synthesis & Way forward
4:00P.M – 6:00P.M	SESSION 2: <i>Nutrition and Food Safety</i> Session Moderator: Dr. J. Chris Toe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote Presentation & Setting the Scene • Panel Discussion • Moderated Question and Answer Session • Synthesis & Way forward

DAY TWO November 25

TIME: +3 GMT	DESCRIPTION
11:45 AM-1:30 PM	PANAP side event parallel Business Meeting Parallel
2.00 P.M -3:30 P.M	SESSION 3: <i>Agrifood Trade</i> Session Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote Presentation & Setting the Scene • Panel Discussion • Moderated Question and Answer Session • Synthesis & Way forward
3:30-5:00	SESSION 4: <i>Science and innovation</i> Session Moderator: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote Presentation & Setting the Scene

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel Discussion • Moderated Question and Answer Session • Synthesis & Way forward
5:00P.M – 6:00P.M	Presentation of CAADP BP 2022-2025

DAY THREE: November 26

TIME: +3 GMT	DESCRIPTION
1:40 P.M – 2:00 PM	Meeting Room Open
2.00 P.M -5:00 P.M	<p>SESSION 5: PLENARY OPENING SESSION</p> <p>Session Moderator:</p> <p>Opening Remarks</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome remarks: H.E Amb. Josefa Sacko-The Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment, AUC 10mn Mr. Stanlake Samkange, Chair, CAADP Development Partner Coordination Group 10mn Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki- Chief Executive Officer, AUDA-NEPAD 10mn Opening: Hon. Angela Thoko Didiza, Chair of the Bureau of the 3rd AU STC on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment, and Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development, South Africa 10mn <p>Keynote Address: Dr Agnes Kalibata, President of AGRA and UNFSS Special Envoy: “From UNFSS to Actions – what is needed to strengthen institutions and increase investments to accelerate CAADP implementation?” 15mn</p> <p>Feedback from Technical Sessions 30mn</p> <p>Feedback from MAPLE 10mn</p> <p>High-Level Ministerial Forum (HLMF) Panel Discussion 90mn</p> <p>Session Moderator: Hon. Angela Thoko Didiza</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FAO Representative – Dr. Abebe Haile Gabriel 5mn • African Development Bank – Dr Martin Fregene 5mn • Commissioner Agriculture ECOWAS 5mn Minister of Agriculture Uganda (only country on track to ending hunger in the 2nd BR report) 5mn

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister of Agriculture Morocco 5mn • Minister of Agriculture Rwanda 5mn • Minister of Agriculture Ghana 5mn • Private Sector Representative 5mn • President of Pan-African Farmers Organization 5mn <p>Ministerial Statements – brief feedback from other ministers attending the meeting 3mn each</p> <p>Statements by partners</p> <p>Statements by CSOs</p>
	<p>BREAK</p>
<p><i>5.30P.M-6:00 PM</i></p>	<p>SESSION 6: CLOSING CEREMONY</p> <p>Session Moderator: Hon. Angela Thoko Didiza</p> <p>Reading Communique</p> <p>Official Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEO AUDA-NEPAD • COM DARBE • Hon. Angela Thoko Didiza