



## Malabo Policy Learning Event (MAPLE)

November 22 / 23, 2021

### Concept Note

#### Background:

The Malabo Declaration signed by African Governments in 2014 represented a re-commitment to the CAADP principles and goals adopted earlier in 2003 with the Maputo Declaration. Malabo went further by identifying specific goals and targets to be achieved within a period of ten years. The targets include ending hunger, tripling intra-African trade in agricultural goods and services, enhancing resilience of livelihoods and production systems, and ensuring that agriculture contributes significantly to poverty reduction.

In particular, the Malabo Declaration introduced a specific commitment on Mutual Accountability to *Actions* and *Results* which calls on AU Members State to: (i) conduct a Biennial Agricultural Review Process that involves tracking, monitoring and reporting on implementation progress; (ii) foster alignment, harmonization and coordination among multi-sectorial efforts and multi-institutional platforms for peer review, mutual learning and mutual accountability; and (iii) strengthen national and regional institutional capacities for knowledge and data generation, and management that support evidence-based planning, implementation, monitoring and Evaluation.

In 2021, the African Union (AU), Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and Member States, in collaboration with partners have collected data for the third Biennial Review under the Malabo Declaration. This report will be placed before the heads of state in February 2020, for possible endorsement.

#### The Malabo Policy Learning Event (MAPLE)

The Malabo Policy Learning Event (MAPLE) is an annual *policy dialogue* convened by the Africa Union and its partners designed to bring together technical networks, country-level policy practitioners and leaders to discuss important agricultural policy topics, share learning and generate actions that can drive the Malabo Agenda.

The MAPLE 2021 is set to take place just before the 17<sup>th</sup> CAADP Partnership Platform. This year's event will be held a few months before the adoption of the third Biennial Review report by the AU Summit. The MAPLE will also be taking place against the backdrop of year-long dialogue processes in the lead up to the Food Systems Summit (September 2021). Furthermore, the MAPLE is being organized just as the Africa Union and Regional Economic Communities are reflecting on and finalizing a new CAADP business plan to guide implementation during the rest of the Malabo Declaration period (2022-2025)

One of the critical topics that has emerged in the course of all these processes is how to make policy

processes and outcomes more inclusive and resilient. Furthermore, there has been increasing desire to shift focus from planning, dialogue and consensus building to implementation. It is against this backdrop that the theme of the MAPLE 2021 will be **“Lessons for implementing Inclusive and Resilient Food Systems Policies”**

This theme is aligned to the 17<sup>th</sup> CAADP Partnership Platform theme and aims to support the continuity of conversations on the Five Action Tracks of the United Nations Food Systems Summit (UNFSS) 2021 dialogues at sub-national, national, regional, continental, and global levels.

### High-level Objectives of the MAPLE

1. To share lessons and experiences on the review, design, and implementation of Malabo-compliant National Agricultural Investment Plans (NAIPS).
2. To highlight how inclusion and resilience have and can be integrated in Food Security programming in the context of Malabo implementation.
3. To review and learn from different policy implementation approaches and tools
4. To identify key actions that if implemented at National, Regional and Continental levels, will accelerate the implementation of the CAADP agenda

### Framework for the Meeting

The MAPLE 2021 is scheduled to take place virtually on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23, 2021 from 2pm to 5pm Addis Ababa Time.

DAY I	TOPIC
30mins	<b>TECH TIME &amp; MINGLE</b>
20 mins	<p><b>SESSION I: Opening and Scene Setting</b></p> <p>Opening Remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dr Godfrey Bahiigwa - Director, Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Development (AUC-DARBE), African Union Commission</li> <li>▪ Mamadou Diakhite, Head of Agriculture and Environment, African Union Development Agency (AUDA-NEPAD)</li> <li>▪ Private Sector Representative: Nana Osei Bonsu? (new voices?) Bimal Shah? TBD</li> <li>▪ Jean Baptiste Havugimana (EAC Director of Productive Sectors)</li> <li>▪ Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, South Africa and Chair of STC Experts Bureau.</li> </ul> <p>Moderator – Simplice Noula, Head of Division, Agriculture and Food Security, AUC</p> <p>Overview of MAPLE Objectives, Agenda &amp; Meeting Norms</p>
60 mins	<p><b>SESSION 2: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in African Food Policy Systems</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keynote Presentation (Danielle Resnick - IFPRI): DEI in food policy systems</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Panel discussion: What does it take for a food policy system to be inclusive and equitable? Experiences from countries and regions. (Countries and Regions: Southern and Northern RECs, Rwanda, Senegal/Nigeria, NSA) <b>Session Objective:</b> <i>This session will discuss the important topic of Diversity, Inclusivity and Equity in African Food Policy Systems. Does DEI lead to better policy outcomes – what does the evidence show? How do we ensure that policy generation and implementation is participatory and takes into account the voices of often marginalized segments of the society? What are the best practices from countries and regions for achieving real inclusion?</i></li> <li>Facilitator: Robert Ouma</li> </ul>
<b>10 mins</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>90 mins</b>	<p><b>SESSION 3: Design and Implementation of Malabo-Compliant NAIPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Keynote Speakers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Augustine Wambo-Yamdjeu (AUDA-NEPAD):</b> What is a Malabo-compliant NAIP and why it is important? How can CAADP Agenda acceleration contribute to the UNFSS actions?</li> <li><b>Ousmane Badiane (Akademiya2063):</b> Revisiting NAIPS as a tool for managing national implementation – what is the evidence that this works and how can countries better supported to develop good NAIPs? How BR review has informed NAIP formulation and implementation?</li> <li><b>Boaz or Apollo(AGRA):</b> What can technical partners do to support countries and RECS to develop Malabo-compliant NAIPs</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Regional breakout chaired by RECs:</b> Status and lessons of NAIP development: where are we on NAIP design and Implementation? Where are the gaps and challenges? What kind of support do the countries require? How to best track this process? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Eastern Africa – Session Chairs: Jean Claude Kabano(EAC), Joel Okwir (COMESA) and Mohyeldeen Eltohami Taha (IGAD). Session Moderator – TBD; Rapporteur TBD</li> <li>– Central Africa – Session Chair: Mohamed Abakar (ECCAS)</li> <li>– Southern Africa – Session Chair: Panduleni Elago (SADC)</li> <li>– Western Africa Session Chair: Fatmata Seiwoh (English session with French translation)</li> <li>– Northern Africa – Session Chair: Faouzia Chakri</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Facilitator: Catherine</b></li> </ul>
<b>DAY 2</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
<b>60 mins</b>	<b>Recap and Plenary Report Back from previous sessions</b>
<b>10 mins</b>	<b>Break to switch to breakout rooms</b>

60 mins	<p><b>SESSION 4: Learning sessions on policy implementation approaches and tools</b></p> <p>Parallel Breakout Sessions (up to 5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Understanding and measuring resilience within Food Policy Systems (Marco D’Errico, FAO and John Ulimwengu IFPRI/A2063)</li> <li>▪ The Institutional Architecture Assessment (Helen/Rebecca)</li> <li>▪ Joint Sector Reviews – A primer - Akademiya2063 (Greenwell Matchaya)</li> <li>▪ FAO Tool to facilitate policy implementation - AUDA – Augustin Wambo-Yamjue (Koffi to recommend speaker)</li> <li>▪ Models of Policy Reform Options in driving Inputs and Market Systems – Tinashe Kapuya, AGRA</li> </ul>
10 min	<p><b>Break to switch back to plenary</b></p>
60 mins	<p><b>SESSION 5: Consolidating Ideas for the Future</b>  <b>Facilitator: Robert Ouma</b></p> <p><b>Keynote Speaker: (Robert to discuss with AU) Prof. Richard Mkandawire?</b></p> <p><b>Presentation of Outcomes of the meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ What are our recommendations from previous sessions (plenary presentation)?</li> <li>▪ What are concrete actions we can take?</li> </ul> <p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p>

### Design elements

Design and preparations will follow modalities and arrangements that ultimately support implementation at country level. For example, ahead of the event, virtual participation for pre-work will allow inclusion of more people from a practical/logistical perspective.

The two-day MAPLE workshop will see a deliberate effort to group countries with similar technical policy priorities to support cross-country learning & experience sharing. In addition, interactive components will be integrated in the form of breakout sessions, and other virtual tools built in to enable participants engage with keynote speakers and with each other in real-time and asynchronously.

Regional Economic Blocs (RECs) are leading in the coordination of in-country meetings and in summarizing findings for regional reports as local and country level facilitators support country team preparations and follow up post-MAPLE 2021.

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