



Improving Food Security, Nutrition, & Incomes

CAADP, short for the Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Programme, was endorsed in Maputo, Mozambique in 2003 by African Heads of States, to stimulate the reforms necessary for agriculture to have a positive impact on socio-economic growth and sustainable development.

Through CAADP, agriculture is becoming an engine for growth in Africa's largely agrarian economies with a tangible and sustainable impact on improving food security and nutrition, contributing to wealth and job creation, empowering women and youth, as well as enabling the expansion of exports.

To date, more than thirty countries have signed CAADP Compacts. More than twenty countries have also completed the formulation of CAADP National Agriculture and Food Security Investment Plans.

Regional Economic Communities are also ratifying CAADP Compacts with partners from the agricultural, technical, non-state and financial sectors, as well as the African Union and NEPAD, pledging to implement the CAADP commitments in the Compacts by providing the necessary support in order to increase agricultural production in Africa even more.

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KEY MESSAGES



CAADP MESSAGES

Broaden CAADP ownership through multi-stakeholders and multi-sectors participation and involvement

In the first decade of its existence, CAADP has grown from strength to strength. Today, more than 40 African countries have started the journey of broadly reforming their agricultural sectors on the basis of CAADP. The initiative has become the continent's most important reference for agricultural reform, which enjoys global visibility and international recognition. CAADP participating countries could potentially increase their agricultural output and increase their economic growth by 6% if CAADP ownership is broadened to include more youth and women smallholder farmers. To this end, the environment for all smallholder farmers needs to be conducive in order to unlock their potential to maximise yields. A multi-sectoral approach (that includes women, youth, smallholder and commercial farmers, civil society organisations, development partners, private sector, government and policy makers), needs to be adopted in all CAADP processes.

The messaging around broadening CAADP ownership through multi-stakeholders and multi-sectors participation and Involvement therefore calls for a particular focus to:

Put Women at the centre of agriculture

Unlock Africa's potential

Implement CAADP for sustained results and impact

CAADP is Africa's framework for transforming Africa's agriculture for sustained food security and socio-economic growth. It has a clear objective of raising agricultural led growth in Africa to at least six per cent through increased budgetary allocation annually by at least ten per cent of their national budgets to the agriculture sector. Indeed, countries that allocate at least 10 per cent of their annual budgets to agriculture are improving food security, nutrition, and increasing incomes in Africa's largely farming based economies. In order to sustain the CAADP Momentum, a reenergised focus on agriculture is required that strives to move small-scale farming into viable enterprises. Re-focussing on farmers therefore means that:

Farmers are at the centre of agriculture

Farmers drive change





CAADP MESSAGES

Increase youth participation in agriculture

CAADP is Africa's answer to food insecurity and low agricultural productivity. It is an Africa-owned and Africa-driven initiative of the African Union's socio-economic development programme. Mobilising the potential of Africa's youthful population could be a catalyst for Africa's agricultural transformation. The messaging towards youth ought to encourage their participation in the agriculture value-chain in order to demonstrate to them that agriculture can play a crucial part in meeting their aspirations in building a prosperous Africa. Hence it ought to be emphasised that:

Youth drive agriculture

There is wealth in agriculture

More private sector investment in agriculture

As CAADP reflects on the achievements of the past decade of its existence, the time has come to Sustain **the CAADP Momentum** in the next decade by consolidating its broader vision and mission objective of achieving Africa's self-reliance. To this end, a supportive policy and institutional environment is needed on the Continent in order to unlock the potential of smallholder farmers and domestic private investment. Increasing strategic investment is paramount in unlocking agricultural potential on the continent. In order to stimulate domestic private sector investment in agriculture, the messaging towards private sector investment in agriculture will therefore:

Step up the CAADP Momentum

Take CAADP to the next level



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CAADP fosters harmonisation in agriculture

Agriculture needs to take centre stage in Africa's transformation process. It is potentially an engine for economic growth, for the creation of employment opportunities, for enhancing food security, overcoming poverty on the continent and transforming Africa into the bread basket of the world.

Therefore, there is need to align initiatives and investment in African agriculture to CAADP priorities and plans. The messaging on this issue will therefore call for a bolstered effort that ensures that in aligning support for agriculture through CAADP, priority should be on:

Food security for all!

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